



National Democratic Chairman McGrath Endorses Proposal for Equality in Naturalization

WASHINGTON, D. C.—National Democratic Committee Chairman J. Howard McGrath, Senator from Rhode Island, has endorsed the bill for equality in naturalization and immigration, Edward J. Ennis, JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee legal counsel, and chairman for the Committee for Equality in Naturalization, announced this week.

The announcement of Sen. McGrath's support came after Mr. Ennis, Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, JACL ADC, and Robert M. Cullum, CEN secretary, met with Sen. McGrath to discuss legislative procedures concerning the measure.

Sen. McGrath said he favored the bill, and pointed out he introduced legislation in the Eightieth Congress urging that this nation's naturalization laws eliminate race as a prerequisite to citizenship.

Sen. McGrath's measure was the first of its kind ever introduced in the Upper House.

He said he saw no reason to change his position now, and promised his personal support of the naturalization and immigration bill when it is introduced before the Eighty-first Congress.

The senator's backing is considered of outstanding significance because of the powerful position he occupies with the Democratic party.

His prestige was tremendously enhanced after President Truman's victory, largely because of the voluminous work the Senator did during the campaign.

Following the conference with Sen. McGrath, Mr. Masaoka said he was "tremendously encouraged" by "what apparently is a growing sentiment for the bill for equality in naturalization and immigration."

Former U.S. District Attorney for Rhode Island, Senator McGrath was elected governor of that state



SEN. J. HOWARD McGRATH

in 1940, and reelected in 1942 and 1944. He resigned the governorship to accept the post of Solicitor General of the United States under Attorney General Tom Clark in 1945.

In 1946, he was elected to his first term to the United States Senate.

Newsweek Sees Coming Change in Immigration Law

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Under the heading "Liberalized Immigration," the Periscope department of Newsweek for Dec. 13, says, in part: "Sweeping changes in the immigration laws are planned by Rep. Celler, who will be chairman of the House Immigration subcommittee. Some of his proposals: That every nation be given at least a token immigration quota as a goodwill gesture, and that all racial and religious qualifications for admittance to the U. S. be repealed . . ."

Mrs. d'Aquino Given Delay in Treason Case

SAN FRANCISCO—The trial of Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino on the charge that she engaged in treasonable activity against the United States while on the staff of Radio Tokyo during the war was postponed again on Dec. 13 for one week.

The delay was requested in U.S. district court by Wayne M. Collins attorney for Mrs. d'Aquino, who said he needed more time to complete his case.

He will appear in court next week to argue Mrs. d'Aquino's plea for the dismissal of all charges on the ground that the court has no jurisdiction over her as she now claims Portuguese citizenship by virtue of her marriage in 1945 to Philip d'Aquino, a Portuguese national.

Hold Final Rites For Ventura Nisei

VENTURA, Calif.—Final rites for Sgt. Leonard Takasugi, the first Nisei war dead from Ventura county whose remains have been returned for reburial, were held on Dec. 17 at the Oxnard Nisei Methodist church under the sponsorship of the Ventura County JACL.

Military burial rites followed at Ivy Lawn cemetery in Montalvo and were conducted by the Ventura American Legion post.

Sgt. Takasugi was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wakamatsu Takasugi of Ventura.

He is also survived by two sisters, Frances and Ida, and six brothers, Jim, Thomas, Herbert, Knox and John.

Funeral Rites Held For Brothers Who Died in Europe

LOS ANGELES — Two Nisei brothers, both of whom went from the Granada relocation center in Colorado to the 442nd Combat Team and died in Europe, were buried with military honors on Dec. 11 at Evergreen cemetery.

They are Pfc. George Saito and Pfc. Calvin Saito, both residents of Los Angeles before the evacuation.

Calvin was killed on July 7, 1944 in Italy, while George died on Oct. 17, 1944 in the Vosges mountains in France.

New Mexico Farmer Returns to Japan

SAN FRANCISCO — A New Mexico farmer left by Pan American Clipper on Dec. 7 for Japan to rejoin his wife whom he has not seen for 55 years.

Just 55 years ago Manzo Sasaki, now 82 years of age, left Japan to make his fortune in the United States. He left his wife, now 75 years of age and two small children.

Sasaki recently gave up his farm near Gallup, N.M. to return to Japan.

He will be greeted in Japan by his wife, as well as by ten grandchildren whom he has never seen.

Nisei Medal of Honor Hero, Sadao Munemori, Given Final Rites in Los Angeles Temple

Friends, War Comrades, Dignitaries Join to Pay Tribute to Heroism of Nisei Infantryman; Gallantry in Italy Hailed by Gen. Mark Clark

LOS ANGELES—Pfc. Sadao Munemori who died a hero's death in Italy to save his comrades in arms of the 442nd Combat Team was given a hero's funeral on Dec. 15 in a little Buddhist temple where he worshipped as a youth.

A grateful nation previously had honored Pfc. Munemori, son of Mrs. Nawa Munemori, by giving him its highest award, posthumously, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

Last Wednesday his friends and neighbors, men who had served with him in the famed 442nd, and representatives of the city and armed forces joined in a final tribute.

Comrades, wearing their army uniforms and decorations, conducted military services that seemed strange and foreign in the peaceful Nishi Hongwanji temple.

More in keeping with the place of worship were the low chants of the Buddhist priests as they prayed for Pfc. Munemori.

One by one his old friends and neighbors approached the casket, lit a piece of incense to honor him in death and then bowed low before his picture.

Gen. Leroy Watson, who also fought in the Italian campaign, eulogized Pfc. Munemori's deeds and those of the 442nd Combat Team. Acting Mayor Harold Henry spoke of the city's pride in the war record of Munemori and his comrades.

General Mark W. Clark, commanding general of the Sixth Army and former commanding general of the Fifth Army in Italy, of which the 442nd was a part, issued a statement from the Presidio of San Francisco which was read at the ceremony.

"Sadao Munemori, a gallant Nisei, has returned to our country, the land of his birth, with the distinction of having been awarded the Medal of Honor," Gen. Clark declared.

"Sadao Munemori was a member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team that fought gloriously in Italy under my command.

"These Americans of Japanese ancestry who fought overseas in my command—those of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion—were loyal and true Americans, and many, like Sadao Munemori, gave their all that America might live.

"Munemori was the sole Nisei winner of our highest combat award. Recently the Army transport, 'Wilson Victory,' was renamed the 'Sadao S. Munemori' in honor of this soldier.

"Munemori was cited posthumously for action in Italy, when he wiped out two enemy machine gun nests and saved the lives of two companions by throwing himself on a hand grenade—and ac-

tion well beyond the call of duty.

"It is my privilege and honor today to pay tribute to this great Nisei, who was a true American in the finest tradition, and also to express appreciation to the other Americans of Japanese ancestry who fought so gallantly in Italy. Their achievements are symbolic of the heritage of our great democracy."

Munemori, a graduate of Lincoln high school in Los Angeles, was buried at Evergreen cemetery following the services at the Nishi Hongwanji.

Pfc. Munemori was eulogized also by Perry Parks, Jr., representing the Sadao Munemori chapter of the American Veterans Committee in Los Angeles; Chaplain Robert Ziegler of the American Legion and Masakatsu Horii as a comrade-in-arms.

The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Kenryo Kumata.

A message from Gov. Earl Warren expressed his regret that he could not attend the rites because of previously scheduled conferences in Sacramento.

Referring to Pfc. Munemori and the men of the 442nd Combat Team, Gov. Warren declared:

"The brotherhood of man and a world at peace are the goals for which all of us are working and their contribution to this end will be recorded in the annals of history."

Congressman-elect Clyde Doyle of Long Beach declared:

"My own son also gave his life in this last war and so I and my family extend to the relatives of the distinguished citizen whose bravery you memorialize, our utmost and understanding sympathy."

Telegrams also were read from Senator William F. Knowland, Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas and Congressman Chet Holifield.

Rep. Holifield declared: "Please extend my heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family of Sadao Munemori. His sacrifice that his buddies might live is an inspiration to all of us living to strive to make this country the kind of nation worthy of his brave deed."

Nisei Performs Successful Blue Baby Operation in Hawaii

HONOLULU, T.H.—Dr. Shoyei Yamauchi, Honolulu surgeon, has earned the distinction of having performed the first successful "blue baby" operation in the islands.

The operation was performed on December 4 but was not announced till today to the press and the public. The patient, 20 year old George Lum of Honolulu, responded well enough to be up in a wheel chair and walk a little nine days after the operation, which took place in the Kuakini general hospital (formerly the Japanese hospital.)

The medical team that assisted Dr. Yamauchi included two other Japanese physicians, Dr. Richard Kainuma and Dr. Thomas Maeda, besides a Caucasian, Dr. F. Bernard Schultz.

Dr. Yamauchi studied "blue baby" cases at Johns Hopkins university, where the originators of

the operation, Dr. Alfred Blalock and Dr. Helen B. Taussig, make their medical headquarters.

The operation was acclaimed as a boon to the dozen other "blue babies" in Hawaii. They may no longer need to go to the mainland for such operations, and thus do away with the dangers and expense involved in long travel.

However, all can not be saved by the operation, it was pointed out, unless their condition is similar to the one that was successfully operated on.

Dr. Yamauchi was graduated from the University of Michigan medical school in 1931 and interned at the Sinai hospital in Baltimore before returning to Honolulu in July, 1935.

He is a 1924 graduate of McKinley high school and attended the University of Hawaii for three years before leaving for Michigan.

JACL ADC to Back Move To Extend GI Brides Act

WASHINGTON, D. C.—With an estimated 1500 Americans stationed in Japan seeking permission to marry Japanese natives, the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee announced this week it would propose an extension to the Soldier Brides Act to facilitate the marriages.

The decision to obtain the proposed extension was made jointly by the National JACL Legislative Committee, National Board of JACL, and JACL ADC Board of Directors.

Yamaoka Will Appeal Cases of Japan Leaders

TOKYO—George Yamaoka, New York attorney, left with two other Americans by air on Dec. 12 for Washington, D.C. to argue appeals of major Japanese war criminals before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The execution of former Premier Hideki Tojo and six other Japanese who have been found guilty of war crimes by an international tribunal in Tokyo have been deferred pending outcome of the appeal motion.

Yamaoka joined George A. Furness of Boston and John G. Branman of Kansas City at the last moment.

Occupation authorities declined to say whether the government was paying Yamaoka's expenses as is the case with Furness and Branman. The Associated Press reported that correspondents had inquired "because Yamaoka has been in Tokyo as a foreign trader rather than as a war crimes attorney."

