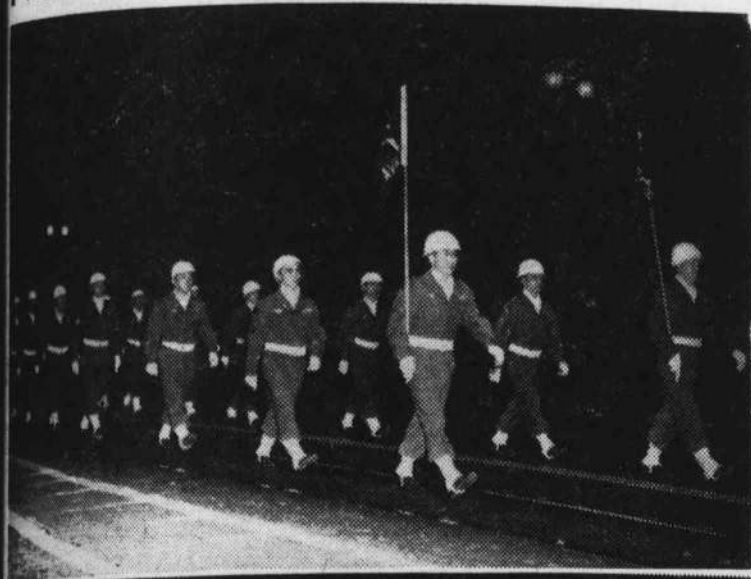




## Nisei GIs Honored in Parade



Nisei war veterans most of them former members of the 442nd Combat Team, occupied a prominent part in the V-J day parade on Aug. 14 in Los Angeles (top photo).

The parade was climaxed by a ceremony at City Hall during which Brig. Gen. Leroy H. Watson, commanding general, Southern Military District, presented a scroll to Mrs. Nawa Munemori, mother of Pfc. Sadao Munemori, only Nisei to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. With Mrs. Munemori is her son, George.—Rafu Shimpo photos by Toyo Miyatake.

## Future Policies of JACL Will Be Charted at National Convention in Salt Lake City

Japanese Americans will survey the work of the JACL during the past two years and chart the policies of the organization for the 1949-50 period when they meet in Salt Lake City Sept. 4 to 8 for the largest national JACL convention in history.

Approximately 500 delegates from every part of the country will attend the mammoth conference, which will feature addresses by a score of nationally prominent persons.

Governor Herbert Maw of Utah will welcome the delegates to Utah at the opening ceremonies Saturday night, Sept. 4 at the Little Theater, Student Union bldg., on the University of Utah campus. Greetings will also be extended by Mayor Earl J. Glade of Salt Lake City.

Governor Maw, who is an honorary member of the Salt Lake City JACL, will also crown the national JACL queen that evening in the Student Union ballroom. On Wednesday, Sept. 8, he will be in the receiving line at an informal tea and reception in the executive mansion.

A general meeting Tuesday, Sept. 7, will feature five prominent Americans in a special panel discussion, "The Nisei Come Back."

Participants will be Miss Annie Cio Watson of San Francisco, director of the International Institute; Robert M. Cullum of Washington, secretary of the national Committee for Equality in Naturalization; A. L. Wirin, JACL counsel and outstanding civil rights lawyer; Edward J. Ennis, wartime director of the enemy alien control unit of the Department of Justice; and Dr. T. T. Yatabe, first national president of the JACL.

Ennis and Cullum will remain at the convention to address an ADC meeting Sept. 9. They will discuss naturalization and evacuation claims legislation with Issei and Nisei ADC representatives. The Utah VFW will conduct impressive memorial services in honor of Nisei war dead during

## Federal Jury Deliberates Verdict in Kawakita Case

### Deadlock Indicated as Jurors Fail to Reach Decision for Third Day in Treason Trial

LOS ANGELES—A deadlock was indicated late Friday night as the jury failed to reach a verdict for the third day in the Tomoya Kawakita case.

LOS ANGELES—The jury trying Tomoya Kawakita was locked up on Thursday night, Aug. 26, after failing to reach a verdict. It was the second day of deliberation, the jury having the case six hours before it retired Wednesday night.

Kawakita would automatically lose his American citizenship if convicted and become a man without a country.

Twelve spectators who faithfully attended every session during the 11-week trial lounged in the courtroom of Judge William C. Mathes until the jury was locked up.

The jurors retired on Aug. 25 after a lengthy instruction by Judge Mathes. In his two-hour charge to the jury Judge Mathes instructed them to return a special verdict answering 104 specific questions as well as a general verdict of "guilty" or "not guilty." The interrogations have to do with eight essential elements of the crime of treason as to each of the 13 overt acts of which Kawakita is accused.

Defense hopes appeared to rest upon the court's instruction that "as to any act which you may find to have been committed by the defendant, even though you also find the defendant was an American citizen, if you further find that at the time the defendant honestly believed he was no longer a citizen of the United States, then the defendant could not have committed such overt act with treasonable intent and you must acquit him."

LOS ANGELES—The case of Tomoya Kawakita, 27-year old California-born Japanese who is charged with 13 overt acts against the United States while serving as an interpreter at the Japanese prisoner of war camp at Oeyama, finally went to the jury this week as U. S. Attorney James M. Carter called for Kawakita's conviction as a traitor.

Carter closed the prosecution's long summing-up with a demand that Kawakita be found guilty on the treason charges.

He pictured the defendant as "an American citizen strutting around, wearing a wooden sword, acting as if he owned the place and abusing his fellow Americans."

The prosecutor made no mention of a penalty as the jury has no voice in its determination. The minimum sentence is five years imprisonment.

Judge William C. Mathes gave the case to the jury as arguments ended in the 11-week case in Federal district court during which the prosecution presented 35 witnesses, the great majority of them former POWs at Oeyama.

In his closing argument Carter met one of Defense Attorney Morris Lavine's principal arguments with a counterquestion:

"If he lost his American citizenship, why did he come back? How can you explain that?"

Lavine had declared that Kawakita had renounced his American nationality at the outset of the war and was not subject to American authority.

"Does he think that an American jury is a bunch of dopes?" Carter continued. "He thought he was pretty smart. He thought he could get away with it. Well, we've taken him at his word. He told the American consul he was an American citizen (here the prosecutor whirled to face Kawakita) and that's why you're on trial today, not because of your ancestry or for any other reason."

"If Kawakita had stuck to his interpreting," Carter added, "none of us would be here today."

Lavine concluded his three-day plea for acquittal of his client with an appeal to the jury to "answer the prayers of Kawakita's parents."

The defense attorney cited the celebrated case of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus in urging the jurors to discard prejudice in their deliberations. He contended that none of the acts charged against Kawakita, even if committed, could have given aid and comfort to the government of Japan.

The jury has been asked to return a general verdict of guilty or not guilty on the treason charge, and if their feelings be guilty, they will be required to answer 104 specific questions on the form of special verdict to be submitted.

Lavine declared in his final argument for the defense that the

charges against the defendant "do not rise to the dignity of treason" and called up Benedict Arnold, Aaron Burr and John Brown in support of his contention.

He said that the acts charged against Kawakita are "a series of isolated assaults and batteries—nothing more."

"I have observed that some of you were shocked by the testimony of government witnesses," he told the jury. "Some of these charges were placed in the indictment to arouse your passions and animosity. Yet if you find these acts are not treason, it is your solemn duty to the flag to acquit this defendant."

Launching the government's closing arguments to the three jurymen and nine jurywomen, including a Nisei stenographer, Carter emphasized that he wanted prejudice to play no part in their deliberations and praised the combat record of the Japanese Americans who fought for this country in World War II.

"The government wants a fair verdict; but the government says that this man has convicted himself," the prosecutor declared.

Kawakita, who was brought to U.S. Judge Mathes' court from the County Jail handcuffed to a condemned murderer, Carlos R. Ochoa, watched the faces of the jury during Carter's summation.

Carter termed the evidence against the defendant "a rather simple case." He outlined eight elements of the crime which, he said, the government was required to prove and has proved: (1) Was Kawakita at all times an American citizen? (2) Did he adhere to the enemy with intent to betray the United States? (3) While so adhering, did he do one or more of the 13 overt acts charged, and was this proved by the testimony of two witnesses? (4) Did these acts actually give aid and comfort to Japan? (5) Were they done knowingly, intentionally, wilfully, unlawfully and feloniously? (6) Were they done traitorously and treasonably? (7) Were they done in Honshu, Japan and (8) Was Kawakita first found in this Federal district?

"If you have a reasonable doubt as to the guilt of this man on any of these points we want you to acquit him," Carter said. "If he was compelled to

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### Col. Pence Slated To Attend JACL National Convention

Col. Charles W. Pence, who commanded the 442nd combat team through its toughest fighting days in Italy and in France, will attend the national convention of the JACL in September, it was announced this week by Shigeki Ushio, convention chairman.

Col. Pence will address the general convention for both booster and official delegates Tuesday, Sept. 7.

He will pay tribute to the Nisei soldiers of World War II, both in behalf of the army and himself.

Col. Pence was placed in command of the 442nd combat team at the time of its activation at Camp Shelby, Miss., on Feb. 1, 1943. He trained the volunteers and led them into combat in France and Italy.

He was wounded during the rescue of the "lost battalion" in the Vosges mountains of northwestern France on Oct. 30, 1944 and was evacuated to a field hospital. He was relieved of his command at that time.

Five of the seven presidential distinguished unit citations awarded to the 442nd were won under his command.

## Issei Regain Star Theater In Stockton

STOCKTON, Calif. — The Star theater, a motion picture house involved in litigation pertaining to the rights of resident aliens of Japanese ancestry, was returned to its pre-war Issei owners this week.

A suit instituted by the wartime lessee, Emil Palermo, had contended that the abrogation of the U.S. — Japanese commercial treaty in 1940 had taken away all rights of resident Japanese aliens to own or lease business property in California.

The California State Supreme Court upheld the property rights of the resident Japanese owners of the Star theater in its decision and control of the Star theater properties was turned over to Shigeaki Hayashino, president of the Japanese American amusement firm, and his associates on Aug. 11 when the decision became final.

