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## High Court Outlaws California Fishing Ban

### Hero's Mother Receives Flag



Gen. Jacob L. Devers, who commanded the Sixth Army group in France to which the 442nd Combat Team was attached, presents to Mrs. Kumazo Tanamachi of San Benito, Tex., the flag which draped her son's casket at the burial rites on June 10 for Pfc. Saburo Tanamachi and Pfc. Fumitake Nagato at Arlington National cemetery.

### Canada Will Open West Coast Area to Japanese Canadians Next April, Declares Official

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Wartime restrictions barring persons of Japanese ancestry from "protected areas" west of the Cascade mountains will end on March 31, 1949, Humphrey Mitchell, minister of labor, announced on June 2.

Mitchell, who has been in charge of the relocation of the 100 Japanese Canadian evacuees, declared that he believed the movement back to the coastal area of British Columbia, where more than 90 per cent of Japanese Canadians lived before the war, will be small.

"Our dispersal policy has worked well," Mitchell said. "There are more Japanese in Ontario than in British Columbia and they are returning to the community. I don't think many will return to the B.C. area."

The exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from a "100-mile" protected area on the Canadian coast has been in effect since 1941. After the war it was ended after a spirited debate in the House of Commons.

A correspondent of the Chicago Tribune in Vancouver reported that Mitchell's announcement probably will evoke a storm of protest.

### Memorial to Honor War Dead

SEATTLE, Wash.—A memorial service in honor of Japanese American war dead of the Seattle area will be held Saturday, June 19, at 2 p. m. at the First Methodist church.

Fifty of the Nisei deceased will be here for reinterment within the next three weeks, according to Frank H. Hattori, executive secretary of the Nisei war memorial committee.

About 54 Nisei of the Seattle area lost their lives in World War II. Most of them served with the 442nd combat team.

### Rules in Takahashi Test Case State Restriction Against Japanese Violates Constitution

Justice Murphy's Concurring Opinion Cites Anti-Japanese Background of Anti-Alien Law; Justice Black Delivers Majority Opinion

By TOSUKE YAMASAKI

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The California law denying commercial fishing licenses to Japanese and other aliens ineligible to citizenship was declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court on June 7.

In a 7 to 2 decision in the Takahashi case, the high court ruled that Section 990 of the California Fish and Game Code, enacted in 1945 as a legislative move to keep the Japanese out of the state, cannot stand because it violates the Fourteenth Amendment which provides that all persons, whether citizens or aliens, shall enjoy the equal protection of the laws of the state in which he abides.

The court's opinion was delivered by Associate Justice Hugo Black. A separate concurring opinion was filed by Associate Justices Frank Murphy and Wiley Rutledge. Justice Stanley Reed filed a dissent in which Justice Jackson joined. The court ruling climaxed a two-year-old fight by the national Japanese American Citizens League and Torao Takahashi, Los Angeles pioneer fisherman, to test the validity of the anti-Japanese fishing law. Approximately five hundred Issei fishermen would be immediately affected by the ruling.

Justice Black based the Court's ruling on the Supreme Court decision of 1915 in the *Truax v. Raich* case. The court in that instance, Justice Black pointed out, had declared that an alien, having lawfully been admitted into the country under federal law, had a privilege to enter and abide in any state of the union and thereafter under the Fourteenth Amendment to enjoy the equal protection of the laws of the state in which he lived.

This privilege to enter in and abide in any state carried with it, the court ruling reiterated, "the right to work for a living in the common occupations of the community," and that a denial of that right would make of the 14th Amendment "a barren form of words." The issue, said Justice Black, is whether California can consistently with the U.S. Constitution and laws passed pursuant to it, use a federally created racial ineligibility for citizenship statute as a basis for barring Takahashi from earning his living as a commercial fisherman off the coast of California.

"We may well begin our consideration of the principles to be applied in this case by a summary of this Court's holding in *Truax v. Raich*, 239 U. S. 33, not deemed controlling by the majority of the California Supreme Court, but regarded by the dissenters as requiring the invalidation of the California law," Justice Black asserted. He then cited briefly the Court's decision in that case, pointing out that the assertion of an authority to deny to aliens the opportunity of earning a livelihood when lawfully admitted to the State would be tantamount to the assertion of the right to deny them entrance and abode for in ordinary cases they cannot live where they cannot work.

He declared that had the *Truax* decision said nothing further than what has been quoted above, "its reasoning, if followed, would seem to require invalidation of this California code provision barring aliens from the occupation of fishing as inconsistent with federal law, which is constitutionally declared to be the 'supreme law of the land.'"

The high court did not rule on California's contention that the anti-Japanese fishing amendments were dictated by desire for conservation, but declared that the state's contention of this conservation "is vigorously denied," pointing out

that counsel for Takahashi have argued that the ban was the outgrowth of racial antagonism directed solely against the Japanese.

Justices Murphy and Rutledge, in their concurring opinion however, supported the JACL's arguments that the legislative history of the amendments indicate they were born of antagonism toward persons of Japanese ancestry. Said Justice Murphy: "The statute in question is but one more manifestation of the anti-Japanese fever which has been evident in California in varying degrees since the turn of the century." He said that the history of the law "only confirms the obvious fact that the 1943 amendment to Section 990 was intended to discourage the return to California of Japanese aliens."

Nor did the court seriously challenge California's "ownership" of fisheries off its coast. On this question, it declared: "To whatever extent the fish in the three-mile belt off California may be 'capable of ownership' by California, we think that 'ownership' is inadequate to justify California in excluding any or all aliens who are lawful residents of the State from making a living by fishing in the ocean off its shores while permitting all others to do so."

The high court, however, did reject California's argument that denial of licenses to Japanese aliens was "reasonable" in view of the fact that Congress had adopted classifications as to eligibility to citizenship on the basis of race and color.

It was on this phase of the question that the court rendered what is the rub of its entire opinion. It asserted, "it does not follow, as California seems to argue, that because the United States regulates immigration and naturalization in part on the basis of race and color classifications, a state can adopt one or more of the same classifications to prevent lawfully admitted aliens within its borders from earning a living in the same way that other state inhabitants earn their living."

"The Federal Government has broad constitutional powers in determining what aliens shall be admitted to the United States, the period they may remain, regulation of their conduct before naturalization, and the terms and conditions of their naturalization, and the terms and conditions of their naturalization."

"Under the Constitution the states are granted no such powers; they can neither add to nor take from the conditions lawfully imposed by Congress upon admission, naturalization and residence of aliens in the United States or the several states."

Moreover, Justice Black wrote in the majority opinion, Congress in the enactment of a comprehensive legislative plan for the nation-wide control and regulation of immigration and naturalization, has broadly provided that all persons in the United States shall have the same right in every State and Territory to make and enforce contracts, to sue, be parties, give evidence, and to the full equal benefit of all laws and proceedings for the security of person and property as is enjoyed

### President Truman Autographs Drawing By Nisei Artist

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — By refusing to take a "no" from a subordinate, and getting his request to the top man, Fred Ochi, Idaho Falls commercial artist, got a presidential autograph on his drawing of President Truman on June 8.

When Fred asked to take his large sketch onto the rear platform of the train so the president could autograph it, he was kindly but firmly told that he would have to send it to the White House. Visibly disappointed he held the drawing as high as he could until the president's eye fell on it. Mr. Truman motioned him to the rear platform of the presidential train and started getting out his pen, anticipating that it was an autograph that was wanted.

Fred Ochi is president of the Idaho Falls chapter of the JACL.

### California Will Study Takahashi Case Decision

Attorney General's Office Considers Plea for Rehearing

SACRAMENTO — The attorney general's office said on June 9 no decision has been reached as to whether the State of California will ask a rehearing of the United States Supreme court's decision outlawing restrictions in the state's alien fishing law.

The court ruling invalidated a 1945 law under which the state has denied fishing licenses to aliens who are not eligible to citizenship.

Deputy Attorney General Ralph Scott said the question of a rehearing will be determined after the court decision is studied.

### Role of JACL In Test Cases Hailed by Maslow

Congratulations upon winning of the Takahashi test case in the supreme court were sent to the JACL this week by Will Maslow, executive secretary of the American Jewish Congress in New York.

"Vigorous prosecution of this and the Oyama land law case under leadership of the JACL has resulted in further strengthening of democratic rights of all Americans," Maslow said.

"The American Jewish Congress joins you in looking forward to further victories," his congratulatory telegram said.

The American Jewish Congress entered a brief in the Takahashi case.

by white citizens.

"The protection of this section has been held to extend to aliens as well as to citizens. Consequently the section and the Fourteenth Amendment on which it rests in part protect 'all persons' against state legislation bearing unequally upon them either because of alienage or color. The Fourteenth Amendment and the laws adopted under its authority thus embody a general policy that all persons lawfully in this country shall abide 'in any state' on a equality of legal privileges with all citizens under non-discriminatory laws."

The following is what appears to be the crux of the Court's opinion: "All of the foregoing emphasize the tenuousness of the state's claim that it has power to single out and ban its lawful alien inhabitants, and particularly certain racial and color groups within this class of inhabitants, from following a vocation simply because Congress has put some such groups in special classifications in exercise (Continued on page 4).

# 300 Japanese American Flood Refugees Given Temporary Relief, Housing in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore.—Three hundred Japanese American evacuees of the Vanport City flood, which made 18,500 persons homeless on May 30, were housed in temporary quarters this week, their immediate needs taken care of by hundreds of individuals and organizations who offered their services within hours of the disaster.

Two Issei, reported missing shortly after the flood, were still listed as missing this week. They are Mrs. I. Oyama, wife of Iwao Oyama, and Sadao Mizuno, photographer.

Three persons were hospitalized as a result of injuries received. They are Sukezaku Kurihara, Emanuel hospital, who suffered a broken leg; Mrs. Tsuta Wakita, Multnomah county hospital, shock victim; and Mrs. Hisako Oda, University of Oregon tuberculosis hospital, suffering from exposure and possible pneumonia.

Total donations of \$6,699 in cash were reported by Toshi Kuge, president of the Portland JACL, for emergency relief for Japanese American victims of the flood. The chapter diverted \$1,000 to the Red Cross.

Kuge reported that \$3,000 was donated by Japanese Americans in the Sanke river valley.

Additional contributions of food, clothing and bedding were also reported by the Portland JACL.

The immediate emergency is "well in hand," Kuge said, and the majority of the evacuees are in good spirits and "quite optimistic." Plans for the evacuees include more permanent housing and a "substantial financial contribution" to aid them in reestablishing themselves.

The Red Cross notified the JACL that housing would be available "within a few days" and asked for the number of persons wishing to move to the Swan island navy barracks. Cots, blankets and meals would be provided, it was said.

The Portland JACL meanwhile assisted the Red Cross in processing families for immediate emergency aid at a JACL branch established at 120 NW 3rd ave., in premises donated by J. K. Kida.