Yamaoka originally went to Tokyo as an attorney for the Army Department to participate in the American legal staff assigned to the defense of Japanese charged with war crimes.

Yamaoka was counsel for Koki Hirota, sentenced to die and one of those whose case was appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court.

He returned to New York before the international tribunal gave its

judgment, and was denied permission to come back to Tokyo as an attorney. He returned as a foreign trader, however, and was a spectator when the judgment was read.

Hope for Eventual Settlement Of Problem of Peru Japanese Internees in United States Seen

WASHINGTON, D. C.—For the first time since their arrival in the United States early in the war, there appears some hope that the future of several hundred Peruvian Japanese stranded in America may possibly be nearing a settlement.

The curious, but little known case, of these "people without a country" goes back to the early days of the war when the United States agreed to intern enemy aliens of Latin America if those countries deemed such persons dangerous to hemispheric security.

In all approximately 2000 Japanese were sent to the United States for internment. Approximately 80 per cent came from Peru.

Within a matter of months after the U.S. began accepting these Peruvians of Japanese ancestry, formal investigations by our own Department of Justice revealed virtually no basis for terming them "dangerous aliens." After some argument with the State Department, the Justice Department refused to cooperate further in interning aliens unless they were screened and found suspect.

From that time on, internees from South America were investigated prior to internment, and no more persons of Japanese ancestry were sent from Peru to the United States.

Peruvian Japanese sent to the United States by their mother country were given permission to accept deportation to Japan, or remain in this nation under a loose sort of custody once they had been screened and found non-dangerous by the Department of Justice.

A number did go from America to Japan, and, since the end of the war, a few individuals have been permitted to return to Peru. But living within the United States still are several hundred Peruvian Japanese, whom their own government so far has refused to readmit.

As far as the United States is concerned, the Peruvian Japanese have been classified "illegal immigrants" and thus are subject for deportation to Japan.

However, Peruvian Japanese themselves either want to return to Peru or remain in the United States. None still in this country have indicated any desire to return to Japan.

In this curious state of "suspended citizenship," these Peruvian Japanese have lived in the U.S. for almost seven years, though many have families they have not seen since leaving Peru, and, of the married couples, a number have children born in this country, and

thus now American citizens.

At the request of a number of Peruvian Japanese, the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee recently began an investigation into their position in the United States.

And now, according to National Legislative Director Mike Masaoka, "something may finally be done for these persons."

A revolution in Peru has overthrown the war-time government.

During a recent visit to the Peruvian embassy, Mr. Masaoka said embassy officials informed him they would ask their government to reaccept the return of Peruvians of Japanese ancestry interned in the United States.

At the same time, Mr. Masaoka said he discussed their plight with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. In an informal opinion, the Central Office of the Immigration and Naturalization service said it is "possible Peruvian Japanese may qualify to remain in the United States as legal immigrants under terms of the Stay of Deportation Law passed by the Eightieth Congress.

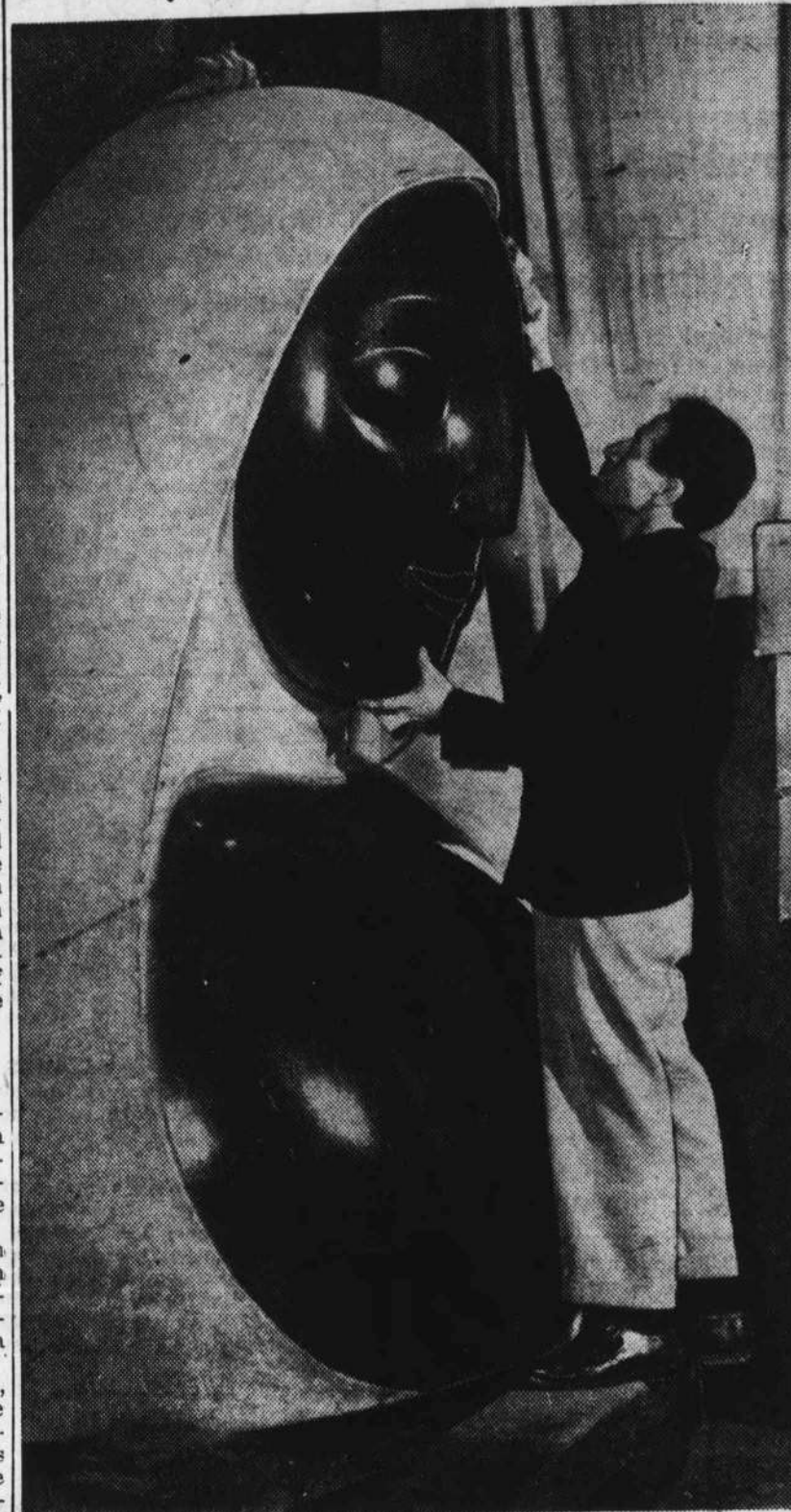
This approach, Mr. Masaoka added, "will be explored more fully in the near future."

Meanwhile, the State Department's Office of Inter-American Affairs said it will make representations to the Peruvian government to accept Peruvian Japanese still in America.

Although still technically in custody, virtually all the Peruvian Japanese have found private employment, with the largest number working at Seabrook farms, in New Jersey.

All in all, said Mr. Masaoka, recent events "have given us some hope that at last we may be approaching a level where steps might possibly be taken to give these unfortunate persons a permanent home somewhere—a home of their choice—and once again reunite families broken up and scattered half-way across the world by war."

Recall JACL Chapter's Plan To Buy Famed Bufano Statue



—Photo from San Francisco Chronicle
BENNY BUFANO AND HIS STATUE, "PEACE"

San Francisco JACL negotiated for the purchase of Beniamino Bufano's famous statue, Peace, was recalled here this week as a group of leading San Francisco citizens inaugurated a drive to get Sculptor Bufano's 30-foot black granite and stainless steel statue out of hock in order that it may be presented to the city of San Francisco.

It also was the plan of a group of Nisei in the San Francisco JACL to present the statue, which Bufano originally had completed for the Golden Gate International Exposition at Treasure Island in 1939, to the city. It was hoped that the imposing 30-foot figure could be placed in the square in front of the city hall.

Bufano began work on Peace more than ten years ago. Peace, and a companion statue, Light, were to have been the theme statues of the world's fair. Bufano borrowed money and bought two tons of stainless steel and a 14-ton block of granite and went to work.

"I worked for more than a year," he said. "I spent nearly \$4,800 of my own money. And then the Fair people changed their minds. They said they didn't want Peace."

Five times, Bufano said, he moved the nearly completed statue. The war was on in Europe. Relations were tense in the Pacific. No one wanted Peace. Meanwhile, storage costs were mounting.

Then, in mid-1941, a group of Japanese Americans from the San Francisco JACL heard of Bufano's statue and offered to buy it and give it to the city.

Bufano was delighted. He said that the committee promised to pay him approximately \$1,000 to pay for some of the materials and that he gave them the statue.

Before the statue could be given to the city, Pearl Harbor was bombed and there was no place for Peace anywhere in the world.

"The Nisei committee wanted to give me \$500 as they went off to a relocation center, but I told them to keep the money," Bufano said. "They needed it more than I."

Bufano stored the statue in a warehouse and went off into the army. For several years Bufano paid \$7.50 a month storage for Peace.

"We have become very attached both to Benny and Betsy," Jack Ludlow, warehouse manager, declared. "We call the statue Betsy. She's never a bit of trouble. In fact, she's the only woman I ever met who knew how to keep her mouth shut."

"Betsy" at present is in two pieces. The head and bust—highly polished black with a silver leaf coil—rests some distance away from the 23-foot stainless steel figure.

Bufano said the statue itself and his years of work will be his gift to San Francisco. But he thinks it would be nice if he were reimbursed to some degree for his outlay of raw materials. And the warehouse company thinks it would be nice if someone laid out \$495 for back storage payments.

19, 1945 near Castelpoggio, Italy. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Shina Iwai, Auburn; three brothers, Hideo, Sunao and Tarumi, and a sister, Mrs. Ema Mori. Pvt. Okazaki was born in Seattle and graduated from Garfield

high school. He served with Company G and was killed in action, at the age of 21, near Luciana, Italy. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matsujiro Okazaki; two brothers, Tom and Raizo, and three sisters.

Salinas Nisei Files Suit on Farm Property

SALINAS, Calif.—A complaint to determine escheatment interest, rights of inheritance and ownership, in approximately 72 acres of Salinas Valley agricultural land was filed last week in County Clerk E. G. McMennamin's office by Atsuko Ikeda, an American citizen, against the State of California.

