



Dean Acheson, National JACL counsel in the Oyama and Takahashi test cases before the U. S. Supreme Court, is shown receiving a set of Japanese cloisonne vases from Mike M. Masaoka, national legislative director of JACL ADC. The presentation was made to Mr. Acheson on behalf of the National JACL and all persons of Japanese ancestry for his participation as JACL counsel in the Alien Land Law and anti-alien fishing law test cases last year. It was announced by President Truman on Jan. 7 that Mr. Acheson, former Undersecretary of State, had been named Secretary of State succeeding General George C. Marshall.

Dean Acheson Proud of Role as JACL Counsel in Test Cases

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Dean Acheson Jr., former Under-Secretary of State and special counsel in the Oyama and Takahashi hearings before the Supreme Court, was presented on Dec. 27 with a special gift by the Japanese American Citizens League.

The gift was a pair of magnificent cloisonne vases imported from Occupied Japan.

They were presented by Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, "on behalf of Americans of Japanese ancestry, and Japanese in the United States, in appreciation for your earnest work and efforts."

As he accepted the vases, Mr. Acheson said: "I feel that it has been an honor to have been associated with Japanese Americans and their parents in arguing the Takahashi and Oyama cases before the Supreme Court."

"It is with both pride and gratitude that I accept these from a people who have proved to be among my finest friends, and I know all Americans can be proud of those persons of Japanese ancestry who live in this country. They are among our finest citizens."

He cited the "distinguished war record of the Nisei," and the "loyalty, faith and hard work of Japanese in America during the war," as "proof that here indeed

is a people that has every right to be called 'good Americans.'"

"I feel deeply honored at your recognition," he said.

"The vases," Mr. Masaoka said "represent the gratitude of JACL and all persons of Japanese ancestry in America for your interest in our problems."

"We know that your distinguished support played a large part in the success of our cases before the Supreme Court, and we hope this small gift will, in some measure, convey our sincere and humble thanks for your efforts."

The presentation of the vases was made at a brief, informal ceremony in Mr. Acheson's offices.

Present, besides Mr. Acheson, was Charles A. Horsky, who assisted him in the two cases, and several members of the JACL ADC Washington staff.

Mr. Acheson, along with A. L. Wirin, Los Angeles, argued the two cases on behalf of JACL before the Supreme Court. The former Under-Secretary of State contributed his services, and the Oyama case was his first before the Supreme Court after his return to private practice.

Following the presentation ceremony, Mr. Acheson asked several of his secretarial staff members to "come in and see these beautiful gifts," and said cheerily "these will match the color scheme in our living room."

Truman Reaffirms Civil Rights Program in Talk to Congress

WASHINGTON, D. C.—President Harry S. Truman on Jan 5 reaffirmed his 10-point Civil Rights program which he previously submitted to the Eightieth Congress.

In his annual State of the Union message to the combined Houses of Congress, the President asked that the original program be enacted into law.

The President did not reread his Civil Rights message. However, when he delivered it originally to the Eightieth Congress, he asked for:

"Equalizing the opportunities for residents of the United States to become naturalized citizens, and settling the evacuation claims of Japanese Americans."

Only one phase of the 10-part Civil Rights program was approved by the last Congress—evacuation claims, a bill originated and

sponsored by the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

It is considered quite likely Congress will approve the naturalization phase of President Truman's program through passage of the bill for equality in naturalization and immigration. This measure, too, has been initiated and sponsored for the past three years by JACL ADC.

In his original Civil Rights message, President Truman said:

"All properly qualified legal residents of the United States should be allowed to become citizens without regard to race, color, religion or national origin. The Congress has recently removed the bars which formerly prevented persons from China, India and the Philippines from becoming naturalized citizens. I urge the Congress to remove the remaining racial or nationality barriers which stand in the way of citizenship for some residents of our country."

Chicago City Agency Will Fight Race Bias in Burials

PC Subscriptions Raised to \$3.00 For JACL Members

Subscription rates to the Pacific Citizen for all JACL members will be raised to \$3 from the present \$2.50 rate, it was announced this week following action by the Pacific Citizen board.

The new rate will become effective Feb. 1. All member subscriptions prior to that date will be charged for at the old rate.

The non-membership rate will remain \$3.50 per year.