First interviews for processing Japanese American families were held at the civic auditorium, where only 13 families, consisting of 48 individuals, were processed on June 2. It was then requested that interviews be held at the JACL branch office with interpreters to hasten the process.

On the following day Maryles Nahl, Red Cross field worker, and Mrs. Lucille Spears, volunteer worker, aided in the processing at the branch office. Several Nisei interpreters were added to the staff, and processing continued at a more rapid rate. Within the next two days 69 families, constituting 241 persons, were taken care of.

The chapter's branch office also served as a distribution center for food, clothing and bedding.

The Nippon Fujinkai collected and distributed the clothing, food and kitchen utensils donated by individuals, churches and other organizations. Contributions continued to pour into the office daily. Volunteer help was generously offered.

The branch office is supervised by D. Takeoka, N. Horagami and Ted Hachiya.

President Kuge expressed gratitude for the spontaneous aid offered by all JACL chapters. All further financial contributions, he said, will be used to reestablish flood refugees. He said that a financial report will be sent to all chapters on the money collected and expenditures.

## California Groups Send Funds to Vanport Victims

SAN FRANCISCO — Organizations in San Francisco and northern California are sending funds to aid victims of the Memorial day flood in Vanport City, it was reported this week.

The San Francisco chapter of the JACL has announced a \$150 donation for relief. The chapter will probably hold a fund-raising event shortly, according to Yukio Wada, president. Wada also urged other local groups to donate to the Portland JACL fund to aid in rehabilitation of the Japanese Americans made homeless by the flood.

In Berkeley Tad Hirota, chairman of the Northern California JACL district council announced support of the relief drive and asked the cooperation of all dis-

## Chicago Group Raises Funds For Vanport

### Emergency Meeting Discusses Problem Of Flood Victims

CHICAGO—The Vanport, Ore., flood disaster was the subject of discussion at an emergency meeting of the executive board of the Japanese American Council of Chicago, called by its chairman Jack Nakagawa on June 4.

The Council, through a three-man committee, will conduct a city-wide effort to raise funds for the immediate rehabilitation for 104 homeless Japanese American families.

The committee, comprised of Nakagawa, Jack Yasutake, secretary of the Chicago Resettlers Committee, and Noboru Honda of the JACL announced that appeals will be made from the pulpits of the several Protestant and Buddhist churches, as well as by other member organizations, but urged every person of the Japanese community to mail in contributions at once.

It was pointed out that the Portland JACL chapter acted immediately in organizing a relief aid program for Japanese flood victims. Its president, Toshi Kuge, has turned over \$2500 for an emergency relief aid program for Japanese flood victims.

An additional \$2500 from more fortunate Japanese in the Portland area has been received by this chapter which, in cooperation with the Red Cross, has helped many evacuees obtain funds, temporary shelter, food and clothing, and has served as an information center in locating missing members of families.

The Chicago JACL, answering the appeal sent to all chapters by national president Hito Okada, raised \$65.08 at its meeting of June 3, which amount was sent immediately to its sister chapter in Portland.

All Chicago contributors are asked to mail their donations to the Chicago Japanese American Council, 1110 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill.

## New York JACL Plans Dance to Aid Flood Victims

NEW YORK—New York's JACL chapter is mobilizing its forces for a financial drive in answer to a plea from the National Headquarters to assist some 300 flood-stricken Japanese in the Vanport and Portland areas.

In unanimous agreement, board members agreed to sponsor a special "Flood Relief" dance at the McBurney YMCA on June 19 from 8:30 p. m. to 12:30 a. m. Donation will be \$1.00 per person. All proceeds will be turned over to the Portland JACL chapter to aid the flood victims. Board members have volunteered to serve as the dance committee for this emergency affair.

The board also decided to ask New York's Japanese American community for financial aid in assisting these unfortunate victims of one of the nation's greatest tragedies of recent time.

Akira Hayashi, Kelly Kuwayama and Ken Hayashi are members of the committee in charge. All checks, money orders and money may be made out and mailed to the New York JACL chapter; 49 West 44th Street, New York 18, N. Y.

trict chapters. He asked that donations be sent to the JACL office at 2031 Bush st., San Francisco, or to Toshi Kuge, 1204 S.W. 3rd ave., Portland 12.

The Konkony church has also forwarded \$113 raised by its members to the Portland JACL.

Meanwhile the Fresno Buddhist church revealed that it had sent \$300 to Rev. Zenkai Okayama of the Portland Buddhist church.



ROSE SHIRAMIZU, 19, was crowned as Queen of the Denver JACL at the chapter's coronation ball recently and will represent Denver in the queen contest to be held in conjunction with the national convention of the JACL in Salt Lake City in September. Miss Shiramizu, secretary for a Denver firm, was graduated from Manual high school last year.

—Photo from Denver Post.

## Reburial Rites Set for Nisei Killed in France

SAN FRANCISCO—Abe Megumi Fuji, Nisei Silver Star winner who died Oct. 15, 1944 in France, was to be reburied in the Golden Gate National cemetery Friday, June 11.

The Rev. K. Fujikado of the San Francisco Buddhist church conducted the final rites. Sixth army headquarters provided the soldier escorts.

The deceased soldier, who was a staff sergeant, was a student at Hastings law college when he volunteered for air corps service. At the time of his death he was a member of the 442nd combat team.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Thelma Fuji, 1830 Sutter st., and three brothers, Jack, Denver; Roy, Watsonville; and Tony, Isleton.

## Denver Honors War Dead in Memorial Service

DENVER — The third annual community Memorial day service was held here May 31 under sponsorship of the Denver JACL with Shig Imamura and Matilde Taguchi as cochairmen.

The color guard of the American Legion Cathay post No. 185, composed of Ed Chinn, Jimmy Nakagawa, Toru Aoyagi and Sei Tanaka, posted the colors.

Speakers for the service were Sgt. Aoyagi, Major Isamu Ozamoto and Dr. K. K. Miyamoto.

The California Street Methodist church choir, led by Marjorie Nakamura, sang "The American Prayer."

## Stockton JACL Gives \$100 for Flood Aid

STOCKTON, Calif.—The Stockton JACL cabinet Monday voted a \$100 contribution to aid Japanese American victims of the Vanport flood disaster.

The emergency meeting was called by Jun Agari, president. The money will be sent to the Portland JACL for use as relief funds.

The cabinet also adopted a resolution urging that all community organizations be urged to contribute as much as possible to aid Nisei and Issei who were made homeless by the flood.

## Santa Maria Aids Vanport Victims

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — The Santa Maria Valley JACL recently moved to raise \$200 to aid Japanese Americans stricken by the May 30 flood which wiped out Vanport City.

The fund will be raised by contributions collected by the chapter with the cooperation of the Guadalupe Buddhist church and the Santa Maria Union church.

# Fresno Nisei Wins New Trial In Fight to Retain Home

FRESNO, Calif.—Superior Court Judge Ernest Klette this week granted Jack Ikawa, a West Fresno jeweler, a new trial in injunction proceedings brought against the Nisei by neighbors in the Cherryville subdivision who sought to prevent him from occupying a house he purchased there last summer.

Judge Klette announced the motion for a new trial was granted in view of a recent United States Supreme Court decision holding racial restrictions involving property cannot be enforced in the courts.

Judge Klette upheld the validity of the restrictive covenants under California law last April 6 but the high court rulings set aside the law.

Attorneys for the neighbors estimated this week they will miss the action in view of the supreme Court's decision. Ikawa purchased the home at 2827 1/2 avenue at a cost of approximately \$8,000.

The plaintiffs in the proceedings include Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Secloevin, Mr. and Mrs. Fleming and Henry Marks.

The suit originally was filed under an old California law imposing restrictive covenants relating to racial restriction were enforceable on the occupancy of property. Ikawa, before moving to Fresno was employed as a gem cutter in New York City.

# Memorial Plaque to 374 Nisei Buddhist War Dead Dedicated

### Impressive Rites Mark Unveiling of Monument in Hawaii

HONOLULU — Impressive dedication ceremonies attended the unveiling of a memorial plaque honoring 374 American soldiers of Buddhist faith in the territory who died in World War II.

Military and civilian officials paid tribute to the Buddhist dead with words and wreaths on Memorial Day. The plaque, on which are inscribed names of the war dead, was erected on the Honpa Hongwanji grounds through joint cooperation of Buddhist groups.

Representatives from all islands were among the 3,000 persons who witnessed the event.

Messages were received from Defense Secretary James Forrestal, Delegate Joseph R. Farington and others.

Wreaths were placed on the plaque by Oren E. Long, secretary of Hawaii, representing the territory; Mayor John H. Wilson, representing the city-county of Honolulu; Tokutaro Yamasaki, Honpa Hongwanji Kyodan of Hawaii; the Rev. Ninryo Nago, Buddhist Federation of Hawaii; Koichi Iida, president, Honolulu Businessmen's Association.

Saburo Ishitani, Club 100; Henry Oyasato, 442nd Veterans Club; Spark M. Matsunaga, Disabled American Veterans; Percy Morioka, Military Intelligence Language Service group; Mrs. Toshiko Higashi, representing the widows of the war dead; Mrs. Hizumi Eji, representing Gold Star mothers.

Shiro Kashiwa, Hawaii Federation of YBA; Kenji Onodera, United YBA of Hawaii; Kazuo Matsuda, Oahu United YBA; Yutaka Sakamoto, Kahuku YBA; Takashi Morimoto, Hawaii United YBA; Clarence Oka, Maui United YBA; Mrs. Kikue Yama, Kauai United BYA; Miss Mary Morita, Lanai YBA.

In the dedication address, Col. Kendall J. Fielder gave eloquent praise to the memory of the war dead.

Col. Fielder, chief military intelligence officer shortly before and during the early part of the war and one of the strongest supporters of the Japanese Americans throughout the war, said:

"These Americans that we honor today knew the sweetness of liberty and they knew the foulness of the totalitarian system for they had seen both at first hand. They knew also, as you, their beloved ones must know, that there were many good Americans who, out of righteous anger, were slow to accept the fact that they were wholehearted Americans.

"They didn't need to die to prove to themselves—or to you—or to

other Americans that they were fine and loyal and brave. With a willingness to serve America by fighting for her proved that."

The plaque was unveiled by the children of the dead soldiers. Patriotic music by the Royal Hawaiian band, a salute by rifle and taps by National Guardsmen solemnized the occasion.

## Nisei Will Teach English Cassettes in California School

ALHAMBRA, Calif.—Alhambra high school will have its first Nisei instructor when the fall semester opens in September.

Ted Tajima, a former resident of nearby Pasadena, will teach English at the high school.

Ted Tajima, a veteran of military service, is the second son of Rev. Kengo Tajima of Cleveland, Ohio. He received his early education in Pasadena and continued studies at the University of California after the evacuation. He received his degree from Occidental College in 1946.

## Funeral Rites Set in Fresno For War Hero

FRESNO, Calif. — The United Veterans and the American Legion Post No. 4 of Fresno, largest in the state, will conduct a military funeral June 12 for Joe Nishimoto, first Nisei veteran to be returned to Fresno.