Miss Ikeda is being represented by Attorneys John Maeno and John Aiso of Los Angeles.

The complaint alleges that two parcels of land have been legally disposed of and are rightfully the property of the plaintiff. According to the information, the properties were deeded to the plaintiff by Toshi Hanasono and Denshiro Hanasono.

The complaint requests the court to determine that no escheat, under provisions of the Alien Land law, has occurred and that the plaintiff is the sole owner of the property. At the same time it is requested that the court rule that the State of California has no interest in the property.

Ventura JACL Will Hold Christmas Social

VENTURA, Calif.—A Christmas day social will be sponsored by the Ventura County JACL at the Portuguese Crown hall on Woolley road from 8:30 p.m.

The public is being invited to attend the sports formal affair. Fees will be \$1 per person and \$1.50 for couples.

Nao Takasugi will be the general chairman. Toby Otani, Hideko and Kazuko Tsunoda are in charge of other arrangements.

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Hold Mass Burial Rites for Six Nisei Soldiers in Seattle

SEATTLE—Six Japanese Americans who died in battle with the 442nd Combat Team in Italy were buried in mass rites on Dec. 11 at Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Washelli as 1200 persons stood at attention in a chill wind.

The soldiers, all former residents of Seattle, were:

Pfc. Akira Kanzaki, Pfc. William Kenzo Nakamura, Pfc. Tadao Sato and his brother, Pfc. Yukio Sato, Pfc. Hisashi Iwai and Pvt. Isao Okazaki.

Relatives stood at the head of each grave as the caskets were laid side by side, over the graves. Pallbearers wearing army uniforms, black bands about their sleeves, stood beside the caskets.

Taking positions at the foot of the graves, four clergymen alternately conducted Buddhist and Christian rites.

Buddhist priests chanted musical prayers, punctuated by the tinkling of bells. A Protestant minister prayed solemnly in English. Another spoke gravely in Japanese, then English.

Color guards from the Greenwood Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, fired three volleys in salute.

The strains of Taps sounded from a bugler stationed down the hill from the grave site.

The pallbearers carefully removed the flags from the bronze caskets, folded them and presented them to the next of kin.

The funeral procession from the Buddhist auditorium, 14th Avenue South and Main Street, where joint services were held earlier, was believed to be the longest ever witnessed in Seattle. It contained 307 automobiles.

Pfc. Nakamura, who was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest award for heroism in

combat, was killed on July 4, 1944 in the capture of Hill 140, near Castellina, Italy, while attached to Company G of the 442nd Combat Team.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Hisako Nakamura; his father, Takichi Nakamura, a brother, George, and two sisters, June Nakamura and Mrs. George Ishii, Chicago.

Pfc. Nakamura was born in Seattle on Jan. 21, 1922.

Pfc. Tadao Sato who served with Cannon company of the 442nd was killed after the war's end in Italy when a jeep in which he was riding overturned. He held the Purple Heart.

His brother, Pfc. Yukio Sato, also a native of Seattle, was platoon radioman with Company I of the 442nd Combat Team. He was killed in action by sniper fire on July 19, 1944, and had been temporarily buried near the town of Fallonia, Italy.

The Sato brothers are survived by their father, Chusuke Sato, and two brothers, Frank and Kazuo, all of Chicago.

Pfc. Kanzaki, 22 at the time of his death, was killed in action on August 20, 1944 on the banks of the Arno River, west of Florence, Italy. He served with Company E, 10th in Seattle, he graduated from Broadway high school in 1940.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kenichiro Kanzaki, Seattle, and three brothers, Satoru, Tsutomu and Hitoshi, and a sister, Mrs. Satoshi Kanzaki.

Pfc. Iwai, a native of Kent, Wash., was graduated from Auburn high school in 1936. He was one of the first Nisei in the Seattle area to enter the service, joining the army in April, 1941. He was serving with Company C at the time of his death on April

Final Report Made on Relief For Vanport

JACL Chapters Aided In Drive to Assist Victims of Disaster

PORTLAND, Ore.—A total of \$25,639.65 was received by the Vanport Flood Relief Committee to assist 300 Japanese American residents of the disaster-stricken city since the May 30 flood, according to a report this week by F. S. Tamiyasu, treasurer.

A sizable portion of the funds were received by the Portland JACL chapter from other JACL chapters and were turned over to the Vanport Flood Relief Committee.

Mr. Tamiyasu reported total expenditures of \$25,601.54, leaving a balance of \$38.11.

Of the total expended \$23,606.29 was given to Japanese American evacuees from Vanport city. Of the remainder \$1,000 was given to the American Red Cross. The remainder went for office supplies and incidental expenses.

Nisei GI's Remains Returned from Europe

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The remains of Tech. Sgt. Akira R. Otsubo, who died in combat as a member of the 442nd Combat Team, have been returned to the United States from Europe for final burial in the United States.

His next of kin is Shotaro Otsubo, 29 Mandeville Island, Stockton, Calif.

Sgt. Otsubo's remains were returned aboard the U. S. Army transport James E. Robinson.

CORTEZ CHAPTER SPONSORS FIRST FISHING DERBY

CORTEZ, Calif.—N. Ishida of Modesto won first prize with a 2 1/2 pound fish in the Cortez JACL chapter's bass derby here recently.

Many valuable prizes were donated by merchants of Turlock and other nearby communities.

Other prize-winners were Mr. Hashimoto of Livingston with a 1 1/2 pound bass, Al Ferrari, Ballico, 1 1/4 pounds, and Booth Matson, Turlock, 13 pounds. Eighteen other prizes were awarded.

Members of the Cortez JACL's bass derby committee were represented among the prize-winners by only one candidate, Sats Morita, who hooked a 1 1/2 pound fish.

The local chapter has decided to make the derby an annual affair.

Members of the committee were E. Yoshida, Y. Sakaguchi, N. Kajioaka, K. Kajioaka, Sats Morita, Ken Miyamoto and Ben Noda. Charley Passadori of the Ballico Store and Ed Bard of Bard's Sport Shop helped with the registration.

Japan Radio Program Plans Interviews with U. S. Japanese

SAN FRANCISCO—Interviews with persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States will feature a program of the Japan Broadcasting company, the Nichi-Bei Times reported this week.

The program, Tokyo's "Man in the Street" show, will reach out by transoceanic and transcontinental telephone to link Tokyo with persons of Japanese ancestry in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York for the on-the-spot interviews.

The program will be broadcast in Tokyo on Dec. 24.

The Nichi-Bei Times said that

the facilities of the Mutual network in San Francisco would be used for the interviews.

Duncan Ikezoe, former instructor at the army's military intelligence service language school and a member of the editorial staff of the Nichi-Bei Times, will announce the San Francisco portion of the program.

Preliminary plans were made for the broadcast by Yukio Ikeda, an official of the Japan Broadcasting company, when he was in San Francisco in October as a U.S. government witness in the "Tokyo Rose" case.

Interview Hundred Nisei for Roles in Humphrey Bogart Film

Brazil Japanese Returns to Teach In Catholic School

SAN FRANCISCO—The first Catholic missionary of Japanese ancestry to go to Japan from Brazil sailed this week on board the General Meigs, first passenger liner to leave this port for the Orient, after the recently concluded three months long waterfront strike.

The missionary is the Rev. Masao Onuma, who came to Brazil from Japan as a farmer-colonist and is returning as a member of a Catholic religious order. He will serve at the new Catholic Nanzan college in Nagoya.

Also on board the General Meigs are 34 Japanese residents of the United States who are returning permanently to Japan.

Another Meigs passenger is Jacob Delshazer, 35, a bombardier who was captured by the Japanese when his plane crashed during the Doolittle raid on Tokyo in 1943. Delshazer and his wife, Florence, 27, are sailing to Japan to become missionaries for the Free Methodist church.

Delshazer was held by the Japanese in a prison camp for 44 months, 34 of them in solitary confinement. It was while he was in the prison camp that he resolved that he would return some day to Japan as a missionary. He recently graduated from a religious school in Seattle.

Ruth Watanabe Takes Librarian Post at Rochester School

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—Ruth Watanabe, a former resident of Los Angeles, recently was appointed librarian of the Eastman School of Music.

An honor graduate of UCLA, Miss Watanabe continued her studies in Rochester.

Tetsu Komai Will Return to Screen In Occupation Story

HOLLYWOOD—For the first time since the spring of 1942, a sizable group of Japanese Americans are appearing before movie cameras this week.

Following an interview with more than 100 candidates for film roles in the Santana production, "Tokyo Joe," a story of the U.S. army of occupation in Japan, nine Nisei girls were chosen by Director Stewart Heisler to take screen tests for roles in the film.

One of the eight Nisei girls chosen for a role in "Tokyo Joe" is Fumiko Kawabata, the Los Angeles girl who was a radio, stage and screen star in Japan before the war. Miss Kawabata also appeared in vaudeville on the Orpheum circuit in the 1930s.

The others who took screen tests at Columbia studio where the cameras will roll on "Tokyo Joe" on Jan. 3 are Margie Nakai, Inoko Pat Kamo, Karie Shindo, Peggy Okazaki, Masako Hatanabe, Shizue Ichioaka, Yuki Sato and Julia Fukuzaki.

It was reported that Tetsu Komai, one of Hollywood's best-known Japanese actors before the war, had been signed for one of the leading roles in the film, that of a Japanese general.

Four other roles have been assigned. Bodei Kakuuchi will act as a Kamikaze pilot. Lane Nakano will be a bus driver and Howard Kumagai will portray a bartender. Kiichi Nakamura will have the role of a truck driver. Humphrey Bogart.

All those selected are expected to receive 40-day contracts.

Producers of "Tokyo Joe" are still hoping to get Sessue Hayakawa, former silent screen star who is now in Paris, to appear in the major Japanese role in the picture.

While seeking Nisei for bit parts and extra roles in the picture Heisler and Jason Lindsey, assistant director, attended the recent benefit talent show for tuberculosis patients by Nisei entertainers recently.

Backgrounds for the film were taken recently in Tokyo, particularly in the city's Asakusa district where most of the film's action is expected to take place.

Some dialogue for the film was translated by the local regional office of JACL ADC.

Ira Shimasaki Voted President of JACL In Nation's Capital

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Ira Shimasaki has been reelected president of the Washington, D. C. JACL chapter. Shimasaki was unopposed, but Harry S. Truman received one write-in vote.

Other officers for the ensuing year include:

Lorraine Yamasaki, first vice president; Henry Goshu, second vice president; Jane Tashiro, corresponding secretary; Hedy Nagatsuka, recording secretary; Tosh Enokida, treasurer, and Ken Isei, board delegate.