The case became important to all resident Japanese because of the lower court decision of Judge M. G. Woodward of Stockton which upheld Palermo's contention. Judge Woodward's verdict, if it had been upheld in the higher state courts, would have placed in jeopardy all leases contracted by resident Japanese nationals in the state.

The Japanese American owners of the Star theater this week instituted a suit to recover \$130,000 from Palermo for losses and costs, charging unlawful dispossession from the theater property for 32 months.

### Masaoka Renamed Utah VFW Aide In Washington

Mike M. Masaoka, legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, was renamed Utah veterans legislative representative in Washington, D. C., this week by the Utah department, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Masaoka was appointed VFW representative last year by Glen Thompson, then state commander of VFW. His reappointment was made this week by Alan Pike, Ogden, present Utah department commander.

He is a member of Salt Lake City VFW Post No. 4355.

the convention's general meeting Tuesday, Sept. 7.

The Utah VFW, which led a successful movement in the state to repeal the Utah anti-alien land law, has also supported the JACL ADC naturalization and evacuation claims measures.

Dr. Don C. James, past commander of the Utah VFW, will officiate at the services, assisted by Les Broberg, chaplain. Glen Thompson, state quartermaster-adjutant and immediate past departmental commander, will give a eulogy to Nisei war dead.

Col. Charles W. Pence, wartime commander of the 442nd combat team, will climax the services with a special tribute to the Nisei GIs of World War II.

#### Election Results

New national officers of the JACL, elected for the first time in JACL history by membership balloting, will be announced during the opening ceremonies of the convention.

Hito Okada, incumbent, and Dr. Randolph Mas Sakada of Chicago, present second national vice president, were candidates for the office of national president.

Nominees for other offices were Noboru Honda, Henry Tani and Minoru Yasui, first national vice president; Frank Chuman, Cosma Sakamoto and Shigeki Ushio, second vice president; Peter Fujioka, Tom Hayashi and Joe Saito, third vice president; Mari Sabusawa, (Continued on page 2).



## Federal Court Ruling Opens Way to Restoration of U. S. Citizenship for Renunciants

Judge Goodman Says  
2,000 Names May Be  
Added to Petitioners'

SAN FRANCISCO—Five thousand evacuees who renounced their citizenship while at the Tule Lake segregation center in 1945 moved closer toward regaining their American nationality this week as Judge Louis E. Goodman ruled in United States district court that 2,000 additional names may be added to the list of those whose rights will be restored. Approximately 2,900 names already are on the list.

However, none of the renunciants will be eligible to cast their ballots in the November elections. Judge Goodman's ruling also specified that the government will be given an additional 120 days in which to present an appeal to the court action.

Previously, Judge Goodman had ruled that the renunciations carried out at the Tule Lake camp were not valid because of the conditions of duress which existed. Judge Goodman's decree, however, had not been entered officially, in order to permit the addition of names.

A telegram from Attorney General Clark's office in Washington protested the inclusion of the 2,000 on the list, saying it would create an "intolerable" expense to the government to have to conduct an investigation prior to restoring citizenship.

### Donation

LOS ANGELES—A donation of \$50 to the National JACL from Mrs. Mura Sakemi of Coachella Valley in memory of her late husband was reported this week by Sam Ishikawa, regional representative of JACL ADC.

Mrs. Sakemi also donated \$15 to the Coachella Valley chapter.

## Federal Jury Deliberates Case of Tomoya Kawakita

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do what he did, or did it by mistake, have no hesitancy in bringing in an acquittal. If you find he honestly believed he ceased to be an American citizen, you must acquit him."

But, Carter charged, what Kawakita actually did was try to play both ends against the middle, and should suffer the consequences.

"Under the 14th Amendment this defendant became a citizen the moment he was born here. He had a great birthright—this isn't the case of a 4-year old child taken back to Japan not knowing what was happening to him. Kawakita was educated in our public schools. Don't tell me he didn't know what his birthright was!" he charged.

"He was at all times trying to reserve the right to come back. The United States won the war so he came back as a citizen; if Japan had won he planned to come back as a big shot. He was trying to ride two horses all the way."

Kawakita convicted himself, the prosecutor asserted, by the affidavits of loyalty to the United States he made in order to return here in 1946 and by his own testimony on the witness stand that during 1944 and 1945 he felt his allegiance was to Japan.

"Is American citizenship an old coat that in February I wear and in March I take off?" Carter asked.

Carter admitted Kawakita had no choice but to work as an interpreter in the Oeyama POW camp and nickel works.

"He's not on trial for being an interpreter," he said. "If you really believe that all he did was to repeat what somebody else said, don't wait five minutes to acquit him. But if he was using his position as an interpreter to beat down American prisoners of war, already starving to death, to make them work harder to help the war effort of Japan, then have the courage to find him guilty of treason."

Dep. U.S. Attorney Cameron L. Lillie followed Carter with a re-

### Nisei Girl Named Queen of L.A. News Guild

LOS ANGELES — Mary Kitano, an employee of the Los Angeles Daily News, was voted on Aug. 24 as "Miss Los Angeles Newspaper Guild" by the CIO Representative Assembly.

The Nisei girl, who got her first newspaper training on the Manzanar relocation center paper, the Free Press, will represent the newspaper workers of Los Angeles in the county-wide Union Queen contest during the Freedom Fiesta, scheduled at the CIO building from Sept. 17 to 19.

The Compton, Calif., girl will ride the Newspaper Guild's float in the Labor Day parade.

### Chaplain Higuchi Reenters Service

HONOLULU — Chaplain (Maj.) Hiro Higuchi is back in active service with the army in its American graves registration service at Fort Shafter.

The Nisei chaplain, who served with the 442nd Combat Team, throughout the Italian and French campaigns, explained that he felt that "I must finish the duty which I started in 1943 when I joined the 442nd."

He saw many of his fellow Hawaiians, including 11 from his own church at Waipahu, fall before enemy bullets.

Now that these men who died in Europe are about to be returned to Hawaii for final burial, said Chaplain Higuchi, he feels that in order to be of greater service to them and his kin, it is his duty to aid in rendering honors.

capitulation of the 13 overt acts of brutality of which Kawakita is accused.

Lavine, in turn, appealed for a quick acquittal on the ground that the treason charges against Kawakita were "trumped up" and "stale."

"This was a built-up case," the defense counsel declared. "I tell you this is all a trumped-up charge, trumped up since (William L.) Bruce saw this defendant in a store here. It's a nice thing for the government to appease all these enlisted veterans, but it's a strange thing that not a single American officer at the camp has been called to testify against him."

"This is a stale charge — it might appeal to your passions and prejudices, but I'm confident it cannot appeal to your reason and justice."

Lavine asked why Kawakita was not arrested after V-J day, when American POWs took over the camp, if they thought there was a traitor in their midst.

Lavine went on to cite the statement of a U.S. consular official at Yokohama, on Kawakita's application to return here in 1946, that Army CIC records revealed no adverse reports on Kawakita.

"Even if the liberated prisoners did not seize him, let's see what the defendant did next," Lavine continued. "He went to the American consulate. Now consuls have power to arrest, but he was not held as a traitor. Next he went to the 8th Army to arrange transportation to the United States. Did they seize him?"

"And after he came back, did he go into hiding? Did he take some other name? No he went to a university (Southern California) loaded with GIs. He opened a bank account across the street from this Federal building where he rubbed shoulders with FBI men cashing their paychecks, and with Mr. Carter here."

No one had any thought that Kawakita committed treason, Lavine declared, until Bruce, one of the former prisoners, happened on to him in Sept., 1946 and notified the FBI.

## Idaho Falls JACL Urges Citizens to Vote



One of the outstanding floats in the V-J day parade in Idaho Falls on Aug. 14 was the entry of the local Japanese American Citizens League chapter.

The float won applause in the parade sponsored by the Bonneville Post of the American Legion. Designed by Fred Ochi, it was built on

a jeep owned by Ky Nii. It carries the message "Vote, It's Your Duty."

The float was constructed by Idaho Falls JACL members including Jack, Bob and Charlie Hirai, Ky Nii, Jun Ueda, Katsuki Yamashita, Tucker Morishita, Takashi and Hiroshi Hasegawa, Todd Honda and Steve Sato.

## Group Protests U. S. Policy on Issei Fishermen

LOS ANGELES — Regulations enforced by the Immigration Service against resident alien Japanese fishermen in California "constitute a nullification of the recent decision of the U. S. Supreme Court in the Takahashi case," the Southern California American Civil Liberties Union declared on Aug. 18 in a letter to Commissioner of Immigration Lalter B. Miller.

The ACLU group said that the Immigration Service's action in requiring a departure permit, a passport and a reentry permit or border crossing permit of Japanese alien fishermen was "clearly a matter of racial discrimination."

The forced granting of fishing licenses as a result of the Supreme Court decision voiding the California Fish and Game Code which bars fishermen "ineligible to citizenship" becomes of "little or no value if those to whom licenses are granted must repeatedly wait for departure permits and passports," A. A. Heist, director of the Southern California ACLU, declared.

### Issei to Hold Special Meeting

All Issei interested in the problems of the Japanese in America are invited to attend the 10th biennial national JACL convention in Salt Lake City, according to Roy Takeno, Denver JACL representative.

A special meeting for Issei and members of the Kika Kisei Domei will be held on Sept. 9th with members of the JACL ADC planning committee.

Discussion will center on the naturalization bill and the evacuation claims law.

The meeting will be the first national gathering of Issei since the war.

### Reno JACL Gives To Disaster Fund

RENO, Nev.—The Reno JACL last week contributed \$25 to the fund for victims of the Lake Street disaster in which five persons were killed and many others injured.

A letter accompanied the check and was printed in the Reno Evening Gazette and Nevada State Journal. The letter said in part:

"As you may know, the JACL is a national service organization composed of persons of Japanese ancestry. The Reno chapter wishes to do its bit in contributing to this worthy cause."

## National Convention of JACL Will Open in Salt Lake City

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secretary to the national board; and William Enomoto, treasurer.