Nishimoto was killed in action in France on Nov. 14, 1944, while fighting with the 442nd central postal directory team. He was awarded the Silver Star and the Distinguished Service Cross.

Mayor Glenn DeVore of Fresno will attend the services and deliver an eulogy. Y. R. Hiraoka will be the officiator. John Saka and Yoshita Fujimoto will render eulogies.

Lou Miyamoto will assemble former members of Nishimoto's old outfit, Company G, to be pallbearers and honor guards.

The service will be held at the Buddhist church at 2 p. m. Burial will be at the Washington cemetery. All friends are invited to attend. Veterans are asked to wear their uniforms.

The United Veterans organization participated in the community Memorial Day service conducted by all veterans organizations. Jin Ishikawa placed a flower wreath upon the tomb for the United Veterans.

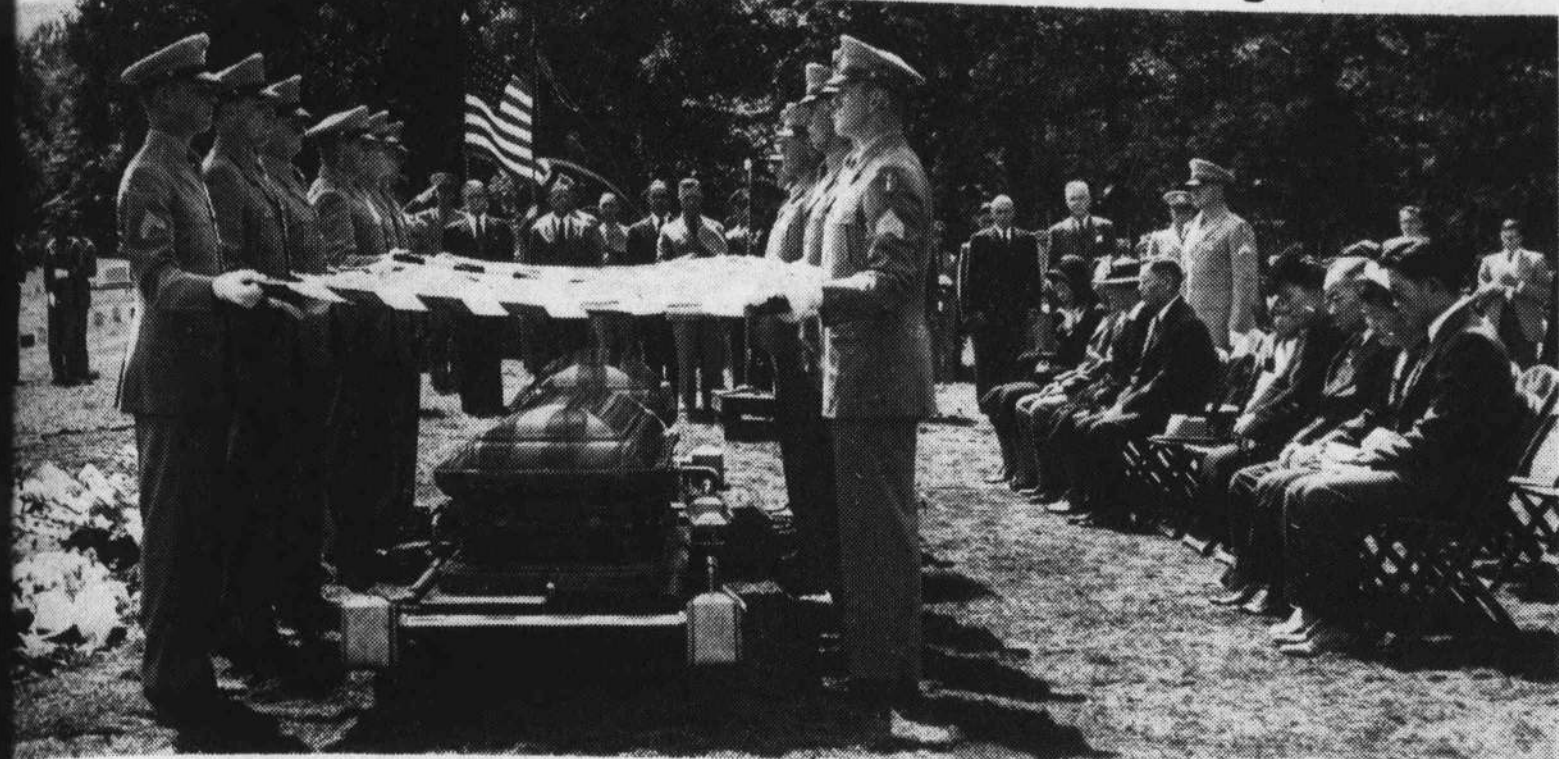
## Monterey Chapter Sponsors Picnic

MONTEREY — Approximately 850 persons of Japanese descent from the Monterey Peninsula and friends enjoyed a community picnic Sunday, May 23, at the Monterey Deer Flat park, which was sponsored by the Monterey Peninsula JACL chapter.

Despite a cloudy sky and slight brisk breeze, the picnic made the most of the gathering and all participants agreed it was a successful event.

Hideo Al Ito was general chairman for the event, with Kay Sada handling the microphone.

# Impressive Rites Mark Burial of Nisei GIs in Arlington



For the first time in the history of Arlington National Cemetery, two American soldiers of Japanese ancestry were laid to rest on June 4. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, chief of the Army Field Forces, Fort Monroe, Va., and other high-ranking military officials and civilian leaders participated in the impressive rites which honored Pfc. Fumitake Nagato of Arlington and Pfc. Saburo Tanamachi of San Benito, Tex., who were killed in action during

the rescue of the Lost Battalion. It was noted that the ceremonies constituted a tribute by the United States army to all of its 33,000 men of Japanese ancestry who served during World War II. In the above photo the honor guard hold flags over the biers of Pfc. Nagato and Pfc. Tanamachi as "Taps" is blown by the bugler. The Nagato and Tanamachi (right) family groups are shown.—International News photo by B. Brockhurst.

## Hope Still Held for Senate Passage of Evacuee Measure as Subcommittee Reports Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Paving the way for further action on the evacuation claims measure, the Senate Judiciary subcommittee headed by Senator John S. Cooper, (R., Ky.) on June 7 favorably reported without amendment H. R. 3999 to the full Judiciary committee.

The Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination committee reported that the subcommittee also reported out H. R. 4044, with amendments, and action on this measure is also scheduled to be undertaken simultaneously.

H. R. 4044, hearings which were begun weeks before the evacuation claims hearings, would amend the Trading with the Enemy Act so that assets vested by the Alien Property office would be used to satisfy claims of Americans who suffered at Japanese hands.

Senator Cooper, regarded by his associates as a leading attorney on constitutional law, was scheduled to report out H. R. 3999 during the last week in May, but was prevented by the full Judiciary committee's preoccupation with the Mundt-Nixon Communist registration, anti-lynching and tide-water bills. The committee still has considerable legislation on its agenda, but sponsors of the bill were confident that its measure would not get bogged down in the expected jam.

If the Committee favorably acts on H. R. 3999 and H. R. 4044, it is expected that there is still time for final Senate action, despite the fact that Congress is scheduled to adjourn the end of next week. It was pointed out that H. R. 3999 is a non-controversial measure and that Congressional leaders recognize the merits and justice of this piece of legislation. However, the Senate may act on H. R. 4044 first since the measure has been given prior consideration since the House passed it this year.

## United Vets Study Proposal for Old Peoples Home

FRESNO, Calif.—Possibility of creating an old people's home for aged and indigent Issei of this area is being studied by the United Veterans, according to a report made by Masaru Abe.

The JACL and churches are looking into the matter. Dr. Hugo Okamoto, Y. R. Hiraoka, Min Okashi and Abe were named to investigate the proposal further.

"MR. and MRS. BUNZO NAGATO, 2037 South 12th Street, Arlington, Virginia, wish to take this means of expressing their appreciation to their friends and various organizations for the many floral offerings and messages of condolence sent them on the occasion of the interment of their beloved son, Private First Class Fumitake Nagato, in Arlington National Cemetery."

## Nisei Win Honors At Dental School

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Three Nisei graduates of the University of Kansas City school of dentistry were given honor awards at a banquet May 28 at the Hotel President.

Robert Akaye awarded a membership key to the Kansas City chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, honorary dental fraternity. Harry Ishida was presented with a certification in recognition for his inclusion in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." Henry S. Nagahira and Akaye were also presented with the first and second prizes in the Gunter award for indirect inlays.

## Shina Kozai will Represent New York In Queen Contest

NEW YORK CITY—New York's contestant in the national JACL queen contest this September will be Shina Kozai, attractive native New Yorker, who was selected from seven finalists recently at a membership tea at American Common.

The entire membership participated in the balloting.

The New York queen was born in this city June 8, 1925. In 1939 she visited Japan and remained to graduate from Waseda International Institute. She was in Tokyo throughout the war and after cessation of hostilities worked as a secretary at the Ernie Pye theater. She returned to New York in November, 1946.

She is now attending the McDowell School of Fashion Designing.

Other contestants were Yuki Takami, Emily Kuwada, Lillian Ishii, Isabella Tanji, Rae Hayashi and Rose Kawaguchi.

## Little Chance Seen in Congress For Deportation Stay Proposal

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Wide disagreement between Senate and House conferees has rendered H. R. 3566, the alien deportation suspension measure, highly improbable of passage by Congress before its scheduled adjournment next week, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee revealed on June 8.

The conferees met for the first time Tuesday, but the session ended in an abrupt deadlock over the Senate amendment to the House approved measure, which would require that an alien in every case would have to secure affirmative sanction by Congress before suspension or cancellation of his deportation order becomes final. The Senate insists upon its amendment while the House objects on the grounds that it would create new discriminations to European aliens.

Both Houses, it appears, agree on one of the major provisions of the bill, which would broaden the class of aliens eligible for discretionary relief from deportation to include Japanese and others ineligible to citizenship. With less than ten days remaining before the end of Congress and the conferees poles apart, there appears little likelihood that the legislation will come out of conference in any form.

The Washington office of the JACL ADC is already approaching Judiciary Committee members of both Houses to prevail upon the Justice Department to grant discretionary relief to some 2,000 Japanese aliens, who might be deported if H. R. 3566 fails to pass. It is pointed out that both the Senate and House of Representatives have approved of that provision as it affects the Japanese and the disagreement, which is holding up the bill, is on another matter—that of Congressional procedure.

## Vacation School

CHICAGO—A three-week vacation church school featuring crafts, study and recreation will begin July 12 at the Ellis Community Center church under joint auspices of the Ellis Community Center and the South Congregational church. The joint program is being worked out in anticipation of a merger of the two denominations, the Ellis organization reported. Present plans include merging of the teaching staff and sharing of the facilities of the two churches. The program will affect only those in the junior department and above.