First Selectee

AUBURN, Calif.—Akira Ichikawa of Newcastle left here recently for basic training as one of the first group of draftees from Placer county under the new peacetime draft.

California Congressman Will Introduce Bill for Equality In Naturalization Statutes

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Rep George P. Miller (D. Calif.), said today he would introduce a bill for equality in naturalization and immigration before the Eighty-first Congress, according to the Washington office, JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Rep. Miller is the second Representative to agree to introduce the measure. Rep. Walter H. Judd (R. Minn.) previously announced he would reintroduce the bill which, in the Eightieth Congress, bore his name.

California CIO Urges Citizen Rights for Issei

LOS ANGELES—Approximately 400 delegates attending the 11th annual California State CIO convention in Municipal auditorium in Long Beach last week unanimously adopted a resolution calling for naturalization and immigration laws which would grant citizenship to Japanese and other aliens now ineligible for citizenship. The convention was held on December 9, 10, 11 and 12th.

The resolution, citing the outstanding record of Nisei soldiers in both the Pacific and European theaters of war during World War II, was presented by Frank Kanno, veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, representing the United Electrical Workers union.

Coachella JACL Collects Goods for Japan Orphanage

INDIO, Calif.—A large quantity of canned goods, clothing and other relief materials were collected by the Coachella Valley JACL chapter as a result of their recent drive to obtain supplies for an orphanage in Japan, according to Tom Sakai, chapter president.

The relief goods were turned over to Chohei Kondo of the Japanese American Community Council's Japan Relief division in Los Angeles.

Denver Girl Wins Contest for Wool Dress Designing

DENVER, Colo.—Naomi Inai, 22-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Inai, was named Princess of the Denver division of the second annual Make It Yourself With Wool contest held at Colorado Women's college last week.

The annual contest is sponsored by the auxiliary to the Colorado Wool Growers Association.

Of the 40 girls who entered their handiwork, Miss Inai polled the most votes of the six judges, placed second in the senior dress division and won the overall prize in coat designing.

Miss Inai was crowned by Willard Simms, editor of the Record Stockman, and was presented with a yellow wool blanket.

Chiura Obata Has One-Man Show in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—More than 60 works of art by Chiura Obata, professor at University of California, have been on display on a one-man show at the Maxwell Galleries in San Francisco.

The exhibition was held through Dec. 18.

About one-half of the paintings are in black and white wash, the others in color.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, said it is expected a number of other Congressmen, both Democrats and Republicans, also are expected to introduce the bill.

House rules, unlike the Senate, do not permit a bill to be co-sponsored. Thus, when a number of Congressmen are in favor of a particular measure, each may introduce an identical bill.

Legislative procedures calling for several sponsors in the House represent a change compared to last year, when only one Representative, Rep. Judd, sponsored the bill.

Sponsorship during the next session, as was actually the case during the last, will continue on a "bi-partisan basis," Mr. Masaoka said.

Rep. Miller has a distinguished record of aid to persons of Japanese ancestry in America.

During the Seventy-ninth Congress, the Representative from California became the first Congressman in the nation since the beginning of war to introduce national legislation favorable to the Nisei and Issei.

His first bill proposed a stay of deportation for alien Japanese, a bill subsequently enacted into law. Another proposed that spouses of U. S. service personnel in Japan be permitted to come into the United States.

At hearings on the Judd bill last year, Reps. Miller and Bertrand W. Gearhardt, (D. Calif.) were the only two Representatives from California to testify on the bill. Both advocated its passage.

A member of the Seventy-ninth Congress' Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, Rep. Miller will serve with the same group during the next session, though under the reorganization act it is now a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee.

In testimony given during hearings on the Judd bill last year, Rep. Miller said, in part:

"I want to be on record as endorsing not only the principles expressed but also the language of the bill . . ."

"In my opinion, the time has come when we ought to remove the last remaining barriers, on the basis of race, in our immigration and naturalization laws.

"Certainly, people . . . who have lived in the United States for almost half a century should be allowed to become citizens of the land they love so well."

A Democrat, nevertheless Rep. Miller won both the Democratic and Republican nominations from his district (Alameda) under cross-filing permitted in California.

Four Nisei Pass Territorial Bar

HONOLULU, T.H.—Four Japanese Americans were among the 28 successful applicants who recently were admitted to practice law in the territory. In all 33 took the annual bar examinations given last October.

They are: Nelson Kiyoshi Doi, Kazuo Oyama, Sakae Takahashi, and Ben G. Takayesu.

Thank You

Although it is now almost over six months since the flood at Vanport, the Portland Japanese Community wishes at this time to take the opportunity to thank the many people who made contributions to the flood victims. The majority of the flood victims are now getting along nicely and are settled in permanent residences. The heartfelt gratitude of the victims cannot be over-emphasized in thanking the many contributors, for their financial assistance and other commodities received.

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Vanport Flood Committee
Japanese American Citizens League, Portland
Former Vanport Residents

Promise Christmas Assistance For Needy Families in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—Community support of the campaign to obtain Christmas assistance for needy Japanese American families in the Los Angeles area was reported this week by Sam Ishikawa, regional director of JACL ADC, who is a member of the Christmas Relief Committee.

Ishikawa said that at least 31 families with more than two persons in the household, 34 elderly couples and 31 single persons were receiving county welfare assistance at the present time. He noted that many families

were impoverished as a result of the evacuation experience and have been unable to become completely self-supporting since their return from the WRA camps.

He said that the names of the needy were submitted by the Los Angeles County Bureau of Public Assistance.

Support of the community-wide campaign for Christmas relief to the needy families has been promised by both Buddhists and Christian churches and by various local Nisei organizations, including the JACL.

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EDITOR

EDITORIALS:

For Equality in Naturalization

The endorsement this week by Sen. J. Howard McGrath of proposed legislation to remove racial restrictions from the immigration and naturalization laws emphasizes the bipartisan nature of support which has been accorded the proposal which is being advanced in Washington by the JAACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Sen. McGrath's support is significant because the Rhode Island legislator is the chairman of the National Democratic Committee. Equally significant is the report this week that Rep. George Miller of California has announced that he will introduce a bill for equality in immigration and naturalization in the 81st Congress.

Rep. Miller's bill will be a counterpart of the measure introduced in the 80th Congress by Rep. Walter Judd, R., Minnesota. Rep. Judd also is expected to reintroduce his bill and has stressed that the measure's domestic implications, opening the portals of citizenship to some 90,000 Japanese aliens and others now racially ineligible for naturalization, are outweighed by its international impact in impressing a billion Asiatics with proof that the United States no longer condones race discrimination in immigration. It is Rep. Judd's thesis that the measure is one of this nation's most effective arguments in the present international contest of ideologies.

A Tribute to Dillon Myer

All Americans who are cognizant of the record of the War Relocation Authority under Dillon S. Myer will applaud the efforts of the administration in attempting to get Mr. Myer to take over the post of U. S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Mr. Myer has a distinguished record of public service. Before he assumed the task of the wartime relocation of more than 110,000 evacuees of Japanese ancestry, he was chief of the Soil Conservation Service in the Department of Agriculture.

In his administration of the WRA, Mr. Myer was deeply concerned, not along with the physical comforts of the evacuees, but with such intangibles as self-respect and human dignity. He fought for the constitutional rights of Nisei evacuees in high level conferences in Washington and he determined the policy of outside resettlement for the evacuees when there was still considerable pressure for the perpetuation of the relocation centers as concentration camps throughout the war. It was his determination to work the WRA out of existence and his success in his endeavor has won him the admiration of official Washington.

In Denver last week, Will Rogers Jr., who has been recommended as a candidate for the office of U. S. Indian Commissioner, spiked the movement in his behalf by announcing that "all Washington is behind" Dillon S. Myer. Mr. Rogers described Mr. Myer as "a man whose integrity and ability goes unchallenged, and a man fully capable of executing the office expertly."

No Covenants for Heroism

Typical of comment in the nation's press regarding race discrimination in private cemeteries against American war dead of Japanese ancestry, as shown in the case of Sgt. Kazuo Masuda, is this editorial from the San Francisco News, the Rocky-Mountain News and other Scripps-Howard newspapers of Dec. 2:

"Sgt. Kazuo Masuda was an American of Japanese ancestry. Fighting in Italy with the much-decorated 442nd Combat Team, he waded along into bitter fire of a German artillery unit, carrying a mortar. From a suitable point, he poured 20 rounds of shells into the enemy unit and forced it out of position.

"A few weeks later, again acting alone to save the lives of his crew, he emptied his machine gun into the Germans at a range of five yards. He was killed in this action.

"After his death, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, second highest of our military decorations.

"Early last month Sgt. Masuda's body was brought back from Italy. Officials of his home-town cemetery ruled that the sergeant could not be buried in a part of the lot where 'restrictive covenants' barred persons who were not of Caucasian ancestry. He could be buried in an area without trees or lawn, but not among the 'desirable lots.'

"It is good to know that public protest and indignation over this decision finally has induced the cemetery officials to change their minds and offer a new plot to the Masuda family. For we think the sergeant deserves a final resting place among respected Americans in any cemetery. And if there are others with such restrictions, let it be recalled that in the war there were no 'covenants' restricting heroism to persons of Caucasian ancestry."

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

J. Parnell Won't Like It

There used to be a time when one could wish his friends the classic greetings of the season, "Peace on earth, goodwill toward men," without qualm or apprehension. Now, thanks to our current hypersensitivity about loyalty, we aren't so sure.

"Peace on earth, goodwill toward men." Hmm. It could have a slightly subversive connotation. Maybe Robert Stripling of the Thomas committee won't like it. After all, peace can be an ugly word if you're bent on having a war economy. Remember that day in 1945 when a false peace rumor sent Wall Street stocks sliding?

We once wrote a column, back in 1943, which declared that "men of goodwill" opposed the Dies Committee, the immediate ancestor of the present Thomas investigative group. We were more than surprised a few days later to read in a Hearst paper that Robert Stripling, who also was counsel for the Dies Committee, considered our phrase "men of goodwill" somewhat subversive and was considering an investigation of the Pacific Citizen. We remember we hurried to Washington and offered to submit to any investigating that he wanted. But Mr. Stripling wasn't interested. He had gotten his headline.

That was our first experience with the committee's tactics of trial by headline. A lot of other Americans have been forced to submit to it before and since that time. Some of them may have deserved it. Others didn't but found that their reputations had been besmirched without any opportunity to answer the character assassination which is a specialty of the committee.