Members of the Pacific Citizen board are Paul Shinoda, chairman, William Enomoto, Saburo Kido, Shigeki Ushio, Joe Tanaka, Min Yasui, Kay Terashima, Vernon Ichisaka and Togo Tanaka.

Four Arrested In Chicago for Counterfeiting

Report Three Have Previous Criminal Records in California

CHICAGO—Four men of Japanese ancestry, including two Nisei, were arrested here on Dec. 30 by Secret Service agents for possession of \$11,000 worth of counterfeiting equipment.

The Nisei are Isamu Honda, 35, a bus boy at the Windsor hotel, and Robert Yoshio Kono, 31, an employe of a photo studio.

The other two are aliens, Frank Uyeda, 48, and Kiyoshi Endow, a cook.

In Honda's room, agents found plates for counterfeit \$20 Federal reserve notes, photographic negatives and enlargements of \$50 bills, books on photography and an ink collection.

Three of the men have served prison sentences in California — Honda, for burglary; Uyeda, for attempted murder, and Endow, for murder.

Honda and Kono pleaded guilty before Commissioner Edwin K. Walker and were held to the Grand Jury in \$5,000 bond. Uyeda and Endow pleaded innocent. They were given a continuance until Jan. 6 and were held under \$10,000 bond.

The arrests were carried out by Secret Service agents under Harry Anheier.

JACL Distributes Claims Forms At Seattle Meeting

SEATTLE, Wash. — The Seattle chapter, JACL, distributed evacuation claims forms and explanatory literature at a public meeting Dec. 17 at the Buddhist church.

Attorneys Toru Sakahara and Bill Mambu discussed Public Law 886 and the official claims forms. Frank Hattori interpreted in Japanese.

The discussion was followed by a question and answer period.

Over 250 persons attended the meeting.

Masaoka Register Under Lobbying Act

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Mike Masaoka, nation legislative director, and Etsu Masaoka, both of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, Washington office, again have registered as legislative representatives under the 1946 Lobbying Act.

The act requires all persons and organizations whose principal activity is lobbying to register, as well as file financial reports, with the Clerk of the House and Secretary of the Senate.

Cemetery Discrimination Told By JACL Official at Meeting Of Human Relations Council

CHICAGO—A city agency, Mayor Kennelly's Commission on Human Relations, this week offered help to the community's 20,000 residents of Japanese ancestry in an effort to crack the barrier of racial discrimination in Chicago's cemeteries.

The commission met on Jan. 3 with representatives of the Japanese American Citizens League and other groups.

Tats Kushida, Midwest regional director of the JACL, told Thomas H. Wright, executive director of the commission:

"We find a general discrimination here against the burial of persons of Japanese ancestry, including Nisei war veterans."

"Every family I know of here whose sons were killed overseas has sought burial in a national military cemetery. Chicago has no place for them."

Mrs. Helen K. Mukoyama, representing the Chicago Japanese American Council, added:

"Before 1941, Chicago had about 300 persons of Japanese ancestry. 'Almost all the bodies before 1941 were cremated and kept in the Japanese mausoleum erected on a small lot in Montrose Cemetery at 5400 No. Pulaski road."

"This mausoleum, erected by the Japanese Mutual Aid Society about 15 years ago, is not adequate now to meet the needs of the people. Since the war, there has been an increase in the group from 300 to about 20,000."

Mrs. Mukoyama and Kushida said the only "exception where ground burial is permitted is a plot of 30 lots, now completely sold, in Montrose cemetery."

Abe N. Hagiwara, of the Chicago Resettlers Committee, said

Parlier Man Killed In Crossing Crash

FRESNO, Calif. — Hikosaburo Okamura, 69, of Parlier was fatally injured on Dec. 29 when his car was struck at a crossing near Reedley by a Santa Fe train.

Rushed to the Reedley hospital, he died several hours later.

Forms Available In Ogden Area

OGDEN, Utah. — Three Ogden business shops have been supplied with evacuee claims forms, translations and instructions to facilitate distribution of these forms in this area, according to Ken Uchida, president of the Ogden JACL.

The forms may be obtained at Dave's Barber Shop, Dave Aoki, 2428 Grant ave.; Roy's Service, Roy Nakatani, 256 25th st.; and 24th Street Barber Shop, Mine Ogata, 267 24th st.