## Summer Formal

DENVER — The Nisei Inter-mountain Collegiate conference has tentatively decided to sponsor a summer formal on Aug. 14 in Denver with Douglas Taguchi, president, in charge.

The House, it is recalled, unamimously passed the bill last summer. The Senate approved it early last month. The Senate Judiciary Committee in its report on the bill expressed agreement with the House provision of H. R. 3466 enlarging the class of deportable aliens who are eligible for suspension of deportation. It said that the committee was aware of a number of worthy cases affecting Japanese aliens and said it was only just that the Japanese should be granted the same privileges as the Europeans in this matter.

## Wallace Backers Ask Nisei To Join Fight on Mundt Bill

By DYKE MIYAGAWA  
NEW YORK, N.Y.—In a statement warning that enactment of the Mundt bill may lay Nisei organizations working against race discrimination open to charges of being "communist fronts," the Nisei for Wallace Committee last weekend asked Japanese Americans to get in on the movement to defeat the measure.

Nisei voters, "regardless of individual political preference," who have not yet done so were called upon to urge their U.S. senators, through immediate letters and telegrams, to speak up against the bill and vote for its "total rejection."

The controversial act, passed by the House of Representatives and now in the Senate Judiciary Committee, has been described as a Communist control measure. The Nisei Wallaceites charged, however, that this is only ostensibly the purpose of the bill and that its real effect will be "thought control" and destruction of free speech.

Nisei activity against race discrimination might be considered "communist" under the "dangerously loose" definitions and provisions of the Mundt Bill, merely because "it so happens that Communists have also declared themselves opposed to race discrimination," the statement said.

This interpretation of the bill was expressed by the Nisei Wallace Committee following the action of a dozen New York Nisei, representing it and the Japanese American Committee for Democracy, who joined the anti-Mundt bill demonstration of 4,000 citizens converging upon the nation's capitol from all parts of the country last week.

If the measure becomes law, the atmosphere of the nation will become "so oppressive with fear and suspicion that the minor difficulties now being met in seeking settlement of such Japanese American issues as evacuation claims and equal naturalization rights will, in all probability, be

## Los Angeles Trailer Camp Ordered Closed

HARBOR CITY, Calif.—Approximately 40 families of Japanese ancestry, consisting of 135 members, must vacate their homes at the California Sea Food Co. trailer camp by June 15 because of unsatisfactory sanitation facilities at the camp.

The Los Angeles county health and sanitation department this week ordered closing of the camp, declaring it violated regulations for health standards.

The camp was opened last June when Lomita airstrip barracks, used to house returning evacuees, were closed.

Necessary changes and repairs to make the camp conform to health regulations would cost each family about \$500, it was reported.

The JACL in Los Angeles asked the company to extend the eviction date to prevent hardship on the part of the residents. It was reported that most of them would not be able to move out by the deadline.

Many of the younger couples indicated that they are "ready to move out" when schools let out children for the summer. The older persons and invalids, however, were reported hesitant about the move.

The camp is equipped with three water basins, five public toilets and three showers each in men's and women's latrines.

It was reported that the California Sea Food Company originally agreed to accommodate the residents in 36 trailers set up in Harbor City provided that they work for the company. The company stated that only 12 persons are now engaged in fishing in Long Beach. The majority are gardeners who pay \$22 rent per trailer unit.

## Prizewinner

DENVER—Bernice Ohashi, wife of George Ohashi of the Ohashi beauty salon, was the grand award winner of the gold trophy hair styling contest at the Associated Beauticians convention in Denver May 23-25.

magnified," it was surmised.

Redress of minority grievances, "no matter how mild," will constantly be subjected to an "intensified Red Scare," the statement continued.

Reminding Nisei that the Mundt bill is the brain-child of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, the Wallaceites declared that, if possible application of the bill to Nisei groups seems fantastic, "all we have to do is recall the hysterical and completely unwarranted attacks visited upon us by this same House Committee when we were in the relocation centers."

President Truman's intimations that he will veto the measure if it passes the Senate were described as encouraging. The statement also took note of reports that the Senate will be more wary of it than was the House.

The Nisei Wallace followers cautioned, however, that the bill was still a threat.

"The hysteria of the 'cold war' and parliamentary maneuvers in the closing rush of the present Congress can still foist it upon us," they said.

Congress is scheduled to adjourn June 19th.

To buttress its condemnation of the Mundt bill, the statement noted that sentiment against it has been voiced by such individuals, organizations and newspapers as New York City Mayor William O'Dwyer, Senator Elbert Thomas of Utah, former OPA director Leon Henderson, the American Civil Liberties Union, the New York Times and the Washington Post.

Repeated was the opinion, expressed many times elsewhere by other Mundt critics, that adequate and sufficient laws to deal with overt 'subversive activity already exist. Also cited as a reason for opposing the bill was a "shocking similarity" between it and "anti-communist" laws which signaled the rise of police states in fascist Italy, Nazi Germany and militarist Japan.

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## EDITORIALS:

### The Takahashi Case Decision

The right of Japanese aliens to make their living in the commercial fishing industry of California has now been determined by the U.S. Supreme court.

Winning of the Torao Takahashi case this week reinforces the right of persons of Japanese descent to live and work in California. Following upon the Oyama land law decision, which served to make the alien land act inoperative, the Takahashi decision makes invalid one more form of discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry.

In the Oyama decision, the court pointed out that the alien land act was designed to keep persons of Japanese ancestry from living within the state by restricting their ability to make a living.

In the Takahashi case, Justice Murphy, in a concurring opinion, points out that the fishing amendment under which Takahashi was barred from the industry was not, as the state insisted, a method of conserving the state's natural resources, but actually a law designed to keep Japanese aliens from residing in California.

The fishing amendment, he says, was "one more manifestation of the anti-Japanese fever which has been evident in California in varying degrees since the turn of the century." That fever, he adds, is traceable to the "refusal or inability of certain groups to adjust themselves economically and socially relative to residents of Japanese ancestry."

The Takahashi decision serves notice that job discrimination cannot be tolerated, any more than land ownership discrimination against the Nisei.

Within the past weeks California has suffered two major defeats in its effort to restrict persons of Japanese ancestry. The Supreme court has twice refused to recognize the legality of these statutes and in both instances has brought out the racial implications of such legislation.

Perhaps it is time that California, in a show of good faith and to prove her intention to abide by the constitution, take stock of her present-day laws and revise those which discriminate against individuals solely on the basis of race and ancestry.

The state might well begin with outlawing of the alien land act, which to all intents and purposes is now a dead letter law. The state has already thrown out over a hundred prosecutions as a result of the Oyama case decision. The state during the war invested hundred of thousands of dollars in an effort to speed up prosecutions and to confiscate Nisei-owned property. That money has now been wasted. And with the emergence of the Nisei, the land law becomes increasingly an anachronism of law.

It would be a demonstration of good faith if the state would, at this time and upon her own initiative, repeal the alien land act.

The Oyama and Takahashi case decisions should be sufficient proof that the Supreme court will not tolerate further invasions of the rights of the Nisei.

### A Hero's Home Town

On the night of Dec. 7, 1944 several thousand persons crowded the athletic field of the Brawley, Calif., high school to hear John R. Lechner and other speakers call for the exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from the Imperial Valley and California.

On that night of frenzied race-baiting which decent Brawley citizens remember in shame, there already was at least one Japanese American from Brawley who would never return to the city. His name was Fumitake Nagato and he had been an infantryman in the 442nd Combat Team. He was killed during the rescue of the Last Battalion in France in October, 1944.

Fumitake Nagato was a graduate of Brawley high school and had distinguished himself, as had many another Nisei, on the school's athletic field which the race-baiters appropriated on that night in 1944 for their incitement to hate and discrimination.

Last week Fumitake Nagato was one of two Japanese American soldiers buried at Arlington National Cemetery. And last week there was proof that reason and goodwill had returned to the Imperial Valley. In the valley's biggest paper, the Imperial Valley Press of El Centro, the honor accorded Pfc. Nagato was page one news. The Press also recalled something which had not been in other papers carrying the Nagato story. The Nagato farm home near Westmoreland had been burned while the family was in the relocation center at Poston. As a result the Nagatos had never returned to the valley.

On June 8 the Imperial Valley Post-Press cited the heroism and "tolerance of intolerance and discrimination" of Pfc. Nagato and other Nisei GIs as responsible for the "swift dying-out of anti-Japanese feeling in America."

## MINORITY WEEK

### Underage

According to his own description, Jonathan H. Rowell of Redwood City, who recently campaigned for the Democratic congressional nomination, has "thinning hair and a receding hairline."

But when he went to the 49 Club, a Redwood City tavern, with five other men, he was refused service on the grounds that he and the others appeared to be underage. Rowell is 38. Other men in the group were Emil Wachtel, Rowell's campaign manager, who is 43, William Thurman, 32, Robert Berkeley, 34, Lonzo Jones, 35, and Leon Terry, 28.

Real reason for their failure to get service, Rowell said this week, is that three of the men are Negroes.

This week the 49 Club faced a civil rights suit for \$18,000. The plaintiffs are members of the Peninsula Council for Civic Unity, of which Rowell is president.

### "We Are Peculiar Brothers"

"We are indeed peculiar brothers, who face discrimination, ostracism and exploitation in common but are so enamored with ourselves that we cannot band together and face the common enemy. Colored Americans, Japanese, Chinese, Mexicans and Filipinos would do well to know each better. The principles of brotherhood established and created among these people would promote far better social, economic and political conditions in Chicago."—Pittsburgh Courier.

### Invitation

Ada Fisher Sipuel, who's been fighting for weary months for the right to study law at the University of Oklahoma, has received an invitation from Norwegian students to study at the University of Oslo.

In writing to the young Negro girl, the students said, "We are quite aware of the difficulties which are connected with such a proposition (language, the difference between the studies of law in USA and Norway, etc.) but we only want to show that we are against any discrimination, and that we want to help any student in the world who is persecuted because of racial discrimination."

Perhaps it is time for all of us to realize that our sins of discrimination cannot be kept hidden any longer. The United States cannot maintain its position as the stronghold of democracy so long as foreign students must offer sanctuary to our own.

### Switch

Washington D. C.'s only legitimate playhouse, the National theater, is prepared to switch to movies this September, in answer to the Actor's Equity Association's decision to boycott the theater unless it changed its non-Negro policy at the boxoffice.

The theater's operator, Marcus Heiman, has refused to back down from his discriminatory position, is willing to deny capital residents their only source of stage plays.

### Major League

There's been a lot of discussion this year about the emergence of Negroes in major league baseball.

But Bill Veck, president of the Cleveland Indians, did some major league talking recently in answer to a ballfan who protested the use of Negro Larry Doby, first Negro in the American League.

Veck's reply, in part, said:

"Our scouts scoured the country during the latter part of 1946 and all of 1947. They asked me before setting out if I cared as to color or race.