There is certainly a legitimate function for a House Committee on Un-American Activities but the record of the Dies, Wood-Rankin and Thomas groups show little interest in any real investigation of anti-democratic activities in these United States. The committee has a latitude which is not permitted to the Department of Justice, in the absence of federal civil legislation of these anti-democratic influences. Certainly the denial of civil rights to American citizens because of reasons of race, color or religion is an un-American function. But the committee has shown no interest in the civil rights of individuals, other than that of denial or harassment.

The Dies Committee had an unusual opportunity to investigate a score of un-American organizations during the war. Among them were such groups as the California Preservation Association and the Remember Pearl Harbor League which advocated the denial of constitutional guarantees of citizenship to Americans of Japanese ancestry. Instead, the committee investigated the victims of this anti-democratic activity and succeeded in widely publicizing the race myths and the fears and suspicions which were the stock in trade of the organized anti-evacuee interests. Rep. J. Parnell Thomas, the nominal chairman of the present committee who is now under Federal grand jury indictment, was the instigator of the attack on the Japanese Americans.

We also remember Rep. John Rankin of Mississippi, who delights in public denunciation of Americans who are not white Protestants, for some of the fantastic suggestions which he made in Congress regarding the Nisei. One of Rep. Rankin's demands was that all of the evacuees be segregated by sex in separate relocation centers. Another was his opposition to the army sending Nisei soldiers overseas. He intimated that he had secret information that, on a given day, the Nisei would blow up the ships in which they were being sent overseas.

It makes us slightly uncomfortable to feel that Reps. Rankin and Thomas and their dour-visaged counsel, Robert Stripling, have set themselves up as guardians of our liberties. It was not so long ago that Thomas and Rankin and many of their committee cohorts were in favor of concentration camps for the Nisei, on the sole grounds of race and ancestry.

The kind of public atmosphere, of suspicion and fear among all

Americans, which the committee seems bent on creating, is the type which condoned the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific coast in 1942. The Dies Committee helped create and maintain that atmosphere of suspicion toward Japanese Americans by unsupported charges that persons of Japanese ancestry on the Pacific coast were loyal. The Department of Justice, which has to have evidence which will stand up in court, has yet to initiate any prosecution of a person of Japanese ancestry in the U.S. mainland and Hawaii on grounds of espionage or sabotage. There have been two treason cases on the Pacific coast in recent months but both Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino and Tomoya Kawakita were residents of Japan at the time of the outbreak of war. The wild charges made by the Dies Committee during the war regarding Japanese Americans remain unsubstantiated and unproved.

We have something of a personal interest in the House Committee on Un-American Activities because of an incident in July, 1943 when a witness appeared before the Dies Committee and testified that "Larry Tajiri" had been beaten up at the Manzanar relocation center on Dec. 6, 1942 and that we had identified one of the attackers who was subsequently jailed, thereby precipitating a disturbance. Not only have we never been in Manzanar but we were in Salt Lake City at the time. The committee, however, is uninterested in correcting errors in testimony of this sort, even when it is called to their attention.

Even when the operation of the House Committee on Un-American Activities is examined from the narrow frame of its relation to Japanese Americans during its period of existence under Dies, Wood and Thomas, its record is one of mere sound and fury. It is doubtful whether the Dies Committee's extensive junkets during its wartime investigation of Japanese American relocation added to the sum total of knowledge regarding the group which other agencies did not already possess.

The Dies Committee's wholly unwarranted charges against K. Patrick Okura only succeeded in depriving the city of Los Angeles of a loyal and able public official. The committee has, in the past, similarly hounded other Nisei. It has provided a forum for the white supremacist in California and for the biased and bigoted.

The public atmosphere which the committee, with the aid of its legislative counterparts in California, helped to create resulted in the general acceptance during the war of the anti-democracy of the theory of wartime mass evacuation based solely on race and ancestry. As far as we know, the committee was dead wrong on the Nisei. It was one of a combination of forces which participated in what probably will be regarded by history, as Yale's Eugene Rostow already has termed it, "our worst wartime mistake."

The committee's apparent demise after the Truman victory in November, including the defeat of two of its leading members at the polls and the indictment of its chairman, has been followed by its eleventh hour reincarnation through the revelation of the contents of Whitaker Chambers' pumpkin. There has been so much of rumor and so little fact in the newspaper stories about this case in the past two weeks that it is difficult to assess its true character. It may be that the committee has finally found something—but the Justice Department claims that it has known about it all along. Whatever it is, the committee's practice of given wide circulation to unsupported and often biased testimony is not the way to investigate what appears to be a breach of the national security.

Anyway, we are going to think twice this year before we send out any cards which carry the yuletide wish of "peace on earth, goodwill toward men." We wouldn't like to be investigated again.

Vagaries

Actress . . .

Mrs. George Goda, who as Mituko Miura was one of the stars of the Japanese films, is now in southern California visiting her husband's parents. She is not interested in a Hollywood career and insists she just wants to be a good wife. Her marriage to Nisei Lieut. Goda was one of the first between U. S. occupation personnel and a Japanese national. . . . According to the L. A. weekly, *Crossroads*, the youngest actor in "Clay Pigeon," the forthcoming RKO movie about double-dealing in the Orient, is 2-year old Glenn Akahoshi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tish Akahoshi. Incidentally, Glenn was named for Glenn Davis, Mr. Outside of Army's famous football twins.

Prisoner . . .

The recent anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor recalls that Japanese American members of the territorial guard in Hawaii helped capture the first Japanese prisoner taken in the war in the Pacific. The prisoner was one of the two-man crew of a Japanese midget submarine which foundered off Oahu. . . . Also a Nisei soldier, Pvt. Tadao Migita, was one of the 3000 Americans who died in the Japanese attack on Hawaii.

Editor . . .

Kaz Oshiki, who won the first Ben Masaoka memorial scholarship, is now editor of the Quax yearbook at Drake university in Des Moines.

Speaking of Hayakawa in Paris, there are some 20 other persons of Japanese ancestry who remained in the city throughout World War II. Most of these Japanese are artists who have been reduced to distressing economic circumstances because their funds were cut off and because they have had difficulty securing work permits owing of their alien status.

Recently in Paris one of these Japanese, a painter, was chosen from among Paris' leading artists to design and paint the great flag of the United Nations Organization which is now waving over Chaillot Palace on Tocadero hill in Paris where the UNO has been in session.

It's reported that these Japanese in Paris were deeply moved to see the handiwork of one of their somewhat tattered group waving over the conference of the world organization.

JACL Chapters

Announce Results

Of Annual Elections

The 1949 cabinets of the Milwaukee, Ventura, Tulare and San Jose chapters of the JAACL were announced this week, according to information received by Masao W. Satow, national director of the JAACL.

Kazumi Oura heads the Milwaukee group for the coming year. Other officers are: Nami Shio, vice-pres.; Mitzi Shio, rec. sec.; Chie Ishida, corres. sec.; Tamio Suyama, treas.; and Dr. Tokuso Taniguchi, Dr. Sanbo Sakaguchi and Lynn Wells, delegates-at-large.

The Ventura, Calif., chapter will be led by Tomio Yeto. Taro Inouye is the new vice-president. Other officers are: Minato Mayeda, sec.; Yoshito Toyohara, treas.; Knox Takasugi, auditor; and Teruo Yoshida and George Kanamori, sergeants-at-arms.

Tom Shimasaki is the president of the Tulare County group in California. Other officers are: Tom Shimaji, Kay Hanada, Hiroshi Mayeda and Hiyoshi Imoto, vice-pres.; Kenji Tashiro, sec.; Edward Nagata, treas.; and John Kubota, publicity.

Esau Shimizu is the president of the United Citizens League of Santa Clara County. His cabinet includes: Akira Shimoguchi, vice-pres.; Phil Matsumura, second vice-pres.; Robert S. Okamoto, treas.; Sachi Endo, sec.; and Mrs. Ruth Hashimoto, reporter.

Nisei Inducted

HOLLISTER, Calif.—Okiji Yamanishi, 22, was inducted into the army this week as one-half of San Benito county's quota of two selectees under the new peacetime draft.

Evacuees in Dixie: "California" Vegetables Grown In Arkansas by Nisei Know-How

By INEZ HALE MacDUFF
(From the Arkansas Gazette)

The choicest cauliflower and lettuce on Little Rock tables last week did not come from California or the Rio Grande Valley. They were grown in Arkansas, along with turnips, carrots, spinach, onions, tomatoes and Chinese cabbage ("chou-chou").

Along a levee on Old River, 15 miles east of Little Rock, the largest and most succulent vegetables ever seen in this section of the country are lying in straight, well-drained rows on some of the state's finest alluvial land.

Cauliflower plants stand so high that passersby think they're growing tobacco. Yet even the largest leaves are tender enough for cooking and the hearts are well matured, fully flavored and beautifully white and firm. Cabbages rise along the rows like giant roses. Turnips are at their best, with firm, meaty roots, and tops that are large without being rank. This near-miracle, on land cleared 100 years ago to grow cotton and rarely used for anything else, didn't "just happen." Experience, skills and energy of several ambitious American families of Japanese descent went into this super-crop. Some of the state's most experienced farmers stabilized the venture with their funds and backing. Visitors who "didn't know it could be done in Arkansas" come away pop-eyed with admiration. Proof is here that Arkansas can grow anything in the vegetable line that California produces. The Japanese Americans say that Arkansas can even surpass California because the soils have more minerals and results come faster.

Largest group of the new vegetable farmers operate about 60 acres of the 12,000-acre George Alexander plantation at Scott. Five families, with about 12 acres each, are producing top quality vegetables in volume for Little Rock produce wholesalers. A typical daily order delivered at 3 a.m. one day early this week was headed by 365 dozen heads of lettuce and 80 dozen cauliflower. Other vegetables were in varying quantities, with the total valued at more than \$500.

The five families produce their crops and prepare them for market individually, then family heads take turns in gathering produce from the groups and driving trucks to market. Every item is harvested and packed on order. During harvest seasons the vegetables are gathered during the day, washed, scrubbed and culled in backyard tubs afterdark, graded and packed with scrupulous care, and sent to market at 2:30 a.m.

The truck driver delivers the freshly packed crates to various jobbers, receives the next day's orders, returns to check in at the plantation office. He then parcels out the next day's orders among the individual producers. Detailed, accurate records of each family's production and sales are kept. There is remarkable co-operation between the growers, with no conflict in dividing orders.