Drew Pearson Tells of Bias In Chicago Area Cemeteries

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Drew Pearson, noted national columnist and commentator, stirred up the nation—and Chicago—in a Jan. 2 broadcast which called attention to the Windy City's "after-death race discrimination law."

Chicago cemeteries have long observed a rigid discrimination policy which prohibits the burial of Japanese Americans.

Recently, this situation came to the attention of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee Chicago office which promptly set about to throw the light of publicity upon an intolerable example of discrimination.

Advised of the Chicago situation by the JACL ADC, Mr. Pearson, in a nation-wide broadcast, said: "Attention: Ex-mayor Kelley of Chicago:

"During the war, Mr. Mayor, Chicago did a great job for servicemen, and you, in a large part, were responsible. Another outfit that did a great job for its country was

his father was denied burial in Chicago in 1945 while another son was returning from combat duty with the famous 442nd Combat Team in Italy. After several days, the father's remains were cremated."

Mrs. Mukoyama told of the refusal of cemeteries to permit the burial of a Japanese American nurse, killed in an auto accident here in 1942.

The commission was told that most of Chicago's cemeteries have "restrictive covenants" prohibiting burial of persons not of Caucasian ancestry.

Ken Kunimatsu, operator of a cleaning establishment, told the Daily News in an interview that the body of his brother, Isamu, killed in action with the 442nd Combat Team, is being returned and will be buried in the national military cemetery at Rock Island.

The Rev. G. M. Kubose, one of four Buddhist priests in Chicago, said several cemeteries now allow the use of their crematoriums, but the ashes are removed by the families.

Many families prefer burial rather than cremation, according to the Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, pastor of the First Baptist church.

"But I don't know a single cemetery, with the exception of Montrose, where the segregated plot has all been bought, which will allow burial in Chicago," he declared.

G. J. Klupar, representing the city's Catholic cemeteries, explained that persons are buried in them side by side without regard to racial origin, but under church canon law only Catholics are accorded burial rites in consecrated ground. There is only a small group of Catholics of Japanese ancestry in Chicago, it was stated.

Mrs. Mukoyama said the Japanese American community in Chicago felt it was unable to buy land for its own cemetery.

She asked the commission to "assist us in making it possible for a few cemeteries to sell their lots in order that Japanese Americans in Chicago can lay to rest their loved ones with peace and dignity."

the Japanese American 442nd Regiment, the so-called "Purple Heart" Regiment because of its heroic charge up the Appennine hills in which one-half the Regiment was killed or wounded. But now the bodies of the heroic 442nd Regiment are being shipped home, and the once big-hearted city of Chicago today refuses to give these men a final resting place. These men were good enough to die for their country. But because of Chicago's after-death race discrimination law, they are not good enough to be buried in Chicago."

What Mr. Pearson did not add, but of course which his broadcast highlighted, was the fact that no American of Japanese ancestry may be buried in a Chicago cemetery.

In the past, Japanese American residents of Chicago have either been forced to have next-of-kin cremated, or have the bodies shipped to the west coast for burial.

Reps. Walter, Judd, Miller Introduce Identical Bills for Equality in U. S. Naturalization

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Three identical bills for equality in naturalization and immigration were introduced into the House of Representatives on the opening day of the Eighty-first Congress, the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee announced this week.

The bills were offered by:

Congressman Francis E. Walter, (D., Penn.), Congressman Walter H. Judd, (R., Minn.), and Congressman George P. Miller, (D., Calif.).

The Walter-Judd-Miller ENI measure is identical to the so-called Judd bill introduced in the Eightieth Congress, a bill which was unanimously approved by the previous Congress' House Subcommittee on Naturalization and Immigration during the final days of the last session.

In addition to the bills introduced by these Representatives, four other measures were tossed into the hopper on the opening day, all dealing with the problems of removing discrimination against Orientals in America's immigration and naturalization laws.

Two bills were introduced by Delegate Joseph R. Farrington, (R., Hawaii), seeking to make Koreans and Japanese admissible as immigrants and eligible to apply for citizenship.

Emanuel Celler, (D., New York), introduced two separate measures asking for the admission of Indonesians and Koreans, and seeking to make those ethnic groups eligible to apply for citizenship.

However, it is expected that Del. Farrington shortly will introduce an identical copy of the ENI bill, thus expanding its sponsors to four Representatives.