Both Miss Sabusawa and Enomoto were unopposed.

The elected officers will serve until the 1950 biennial convention.

### Recognition

A special presentation of jewel-studded JACL pins will be presented during the convention banquet Sept. 8 to members of the JACL and to six Issei who have rendered outstanding service to the organization.

Diamond-studded pins will be presented to Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, James Y. Sakamoto, Lt. Col. Walter T. Tsukamoto, Saburo Kido and Hito Okada, past national vice presidents. Presentation will be made by the national JACL queen. Citations will be read by Dr. Randolph Sakada of Chicago.

For outstanding wartime services to the JACL, Mike Masaoka, Teiko Ishida Kuroiwa, Larry Tajiri, Marion Tajiri, George Inagaki, Joe Grant Masaoka, Scotty Tsuchiya, Peter Aoki, Saburo Kido, Hito Okada and Dr. Yatabe will be presented with ruby-studded pins. Miss Watson will present the pins. Bill Yamauchi, third national vice president, will read the citations.

The following Issei will receive pins from Mr. Ennis: K. Ikeda, T. Kako, Z. Kanegaye, K. Koda, Mrs. S. Sakamoto and K. Togasaki. George Inagaki, national first vice president, will read their citations.

### Special Events

The five-day convention will feature a wide variety of special attractions, including tournaments for golfers, bowlers and bridge fans.

Feature contests will include the national JACL oratorical contest Monday, Sept. 6, in the junior ballroom of the Hotel Utah.

Entrants reported to date are Robert Mukai of Ogden, Min Mochizuki of San Francisco, Polly Minamoto of Portland and Joe Tanaka of St. Louis.

Contestants will compete for the Pvt. Ben Masaoka scholarship, presented by Mrs. Haruye Masaoka in honor of her son, who was killed during World War II while a member of the 442nd combat team.

Judges will be Dr. Laverne C. Bane and Professor George A. Adamson, speech instructors at the University of Utah; Judge Nephi Jensen, attorney and former city judge; Tom Hayashi chairman of the JACL Eastern district council;

and Mari Sabusawa, president of the Chicago JACL.

### Program

The convention will officially open Saturday, Sept. 4, with registration at the Hotel Utah, convention headquarters, though pre-convention meetings have been scheduled from Sept. 2 for national staff members and national boards.

A national council meeting, presided over by President Okada, will go into session immediately upon opening of the convention Saturday morning.

At 2 p.m. the bowling tournament will begin at the Temples alleys with Bill Honda in charge.

A tea and reception honoring JACL queen contestants will be held at 3 p.m. with Mrs. B. W. Musser as hostess.

Opening ceremonies for the convention will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the University of Utah campus. Saburo Kido, past national president, will give the main address. Newly elected national officers will be presented at this time.

The ceremonies will be followed by a convention "mixer," at which time the winner of the national queen contest will be crowned by George Mochizuki.

Special features for Sunday, Sept. 5, will be a convention outing at Brighton, Utah, famed resort. An informal supper and social will be held in the evening at the Old Mill Club in Cottonwood.

Booster delegates will be invited to attend a special JACL clinic Monday morning at the Hotel Utah with Joe Grant Masaoka in charge. Tats Kuchida and Sam Ishikawa, regional directors, will also be in attendance to assist delegates in solving local problems. National councilmen will go into session at 8:30 a.m. on Monday. Sessions will be held throughout the day and evening with Dr. Sakada in charge.

The bowling tournament will be continued Monday from 1 to 8 p.m. and go on again at 8 p.m. The national bridge tournament, directed by Charles Teshima, will be held beginning at 8 p.m. at the Hotel Utah.

Tuesday will feature a golf tournament at the Bonneville course in Salt Lake City, a convention luncheon at the Hotel Utah, an open meeting for national council and booster delegates at 2 p.m. and the convention's general meeting in the evening.

The convention farewell ball will be held Wednesday evening at the beautiful Coconut Grove ballroom.



## Missing Nisei Girl Found Dead in Camp

NAMPA, Idaho—Masako Naito, daughter of Nampa who was reported missing by relatives last week ended her life by hanging on Aug. 16 at the Twin Falls labor camp.

Her body was found at 4 a. m. by her mother, Mrs. Kimiko Naito. Naito had used a silk scarf and a dress belt tied to a rafter. Final services were held on Aug. 17 at the Robinson-Alsop chapel in Nampa. The Rev. Shibata of the Nampa, Ore., Buddhist church officiated at the services.

Miss Naito and her mother were reported missing from Nampa last week. They were last seen boarding a bus for Boise two weeks prior to her death.

Miss Naito, who was born in Nampa, Calif., but had lived most of her life in Japan, returned to the United States only six months ago. She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hyakuichi Naito of Nampa, and three brothers.

## JACL President Named to Education Board

LOS ANGELES—Dr. Tom Watson, president of the Los Angeles JACL, has been named to the board of directors of the Pacific Coast Council on Intercultural Education.

The council was organized to lessen prejudice and social tension on the Pacific coast. It works to promote racial understanding by means of democratic education, individual consultation, community services, teacher education, experimentation and research and publication and distribution of materials.

The council works closely with the schools, PTA and community groups.

## New York JACL Will Select Chapter King

NEW YORK CITY—The New York JACL will turn the tables Sept. 25 at its annual "Autumn Ball" by selecting a "Mr. JACL," in contrast to the numerous JACL queen contests now being held.

The September ball will be held at the Florentine Room of Hotel Park Central.

The successful king candidate will lead a grand march with Shina Hosai, the chapter's representative in the national JACL queen contest.

The dance will be preceded by small informal parties at the homes of JACL members.

Tickets are selling for \$3 single admission, \$4.50 per couple. They may be secured from dance committee members or at the door. The committee is comprised of Irving Akahoshi, general arrangements, Yuki Takami, in charge of guests and hostesses, Suye Takami, prizes, and Mitsu Kuwahara, Ken Asada, Amy Mio, Alice Takami, Amy Miyagawa, Emily Kuwada, Tom Hayashi, Chiz Ikeda, Nellie Irai and Ken Hayashi.

## Racketeers Dupe Aged Hawaii Japanese With Victory Tales

HONOLULU—Some 3,000 elderly Japanese in rural areas in the Territory of Hawaii were hornswoggled into believing Japan won the war long after the actual V-J day and paid \$10 for memberships in an "Absolute Victory Club," it was reported here on Aug. 21.

The Japanese, mostly workers on isolated farms, were duped by racketeer nationalists who deliberately circulated false information regarding the outcome of the war.

Donald Billam-Walker, manager of the Honolulu Better Business Bureau, said that as late as last March the members were told to look to the skies for a demonstration of Japan's armed might.

Several Japanese American groups in Hawaii have made extensive efforts to counteract the false information circulated by the racketeers. Recently a play in Japanese about defeated Japan, titled "Omoide," has been presented before Japanese-speaking groups.

## Story of Radiopress, Inc.: Civilian Nisei in Japan Aid Democratic Processes; Monitor Foreign Shortwave Broadcasts

By HIDEO KUWAHARA

Reedley, Calif.

Time and again we read or hear of Nisei interpreters and translators in Japan playing no mean part in facilitating the occupation of that country. Let me call your attention, however, to a group of Nisei who, though much less publicized, are working just as hard for a good cause.

Radiopress, Inc. is the name of the organization in Tokyo to which the group belongs. It is a small outfit composed of some two dozen Nisei founders and charter members and of as many Japanese employees. The Nisei are divided into directors, including a president, who are elected annually by the members themselves, into editors, monitors and technicians, while the Japanese employees are grouped into translators, typists, printers and delivery boys.

As the name, Radiopress, will suggest, the nature of work of this unique setup, formed immediately after the war, is to monitor the world's shortwave voicecasts in English, transcribe these and service them to the various military government departments, to the Japanese ministries, and to the nation's leading newspapers, magazines and other educational and business institutions.

RP covers the world every hour on the hour on a round-the-clock basis. It is necessary for the monitors to work in several shifts to do this.

To increase the efficiency of its service, RP has a branch office in Osaka where part of the staff is stationed. Monitoring is done separately in Osaka during the daytime. The midnight news is relayed from the Tokyo office to Osaka before sunrise each morning by teletype. Exclusive teletype service is also given to the major newspapers of both Tokyo and Osaka.

A list of the stations covered by this Nisei establishment, located in the midst of the administration and newspaper center of Tokyo, will show that there will be no danger of the Japanese public falling prey to one-sided propaganda of any one country. RP takes the bulk of its radio news from the United Network broadcasts from San Francisco and from the BBC (British Broadcasting Corporation) of London; and the ABC (Australian Broadcasting Corporation) of Melbourne, Sydney and Perth. The BBC has several beams directed to different parts of the world, the North American service, European service, African

## Hawaii Educator Wins Scholarship

HONOLULU—Shigeo Yoshida, principal of Waikiki school, has been granted a scholarship to do graduate work in the field of audio-visual education at Columbia University Teachers College beginning in September.

He will attend the JACL national conference in Salt Lake City, en route to New York.

service, and the Far Eastern service, the last of which is carried by a powerful station in Singapore.

Besides these, RP news is supplied by the stations in Delhi; Brazzaville, the French national broadcasting station in French West Africa; Saigon, the Far Eastern service of the French network in Indo-China; Leopoldville, the Belgian national broadcasting station in the Belgian Congo; Africa; Ankara, the Turkish national broadcasting station; by the CBS (Canadian Broadcasting System) of Montreal; Chungking, Nanking and Shanghai, carrying different phases of Chinese and world news; Berne, the Swiss national broadcasting station; Kandy (Ceylon); Moscow; Prague, and a few others which are available only off and on.

Radiopress issues two news editions daily, one in the morning and another in the afternoon; a daily commentary edition; a daily economic bulletin in Japanese; and a bi-weekly feature magazine. The commentary edition includes such comments and predictions as is made, for instance, in the "Commentators' Digest" program, by Raymond Gram Swing, Martin Agronsky, Harry Wickersham, Elmer Davis, and a host of other prominent political observers. Wickam Steed also is picked up each Friday night over BBC. Also, important speeches by the world's leaders are transcribed and distributed word for word.