"My reply was the pigment of one's skin or the method in which one worshipped had nothing to do with his ability as a player. We signed Doby and several Mexicans only because they are, or in our estimation will be, good ball players . . .

"There is no substitute for winning games, no attraction that will replace a good ball club. That is our reason for having Doby. He has a chance to become an outstanding player. Neither you nor anyone else has a right to deprive him of his opportunity."

## Supreme Court Outlaws State Ban on Japanese Fishermen

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of its broad and wholly distinguishable powers over immigration and naturalization.

"The state's law here cannot be supported in the employment of this legislative authority because of policies adopted by Congress in the exercise of its power to treat separately and differently with aliens from countries composed of peoples of many diverse cultures, races, and colors. For these reasons the power of a state to apply its laws exclusively to its alien inhabitants as a class is confined within narrow limits."

In conclusion, the court declared that there was no relation between today's decision invalidating the California anti-Japanese fishing ban and the court's decision five months ago in the California alien land law cases. "Assuming the continued validity of those cases, we think they could not in any event be controlling here. They rested solely upon the power of states to control the devolution and ownership of land within their borders, a power long exercised and supported on reasons peculiar to real property. They cannot be extended to cover this case."

At the outset of the 11-page opinion, Justice Black said the court had agreed to review the Takahashi case because the question was of importance in the fields of federal-state relationships and of constitutionally protected individual equality and liberty.

In their 6-page concurring opinion, Justices Murphy and Rutledge stressed that the "equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment does not permit a state to discriminate against resident aliens . . . whether the purpose be to give effect to racial animosity or to protect the competitive interests of other residents."

"We should not blink at the fact that Section 990, as now written, is a discriminatory piece of legislation having no relation whatever to any constitutionally cognizable interest of California. It was drawn against a background of racial and economic tension. It is directed in spirit and in effect solely against aliens of Japanese birth."

"It denies them commercial fishing rights not because they threaten the success of any conservation program, not because their fishing activities constitute a clear and present danger to the welfare of California or of the nation, but only because they are of Japanese stock, a stock which has the misfortune to arouse antagonism among certain powerful interests. We need but unbutton the seemingly innocent words of Section 990 to discover beneath them the very negation of all ideals of the equal protection clause. No more is necessary to warrant a reversal of the judgment below."

Justices Reed and Jackson, in dissenting, declared that the right to fish is analogous to the right to own land, a privilege which a state may deny to aliens as to land within its borders. These two justices, along with Justice Burton, dissented in the Oyama alien land law case. In reading the dissent, Justice Reed said that as fishing rights have been treated traditionally as a natural resource, in the absence of federal regulation, California as a sovereign state has power to regulate the taking and handling of fishing in waters bordering its shores.

"It is, I think, one of the natural resources of the state that may be preserved from exploitation by aliens. The ground for this power in the absence of any exercise of federal authority is California's authority over its fisheries."

The Takahashi case was reviewed by the Supreme Court on April 21 and 22. Dean Acheson, former Undersecretary of State, and A. L. Wirin, legal counsel for the National JACL and the Southern California Japanese Fishermen's Association, argued for the petitioner, Torao Takahashi. Mr. Acheson and Wirin successfully represented the Oyama family in the alien land law litigation which ended up in the Supreme Court last October. Today's victory was the second for these men, and, in a greater sense, it was a major triumph for the Japanese American Citizens League which has pressed these anti-Japanese litigations to the highest tribunal in the land for a decision.

For the first time in history, the United States Government was

prevailed upon by the JACL to file an amicus curiae brief. The decision indicated that the Government's arguments lent considerable weight to the case for the petitioner. No small credit should be given to Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL American Discrimination Committee, and heads of the regional JACL offices, for their part in inducing the Attorney General to file in this case.

Eleven other organizations, including the JACL, also filed in support of the petitioner. Included church groups, the Congress for Industrial Organizations, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the American Veterans Committee and the American Jewish Congress.

While expressing jubilation over latest court victory, Mr. Masaoka, however, pointed out that these decisions by the highest tribunal serve to emphasize the need for securing legislation erasing the eligibility to citizenship classifications from federal law. He declared that as long as these laws the alien Japanese will be hampered in their pursuit of a normal livelihood. Once Congress passes repealing these discriminatory provisions, the very foundation of anti-Japanese legislation on the West Coast will be shaken, he said.

Takahashi, a fisherman for years prior to evacuation, has been a resident of this country since 1907. In 1943, the California legislature enacted an amendment to the Fish and Game Code prohibiting the issuance of a license to any "alien Japanese." In 1945, Code was again amended striking the 1943 provision for that it might be "declared unconstitutional" because it was based solely against alien Japanese. The new amendment was phrased to affect all "persons eligible to citizenship," a classification which hit the Japanese hardest.

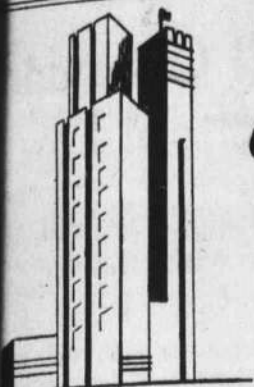
On his return to California in 1945, Takahashi sought a license but was denied by the Fish and Game Commission. Takahashi brought this action for mandamus in the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, to compel the commission to issue a license to him. That court granted the petition for mandamus. The State Supreme Court, three judges dissenting, reversed the lower court, holding that California had a proprietary interest in fish in ocean waters within 3 miles of the shore, and that this interest justified the State in barring eligible aliens from catching and bringing them in to California for commercial purposes.

The brief for the petitioner was prepared by Charles H. Horský who is associated with the well known law firm of O'Connell, Burling, Rublee, Acheson and Shorb. Dean Acheson is one of the senior members of the firm and his oral arguments in the Takahashi case marked his second appearance before the Supreme court since he returned to private practice after serving as Undersecretary of State. Horský has participated in a number of cases involving the civil rights of the Japanese, the most important of which was his preparation of the brief in the Oyama case.

In the oral arguments, Mr. Acheson attacked California's contention that the anti-Japanese fishing code was a conservation measure and went on to show how the state denied the Japanese equal protection of the laws as guaranteed under the 14th Amendment. Wirin went into the legislative history of the amendments to the California law, pointing out they were adopted under the influence of war-born anti-Japanese propaganda and said they "represented adulterated racism."

Justices Murphy and Rutledge in their concurring opinion, said they agreed with the arguments presented by Mr. Wirin. Justice Fred M. Vinson and Justice Felix Frankfurter dissented. Justice Black in the majority opinion as did Justices Douglas and Burton.

The Supreme court, burdened with a great number of cases, not expected to adjourn until June 21. The Washington office of the JACL ADC has been prominent part in bringing the case to a decision immediately. The JACL ADC thanked the eleven organizations which filed briefs supporting the JACL case.



## A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

### June Means Vacation Time

I need not consult a calendar nor take a reading on that large Coca Cola thermometer at Columbus Circle to check summer's arrival. A casual glance through the Sunday newspapers, cluttered with hundreds of ads about summer camps, is the convincer.

It is a strange custom in these parts, but the summer vacation is a time-honored and traditional ritual that the natives of Manhattan cling to with a religious fervor.

The teeming eight million that comprise the city of New York want to jump off the hurdy-gurdy once a year and free themselves from the maddening pace to enjoy the sylvan solitude of the country. They seek relief from the canyon of skyscrapers that all but shut out the sky and the sun and that is their horizon for eleven months of the year.

Therefore, it is imperative for every family to start saving right after Christmas for that summer vacation. They have package-vacation deals that will send you all the way from Siberia to the Suwanee River country. They have a deal to fit every purse, from an overnight trek to Atlantic City to a three-month round the world cruise.

Somehow the people all manage to save the money or else borrow it from future earnings. The usual Manhattan employee gets two to four weeks vacation with pay and tries to stay within the narrow confines of such a meager budget. There is hardly an office that is open Saturdays during the summer months. Many people get in a vacation by starting on Friday every week-end and returning to the office on Tuesday.

I have concluded a little private poll on the summer situation among the Nisei in Manhattan.

Where are you going?

Most of the Nisei are undecided and have no illusions of grandeur as a trip on the Queen Mary.

The majority are willing to settle for a week or two in the Catskill Mountains up north. There, they plan to do a little fishing, a lot of reading, and loafing in general. A set-up like this will run \$100 a week a couple.

A scattered few hope to drive back to the West Coast and see how the old stamping grounds look. A few will visit relatives in other parts of the country as Chicago, Cleveland, or Cincinnati.

Several young sweethearts, with an eye toward a glamorous time, are planning on sea and sand activities in Atlantic City.

Two are planning a trip to Canada and one is going to Bermuda. But, by large and far, most of the Manhattan Nisei will have to content themselves with week-end trips to the beaches, mountains, or amusement parks.

### Camps For Children

The New York summer schedule is also a very important season for the children camps. Every family that can afford it, hopes to send their young charges off to camp for the summer.

This matter of a summer camp for children becomes a very expensive proposition, usually running about \$500 for the season and additional funds needed for clothing and spending money.

From here on out, Grand Central station will be swarming over, all day long with children waiting to board vacation-bound trains for nearby mountains.

Being cooped up in the city for most of the year, every child revels in the freedom of the wide open spaces. At the same time, having the children off to camp means less wear and tear on the patience of many mothers at home.

For the average man on the subway, the summer months of June, July and August will be just a 90-day battle with the heat and humidity. There will be sleeping in Central park and make-shift beds on apartment fire escapes.

Vacation for the masses of New York's millions will be a week-end at Coney Island or a Sunday afternoon paddling in the waters of Jones beach. For the horde of children on the Eastside, the summer months will mean jumping off the pier into the East River or being sprayed under an umbrella of water from some hot fire hydrant.

Most people would rather not dip into their savings to go on a 30-day spree to some seaside spa but would rather save up for their old age and then take a permanent vacation from the rigors of this metropolitan life.

### A Few Short Replies

I have a few bits of correspondence from Nisei in other parts of the country asking me when would be the best time to visit New York.

Naturally, I would not recommend the summer months unless you are willing to walk around in a veil of perspiration. These days are very humid here and far from pleasant.

A much better time would be around September or October, during the fall months, when the temperature has tapered down a bit and the legitimate stage and Metropolitan opera are in full swing.

The only local attraction during the summer months would be a journey to Coney Island to see the largest amusement center in the world in motion.

Yet, it is a strange thing but the largest numbers of visitors do come to Manhattan during the summer months when the native New Yorkers are out of town.

In this connection, there is a lucrative practice of apartment tenants leasing out their apartments for only the summer months. These summer sub-leases, however, are far from inexpensive and would run about \$100 a month for a three-room furnished apartment.

Now that one of the larger Japanese eating places, located on 51st street, around the corner from the Roxy Theater, has shuttered, a prominent Chinese syndicate is taking over and opening a swank restaurant and bar.