On the Alexander plantation, the new Arkansans provide all labor and "know-how" for the project, and the Alexander family provides all machinery, trucks, seed, fertilizer and land. The operation is on shares, and Mrs. Virginia Alexander Brown, paymaster for the plantation, says that the newcomers are honest, accurate and efficient.

Emphasis is on quality, from beginning to end, and only the best is sent to market. No effort is too great to give their product top billing.

Their first year's experience was hard, with their product unknown and many things to learn. Planting dates, temperatures, soil conditions, varieties were studied. Special needs of the market were surveyed. Produce men provided lists of things that will sell. Next year things went better. Now, nearing the fourth year of operation, they are well established. The work is set up on a calendar basis, with every season allotted to planting, cultivation and harvesting of certain crops. Only for a few weeks in January is there little to do. In June, July and August, when everything else is "burned up," their irrigated gardens are brilliant green. Lengths of freight car coupling hose are used between ditches to direct the water. Some machinery is used, but most of the cultivation is by hand after the

ground is first plowed by tractor. About a dozen Japanese American families have worked land near Little Rock during the past three years. All were at the Rohwer Relocation Center during the war. Leaders of the group chose this section in which to settle, after they had flown over the land in a plane to study the water supply. Although the cold winter and heavy rainfall hamper them, they still think that Arkansas is a good place to raise "California" produce. They can grow the same quality of vegetables here as in California, they say, and in greater quantity. Everything they produce sells at good prices locally, and they have limited competition. They could ship produce if they wished. They think in terms of expanding to sell in St. Louis, Memphis and other markets, but that means inducing other Japanese to join them. They are far too polite to say that native Arkansans probably wouldn't be willing to work 18 hours a day to produce top quality crops, but they believe that nothing less will do the job at this time.

Long hours mean nothing to them. A driving rain or sharp wind means nothing. An order is an obligation to be met without fail. Life is strictly business, but their ingrained cheerfulness, good will and philosophy of accepting hardships carries over into everything they do. These newcomers consider themselves pioneers. They don't expect to inherit the fruits of their labors, but they believe their children will have that "better chance in life." Several cases are represented in the group, but all work together for their mutual welfare. Lloyd Shingu, who completed high school in Japan, is a graduate of the University of Southern California at Los Angeles. Although he hasn't been in the vegetable business previously, except to work in the office of a vegetable firm, he is pleased with success of their venture, and his wife and their four children like Arkansas. His parents, who are with him, are experienced farmers. Mickey Nakamura, a native of California and a graduate of the College of the Pacific at Stockton, Cal., had raised vegetables before coming here. Haruo Yoshimura and his cheerful little wife, Shizuko, are old hands at the vegetable business and they like Arkansas "fine." Sam and Mary Yada and elderly Mr. and Mrs. Den Oshima are skilled gardeners. Two family heads were school teachers before the war, two were laborers and one a carpenter and mechanic. All of the women work in the fields with their husbands, but none of the children work. There are 14 adults in the five families, including one bachelor, Maurice Nakawa, whose plight is discussed in many family councils. He doesn't know any young ladies of Japanese descent within marriageable distance, and Arkansas may lose him as a result.

Both men and women dress warmly and efficiently, with high rubber boots, slickers, rubber hats and gloves on wet days. They are as unlike traditional Arkansas farm workers in appearance as anyone could possibly be. All build bath-houses in the back yards of their homes for nightly hot baths. The older children help with the housework, because the mothers are in the fields, but all of the families have washing machines and all types of electrical appliances.

Their unflinching courtesy and good humor makes them agreeable neighbors. Any passerby who troubles to wave across the fields will get an answering wave and flashing smile. Their generosity is locally celebrated. They give vegetables to any neighbor who stops by. They

feed all stray animals and treat them kindly.

Principal and teachers at Scott Consolidated School taught some classes in democracy and Americanism before the little new children came to school. On their first day, the shy, polite, clean-scrubbed little Japanese American children came timidly in, wearing middy blouses and sailor suits, on which their mothers had sewn small American flags to show that they were born in this country. The Arkansas children took them into games and groups from the first, and soon found that top marks in all classes were likely to be made by the new children. The Japanese American children attend Sunday school at Scott churches and are to embrace Christian faiths, although their forefathers were reared as Buddhists.

One surprised little girl, Rose Futamachi, found herself a candidate for school beauty queen when her classmates decided to put her up in the annual contest. (She almost won, too.)

Minor adjustments to be made by the new Arkansans include learning to milk a cow (the critters are wholly new to the vegetable farmers) and trying to teach an Arkansas mule how to understand Japanese. (The mule driver, worried for fear the midsummer sun might be too hot for the animal, built a small shed for him to stand in during noonday lunch time.)

Their generosity is locally celebrated. They give vegetables to any neighbor who stops by. They

Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

Christmas Is Hard on Parents

Denver, Colo.

It's something of a relief around our house that Christmas is only a week away. It's been a long time coming, and the wait has not been easy.

Once upon a time, long, long ago, it was customary to start the Christmas shopping season after the last of the Thanksgiving turkey had been put where all good turkeys go. It's different now. As early as last July there were merchants urging the public to lay away for Christmas gifts, or place orders for Christmas cards. And even before Halloween the store windows were gay with Christmas finery and toys of wondrous perfection.

Christmas any more is a thoroughly commercial proposition with housewives going on a prolonged buying jag and worrying themselves to a frazzle over the suitability of gifts for innumerable kith and kin. Christmas has become a chore, not a holiday.

Only among the very young, it seems, has the oldtime Yuletide spirit—as distinguished from its religious implications—been retained. Take our Susan, for instance. At the age of 4½, she is an elfin creature with a multitude of interests. But her life is wrapped more thoroughly and tightly around the approaching Christmas than anything she's ever encountered.

Susan has implicit faith in Santa Claus. She is positive—although she is puzzled by the exact mechanics of how it will be done—that Santa Claus will bring her a doll house. She is a vain little female, ordinarily taking great delight in new shoes or a dress, or even a pair of socks. But these objects pale at the prospect of the doll house.

If Santa Claus were to forget the doll house, Susan would be crushed. Her world would topple around her, there would be no sun, no light, no joy in her limited universe. Santa Claus must not disappoint her.

Washington ADC Discusses Evacuee Claims Problems

This is another of a series of questions and answers on the evacuation claims law prepared by Edward J. Ennis, JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee special counsel, and released by the Washington Office of the JACL ADC as a public service. This series is based on actual questions asked of this office.

1. Q. I can prove a loss of \$3,000. Would you advise me to claim only \$2,500 on the theory that the claim would be paid more quickly because the award would not have to be submitted to Congress for approval, as an award over \$2,520 would?

A. It is true that under the Evacuation Claims Act awards over \$2,500 must be submitted to Congress for approval. But it is not recommended that less than the full amount of your loss be claimed and the remainder be waived solely in order to avoid submission of the award to Congress. It is now known at this time how much time and difficulty will be involved in obtaining Congressional approval of awards made by the Attorney General. It is not sufficiently clear that there will be substantial difficulty in order to warrant waiving any part

of your claim. If it later develops that Congressional approval will take considerable time, it would be possible then to consider that part of any award over \$2,500.

2. Q. Will you kindly clarify as to the point that claimants who have reasonable proof to submit more than \$2,500 require a Congressional approval. Does that mean that each individual under such circumstances should shoulder all of the necessary expenses thereof or all of the above cases will be handled by the Justice Department and will place such bills to the Congressional agenda thru the effort of the said department?

A. Undoubtedly the Attorney General will take some action to obtain Congressional approval of awards made by him. In addition any attorney who assists in obtaining an award will be interested in obtaining approval of the award by Congress and payment in order that his fee approved by the Attorney General will be paid. There should not be any great additional expense involved in having the average award approved by Congress.

3. Q. The railroad company had employed me for thirty-five years. On December 8, 1941, I was dismissed from employment and ordered to leave my house which was owned by the railroad. A military squad escorted me out of the railroad town. Can I claim for loss of my seniority pension, which I would have received if I had been able to continue working and also for expenses incurred by having to take care of my family, caused by the evacuation?

A. So far as your dismissal from employment on December 8, 1941 and your loss of seniority pension is concerned, it would be difficult for you to establish that this was due to the evacuation which came some months later. You might argue, however, that you could have gotten your job back if you had not been evacuated and if this is true you might file a claim for loss of your pension. Before doing so you might take up with the railroad company the question of having your pension restored because in passing upon your claim the Government would inquire what efforts you had made to get the railroad company to restore your pension. So far as expenses of your family caused by evacuation is concerned, it is not possible to say at this time whether such expenses constitute a loss of property within the meaning of the statute. The only way you can get a decision on this question is to file a claim.

4. Q. Prior to evacuation I operated a business of my own—a tea house in San Francisco and I was the sole legal owner, including all the equipment and

It is hard for mere adults to understand how deeply children feel their anticipation, but I got an inkling of it the other day when Susan was listening to a radio mystery play. She doesn't get many of the words, but the sinister voices and the mood music seem to fascinate her.

"Susan," I asked, "don't those scary programs frighten you? Don't you think about them when you go to bed?"

"No," she replied simply. "I don't think about scary things. I think about happiness when I go to bed, about things like Christmas and Santa Claus."

That's something to remember the next time I'm tempted to pass off a child's convictions lightly.

Mike, Susan's older brother, is much more nonchalant about Christmas. The other day he was overheard saying: "Susan, do you believe in Santa Claus? I don't." When Santa Claus is mentioned, he is likely to put on a knowing smile as if he were joining in an adult game just to keep the "little kids" happy.

A few weeks ago we went window-shopping and viewed some of the most fascinating toys ever conjured for a boy's pleasure. Mike's eyes sparkled at some of the toys, but when the tour was over he refused to commit himself as to his desires.

"Oh, I don't know," he said. "I've got a lot of toys already. I don't need anything for Christmas."

Apparently he has been hearing his parents talking about the high cost of living, and his knowledge of third grade arithmetic makes him painfully if only partially aware of the shrinking dollar.

Despite his noble willingness to sacrifice, we shall see to it that Mike is well taken care of come Christmas morning. He's far too young to be worrying about his Dad's anemic bank account. We appreciate his good intentions, but he must remain a boy until it is time to put aside boyish things.

PC's 56-Page Holiday Edition Out Next Week

The Pacific Citizen's annual Holiday issue will be published next week and will feature the story of the Issei in America.