The economic bulletin comprises in the main the New York stock market report and the market reports and comments of Singapore and the Australian stations. Items of economic interest in the regular news broadcasts are also included in it. This bulletin is the only work which is rendered into Japanese by the translation staff maintained at RP. The rest are delivered to the clients in the raw, in English, so as to do away with untutilized translations.

As for the feature magazine, this is composed of lengthy ideological discussions such as are aired in the weekly Townhall Forum (Town Meeting of the Air), of educational and literary topics as carried in the half-hour Invitation to Learning programs, as well as information on the latest scientific and medical developments, and human interest stories in general. The meager proceeds obtained from the issuance of this magazine are set aside as a fund for the welfare of the RP personnel.

RP is essentially a non-profit organization. Consequently, much of its large-scale work, done with the minimum of manpower, is made possible by the wholehearted support and encouragement of the occupation authorities and particularly by the Civil Information and Education Section of SCAP. It is needless to say that a great deal of personal sacrifice is involved. One can imagine how grinding the work is on the monitors, especially, if Russia is deliberately jamming the American broadcasts to the Far East as State Department officials report. The RP Nisei works from twelve to fifteen hours daily including Sundays, and this, on a salary hardly enough for the barest subsistence. Moreover, the daily rides on the jam-packed street-cars and buses to and from work are more than beastly.

Many of the RP boys are graduates of American colleges and universities, who went to Japan before the outbreak of World War II, in search of fair vocational opportunities. They are today married to Japanese wives and have children. Some day, perhaps, they might be able to see their parents, brothers, sisters and friends again, living on this side of the Pacific. But for the moment, the fellows are too engrossed in their mission of helping democratize the Japanese to be swayed by personal sentimentalities. Their work, they know, is international in significance and scope. It is their consciousness of this fact and the comfort they derive from it which prevent them from falling to the lower levels of life's pursuits. I should know because I myself, though a fugitive one, am one of the founders of Radiopress, Inc.

## Mrs. Iva d'Aquino Arrested In Tokyo by Army for Trial On Radio Broadcast Charges

TOKYO—Mrs. Iva Ikuko Toguri d'Aquino, 32, was arrested on Aug. 26 by U. S. Army officers on a charge of treasonable activity, involving alleged propaganda broadcasts over Radio Tokyo during World War II.

Picked up by representatives of the Far East command's provost marshal's office, she was lodged in Sugamo prison camp, where she had been imprisoned during 1946, to await transportation to the United States where she will be tried on the charges.

U. S. Attorney General Tom C. Clark ordered her arrest and trial in San Francisco "at the earliest date possible." She is scheduled to sail on the Army Transport Gen. Frank and will arrive in San Francisco about Sept. 28.

Mrs. d'Aquino, a former resident of California, is accused of being one of six women whose broadcasts over Radio Tokyo were identified by American GIs as those by "Tokyo Rose."

She declared at the time of her

arrest that she welcomed the chances to "clear" her status.

She had applied for an American passport to return to the United States in 1947 but had been refused permission because of her wartime affiliation with Radio Tokyo.

Both Japanese nationals and Americans will be called to testify at her trial.

The Justice Department is planning to call 15 Japanese witnesses to San Francisco.

## Navy Citation to Tokyo Rose Strictly Joke, Says Sullivan

SACRAMENTO—Paul Sullivan, news editor of a Sacramento radio station, said flatly last week a wartime broadcast granting a mock citation from the United States Navy to "Tokyo Rose," Japanese propaganda broadcaster on Radio Tokyo, was strictly a joke.

A news story from Washington had quoted unnamed legal experts as believing the broadcast might become a major defense point in the prospective treason trial of Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino, accused of being Radio Tokyo's "Tokyo Rose."

The navy's citation broadcast was recorded in August, 1945 and copies of the master record were sent to stations of the Armed Forces Radio System all over the Pacific.

The report quoted Captain Timothy J. O'Brien, director of navy welfare at the time and now stationed at Astoria, Ore., as saying Sullivan was the announcer on the broadcast.

But Sullivan said that although he was a member of the Washington, D.C. radio unit which made the record, and was present at the original broadcast, the announcing was done by two men, O'Brien and Motor Machinist Mate George Wendelken.

He said the confusion may have arisen from the fact that later he took over the Navy Reporter program from Wendelken when the latter received his discharge.

The citation, couched in official language, said "Tokyo Rose" was being cited for meritorious achievement because ever solicitous of the morale of United States, she entertained them with "excellent stateside music, laughter and news about home."

"We looked upon the broadcast as a joke, and also pretty good propaganda to counteract any effect she might be having on the morale of our troops," Sullivan said.

Regarding the report that Mrs. d'Aquino might claim the citation was official, Sullivan said:

"The whole matter stood as a radio script and nothing else. So far as I know it was never signed by an officer."

## Utah Sergeant Only Nisei in Service With U. S. in Greece

KOZANE, Greece—Sgt. Harold Yamamoto, 23, of Brigham City, Utah, is the only Nisei GI among the American forces now stationed on the Grammos front in Greece.

Yamamoto is one of hundreds of American enlisted men and officers now assigned to this area in the Greek civil war.

He has found the Macedonian villagers in their black knickers and voluminous skirts of considerable interest, while the people of Kozane say that Yamamoto is the first "Japanese" they have ever seen.

Born in O'Brien, Wash., Yamamoto has spent most of his life in Brigham City, Utah.

"I like Athens, but I miss football and baseball," Yamamoto said recently. To compensate, he spends most of his free time reading western stories.

## Nisei Ex-OSS Man Goes to Japan on Business Trip

SAN FRANCISCO — Frank Iwase, 25, associated with a large textile exporting company in San Francisco, left this week for Tokyo via Northwest Airlines, it was revealed by the Kusano Travel Bureau.

Iwase will confer with executives of Japanese textile mills and factories. Included in his three months trip will be such fabric manufacturing centers as Fukui, Kiryu, Kyoto, Osaka and Tokyo.

During the war Iwase was one of the few Nisei who served with the Office of Strategic Services (OSS.)

## Assailant Arrested

OAKLAND, Calif. — Raymond Lucien, 21, was arrested last week following a knife attack on Ryuzo Hashimoto, operator of a grocery at 821 Franklin st.

Hashimoto was slashed on the arms, head and shoulders.

## Report Potential Deportees May Ask Permanent Status

SAN FRANCISCO—A new government procedure whereby Japanese nationals who entered the United States illegally or lost their status as treaty merchants, students or visitors may become legal residents of this country has been instituted by the U. S. Immigration Service, the Nichi-Bei Times reported this week.

Although San Francisco officials of the Immigration Service has declared that no instructions have been received from the service's headquarters in Philadelphia, the Nichi-Bei Times reported that a new policy has been adopted on deportees of Japanese ancestry in the past month since the passage of the deportation suspension act, Public Law 863.

Previously it was stated that individuals who were deportable could not take advantage of the new public law until deportation proceedings had actually been started.

Information reaching Wayne M. Collins, San Francisco attorney, indicates that a deportable person may now apply for suspension of deportation.

Two Immigration Service forms, one titled "Submission to deportation process and application for suspension of deportation," must be filed by each applicant. The San Francisco Immigration Service office has indicated that they will accept these applications.

Affirmative action must be taken by Congress in each case, in line with the provisions of Public Law 863.



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## EDITORIALS:

### The Nisei Have Come Back

The most momentous era in the life of Japanese Americans ebbs now to a close.

The six hysteria-filled, drama-packed years since 1942 have become a part of old newspaper headlines, relegated to the morgue. The tempo of the Nisei's life has tempered to near-normal, and the resumption of the old life on the coast and the growing-into of new lives in new places has become a process almost complete.

This week, as Japanese Americans from coast to coast begin to leave for Salt Lake City, site of the 10th biennial national JACL convention, they come as Americans of full stature and from normal circumstances. The vestments of the relocation camp have fallen away, and with them the dim fears that clothed the mind.

The Nisei today, having fought and won his major battles for acceptance, brings a new breadth of mind and spirit to the JACL convention. His life has been, conditioned by prejudice and confinement. It has also been conditioned by the soul-lifting achievements of Nisei fightingmen, by the warmth of so many Americans who continued through all the war years to express their confidence in the Nisei.

Since the war the courts have expressed in solid decisions their antipathy to discriminatory tactics against the Nisei. The Takahashi case has been fought and won. The Oyama case was a clear-cut decision on the right of Japanese Americans to own and operate farm land in the state of California. The evacuation claims case, awarding the Issei and Nisei rightful compensation for evacuation losses, was at the same time a testimonial to the Japanese Americans, who bore in good faith and with extreme patience the dictates of the military in wartime.

The Nisei have lived through an era unparalleled in their existence, perhaps unparalleled in this country's history. Within a span of six years they moved from confinement in war camps to a gloried place in America's history of fighting men.

The role of the JACL in the magnificent recovery made by the Nisei cannot be overestimated. The JACL did not by itself accomplish any of these things. But it, by providing an organization through which Nisei and other Americans might work, facilitated and speeded the remarkable return of the Nisei.

### Another Wartime Myth Blasted

One of the fictions circulated about America's residents of Japanese ancestry in the months following the attack on Pearl Harbor was that not one Nisei or Issei ever had given information to an intelligence agency. This myth was reiterated time and again as the demand grew loud for evacuation early in 1942. It was repeated by public officials and perpetuated even by Col. Carl Bendetsen of the Wartime Civil Control Administration, the army agency set up to carry out the mass evacuation order, in an address to the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco on May 20, 1942.

Declared Col. Bendetsen: "In not one single instance has any Japanese reported disloyalty on the part of another specific individual of the same race."