Somehow, aside from the Miyako restaurant on 56th street near Fifth avenue, Japanese restaurants have been having tough sledding all the way. Seems that Chinese cooking is more suited to New York taste and for this reason the Chinese chop suey houses are even more common than the traditional Chinese laundry.

I remember that in San Francisco, there were over a dozen Japanese eating places that catered to the American public. Here, with a population 20 times that of San Francisco, there is only one place. For the average Nisei to meet up with a Nipponese eating house it is a long and weary journey. They usually settle for some Chinese food instead of making the long trip downtown.

Most Chinese restaurants in the downtown area require a minimum of a hundred thousand dollars to outfit the dining room and bar. I guess it is this factor that keeps Japanese entrepreneurs from opening a suki-yaki house. They tell me that there is an easier way to make a dollar than cooking and serving food.

## Bill Hosokawa:

## FROM THE FRYING PAN

### Grist for the PC Mill

In chronicling the history of the Pacific Citizen last week, Editor Larry Tajiri omitted one noteworthy angle—how he came to be associated with it. Since Larry himself probably won't say anything about it, we shall.

It was in the hectic days of early 1942, and Larry was back in his old San Francisco haunts after his New York job folded. One day he dropped into JACL headquarters which then was the clearing house of information and center of activity.

There he found Mike Masaoka and helpers up to their necks in details and everyone working like mad. The telephone rang constantly and the replies usually were short and pointed. After all, that was the tempo of these frantic times.

Larry heard Mike say something like this into the phone: "No, sorry. Just haven't got time to talk to you now. Good-by."

"That was the Associated Press," Mike explained. "They wanted a statement." Then he returned to the work that even then was piling up.

Larry, as a working newspaperman, was aghast that the JACL was so short-handed it couldn't even carry out a proper public relations program. There and then, he confided later, he made up his mind to throw in his lot with the JACL.

In the six years since Larry took the PC to Salt Lake City, it has developed into an exceptional and outstanding weekly newspaper. It is, as Mary Oyama observed recently in an admirable understatement, a newspaper "of which the Nisei need not be apologetic or ashamed."

Its news columns maintained a high standard of accuracy and professional excellence, but it was in its editorial leadership that the PC stood out.

Denver, Colo.

At a time when emotions were running untrammelled, its comments showed mature restraint as well as telling logic and whiplash rhetoric. The PC penetrated to high places and won innumerable friends for the Nisei.

For the greater part of those six years the PC made its weekly appearances under the editorial guardianship of only two persons, Larry and his wife, Marion. The sheer physical task of grinding out grist for the PC mill, week after week without relief, is in itself a monumental achievement.

But the amazing part of this achievement is the consistently high standard that has been maintained. There are few to challenge Larry Tajiri's right to be recognized as the top Nisei newspaperman. And certainly there is no Nisei husband-wife team that even approaches the journalistic excellence of Tajiri and Tajiri.

Since those grim days in 1942 the JACL has become increasingly publicity-wise. Thanks to the brilliant achievements of Nisei servicemen—as well as the unspectacular but impressive record of Japanese American civilians—the ground work was laid for good public relations.

Thus when support was needed, the JACL could ask and get it from diverse quarters. Take, for instance, the barrage of editorial sentiment in favor of the evacuee claims bill and the Judd citizenship bill. The widespread editorial boosts for those measures came from all parts of the country, and from newspapers of the entire gamut of political philosophy.

That didn't just happen. It came about in part from the Nisei and the JACL making friends over a long period. And that, in essence, is the secret of good public relations.

### Arlington Sidelights:

## Gen. Devers' Tribute to Nisei Soldiers Broadcast by Mutual

By TOSUKE YAMAZAKI

WASHINGTON—The following are some side lights of the reburial last week of the first two American soldiers of Japanese ancestry in Arlington National Cemetery:

The major radio networks as well as the U.S. Army Signal Corps filmed and recorded the entire ceremony. The Mutual Broadcasting Company however was the first to broadcast parts of the ceremony on the national hookup. Parts of the rites, including excerpts of the tribute to Nisei soldiery by General Jacob L. Devers, chief of the Army Field Forces, one of five Army generals attending the services, were incorporated in the 9:15 p.m. program, Mutual Newsreel. This ceremony was relayed to all parts of the nation Friday night.

General Devers' tribute to the Nisei soldier dead was outstanding. It was held significant that he praised the Nisei GI who served in the Pacific as well as the heroic members of the famed 442nd. He said:

"There is one supreme, final test of loyalty for one's native land—readiness and willingness to fight for, and if need be to die for, one's country. These Americans, and their fellows, pass that test with colors flying. They proved their loyalty and devotion beyond all question."

"They volunteered for Army combat service and they made a record second to none. In Europe, theirs was the Combat Team most feared by the enemy. In the Pacific, they placed themselves in double jeopardy, chancing the bullets of friend as well as foe. Everywhere, they were the soldiers most decorated for valor, most devoted to duty. Their only absences without leave were from hospitals which they quit before they recovered from their wounds, in order to get back into the fight for what they knew to be the right."

"These men, to two of whom we pay our heart-felt respects today, more than earned the right to be called just Americans, not Japanese Americans. Their Americanism may be described only by degree, and that the highest."

"The United States Army salutes you, Privates First Class Fumitake Nagato and Saburo Tanamachi. You, and your compatriots, will live in our hearts and our history, as Americans First Class."

One of the high points of the ceremony was the civilian services rendered in Japanese by the Rev. Andrew Kuroda, formerly with the O.S.S. and now associate minister of the First Evangelical and Reformed Church of Washington, D.C. His eulogy to the soldier

dead appealed particularly to the Issei parents of Pfc. Saburo Tanamachi and Fumitake Nagato as well as to the scores of others who understood his words.

When war broke out between the United States and Japan, Reverend Kuroda declared, there was little doubt that the U.S. Government frankly was worried over what stand the Japanese in this country would take. However, the acts of sacrifice and heroism and loyalty of the 33,300 Nisei who wore the American uniform have proved beyond all doubt that the U.S. born and reared Nisei, though they may physically look like their cousins overseas, are thoroughly Americans at heart.

The attitude of the Nisei was also a credit to their Japan-born parents, who had brought their children up to be good American citizens, he went on. The sacrifice of Pfc. Tanamachi and Nagato and the hundreds of other Nisei who gave their lives for this country proved that. The Japanese minister said that the Issei parents of these boys had encouraged their sons to go to the battlefields and it was their way of saying: "Son, we who are too old to do our share, look upon you to do your part for America for all of us." The unprecedented attendance of high civilian and military dignitaries at the ceremony was an eloquent testimony of the recognition of the U.S. Army and Government to the fine behavior of the Nisei and Issei to this country in wartime, he added.

"Valor has won the Nisei a historic place in the annals of American arms," said General Mark Clark, of 5th Army Fame, who sent a message to be read at the rites. The message was read by General Devers at the close of his eulogy.

A former member of the 442nd, Staff Sergeant Don Taniguchi of Los Angeles, was one of the U.S. Army Signal Corps personnel assigned to the filming of this historic ceremony. He was brought down to Washington from New York on this special assignment.

The occasion brought together for the first time since the Vosges campaign three top officers of the 442nd Japanese American Regimental Combat Team. The three principals were Colonels Charles W. Pence, Virgil R. Miller, and James M. Hanley. Colonel Pence who fell wounded in the same engagement in which Tanamachi and Nagato died and Colonel Miller who took over Colonel Pence's command at that time were brought up here for the ceremony from Fort Benning, Ga., and Penn State College, respectively. Colonel Hanley commanded the 2nd battalion of which Nagato and Tanamachi were members.

Besides the five generals and

## Vagaries

Yasuo Kuniyoshi who was honored with a retrospective exhibition, the first for any living American painter, at the Whitney Museum in New York last month is now the subject of a biography by Lloyd Goodrich (MacMillan, \$2.50) published this month. The book by Goodrich, curator at the Whitney and a long-time friend of Kuniyoshi, includes 35 illustrations of Kuniyoshi's art.

Although the Supreme Court ruled this week invalidating the California anti-alien fishing restriction, Issei fishermen may miss out on a large part of the current fishing season. The State Fish and Game Commission will not meet again until June 25 and it is unlikely that fishing licenses will be granted to Issei for a month at least. The Nichi-Bei Times in San Francisco said this week that there was a possibility that new legal technicalities were being considered to keep Japanese fishermen out of the commercial fishing industry but that the U.S. Supreme Court's decision may be precise enough to prevent further discrimination...

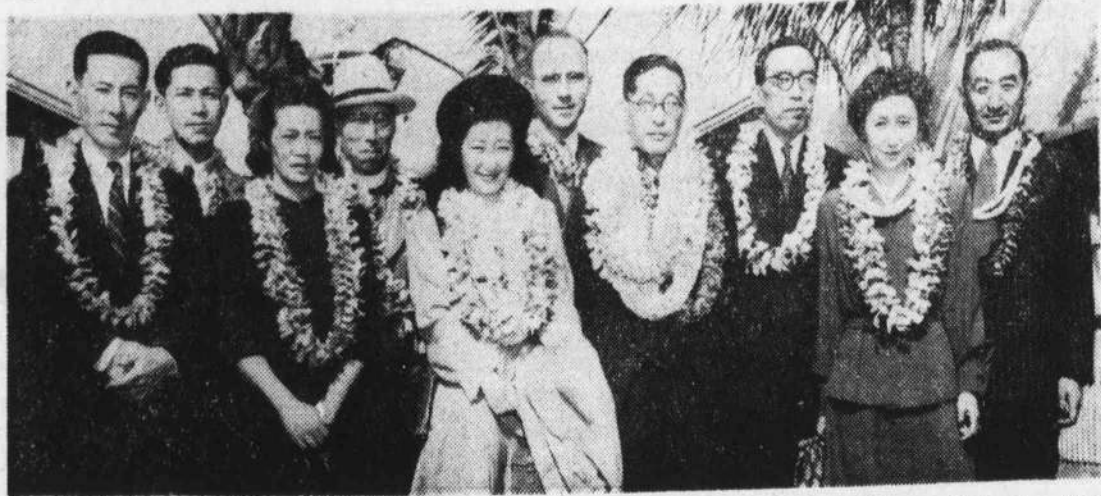
four colonels, more than 100 others in U.S. uniform participated in the 70-minute rites. At one point during the ceremony several flights of jet planes zoomed overhead. Members of the ceremonial detachment, firing squad and military band remarked that seldom has there been such an inspiring spectacle. The families of the deceased were seated in two rows alongside the funeral biers. Brilliant floral wreaths, banked in orderly design, made a miniature garden on the green carpet that covered the ceremonial ground.

Washington's newspapers gave considerable prominence to the ceremony, the morning journal Washington Post running a four-column picture on the front page in the early edition. The wire services also cabled the stories to Japan. The New York Times and Herald Tribune also published reports of the memorable rites.