Because of the special holiday issue, which will run to 56 pages, there will be no issue of the Pacific Citizen on the following week. The first issue for 1949 will be published on January 8.

furnishings and my husband was employed as a wage earner with a business establishment other than my own. My husband legally owned all the household property of our home. His claim and my claim of the loss will, if combined, amount to more than the maximum of \$2500. We do not desire to file a claim over that amount as I understand it would require the Act of Congress in this case if it exceeds over \$2500. Can we both, my husband and I, file a separate claim of loss up to \$2500 each?

A. You or your husband separately may file separate claims for loss suffered to property owned by you separately. There is no requirement that husbands and wives file one claim. It has merely been suggested that where the property lost or damaged is in the name of the husband or in the name of the husband and wife together, they should file one claim and not try to divide the loss into two parts and into separate claims on the basis of community property laws. Where the property is separately owned, however, as in this case, there is no reason why separate claims should not be filed.

5. Q. I am the sister of a veteran killed in action in Italy while serving with the 442nd Regiment. I inherited all his real and personal property, including insurance carried with the National Service Life Insurance. My brother, prior to evacuation, was the owner of a grocery store, and at the time of evacuation, he had to dispose of his business at a loss. I am interested in knowing whether an heir is entitled to file damages in connection with the loss sustained by my brother.

A. The Evacuation Claims Act does not state expressly whether or not the executor, administrator, or heir of a deceased claimant may file a claim. In the absence of an expressed prohibition in the statute against such claims, however, they should be filed and it is likely that such claims will be allowed and determined on their merits. It would be preferable for the executor or administrator of the estate, if there is one, to file the claim, but if there is none there is no reason why the sole heir should not file her brother's claim.

128 California Grape Checks Await Evacuee Farmers

SACRAMENTO—One hundred and twenty-eight checks from the California Department of Agriculture are awaiting Japanese and Japanese American grape growers from the 1938 brandy pool, Paul G. Robertson, supervising enforcement officer, reported this week.

Robertson said that the department is anxious to locate the grape growers, all of whom were evacuated from California in 1942, so that it can pay out the checks and clear up the 1938 grape account.

Robertson said that the state has unclaimed grape checks for the following firms and individuals of Japanese ancestry (the address, last known to the state, is given):

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T. Kaba, Rohwer; T. Kadoya, Jerome; Sadao Kakutani, Gila River;

George Sunichi Kanase, Jerome; Y. Kawate, Gila River; Tatsumi Kimoto, Gila River; K. Kimura, Poston; Nobuo Kishida, Rohwer;

Yoneko and Miyoko Kitahara, Poston; S. Kobashi, Gila River; I. Kodama, Jerome; Roy Koyama, Rohwer; H. Kumataka, Utah;

Hiroshi Kurumaji, Reedley.

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Toshio Nakagawa, Jerome; J. Nakagawa, Jerome; Percy Nakagawa, Rohwer; H. Nakamoto, Colorado; Matsuko Nakamura, Poston; Kiyomi Nakamura, Jerome; Nakata & Okada, Jerome; M. Nakatani, Gila River; Shinichi Nimi, Rohwer; Keiji Nishi, Jerome; M. Nishimura, Tule Lake; J. Nishisaki, Tule Lake; Nomoto Ranch Co., Poston.

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A. S. Takahashi, Galt; Mrs. K. Takikiwa, Gila River; S. Takumoto, Jerome; Jinsoo Tamura, Gila River; Masao Tanaka, Jerome; T. Y. Tanaka, Gila River; Masao Tanaka, Gila River; T. Tanimoto, Gila River; K. Tokimura, Gila River; H. Tonagawa, Parlier; Fred Taniguchi, Jerome; Tisato Togioka, Poston; M. Takahashi, Galt; S. Toyama, Malaga; H. Tsuboi, Gila River.

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Idaho Soldier Laid to Rest At Arlington

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Funeral services for Pfc. Kiyoshi Murakami, Pocatello, Idaho, were held on Dec. 15 in Arlington National cemetery.

Pfc. Murakami was buried besides the graves of Hato and Wataru Nakashima, also of Pocatello, two of his life-long friends.

All three saw service with the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, an all-Nisei outfit which earned for itself the title "Purple Heart Infantry" because of the heavy casualties suffered in some of the bitterest battles of World War II.

Pfc. Murakami was born Feb. 11, 1924, in Dell, Mont., a son of Toraki and Yano Murakami. He was graduated from Ashton (Idaho) high school, then moved with his family to Pocatello.

He joined the army on June 7, 1944, and went overseas in November of the same year with G Company, 442nd RCT. After fighting in both France and Italy, he was killed April 19, 1945, in the Po Valley campaign. He held the Combat Infantryman's badge, Bronze Star and the ETO ribbon with three battle stars.

Services at Arlington, attended by his parents, a brother and family friends, included a formal army ceremony, followed by private rites.

Survivors, besides his parents, include three sisters: Mrs. Toshio Nakanishi, one of the first 12 WACs to serve in Tokyo with the army of occupation; Kiyoshi, Pocatello, and Yayeko, Salt Lake City, and two brothers, Yoshito and Shozo Murakami, Pocatello.

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Watsonville League Will Open Office to Aid Evacuee Claimants

WATSONVILLE—The Watsonville Citizens League will open a temporary office here to help returned evacuees in the area in filling out evacuation claims forms.

The league, which is affiliating with the National JACL, sponsored a mass meeting on Nov. 30 at which time evacuation claims material received from the JACL was distributed.

Okadas Widen Lead In Sat Lake League

Okada Insurance widened its lead in the JACL winter bowling league in Salt Lake City as they blanked Metro Motors on Dec. 13.

George Meifu of Seagull Cleaners had high series for the night with 630 but his team bowed to Tuxedo Cafe, 1 to 3. Min Iwasaki of Tuxedo had 572.

Aloha Fountain, now in second place, split with City Cafe as Wat Misaka, former Utah University of Utah basketball star recorded a 544 for the latter.

Shig Miya paced New Sunrise Market with a 583 as they defeated Modern Garage, 3 to 1.

Seiko Kasai's 555 helped Pacific Citizen to stay among the leaders as they dropped Dawn Noodle, 3 to 1.

Ed Sasaki's 550 led OK Cafe to a 3 to 1 upset over Hibbard Drugs.

Utah County YPC Plans Xmas Dance

The Utah County YPC will hold a Christmas dance on Dec. 23 from 9 p. m. at the Avalon ballroom on State street.

Bids are \$1.50 per couple. The public is invited.

The Revelers will supply the music for the dance.

Tickets are being sold by members of the Utah Valley Y.P.C.

Address Sought

The address of the Matsuuchi family, formerly residents of Los Angeles and the Heart Mountain relocation center, is sought by Tetsujiro Oura of Japan.

Members of the Matsuuchi family are Mr. Jujiro Matsuuchi, Mrs. Chiyoko Matsuuchi, and children Sumiko, Mamoru and Yutaka.

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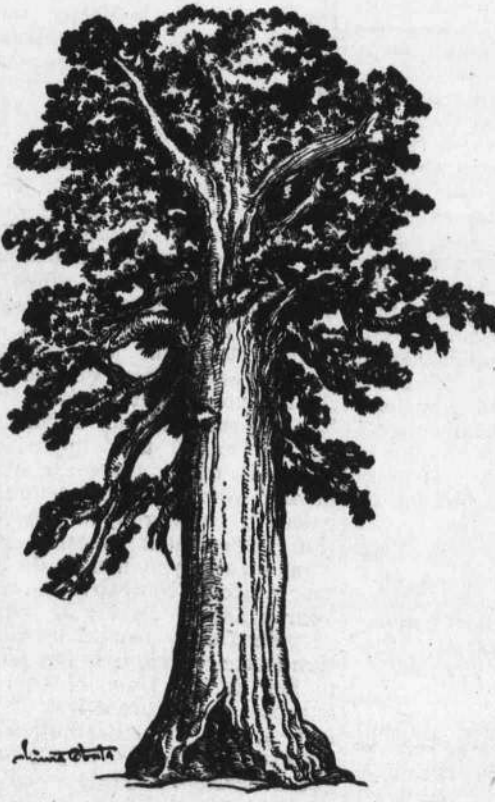
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Golden Gloves

Hawaii is continuing to produce top flight Nisei boxers. One of the first Hawaii Nisei to win a national crown, Henry Oshiro, AAU bantamweight champion in 1941, is co-coach of the Hawaiian Golden Gloves boxing champions who met San Francisco's titlists at the Civic Auditorium this week. Two members of the Hawaiian team are Nisei, flyweight George Ganeko of the Hawaii Veterans club and Ken Kawate, University of Hawaii student and a former member of the 442nd Combat Team.

Ganeko was named the outstanding fighter in the Hawaiian tournament. He won 19 bouts out of 21. Kawate, 24, scored several upsets to win the lightweight title.

Scatback

There were few "climax" runners in west coast high school football during the recent season than Long Beach Poly's Benny Aoki. The Nisei scatback was a star all season for the Long Beach eleven. During the season he was called on to carry the ball 41 times and gained 326 yards for an average of eight yards a carry. Aoki closed the season at the football carnival in Long Beach in which Poly, Wilson and Jordan competed. The Nisei back won both games for Poly, scoring from 11 yards out to lead his team to a 7 to 0 victory over Wilson and scampering 53 yards for Poly's 7 to 0 win over Jordan.

GI Boxers

Two Nisei GI boxers will represent the U.S. Army in Japan in the army's forthcoming Guam tournament next month. They are

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Mike I. Takasagawa a girl on Nov. 18 in Reedley, Calif.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuto Hashimoto a boy on Nov. 29 in Reedley.
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Kawada, Bacon Island, Calif., a girl on Nov. 28.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Furuta, Woodinville, Wash., a girl on Dec. 8 in Seattle.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tom T. Kawasaki a boy on Nov. 27 in Fresno.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Mori, Visalia, Calif., a girl on Nov. 29.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Yoshitaka Nakai, Palo Alto, Calif., a girl, Amy, on Dec. 6.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Yasutake, Alviso, Calif., a boy, Robert Ken, on Dec. 5.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Nobuo Ajimura, Los Gatos, Calif., a girl, Janice Yuriko, on Dec. 3.
 To Mr. and Mrs. James Kamada a girl on Dec. 13 in Salt Lake City.

Menford Mayeda of the 24th division, GI flyweight champion of Japan, and Ray Masuda of the Fifth Air Force, All-Japan batamweight titlist.