The true story is a contradiction of the propaganda of the racists and of the advocates of mass evacuation. Some of that story is told for the first time by Bradford Smith in his authoritative, well-documented story of the Nisei and Issei, "Americans from Japan," which was published this week by Lippincott. Mr. Smith declares that intelligence officers most closely in touch with the Japanese communities opposed general evacuation, "not for humanitarian reasons but because they had known for years what was going on and because they had reliable Nisei and Issei informers who kept them advised on the arrival of Japanese spies." Evacuation would "destroy their carefully built system of counter-espionage."

In the years and months before Pearl Harbor, Mr. Smith reports, Nisei and Issei assisted U. S. officials in keeping a close check on the activities of Japanese agents entering this country from Japan. He cites a gambling figure named Yamatoda and writes that "through this man and many others our agents were kept informed regarding all arrivals from Japan and all the ins and outs of the shady side of the street in Nihonmachi."

"Time after time," says Bradford Smith, "these men exposed Japanese spies to our officers, even at the risk of their own business, their own lives."

"Nisei waterfront workers who had nothing to do with the gambling ring also tipped off our agents," he adds. "Japanese spies were stopped as they got off the boat, their papers photographed in one room while they were being questioned in another. Although the State Department opposed such alertness on the ground that it would damage our relations with Japan, it was continued."

## Bill Hosokawa:

## FROM THE FRYING PAN

### Two Decades of the JACL

Salt Lake City.

The lights are burning late in the JACL offices these days as the final details of the tenth national convention are whipped into shape. It's been a long grind, and now it's a matter of days until the delegates begin to congregate for an event that promises to be gay, solemn, significant and never uninteresting.

A lot of water has gone over the dam, as the novelists say, since a small group of Nisei furrowed their brows over the problems of their people and the infant JACL in the first national convention exactly 20 years ago. That was in Seattle, and there the Nisei of the coastal states first gave voice to their growing social, civic and political consciousness.

Some of those who attended that first convention will be here next week, many of them with paunches and bald spots and gray thatches to mark the passage of the years. There was a strong girl-meets-boy undercurrent at the Seattle sessions for few Nisei had entered into matrimony in those times. Now some of those first JACLers will be back with offspring almost old enough to vote. It gives one a sense of history to look back over those two decades.

### Recognition for Staffers

One of the highlights of the convention will be an awards banquet at which JACL staffers and past presidents will be honored.

It's an event that long has been overdue, and no banquet nor eloquent testimonial ever can repay them for their selfless devotion to what they saw as duty. This is especially true of the organ-

ization's staff which worked during most of the war years at starvation wages. They were underpaid simply because the JACL couldn't afford to pay more, and they stuck—at a time when good-paying jobs were to be had anywhere for the asking—because they realized there was work to be done and somebody had to do it.

It has been this loyalty that has enabled the JACL to continue with its work. Public recognition is little enough reward. We wish it were possible to do more.

### Salt Lake Gets Ready

You'll enjoy coming to Salt Lake City for the convention. In between the serious sessions for official delegates, there will be a handsome program for booster delegates. The agenda reads like a vacation, and the hosts are ready to outdo themselves in providing hospitality.

A large number of hotel rooms and motor courts have been reserved for those attending the convention. Getting these accommodations was no mean feat in itself in this burgeoning tourist center.

Shigeki Ushio, convention chairman, has taken off six weeks (he farms for a living) to work on convention plans. That's just an indication of how seriously the host chapters are taking their work.

Aside from the convention attraction, including the much-publicized queen contest, you'll enjoy exploring this headquarters of the Mormon faith. It's a city with a fascinating past, and it'll be well worth your while to stick around for a good long look after the formalities are over. You won't have much time for extra-curricular sight-seeing if you stick to the convention's well-filled schedule.

## Nisei USA

### The Stuff of Legends

There is little of the stuff of legend in the workaday lives of the Nisei and Issei in America.

The racial historian, assembling material for a book on Americans of Japanese parentage, will come up with only a few individuals whose lives were outside the norm.

There was Ju Wada, the Alaskan sourdough who mused the mail to snowbound communities in the Klondike and who is reputed to have started his own gold strikes by planting nuggets in the ground. Wada is dead, he died broke in a San Diego hospital, and his story died with him but once in a while he may live for a moment in a story told around a campfire in the northern latitudes.

There are the inevitable stories about George Shima, "the Potato King." He made a fortune in tubers and lost it. But the untold story is one of high finance and how the Potato King's credit was deliberately overextended so that his properties could be seized by greedy land monopolists.

There is the story of one of the first big Japanese farm operators in California who imported hundreds of Japanese immigrants as bonded contract labor for his huge agricultural operations. These immigrant workers arrived at the dock in San Francisco (this was in the early 1900s) and were transported immediately to the farm in the interior. The farm operator had been faced with the problem of keeping his bonded workers on the farm where conditions were not ideal. He gave them American clothes to wear but these were discarded of a style long past. When the workers would go into town in these ancient clothes, the people would smile and laugh at them. The workers, conscious that they were objects of ridicule, remained on the farm.

Another Issei who had come to California in the late 1890s opened one of the first of the Oriental art shops which now are so much a part of the cosmopolitan atmosphere of San Francisco. He prospered in his business and married a girl of European ancestry, the winner of a beauty contest. This pioneer, who had made his place in the life of the city, was pained by the arrivals of latter-day immigrants from Japan whom he considered to be coolies. He would go down to the docks in his coach-and-four and would shout to the arriving immigrants to go back to Japan. He made several fortunes and spent and lost them and one day lost his beautiful wife. Several years later he married again, this time to a Japanese woman. He lived out what was a useful life. At his funeral two middle-aged women met for the

first time. Both had something in common. Both had been married to the deceased.

During the early 1930s there was a "good-time Charley" along Broadway, a Japanese merchant who spent freely, around the gambling tables and in the gin mills. His gambling losses reportedly ran into six figures. One evening he boarded a cruise ship at a New York dock. Somewhere in the dark Atlantic night he died. Whether he jumped, fell or was pushed was never established. Like Judge Crater he stepped off the face of the earth. Seven years later his widow was paid his claim by the insurance company and the case remains among the unsolved mysteries.

There is a story in the "forgotten man" of the Utah state penitentiary. Back in 1925 he had killed another Japanese in a fight in Helper, Utah. He was arrested and justice moved swiftly. His case was heard and he was convicted and sentenced to die by the firing squad on a morning in 1926. Shortly before the execution he was sent to the state mental hospital for an examination. He was ordered confined there for some months for observation. He had been such an insignificant man that the authorities soon forgot about him. When he was returned to the state prison from the hospital, he was given a job taking care of the garden. Then one day a reporter was checking the records of Utah's executions for a routine feature. He checked the list of the men who had been condemned to die and the list of those who had been executed. There was one more condemned than executed. He rechecked and found it was a Japanese miner who had been embroiled in a fight in Carbon County nearly 17 years before. Prison authorities were notified and they reported that the prisoner had not escaped. He had been taking care of the prison's shrubs and flowers for 15 years past the date set for his execution. The case went before the Utah parole board and the recommendation was that the prisoner had been punished enough. His sentence was commuted to time served and he was given a new suit and \$5 and told to go on his way. He left the prison an old man of more than 70 years, stepping into a bright and bewildering world.

One day, many years ago, we went into San Quentin's condemned row to talk to a poet whom society considered a murderer. He was a man in his early 40s who had fallen in love with a married woman. He and the woman had run away, taking her child along

### Hawaiian Girl Will Enter Buddhist Queen Competition

SAN FRANCISCO — Kay Kazuko Oshikata, 21, of Hilo, the entry of Hawaii's Bussei in the Buddhist Golden Jubilee queen contest in San Francisco, arrived by plane on Aug. 25 with a present of 1,000 orchids for the jubilee celebration.

Miss Oshikata won the Hawaiian Miss Bussei title at the recent Hawaii YBA federation convention in Hilo.

with them. They went to another community to live but a feeling of guilt persisted. They finally decided on suicide. They closed the doors of the kitchen of the little house and stuffed paper in all the cracks. They turned on the gas and then lay down on the floor, the child beside them unknowing. Long minutes passed and the room was strong with gas. The steady hissing of the gas jets was loud in the room. The woman could stand it no longer. She wanted to save her daughter who lay quiet beside her. She shook the girl but the girl did not answer. Terrified by the look of death, the man and woman broke into the open air. They tried to revive the child but failed. They dug a hole in the yard by the chicken coop for the body.

Some days later the woman's husband found the couple. When he inquired for the child, he received vague answers. He called the sheriff and the sheriff's deputies found the freshly-turned earth in the back yard.

The case went to trial and the man and woman could not afford an attorney. A public defender was assigned the case. The verdict was murder, in the first degree. The woman was given life imprisonment and the man was sentenced to the gallows. We saw him a short time before he was to hang. He was no murderer, he repeated, and the shame lay heavily within him.

The warden said later that he went bravely to his death. It was quick and efficient for the hangman had had much practice. This, of course, was some years before gas became the prescribed executioner in California.

Three days after the execution we received a letter in Los Angeles. It was postmarked from the prison. Two thin sheets of paper fell out. One was a note which thanked us for our visit. It had been just the professional call of a newspaperman but we had been his only visitor during the long weeks in condemned row. The other sheet contained a poem in Japanese. We had it translated. There wasn't much to it. It was just something about the bleakness of the winter to come and of dead leaves blowing in the November wind. It said that he would never see November again.

Some time later we were talking to an attorney about the case. "Any smart lawyer could have gotten them off," he said. "But there was no money in the case."



# FISHING IS THEIR BUSINESS

## Monterey's Evacuee Fishermen Have Come Home to the Pacific Sea

By MARION TAJIRI

MONTEREY, Calif. SHORTLY before evacuation restrictions were lifted on the west coast, an advertisement appeared for two days in a Salinas newspaper.

Signed by professed "friends of the Japanese," it cautioned against return of Japanese Americans to that area. Protesting that they spoke in the interests of friendship and wisdom, these persons suggested that the time and atmosphere were not propitious for the return of the Nisei and Issei who had, for three years, been barred by law from their homes in California and other coastal states.

Whatever reaction this advertisement had upon persons of Japanese ancestry is not known.