The weather was near-perfect, the sky clear and blue. Amateur photographers had a field day. There is little doubt that the event was well recorded. The names of Privates First Class Fumitake Nagato and Saburo Tanamachi will go down in history as the first persons of Japanese ancestry to be laid to rest in the nation's greatest military shrine.

Hundreds of bodies of Nisei who died on the battle fields of Italy and France are expected to be brought home for reburial in the next six months. Many, no doubt, will be laid to rest in cemeteries on the Pacific Coast, but it is certain there will be others to share the plot in Section 12 which the Army has created to honor all soldier dead regardless of their creed, color, race or rank.

## Japanese Officials Attend Parley



First high ranking Japanese officials to leave Japan for a peace conference since 1941, this delegation of 10 members is attending the 10th anniversary world assembly of the Moral Rearmament Movement at Los Angeles, June 2-14. This picture, taken in Honolulu May 30, shows,

left to right, Yasutane Sohma, Sadanobu Ogawa, Mrs. Sohma, Rt. Rev. Augustine Takase, Miss Naoko Mitsui, Rowland Harker, Kensuke Horinouchi, former ambassador to the United States; Koji Tsuruhara, Mrs. Mitsui, Takasumi Mitsui. —Pan American photo.

## Japanese Abroad Contribute Large Share of Relief Funds

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA  
HONOLULU — Kensuke Horinouchi, former Japanese ambassador to the United States, told Japanese in Hawaii recently that Japanese abroad have contributed 80 per cent of the private relief aid to postwar Japan.

Mr. Horinouchi spent two days here, May 30-31, with a 10 man delegation he is heading to the World Assembly of the Moral Rearmament Movement at Los Angeles, June 2-14.

The group was welcomed and widely entertained by local Japanese businessmen and relief workers.

Mr. Horinouchi thanked the people of Hawaii for sending nearly a quarter million dollars' worth of food and other relief items to Japan during the past two years through LARA (Licensed Agencies for Relief in Asia).

Mr. Horinouchi is chairman of the national advisory board of LARA in Japan.

"Your humanitarian spirit and generosity will long be remembered by the people of Japan," Mr. Horinouchi said at a luncheon sponsored by the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce.

The local Japan Relief committee reported that relief shipments totalling \$223,729 have been dispatched to Japan as follows:

Clothing and shoes, 2,516 packages valued at \$138,000; canned goods, 7,191 cases, \$47,600; milk, 25,000 pounds, \$9,062; sugar, 3,079 100-pound bags, \$29,066. Freight charges amounted to \$13,000.

At a public lecture earlier, Mr. Horinouchi told about 700 persons that Gen. Douglas MacArthur is following out a far-sighted policy of postwar reconstruction for Japan.

Two other members of the visiting delegation also spoke on Japan's postwar conditions. The Rt. Rev. Augustine Takase, Episcopalian bishop, discussed the "Ideological Trend in Present-Day Japan," and Koji Tsuruhara spoke on the "Present Economical Situation in Japan and Its Outlook."

Mr. Horinouchi, who last passed through Honolulu in 1940 en route back to Japan from Washington, is the first top-ranking diplomat of pre-war Japan to pass through Honolulu since the war. At present he is president of the Foreign Service Training Institute of the Japanese Foreign Office.

The delegation he is leading to the Moral Rearmament conference in Los Angeles was invited by a group of U.S. congressmen to represent Japan. It went with the approval of both the Supreme Commander of Allied Powers and the state department.

Plans of the delegation after the Los Angeles conference were indefinite at the departure of the group from Honolulu. Passport of the visitors allows them to remain in the United States until July 28.

The 10 members are: Mr. Horinouchi, Bishop Takase, Mr. Tsuruhara, Takasumi Mitsui, founder and principal of the Keimeji Gakuen, school for Japanese children who have lived abroad; Mrs. Mitsui and their daughter Naoko; Mr. and Mrs. Yasutane Sohma, the latter being the daughter of Japan's well-known liberal leader, Yukio Ozaki; Sadanobu Ogawa, a student of the Tokyo State (formerly Imperial) university, and Rowland Harker, professor of Aoyama Gakuin College, a Methodist college in Tokyo.

Several were present at the founding of the movement in London a decade ago and have been active in its work since then.

## P C SPORTS

### No-Hitters

Kenny Hamaguchi last week joined the select ranks of Nisei pitchers who have hurled a no-hit, no-run game when he pitched the Cortez Nisei team to a 2 to 0 victory over the Denair, Calif., Merchants.

Incidentally, another of California's good Nisei college hurlers, George Abo of Fresno State, last week pitched a two-hitter to lead the Clovis team to the northern division championship of the Central California Nisei baseball league.

### Swim Coach

Soichi Sakamoto, Hawaii's great swimming coach, will definitely go to London with the U.S. Olympic team. A fund of more than \$2,000 has been raised by the people of Hawaii to permit Sakamoto to accept Head Coach Bob Kiphuth's invitation to accompany the American team.

### Golf Pro

The country's only Nisei golf pro, Toyo Shirai of the Wailua golf course on Kauai, arrived in Los Angeles this week to enter the national open golf tournament. Shirai is probably the first Nisei to qualify for the tourney which brings together 140 of the nation's top golfers. Shirai shot a one over par 145 to become one of Hawaii's three qualifiers for the tourney.

### Broad Jumper

The reason Henry Aihara, one of USC's best broad jumpers, hasn't been in more meets this year is that he has been ineligible because the Coast conference transfer rule has kept him out of conference competition. Aihara transferred to USC from Northwestern where, in his freshman year, he won the Big Ten and NCAA broad jump titles back in 1945. Last week Aihara won the broad jump at the Compton invitational track meet, leaping 23 feet 5 1/4 inches. Aihara is now training for the Olympic trials.

### Barnstormers

The Honolulu Hawaiians, an all-star team which will enter the national semi-pro baseball tournament at Wichita, Kan., will tour the country with the Harlem Globetrotters. Last year the majority of players on the Hawaiian team, which placed sixth in the national tourney, were Nisei and it's expected that many of Hawaii's top Nisei players will be on this year's Honolulu Hawaiians who open their tour with the Globetrotters in Riverside, Calif., on June 13.

## Supreme Court Will Consider Hawaii Language School Law

Los Angeles, Calif.

Last week the Supreme Court of the United States allowed an appeal taken by the Territory of Hawaii from a ruling by a three-judge federal court in the Territory of Hawaii holding the Hawaiian foreign language school law to be unconstitutional.

Last summer a three-judge Federal court consisting of Circuit Court Judge William Denman, Judge Paul McCormick of the U. S. District Court of Los Angeles, and Judge D. E. Metzger of Hawaii heard a case filed by the Chinese language schools in Hawaii and ordered an injunction against school authorities restraining them from enforcing of a wartime Hawaiian law prohibiting teaching of foreign languages in schools. Since the ruling by the three-judge federal court, not only the Chinese language schools in Hawaii, but also a number of Japanese language schools have opened up and are now operating.

Attorney A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles represented the Chinese language schools while he was in Hawaii last summer along with W. Y. Char, Chinese American attorney in Honolulu.

With the allowance of the appeal by the United States Supreme Court, the case will be argued in the Supreme Court of the United States when the court reconvenes in October or November, according to Mr. Wirin who with Mr. Char will present the case in behalf of the Chinese language schools.

The decision of the Supreme Court in the case will affect not only the Chinese language schools but the Japanese language schools in Hawaii.

### Grad Dance

NAMPA, Ida. — Boise valley graduates will be honored at a semiformal dance at the IOOF hall in Caldwell this Saturday, June 12.

Graduates to be entertained are Mary Itano, Marjorie Miyake, Harry Fujikawa, Ben Kuwano, Edson Fujii, Pauline Hayakawa, Lillian Hasegawa, Chester Takatori, JoAnne Fujii, Mary Hara, Atsushi Kiuchi, Tosh Sato and Mrs. Isaac Inouye.

General chairman for the affair is Manabu Yamada, assisted by June Fujikawa and Sam Kora, tickets; Rhea Yamanishi, invitations; George Otani, program; Tada Matsumoto, publicity; Bill Kuwada, picture; Ike Fukishin, decorations; and Mary Ban, refreshments.

## Takeno, Yasui Will Serve with Denver Unity Council

DENVER—Roy M. Takeno, regional director of the JACL, and Min Yasui, attorney, were named to the executive committee of the Denver Unity Council on June 1.

Yasui will serve as 1st vice president of the council.

## Bowling News

The fifth round of the Salt Lake JACL summer bowling league was won by Dr. Jun Kurumada of Okada Insurance take over the league lead in averages with 193 as he posted a big 596 series.

Okadas zeroed Glamour Studio 2790 to 2628, thus moving into a first place tie with Star Coffee Shop.

Star Coffee, which had only a loss out of 16 points for the first four weeks of the season, met its first defeat Wednesday night in the hands of the Pacific Chinese team, which upset Star Coffee 4-1.

Aloha Fountain stayed up near the leaders by blanking Don Cleaners 2620 to 2488 with Aloha's Charles Sonoda hitting a 221 high game for the evening. OK Cafe paced by Fumio Kasai's 575, took three from Temple Noodle, while Stevenson's split with Terashima Studio, 2625 to 2574.

## Sumino Aids Victory Of Portland Team

PORTLAND, Ore.—Steady catching by Roy Sumino of Lincoln high school contributed to the Portland All-Star nine's 4 to 2 victory over the Up-State all-stars at June 5 in the fourth annual Oregon boys game.

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# Week Restoration of Citizenship for 5,000 Nisei in Japan

LOS ANGELES—Restoration of American citizenship for 5,000 American-born persons of Japanese ancestry who have not been able to obtain certification of their American citizenship to date will be sought with the cooperation of the Nisei Service Center in Tokyo, L. Wirin, local attorney, reported this week.

Mr. Wirin declared that he already had filed a number of court cases in Los Angeles on behalf of American-born persons who seek to have their loss of citizenship resulting from conscription in Japan cancelled on the ground that such service was the result of coercion.

Mr. Wirin also reported he had received work from Japan that Susuko Arikawa has secured permission to return to the United States pending the opening of her court case filed in the United States district court in Los Angeles seeking a restoration of her United States citizenship. She is scheduled to leave Japan on June 18 on the General Gordon.

Prior to the filing of the suit, Miss Arikawa applied for a passport to return to the United States but her application was denied by the United States consul on the ground that she had lost her citizenship by voting in the Japanese election in 1946.

She is returning to the United States under a provision of the United States Nationality Act of 1940 which provides that, upon the filing of a suit in a Federal court in the United States by an American-born citizen whose United States nationality is questioned by the United States consul, the person involved may be permitted to return to the United States immediately, pending final decision in the suit.

## Nisei Wins Honors In El Centro

EL CENTRO, Calif. — Elaine Momita, member of the June graduating class at El Centro Union high school, was given the Kiwanis award June 1 at the school.

Presentation was made by Jere DuBose, president of the organization.