Golden Boy

Robert (Golden Boy) Takeshita, who has only lost to undefeated Maxie Docusen, in some 35 professional bouts added another victim to his record in Honolulu on Dec. 14. Weighing in at 141½ pounds, Takeshita, a protege of Sad Sam Ichinose, knocked out Eric Boon of Cambridge, Eng., in the third round of a scheduled ten-rounder.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Ben B. Kudo a boy, Daniel Mark, on Nov. 24 in Los Angeles.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Raimundo R. Salas (nee Caroline Tsutsumi) a girl, Barbara Louise, on Nov. 24 in Los Angeles.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kiho Tamaki, Puente, Calif., a boy, Kiho Mark, on Nov. 27.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Taniguchi, Riverside, Calif., a boy on Dec. 4.
 To Dr. and Mrs. Kazuo Yanagisawa (nee Dr. Eugenia Fujita) a girl, Eugenia Anne Yanagisawa, on Nov. 15 in New York City.
 To Mr. and Mrs. William Isamu Okubo, Madrone, Calif., a boy, Alfred Yoshikazu, on Dec. 2.
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Kurakazu, MacDonald Island, Calif., a boy on Nov. 18.

DEATHS

Teiji Yamasaki, 79, of Caruthers, Calif., on Dec. 6.
 Takara Tanabe, 60, on Dec. 5 in Seattle.
 Hayakichi Okada, 78, Sanger, Calif., on Dec. 12.
 Susan Jo Izumi, 2 days old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Izumi of Chicago on Oct. 17.
 Rintaro Kuratomi on Dec. 12 in Los Angeles.
 Shosaburo Hamanaka on Dec. 10 in Los Angeles.

MARRIAGES

Grace Yamaguchi of Cortez to William Kimoto on Dec. 12 in Livingston, Calif.
 Mary Kawada to Junichiro Oishi on Nov. 28 in Chicago.
 Shigeo Suzuki to Yoshio Matsumoto on Dec. 4 in Chicago.
 Georgene Yamamoto to George Chuji Sowa on Dec. 4 in Chicago.
 Misuye Fudenna of Warm Springs to Joe Takeda on Nov. 27 in San Jose.
 Kiyoko Mitsuuchi of Los Angeles to Art Yamakawa of Sunol on Nov. 28 in San Jose.
 Sumiko Karasaki of Cupertino to Jimmy Shiraki in San Jose.
 Fumi Takagi of Los Altos to Charles Wada of Alameda on Nov. 21 in San Francisco.

Ruth Hisako Takahashi to Aubert Tadashi Watada on Dec. 12 in Fort Lupton, Colo.
 Mae Fujii, formerly of San Fernando, Calif., to Joe Tooru Kanazawa on Dec. 11 in New York City.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Fusako M. Morita, 29, Lodi, and Henry K. Kodama, 29, Live Oak, in Stockton.
 Helen Fusaye Nagafuji, 23, Sloughhouse, Calif., and Noboru Matsumoto, 30, in Sacramento.
 Sadako Yamamoto, 32, and Kimio Kobata, 43, in San Francisco.

Salt Lake Cagers Plan Dinner Dance

A television set will be given away by the Harlem Seagulls and the Salt Lake JACL basketball league at their dinner dance on Dec. 26 at the Ritz club, 3737 South State St., in Salt Lake City. Lyle Kurisaki, Jr. is the general chairman of the dinner dance.

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AMY TODA WINS SNOW CUP RACE ON ALTA COURSE

BRIGHTON, Utah—Amy Toda of the Brighton Ski club won first place in the women's division of the Engen Snow Cup trials on Dec. 12 as she made a stable, fast, fall-less run in 1:11s.

Carolyn Harris placed second in 1:19s.

Miss Toda, a student at the University of Utah, is one of the outstanding women skiers in the Intermountain area.

Snake River JACL Holds Claims Clinic

ONTARIO, Ore.—The first of a series of evacuation claims clinics sponsored by the Snake Valley JACL was held on Dec. 12 at Airport Community hall.

More than 200 persons from the Snake River and Boise Valley areas, as well as attorneys from nearby towns, attended the session which was called by Thomas T. Itami, president of the local JACL.

Kay Terashima and Mas Horuchi, national office manager of the JACL, were on hand from Salt Lake City to assist in answering questions regarding evacuee claims procedures.

A second meeting will be held on Dec. 19 at Airport Community hall.

Pasadena Group Plans Social on Christmas Eve

PASADENA, Calif. — The Pasadenas club of Pasadena will present their annual Christmas Eve ball at Farnsworth hall in Altadena.

Fusa Hamane, president, announced that Mits Koyama will be general chairman for the dance. Other committees are headed by Mary Takemura, Chick Hino, Mary Mitsumori and Charlotte Iwata.

SAN JOSE TEAM ENTERS SEATTLE CAGE TOURNEY

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Jose Zebras this week accepted an invitation to compete in the eight-team All-Oriental basketball tournament in Seattle over the Christmas holiday.

The Berkeley Nissei team won the right to represent Northern California Nisei cagers two weeks ago by winning the Drake tournament in San Francisco. The Zebras were the losing finalists to the Berkeley team.

It was believed that the invitation was tendered the Zebras when one of the other teams, previously scheduled for spots in the tourney, could not be secured for the event.

Christmas Dance

CHICAGO — The Chicago Ramblers will sponsor a Christmas night dance at Oliver Institute hall with "Snowfall" as their theme.

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Nine Soldiers Buried in Rites At San Bruno

SAN BRUNO, Calif.—Nine Nisei war dead were given final burial in ceremonies held at Golden Gate national cemetery this week.

All were killed in action while serving in Europe with the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Pvt. Joe R. Yasuda of Sebastopol and Pvt. James Okamoto of San Francisco were buried with military rites on Dec. 14.

Utaka Koizumi and T/5 Hiroshi Sugiyama were reburied on Dec. 15.

Services and reinterment were held on Dec. 16 for Corp. John Kato of San Francisco and Pvt. Michio Teshima of Oakland.

Reburial rites were held on Dec. 17 for T/5 Minoru Nakayama of Alameda, Pvt. James J. Kanada of Concord and Pfc. Robert S. Hoshino.

Holiday Ball

SPOKANE, Wash.—The holiday ball of the Spokane JACL chapter will be held on Dec. 23 at the Civic Building auditorium.

Dutch Groshoff's band has been engaged for the evening, according to Martha Tsuji, dance chairman.

Report Hundred Apply for U. S. Linguist Posts in Tokyo

DENVER, Colo.—The Colorado State Employment Service announced on Dec. 10 that 100 Japanese linguists, mostly Nisei, have applied for positions in Tokyo with the Civil Censorship Division, Far East Command, Department of Army.

Recruitment of the linguists began this week.

Thomas Rowe of the Far East Civil Censorship Command in Tokyo arrived in Denver on Dec. 16 to conduct written and oral examinations.

Salaries will range from \$3700 to \$4600 a year with transportation provided by the government. United States citizenship is required and the age limits are 21 to 50 for men and 21 to 40 for women. Only single women will be accepted.

Santa Barbara JACL Will Sponsor Dance On New Year's Eve

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—The Santa Barbara JACL chapter will hold its first New Year's eve ball at Montecito hall.

It will be a couples only, semi-formal affair.

Susie Tamura, Akimi Yamada, Jim Haruki, John Suzuki, Mich Fukusawa, Mary Kanetomo and Mary Katayama are in charge of arrangements.

Wedding

CHICAGO—First wedding service in the newly redecorated chapel of the Ellis Community Center church will be held Dec. 4 at 8 p. m. when Georgene Yamamoto and George Chuji Sowa pledge their vows.

Mrs. Margaret Yee, sister of the bride will be matron of honor. Tuney Otani will be bridesmaid. The groom will be attended by George Yaki, best man, and Jerry Sowa and Hiromi Taketoshi, ushers.

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San Jose Chapter Will Give Aid to Evacuee Claimants

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The United Citizens League of Santa Clara County (JACL) will assist claimants in filing forms for evacuation losses under Public Law 886, according to Ray M. Taketa, executive secretary.

A recent meeting of advisers and district chairmen of the UCL discussed means of assisting claimants.

Taketa said that a limited number of official forms are available at the UCL office, 565 North Fifth Street, as well as a supply of Japanese translations provided by JACL ADC.

Chicago JACL Credit Union Will Hold Annual Meet

CHICAGO—The second annual general meeting of the Chicago JACL Credit Union will be held on January 21st, Friday evening, at a dinner at the Como Inn, 546 N. Milwaukee Ave., President Noboru Honda announced this week.

In a special planning meeting last week, the committee met to lay plans for this annual affair. The program will include the election of three members to the Board of Directors and will feature special entertainment. Attorney Thomas Masuda has been selected to serve as toastmaster for the dinner.

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NISEI HALFBACK VOTED AS TEAM'S MOST VALUABLE

PLEASANTON, Calif. — Richard Tsukada, 17, junior student and left halfback on the Don football squad, this week holds the title of Amador Valley's high school's most valuable player for 1948.

Tsukada, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Joe Tsukada of Sunol, was presented with a wrist watch by Leonard Baskin of Hayward at football night ceremonies on Dec. 7 in the school's gymnasium.

The presentation of the award to Tsukada highlighted the first annual dinner in honor of the football team.

Tsukada was named the most valuable player after a secret ballot among the student body.

Tsukada was the star of the Don grid attack during the 1948 season.

Nisei Veteran Passes California Bar Exams

LOS ANGELES — James K. Mitsumori, 27, a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, was admitted to the California bar last week as a result of examinations given in October.

Mitsumori was honorably discharged from the army in January, 1946 with the rank of master sergeant.

He entered the University of Michigan in 1939 and received his bachelor of arts degree in 1943. He returned to the school to complete his law studies after military service.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Misuke Mitsumori and is married to the former Nora Mayehara of Hawaii.

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Stranded Nisei Files Suit on Citizenship

SEATTLE — Charging that he was deprived of his American citizenship through a misunderstanding, Hichiro Uyeno, a native of Bellevue, Wash., filed suit in U. S. district court to regain his United States nationality.

William Y. Mimbu, counsel for Uyeno, said the latter had been forced to vote in the 1946 general elections and did not know that the action constituted forfeiture of his American citizenship.

He said Uyeno was informed of the consequences of his action when he applied to the United States Consul in Japan last year for a passport to return to the United States.

He said Uyeno declared that leaders of the Japanese village in which he lived forced him to take part in the elections.

The suit was filed against George C. Marshall, as Secretary of State.

Spokane Elections

SPOKANE, Wash.—The annual election meeting of the Spokane JACL will be held on Jan. 9 at the Galen club.

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