But its effect upon citizens of Monterey, California, a fishing community only twenty miles from Salinas, was both spontaneous and gratifying. Within the next few days a full-page ad appeared in the Monterey Herald. It was signed by 500 persons, each of whom had contributed to pay for the ad.

It was an open letter to persons of Japanese ancestry. It welcomed them home to Monterey. It invited them to return to the place from which they had been removed by army and extended the friendliness of the town and its citizens.

Monterey's Japanese Americans have returned home, along with a few other Nisei and Issei who find the general atmosphere of the town more friendly and cooperative than that in their former hometowns. Most of the Nisei and Issei have come back to conditions as good or better than before the war. Close to 1,000 persons of Japanese ancestry now call Monterey their home.

The town of Monterey, situated some 120 miles south of San Francisco, is one of the most beautiful in the state. It is a town of clustered buildings and narrow streets that wind away from the bay. It is surrounded by sand dunes, its gentle hills covered by the trees characteristic of the region—eucalyptus, oak and cypress. Hundreds of fishing craft dot the bay, bobbing in the water made green by oil or slapping against the wharves where they are tied.

The influence of the Spanish explorers is evident everywhere in this seaport town, which was a major stop on the Spanish mission trail and once the center of early California history. Aged adobe buildings, built with the straw and mud and the hands of another century, still withstand the elements. The town is ruled by two passions—the memories of the old Spaniards and fishing.

Fishing is the lifeline of Monterey. In some way the industry touches the life of everyone in the town.

The same is true of Monterey's residents of Japanese ancestry. The majority of them are connected, in one way or another, with the ships that go out to sea and return with holds spilling over with fish. Monterey's Nisei and Issei depend upon fishing. They go out in fishing craft for sardines, tuna and other fish, often sailing down to Mexico or San Pedro. They work on Cannery Row, made famous by John Steinbeck, where close to twenty large canneries and fish reduction plants line the narrow street. They sell bait, pack fish for export and in one plant they dehydrate fish for sale to the far east.

Fishing is their business, and some of the Nisei who have returned have done exceptionally well. There is a fishing boat today making its fifth trip to Mexico with its Nisei crew. On its smokestack it carries the insignia of the proud 442nd combat team in honor of its many crew members who were members of that outfit.

The boat, the Nancy Rose, a 78-foot craft, is owned by George Fukuzaki.

The Western Explorer, a 93-footer owned by Frank Manaka, made four trips to Mexico during the past season, from May to August. Its twelve-man crew, it is said, netted \$5,000 each for the season.

Gichi Kageyama skippers the Twin Brothers, an eighty-four foot purse seiner and since the beginning of this sardine season is leading all other boats in Monterey for tonnage of sardines caught. And there is Consolidated Factors, a company unique in the country. It is the only outfit in the entire U.S. to dehydrate fish.

It is the joint enterprise of three Nisei, Kay Nobusada, Ken Sato and Rinzi Manaka, who developed the method of dehydration, put up their own plant and now export their produce to such faroff places as Shanghai, Singapore, Hawaii and the Philippines.

Nobusada, a graduate of the University of California in chemistry, first adapted his training to food products when he opened a plant in Denver. Called Dehydro Products, the plant turned out dehydrated vegetables. When Nobusada moved to Monterey, he began working on the dehydration of fish.

The plant can handle up to ten tons of products a day, depending on the type of fish being dried. The fish, laid out in trays, is dried in huge tunnels, which are a type of oven. Some products need only eight hours of processing, while others require several days in the regulated ovens. Sole, squid, smelt, mackerel, sardines and kingfish are among the products handled at the plant.

Consolidated Factors recently pioneered in another way when the company imported the first frozen albacore from Japan, a 150-ton shipment, which was followed by an additional 25 tons. The shipment was the second largest released by SCAP, it is said.

Albacore, which produces the finest white tuna, is favored because of the high percentage of edible meat and its small percentage of rejects. This albacore was the first received in Monterey for

canning. Some of it is now being processed at the huge Hoven Food Products plant on Cannery Row. The plant, incidentally, employs approximately 20 Issei women, who are conceded to be exceptionally skilled workers.

News like the shipment of albacore may not make front pages elsewhere, but in Monterey, a fishing and canning community, it's top news.

Nobusada and Sato, who are president and treasurer respectively of the Monterey JACL, are also sparkplugs in the local community. They are both members of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Nobusada is also president of the Monterey Council for Civic Unity.

Their exceptionally good work in public relations explains in part why the Junior Chamber of Commerce, the city council and the Monterey canneries were among the local organizations supporting passage of the equality in naturalization bill, which would give Issei the right to become citizens of the United States.

Thus the Nisei are regaining their place in Monterey and proving themselves in their work and in the community.

But for one group of Japanese fishermen, there was, until recently, no fishing through all the years of the war and in the three years that followed V-J day. For until the Torao Takahashi case reached the U.S. Supreme court, where it received a favorable decision, Issei fishermen were barred by law from fishing in California.

When Nisei fishing crews returned to the waters upon the reopening of the coast to Japanese Americans, they sorely missed their Issei crewmates. For oldtimers will tell you that the Issei, with a skill born of twenty and thirty years upon the seas, have an uncanny knack for fishing.

Issei can tell by the way the water looks, they saw, whether or not there are fish in nearby waters. The Issei, they also will tell you, can size up the catch in a boat's net, and know whether or not some of the catch should be released. When a catch is too heavy, there is danger of breakage in the nets, with a consequent loss of an entire catch. There is the additional need for caution in that each fishing net is worth about \$16,000.

In the days before the war, Issei-Nisei crews manned many of the boats which sailed out of Monterey. They were good working teams. But during the war the California fish and game code was amended to prohibit Issei, and the Nisei have gone out without their Issei mates.

Whatever the reason for their special skill, the Issei have always been good experienced fishermen, and their talent, born of a lifetime spent on the seas, was invaluable to the Nisei.

The California legislature amended the fish and game code while the Nisei and Issei were in relocation centers. The amendment prohibited the granting of licenses to aliens "ineligible to citizenship."

The amendment had originally read, "Japanese aliens," but wary legislators, realizing that it would be open to the charge of unconstitutionality because of obvious race discrimination, hastily changed the wording to "aliens ineligible to citizenship," a phrase which in California has always had the same practical effect as "Japanese aliens."

California's Japanese fishermen have always been an unfortunately vulnerable lot. Many of the tall spy scare stories of the war related to Japanese crew members who sailed out of Monterey to give information to Japanese ships on the high waters. Others stories professed to tell of signals from off the coast. At any rate, it was easy enough to pass the anti-Issei fishing amendment during the war. It was a hard battle getting the amendment rescinded.

In June of this year the Supreme court handed down its decision in the Takahashi case. It declared the amendment an outright violation of the constitution. And California's Issei fishermen were free again to resume their trade.

Or almost. It was a number of weeks before the men were actually granted their licenses. The state stalled. It appeared first to want another hearing before the court. There were other delays. Eventually it appeared the state could no longer fight the decisive words of the supreme court, which called the amendment an act of racial discrimination. A few short weeks ago the first Issei fishermen received his license to go back to the work he knew. Though six costly weeks of work had been lost at the height of the fishing season, it was not evident that the Issei could now return to work.

In Monterey the Takahashi decision affected directly some 75 to 100 men. Actually it affected many more, for the case gave to Nisei the right to choose crewmembers from among the experienced and skilled Issei whom they needed.

In Monterey this week the Sea Traveler, an 87-foot boat, was being readied for a sea voyage.

Men were sealing up the brine tank, mending bailers, which are a sort of subsidiary net used to scoop fish from the large net. In another week the ship will be ready to go out for sardine fishing.

And the boss of the crew will be Yotaro Hori, an Issei, returning at last to the life he has been denied for six long years.

For men like Hori, the Takahashi case victory was a godsend. Hori was a fisherman for twenty years before the war. He went out from San Francisco, from Monterey and San Pedro, the three major centers of the industry on the coast. When the evacuation order was rescinded, he returned to Monterey from Denver, where he had temporarily settled down after living at the Heart Mountain center. But back in Monterey he could not go back to his own work. Instead he worked at Sea Products Co.

But next week he will resume his trade. And his crew will include his two sons, Kiyoshi and

## Issei-Nisei Crew Mans Vessel



The Sea Traveler, (top photo) one of the largest fishing boats based at Monterey and one of the first to leave with an Issei-Nisei crew following the Takahashi case decision, is shown at the wharf.

The crew of the Sea Traveler is shown preparing the craft for its first cruise under their command. Yotaro Hori, an Issei, will be on the ship with his two sons, both veterans of the U.S. Army.

Teruo, both of them former members of the U.S. army.

The men laughed and joked this week as they worked at their task of readying the Sea Traveler, which is one of the largest fishing boats in the fleet. The sailing of the Sea Traveler will mark, in a real way, the return of Monterey's Japanese Americans to their former way of life.

But not all of Monterey's Issei fishermen have been as fortunate as Hori. Many Issei, because of financial problems, will be unable to return to the sea. And many of the problems of evacuation claims in California will arise in Monterey.

Take, for example, a fishing net. Coiled up on the wharf, a fishing net looks like no more than a jumble of hard, tight rope and round cork floats.

But it is worth, on today's market, upwards of \$15,000. A net will stretch 260 fathoms across, 34 fathoms deep. At sea, with hundreds of tons of fish within it, a net has to be emptied by bailers, smaller nets which themselves

scoop up several tons of fish at a time.

But despite its high price, a net has a normal life span of but two years. At the end of this period, about half of the netting has to be replaced.

Nets cannot be stored and preserved. The only preservative is tar, which burns the rope. Thus Nisei and Issei fishermen who left their nets behind in Monterey came back to find them rotted away.

Boatowners, took a terrific loss in the evacuation. Many sold out their equipment at a fraction of their actual value. A Nisei is said to have sold two boats, valued today at \$15,000 each, for \$200.

These men cannot make up these great losses. They cannot buy, in today's market, those things which they sold for so little in 1942. The fishermen hope that the evacuation claims bill will cover their losses and enable them to return to work. These men, who sat out the war in relocation centers, want to get back to the sea.