Miss Momita was one of several students receiving awards from various organizations in the city for high scholarship, citizenship and other qualities.

Other June graduates at El Centro Union high are Adel Furukawa and Hiroshi Uchiyama.

## Banquet Scheduled In Santa Maria

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — The Santa Maria Valley JACL will hold a get-together banquet on June 19, at which time elections will be held for new chapter officials.

Members not present will cast their ballots by mail.

Eiji Tanabe, Saburo Kido and George Inagaki will be invited as guest speakers.

The chapter recently completed its membership drive with a total of 120 new members.

## Thanks Aides in ADC Fund Drive

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Paul Tsuchiya, cochairman of the Twin Cities ADC drive with Yukio Okamoto, this week thanked members of the drive committee for their efforts in the recent campaign.

Committee members were May Moriguchi, Ken Tanaka, Pete Oh-taki, Sam Rokutani, Jim Kiri-hara, Sam Yagu, Tomo Kasabayashi and Wally Takemoto.

## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Yukio Sumida, Monterey, Calif., a girl on May 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tomizo Yamasaki a girl, Linda Ann Hideko, on May 24 in San Jose, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nakamura, Marysville, Calif., a boy on June 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Uye-hara a boy, Christopher Ken, on May 15 in Philadelphia.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Miyamura, Venice, Calif., a girl on June 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yutaka Nishikawa a girl on May 26 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masayuki Watanabe a boy on May 29 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Kitasako a girl on June 5 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matsuzaki a boy on May 12 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Juneus Oba a boy on May 25 in Portland, Ore.

To Mr. and Mrs. Percy Nakagawa, Acampo, Calif., a girl on May 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Kageyama a boy on June 2 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Momoda a boy on June 2 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nakajo a girl on June 8 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Otani a girl in Berkeley, Calif.

### DEATHS

Seiko Yamamura, 32, on June 5 in Palo Alto, Calif.

Ben S. Kikutake, 61, on June 6 in Salt Lake City.

Leon Takayuki Miyazaki, 32, on June 3 in Los Angeles.

Yoshisaburo Yamaoka, 71, on May 28 in Seattle.

Joseph K. Watanabe, 69, on May 25 in Seattle.

Hirozo Nagata on May 30 in Chicago.

Mrs. Chiyo Yamada, 63, on June 3 in Henderson, Colo.

### MARRIAGES

Margaret Fukuzaki to Kazuo Iwasaki in Salt Lake City on June 6.

Mary Ogawa to Tommie Yoshitomi on June 6 in San Francisco.

Lucy Sumiko Yamamoto of Turlock to Kosuke Ijichi of Berkeley on June 5.

Naomi Kitagawa to Isamu Kinoshita on June 6 in San Francisco.

Florence Yoshiye Mihō to Harry Takeshi Nakamura on June 6 in San Francisco.

Frances Ikeda to Kei Shibata on June 6 in San Francisco.

Teruko Hamakawa to Toshio Sumida on May 23 in Sacramento.

Yoshiko Ohara to Kazuo Fuchiwaki on June 5 in Santa Maria, Calif.

Anna Asami Nakamoto to Minoru Shishido on June 5 in Los Angeles.

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# Nisei Students in Hawaii Awarded Scholarship Honors

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA  
HONOLULU—Honors have been coming from near and far to young Nisei of Hawaii during the past few weeks.

Scholarships, fellowships and prizes of all sorts are being announced as schools prepared to close their doors for the summer, and Nisei students have been receiving a goodly share of the recognition.

Never before have so many honors come to the young people of Japanese ancestry... almost every list of awards contains a Nisei name and sometimes mostly Nisei names.

The following were selected at random from the daily outpourings in the local newspapers:

Katsumasa Tomita, a 442nd veteran, was awarded the \$1,000 scholarship of the Veterans Memorial Fund. He will take postgraduate studies in social work at Pittsburgh university school of social work next September. He is a graduate of the University of Hawaii, class of 1947.

Four others won similar awards for postgraduate work before Tomita. One of them was Sakae Takahashi, a 100th battalion veteran.

Four AJAs received University of Hawaii scholarships from the Veterans Memorial Fund last year. They were Herbert Maruyama, Hilo; Hansfield Doi, Henry Tokunaga and Noburu Okamura, all of Kauai.

Lillian Endo of Konawaena high school, Hawaii, was one of three winners in a territorywide Interlochen contest. She will attend the Interlochen music camp at Ann Arbor, Mich., June 27 to August 23.

She competed in a field of 450 entrants, winning with her piano rendition of "Polichinelle," by Rachmaninoff.

Of seven winners in Hawaii who placed in the 1948 national literary contest conducted by Scholastic Magazine, all but one were of Japanese descent. They were Francis Ishida, Shigeaki Fujitani, Margaret Uchigashima, Sabra Yayoi Taniguchi, Chiyoko Taira, Dorothy Ritsuko Yoshimori.

Four of seven University of Hawaii seniors who were elected this year to Phi Beta Kappa, national scholarship honorary fraternity, were Nisei — Seichi Nosaka, Atsuko Agai, Shigemitsu Nakashima and Tomoyoshi Kurokawa.

At the exclusive Punahou academy, two Japanese American students received high honors. Gilbert Ogawa was presented the Harvard book prize for scholarship and participation in student activities.

Jane Yanagihara, graduating senior, won a \$750 scholarship to Smith college.



Katsumasa Tomita, a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, will leave Honolulu in September for the University of Pittsburgh for postgraduate studies in social work. Tomita is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from the Veterans Memorial fund. He is a graduate of the University of Hawaii.—Honolulu Star-Bulletin photo.

Of four young people from Hawaii who will be at the 1948 National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship to be held at Defiance College, Defiance, O., from June 25-30, two will be Nisei — Susumu Yamane of Kapaa, Kauai, and Gladys Yamashiro of Wailuku, Maui. They were selected by the Congregational churches in the territory.

A two year scholarship to Evansville college, Evansville, Ind., has been awarded Miss Margaret Miki, Honolulu student at the University of Hawaii.

The Honolulu Star-Bulletin has renewed grants for three Farrington scholars who have been attending the University of Hawaii during the past year. Two of them are Nisei — Dorothy K. Yashima and Alice Uzumaki. Outgoing Farrington scholars at the university—who graduate this year—are Margaret M. Chinen and Bessie K. Amaki.

The Farrington Alumni Association has awarded a four year scholarship to Charles Fujii.

The Honolulu School of Arts has selected Richard Ebighuchi for a one year scholarship.

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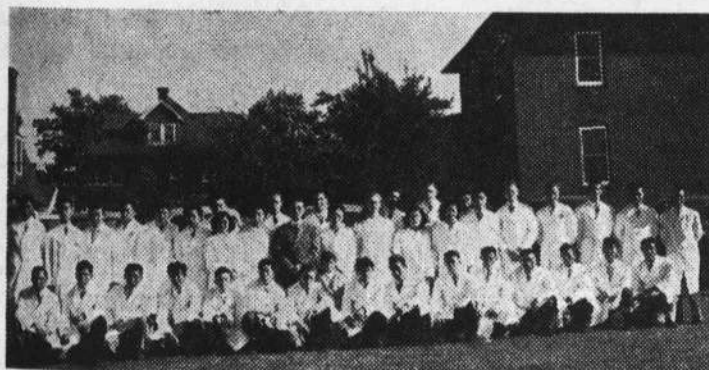
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## Chicago Church Group Supports Judd Proposal

Federation Passes Resolution Backing Evacuee Claims

CHICAGO, Ill. — The Church Federation of Greater Chicago, representing more than 1250 Protestant churches in the Chicago area, declared its stand in support of the Judd Bill, H.R. 5004, in a resolution submitted by its Commission on Race Relations, and approved by the Board of Trustees on May 24.

The resolution, reported the JACL Midwest Regional Office, stated "that the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, in its conviction that the principles of Christian fairness and justice should extend to all peoples without discrimination because of race or national origin hereby requests the passage by the Eightieth Congress of H.R. 5004 or similar legislation . . ."

Passage of the evacuation claims bill, H.R. 3999 was also urged in the resolution.

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## Salt Lake JACL Crowns Queen



Rose Oda, winner of the Salt Lake JACL's queen contest, is shown being crowned on June 4 by Jun Kurumada, president of the Salt Lake chapter, at the annual JACL graduation dance in the Union building on the University of Utah campus. Tom Hoshiyama is the master of ceremonies, while Tom Morita was in charge of the queen competition. Miss Oda will represent the Salt Lake chapter at the National JACL queen contest in September.—Photo by Ben Terashima.

## Urge Nisei Property Owners To Obtain Clear Titles to Lands

STOCKTON, Calif.—Nisei property owners should take advantage of the present California law which permits them to secure clear title to their property through court action while they have a chance to do so, William Ferriter, counsel for the Civil Rights Defense Union of Northern California, declared on June 4 in a talk to members of the Stockton JACL.

Ferriter said that the state statute provides a way for Nisei property owners to file disclaimer suits

against the state and added that the law further provides that if the state attorney general does not start escheat action within six months after the time of the disclaimer suit, the title is legally and permanently cleared.

Ferriter declared there was a possibility there might be an attempt to remove this section from the state code at the next legislature and that now is the time for Nisei property owners to protect themselves against future litigation.

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## Bowling, Golf, Bridge Tournaments Planned at JACL Convention

Delegates to the 10th biennial JACL convention in September will find a variety of interests to attract them, including tournaments in bowling, golf and bridge, it was reported this week by the convention committee.

An 80-page souvenir program is now in the final layout stage, it was reported.

An oratorical contest has been added to the convention program with Tom Hoshiyama as chairman.

Winner of the contest will receive the Ben Masaoka scholarship award of \$200. The scholar-

ship was established by Mrs. Haruye Masaoka in 1946 in memory of her son, who was killed while a member of the 442nd combat team. The award was originally formed to enable a veteran or member of a veteran's family to further his education. It will be diverted to the oratorical contest this year only, it was announced, and will revert to its original purpose next year.

In case the oratorical contest winner does not intend to go to school, the scholarship award will go to the second place winner or the next person who can use the funds for further education.

The convention will also feature a golf tournament, to be held under the direction of Lyle Kurisaki, leading Nisei golfer in Salt Lake City.

The golf tournament will be the first national JACL tournament in 8 years. Frank Hattori, last champion, will be present to defend his title.

The bowling tournament will be managed by Bill Honda, who has directed national JACL bowling tournaments in Salt Lake City for the past two years.

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CHICAGO—The engagement of Miss Tomoko Nomura, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Katsutaro Nomura of this city, to Mr. Harry Inouye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Masaichi Inouye of Watsonville, Calif., was announced here recently at a party given by the sister of the prospective bride, Mrs. Setsuko Higuchi.

Miss Nomura is employed by the Atlantic & Pacific Shippers Ass'n. Mrs. Inouye is a veteran of World War II. No date has been set for the wedding.

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