Some of these men are nearly

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# PC SPORTS

Hisao Tanaka, the Nisei wrestling star from Los Angeles, recently won the Hawaiian mat crown from Lee Grable at Honolulu auditorium. Promoter Al Karasick, who brought Tanaka to Hawaii, had never heard of the Nisei grappler until Kaimon Kudo informed him after his tour of California and Texas, according to Wallace Hirai of the Honolulu Times. Since his arrival in Hawaii, the 26-year old Tanaka has been coached by both Kudo and Tetsuo (Rubberman) Higami, one of the veterans of the mat, and is now considered a potential national champion of the grunt and groan boys.

Sad Sam Ichinose, who manages most of the top Nisei fighters in the pro boxing field, reported recently he had invited three top British boxers for a series of bouts in Hawaii. Ichinose hopes to match his star lightweight, Bob Takeshita, against Billy Thompson, lightweight champion of the British Empire. He would send his star, Dado Marino, top contender for the world's flyweight crown, against Dickie O'Sullivan, one of the world's top 112-pounders. He will send either Tsuneshi Maruo or Roy Higa against Danny O'Sullivan, ranking British bantamweight.

The Hawaiian AAU has ruled that Jyun Hirota, catcher for the Honolulu Hawaiians, now touring the mainland, is ineligible to compete in future amateur athletics in Hawaii because of his participation in the current barnstorming tour of the Hawaiian team. What Honolulu sports editors are trying to figure is why the AAU moguls chose to penalize only one of the athletes making the tour. Hirota, an all-round star, was one of the regular halfbacks on the University of Hawaii football team last year.

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Kay Nobusada (left) and Ken Sato, two of the three partners in the Nisei firm, Consolidated Factors, are shown at the entrance to their office. The office also is a center of Monterey JACL activities. Nobusada is president and Sato is treasurer of the JACL chapter.

## Fishing Is Their Business

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destitute. For them, rightful and careful examination of their evacuation losses should provide them with sufficient compensation to enable their return to work.

The Issei were among the pioneers in developing California's tremendous fishing industry. In some fields they developed industries which today net the state millions of dollars.

In the field of abalone fishing, for example, they were the first. Today, when abalone is selling at \$7 a dozen, compared to the \$1-\$1.50 a dozen, the price before the war, the Issei should be able to reenter the field to realize some profit from the industry which they began. Yet deep-sea divers' outfits are costly. Equipment comes too high. And many persons feel that this product has been fished out. But the Issei feel differently. They think other divers have not the skill to find abalone. They think they can.

In all phases of fishing, as might be expected, prices have hit all-time highs. Sardines, once selling at \$12 a ton, and then used largely for fertilizer purposes, now sell at \$67.50 a ton. And practically all of it goes for food. Despite the fact that persons around here say that fishing has had a couple of bad seasons lately, the Issei and Nisei feel they can do well. And the Issei want, most of all, to get back to work.

All of Monterey's Japanese Americans had some difficulty in getting reestablished, just as Nisei did everywhere. Issei cannery-workers, for example, met with some antagonism when they first returned to work. But the union, insisting upon a policy of non-discrimination, backed them up. The women are back at work, and there has been no friction since.

Fishermen found it difficult to purchase equipment in 1945 and 1946, what with prices so high and materials so scarce. But they, too, are slowly but

very surely coming back into their own.

Only the Issei have before them the major problems of refinancing themselves in the fishing industry. At long last their right to return to work has been recognized. But the Takahashi decision did not ease the financial difficulties that still hinder their return to work.

Only an equitable and complete and quick return of their evacuation losses can help them now.

## Maui Post Team Loses in Regional Legion Tournament

The Maui Post team from Hawaii was eliminated by the Reno entry on the second night of the American Legion regional junior baseball tournament on Aug. 23 at Derks Field in Salt Lake City.

Bad base-running plus bad breaks spelled defeat for the Maui team, twelve of whose fifteen members are of Japanese ancestry. They lost to Reno, the Nevada entry, 8 to 9 in the ninth inning when an infield fly was lost in the lights with two away and the winning Nevada run on base.

Hisa Miyamoto, who pitched good baseball, was charged with the defeat.

The Maui players got five walks off Nevada in the first inning but failed to score when two players were picked off bases. In the second inning they received seven more walks but were victims of a triple play.

They lost 2 to 6 to the Brigham City nine, Utah's champions, on the opening night of the tourney when they were able to get only three hits off Charley Whitaker, including a double by Richard Omuro.

San Diego, last year's regional champions, defeated Phoenix, Ariz., in the regional finals and will enter the western finals at Lewiston, Idaho.

## Graveside Rites Held for Nisei GI From Watsonville

WATSONVILLE, Calif.—Graveside services were held here on Aug. 19 for Pfc. Henry Izumizaki who was killed in action in France in 1944 with the 442nd Combat Team.

He was buried in the family plot in Pajaro Valley Memorial Park.

After the services, Sgt. Nelson Tanaka, the army escort, presented the flag from the coffin to the parents.

Fred Nitta was chairman of the

## Hot Rod Driver Leaves Hospital

GLENDALE, Calif.—Yam Oka, Nisei hot rod driver, was discharged from Parkview hospital on Aug. 21 and is now convalescing at home from injuries sustained in a crash at Gilmore Stadium two weeks ago.

Oka, rated as one of the best drivers on Southern California tracks, will resume racing in about two weeks.

Graveside rites, with the Rev. Fumiura of Salinas conducting the Buddhist services.

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# Nisei Coach Sees Protege Win Olympic 400-Meter Swim Title

HONOLULU — Islanders wrote the account "paid in full" when Malolo Bill Smith, the Hawaiian flying fish, flashed to a new 400-meter free-style Olympic record in London's Empire pool.

Smith's backers chipped in nearly \$5,000 to send his old coach, Soichi Sakamoto, to the Olympic Games. They did it for one purpose, to give Sakamoto a chance to see his brightest star win an Olympic race.

Years ago Sakamoto, then a grammar school teacher, took Bill into his home while he developed the young swimmer. They lived and ate and worked together. Under Sakamoto's guidance, and later at Ohio State, Smith shattered virtually every middle distance record. He was a great Olympic prospect. But there were no Olympic Games.

Instead there was a war. Smith lost some of his blazing speed. Sakamoto's other Olympic Games prospects, like Bunnei and Kiyoshi Nakama and Takashi Hirose, also were slowed down from their record performances of 1940 and 1941.

In 1946 and 1947 an Akron, O., youngster named Jimmy McLain finished ahead of Smith and other Sakamoto proteges in the national AAU meets. McLain won at Smith's specialty, the 400 meters. Bill dropped out of Ohio State in mid-term last year to come home and train under his old teacher for the Olympic Games.

Things didn't look so good when McLain beat Smith again, at the Detroit Olympics tryouts. But when the chips were down Malolo Bill had it. He churned the 400 meters in 4:41, finishing ahead of McLain and breaking Jack Medica's mark of 4:45.5s, set twelve years ago.

## ACLU Seeks Law Repealing Oriental Ban

WASHINGTON—The American Civil Liberties Union on Aug. 20 called for the removal of the ban on immigration of Japanese and other Asiatics still excluded from the United States.

In testimony presented to the Senate Judiciary subcommittee, William Gurock, spokesman for the group, also recommended legislation to provide that aliens cannot be deported if they have been in this country ten years.

The ACLU representative said that the ban against Japanese and other Orientals still ineligible to naturalization is "predicated on racial discrimination."

He said the quota system would limit Japanese, Indo-Chinese, Korean and Indonesian immigration to "fewer than 500 per year."

He said that they are the only groups still excluded under the act.

## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Masaharu Kozai, Fowler, Calif., a boy on Aug. 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Kazato a girl on July 28 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Y. Harada a girl on Aug. 7 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Nakai, Sanger, Calif., a girl on July 31.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takumi Omi a girl on Aug. 10 in Selma, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Kurashita a girl on Aug. 3 in Kingsburg, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Nakadachi a boy on Aug. 2 in Sanger, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arata Sasashima a girl on Aug. 4 in Sanger.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Nakano a girl on Aug. 13 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shizuo Mikawa, Venice, Calif., a girl on Aug. 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsugi Nakagiri, Culver City, Calif., a boy on Aug. 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ota a boy on Aug. 14 in Los Angeles.

To the Rev. and Mrs. Bunpo Kuwatsuki a boy on Aug. 15 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tetsuo Nobuyama a boy in Ontario, Ore.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Shigeta, New Plymouth, Idaho, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Isamu Ishizaki a boy, Ronald Isao, on July 28 in San Jose, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom K. Okano a boy on July 26 in Madera, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Tanimoto, Gridley, Calif., a girl on August 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Matsu-moto a girl on Aug. 18 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bean Takeda a boy on Aug. 17 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shigeo Nakano a girl on Aug. 11 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Seizo Fukumoto on Aug. 11 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Takahashi a girl on Aug. 12 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kaname E. Sasaki, Tracy, Calif., a girl on July 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jerry I. Hashimoto, Stockton, Calif., a girl on Aug. 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mack M. Nogaki a girl on Aug. 18 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Koto a boy in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kunio Inouye a boy on Aug. 13 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Fujita a boy on Aug. 16 in Tacoma, Wash.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kichisaburo Yukanari, Hilt, Calif., a boy on Aug. 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nobuichi Takaki, San Mateo, Calif., a girl, Diana Nobuko, on Aug. 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenzo Sugita a girl on Aug. 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Masaki, Torrance, Calif., a boy on Aug. 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Zenkuro Sumi a girl on Aug. 16 in San Francisco.

### DEATHS

Toyotsuchi Tari, 77, on Aug. 16 in Visalia, Calif.

Teiichi Sekino on Aug. 21 in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Mari Terada, 51, on Aug. 17 in Los Angeles.

Masako Naito, 21, on Aug. 16 at Twin Falls, Idaho.

Mrs. Chiyo Endow on Aug. 21 in Los Angeles.

Kichisaburo Shiba, 65, on Aug. 23 in Orosi, Calif.

### MARRIAGES

Yoshiko Fujimoto to William M. Sugiyama, Sacramento, Calif. on Aug. 15 in Tacoma, Wash.

Midori Sakamoto to Tom Miya, Hanford, Calif., on Aug. 14 in Minneapolis, Minn.

Mary Tokiko Matsuzawa to Henry Takemura on Aug. 15 in Pasadena, Calif.

Setsuko Taira to Kazuo Kimura on Aug. 8 in Gallup, N.M.

Kisao Kamada to George Satoru Yamaguchi on Aug. 22 in Denver.

Chiyeo Maruhashi to Tosh Shimamoto on Aug. 22 in Seattle.

### Joint Art Exhibit

CHICAGO—A joint exhibit of paintings by Miyoko Ito and Plia Pillin opened last week at the Chicago art gallery and will continue until Sept. 19.

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# Nisei Cameraman Makes Film About Indians in Oklahoma

NEW YORK—A new documentary motion picture, "The Great Spirit on the Plains," filmed by Toge Fujihira, Nisei cameraman, is now being released by the Department of Visual Education, Board of Missions and Extension of the Methodist Church, 150 Fifth Avenue.

The 16 mm. Kodachrome sound film is the result of Fujihira's trip to Oklahoma last summer.

"I have tried to make a film which would create sympathy for the cause of the American Indians," Fujihira declared.

"Most people have been conditioned by stories and Hollywood movies showing the Indians as villains or as a race of people the early white settlers had to fight in order to obtain their lands. At the same time they also have

glamorized visions of the adventurous life of the Indians. This is true especially of children who put on feathers, paint their faces, make bows and arrows and pretend they are Indians."

The picture filmed by Fujihira presents the Indians as human beings who face problems similar to those faced by other racial and religious minority groups in the United States.

## Engagement

ONTARIO, Ore.—The engagement of Sumi Wada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Wada, to Paul Saito of Ontario was announced here July 22 at a family dinner.

Both Saito and Miss Wada are students at Oregon State college. No date has been set for the wedding.

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## Nisei VFW Wins

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## Stranded Nisei Girl Returns For U. S. Citizenship Hearing

SAN FRANCISCO — Miyoko Tsunashima, who has filed suit for the restoration of her American citizenship, returned to the United States on Aug. 19 aboard the General Gordon in order that she may be able to appear in Federal district court at Los Angeles when her hearing is held in November.

Miss Tsunashima, listed on the passenger list of the General Gordon as an American national, was held overnight at the immigration detention station before she could proceed to her home in Parlier.

She was freed after Joe Grant Masaoka, regional representative of JACL ADC, notified her attorney, A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles, and the latter clarified her status with Irving F. Wixon, local immigration service officer.

Miss Tsunashima is the second American-born girl who is considered by the government to have forfeited her citizenship during the war and who is being permitted to return to the United States under the terms of the Nationality Act of 1940 in order that she may be present at the hearing on her petition for restoration of citizenship. The first girl was Etsuko Arikawa of Los Angeles.

The Nichi-Bei Times reported this week that seven of the nine Japanese Mexicans who arrived on the Gordon are still being held at the detention station. It was reported that the local Mexican consulate has contacted Mexico City and is confident their status can be cleared.

The father of the other two, Concepcion and Guadalupe Matsumoto, had notified consular authorities of their presence aboard the General Gordon and they were able to land on arrival. The father is a prominent Mexico City nurseryman and florist.

The Nichi-Bei Times also reported that three Nisei passengers aboard the General Gordon again missed the boat in Honolulu when they failed to appear at the pier at sailing time. However, the trio, Shoji Tatsugawa and his sisters, Sachiko and Chiyoko, were flown here by air clipper, arriving a day ahead of the General Gordon and surprising their father who had come from Utah to meet them.

### Ogden Schedules Pre-Confab Rally

OGDEN, Utah — The Ogden JACL will hold a preconvention rally in the form of a beach party at Sunset beach Saturday, Aug. 28. Members of national convention committees will be special guests.

Swimming, volleyball, baseball, dodgeball and contests have been scheduled for the afternoon. A weiner bake and marshmallow roast will follow.

A caravan of cars will leave the Buddhist church at 2 p. m. for the beach.

Members in charge of rally activities include Matt and Jim Takeoka, Cuke Koga, Evelyn Yamaguchi, Chuch Tsumoto, Eddie Enomoto, Kaz Miya, Mits Endo, Ken Miya, Esther Takahashi and Amy Hiratzka and Ken Uchida, chapter president.

## HAWAIIAN PRO TEAM MAY SIGN NISEI GRID STAR

HONOLULU—Wally Yonamine, star Nisei football player who played last year with the San Francisco 49ers, may join the Honolulu Warriors for the coming season.

Already on the Warriors, who open their season against the Los Angeles Rams of the National Football league on Sept. 6, is a former Nisei teammate of Yonamine's on the Leilehua team. He is Richard Asato, a hard-running fullback.

### Nisei Registrar At LA Office

LOS ANGELES — A qualified deputy registrar at the Los Angeles JACL office, 258 East 1st street, is now taking registrations for the November elections.

The service will be continued until the fortieth day before the election.

Prospective voters must be 21 years of age, a resident of California for the past year, a resident of Los Angeles county for the last ninety days and a citizen of the United States for the last ninety days.

The JACL office urged registration in the following instances:

1. If you have not registered before in Los Angeles county;
2. If you have changed your address;
3. If you have changed your name;
4. If your former registration was cancelled because you failed to vote at either direct primary or general election in the preceding even numbered years; and
5. If you desire to change your political affiliation.

### Bridal Shower

CHICAGO—Tatsie Miyaji was honored at a bridal shower given by Tsugi Ieri and Rose Fujimoto at the Fujimoto home.

Among those present were Midori Swada, Kikuno, Tanabe, Asako Takusagawa, May Zaiman, Sylvia and Haru Arita, Tomi Masunaka, Rose Neero, Fumi Yamada, Rae and Lily Fujimoto, Kiyo Kikuchi and Kay Kudo.

### Sumi Ohye Takes Case Worker Post

SAN FRANCISCO — Sumi B. Ohye is the new caseworker at the International Institute, succeeding Mari Okazaki who married the Rev. Fred Fertig recently and is now living in West Los Angeles.

Miss Ohye is a graduate of the Simmons School of Social Work in Boston and the Western College for Women in Oxford, Ohio.

## Joint Funeral Rites Held for Green River Drowning Victims

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah—Joint funeral services for two Nisei war veterans, Tommy Sakae Kuwata, 21, and Kenji Watanabe, 22, who drowned in the Green River in Emery County on Aug. 19 were conducted on Aug. 25 in the Bear River ward chapel of the Church of Latter-day Saints by Vernon Johnson, bishop.

Military rites accompanied the burial services for both men. Mr. Kuwata was laid to rest in the Honeyville, Cache County cemetery, while Mr. Watanabe was buried in the Brigham City cemetery.

The men lost their lives while seining channel catfish in the Green River in a project conducted by the Japanese American Wild Life club under the supervision of the Utah State Fish and Game department. The fish were to have been replanted in the Bear River in Box Elder County.

Kenji Watanabe's body was recovered on Aug. 20, the day following the double tragedy.

Tommy Kuwata's body was not recovered until Aug. 23 when it was found by Dan Windourne, Moab fish and game warden, and two Honeyville residents who were aiding in the search.

Mr. Watanabe's body was dis-

covered by Sheriff J. B. Skewes of Grand County who used the grappling hooks which were dragged across the floor of the river. The body was found near the place where he was last seen to go under the water.

The men were reported to have been fishing from an irrigation dam five miles north of here, and were wading in the river when last seen. They were believed to have stepped into a deep hole.

Jess Powell, Carbon County deputy sheriff, directed the search for the bodies.

Tommy Kuwata was born Nov. 12, 1926, in Box Elder County, the son of Sakuato and Kiyo Kobayashi Kuwata. He attended Honeyville grade schools and was a graduate of Box Elder high school at Brigham City. After enlisting in the army in the intelligence corps he served in Japan before being discharged in 1947. From this time on he operated a family farm near Brigham City.

He is survived by his mother and five brothers, Sam, Dick and Frank Kuwata, Brigham City; Jim Kuwata, Lincoln, Calif., and Nobuo Kuwata, San Francisco.

Mr. Watanabe was born on June 8, 1926, in Bear River, Utah, the son of Ira and Itsuta Tsuyo Watanabe. He spent most of his life in Bear River and was graduated from Box Elder high school. During World War II he served two years with the army intelligence corps in Japan. He had been a pharmacy student at the University of Utah after he was discharged from the army.

He is survived by his parents, five brothers, George, Howard, Shoji, Bear River; William T. and Willard, Idaho Falls, Ida.; and two sisters, Michiko Watanabe, Salt Lake City, and Alice, Bear River.

### Buddhists Dedicate New Denver Temple

DENVER — A new \$100,000 Buddhist temple was dedicated here Sunday, Aug. 22, in services led by the Rev. Y. Tamai of Denver, N. Tsunoda, tri-state Nisei minister, and K. Itahara of the Fort Lupton Buddhist church.

The new church is located on Lawrence street. It is to be a tri-state church.

In conjunction with the dedication, an Obon festival was held in the evening. Hundreds of costumed dancers danced in the street before the temple.

Tsuto Tani was general chairman for the festival, assisted by K. Iwahashi, Tosh Nakamura, Harry Yanari and Som Yoshikawa.

### Convention Rally

A unique convention rally designed to acquaint JACL members with all the attractions of the September national convention was held August 20th at the Murray youth center by the Mt. Olympus chapter.

President George Fujii was in charge of the rally, which featured a "Whiz Quiz Show" conducted by genial "Professor" Mas Namba. Tom Matsumori was the winner of the jackpot question.


Shigeki Ushio gave a brief outline of the convention schedule.

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Corned Beef	12 Oz.	.50
Corned Beef Hash	1 lb.	.40
Roast Beef	12 Oz.	.50
Boiled Ham	1 1/2 lbs.	2.75
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