This, of course, would obviate the necessity of Del. Farrington seeking passage of his two separate measures because the comprehensive ENI bill sponsored by the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee includes not only Koreans and Japanese, but all other ethnic groups in Asia and Pacific islands now inadmissible solely because of race.

Although Rep. Celler's bills do not call for admission of Japanese or many other Asian groups into the United States, the New York legislator already has announced his support of the Walter-Judd-Miller ENI bill. His approval of the comprehensive measure is considered significant because he now is chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, of which the Subcommittee on Naturalization and Immigration is a part.

Although the ENI proposal was not introduced last year until the Eightieth Congress was well underway, the current measures, coming at the opening of the new Congress are in a position to receive comparatively early consideration.

Actually, the ENI bill was the ninetieth proposed law to be tossed in the Congressional hopper when it was introduced by Rep. Miller. Rep. Judd was the second person to introduce the bill, as H.R. 199, and Rep. Walter the third. His is H.R. 308.

A total of 448 public bills, incidentally, were introduced on the opening day.

As a California Congressman, Rep. Miller places his state, once the center of anti-Japanese feeling in the United States, squarely behind the ENI bill. The Congressman is one of the influential friends of Japanese Americans in Congress.

The only sponsor of the bill last year, Rep. Judd so far is the only Republican to introduce the proposed law. This indicates the bipartisan support it is receiving in the Eighty-first Congress.

Rep. Walter is one of the most powerful Democratic members of

Nisei Sergeant Laid to Rest At Arlington

WASHINGTON, D. C.—T/Sgt. Jimmy Toshio Shimizu, Seattle, Wash., was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on Dec. 21, according to the JACL Anti-Discrimination committee.

A member of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Sgt. Shimizu was killed Oct. 29, 1944, during the rescue of the "lost Texas Battalion" in the Vosges mountains of France.

His body was brought back to the United States for reburial at the request of next of kin.

Sgt. Shimizu was awarded the Silver Star posthumously.

He was born May 30, 1918, in Yakima, Wash., a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ayiro Shimizu. His parents now reside in Seattle.

A graduate of Wapato, Wash., high school, Sgt. Shimizu joined the army March, 1941, at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Survivors, besides his parents, include seven brothers and sisters: Jimmy, Frank and George Shimizu, Chicago; Johnson and Mary Shimizu, Seattle; Mrs. Alice Matsuchi, New York City; and Mrs. Mabel Endo, Culver City, Calif.

French Camp Names Bob Takahashi to JACL Presidency

FRENCH CAMP, Calif. — Bob Takahashi was named president of the new French Camp JACL at its last meeting at the Japanese hall.

The chapter was formerly the French Camp Progressive Citizens club.

Also voted in were:

John Fujiki, 1st vice president; Satsuki Iwata, 2nd vice pres.; Tamako Yagi, corr. sec'y.; George Komure, treas.; Tayeko Iwata, historian; Ben Hatanaka, correspondent; Pete Takahashi, athletic mgr.; Bob Ota, official delegate; Chiyo Fujimoto, 1st alternate; Hiroshi Shimoto, 2nd alternate; and Mitzi Taniguchi, secretary.

Dr. Tanaka Returns From Navy Service; Opens Dental Office

FRENCH CAMP, Calif. — Dr. James Tanaka, who returned recently after 26 months of service as a lieutenant in the Navy, opened his office for dental practice at the Carr building in Stockton.

Dr. Tanaka is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Tanaka of French Camp.

The newly organized French Camp JACL acknowledged a generous donation from Dr. Tanaka.

the House. Last Saturday he was elected chairman of the House Democratic Caucus, and is the ranking member of the House Judiciary Committee.

JACL Chapters Name New Cabinets

Cabinet officers for 1949 were announced by a number of JACL chapters this week following elections held by their respective groups.

Ira Shimasaki was named president of the Washington, D. C. chapter, and Roy Sakasegawa was elected president by the Salinas valley group.

In the Yellowstone chapter Hiroshi Miyasaki emerged winner of the presidential election, with Paul Okamura and Ray T. Yasui named president for the Pocatello and Mid-Columbia chapters respectively.

Complete cabinets for these chapters were announced as follows:

Pocatello JACL: Okamura, president; Masa Tsukamoto, vice pres.; Miyoko Konishi, treas.; Miye Morimoto, rec. sec'y.; Amy Kawamura, corr. sec'y.; Fred Tominaga and Matsuyo Yamada, co-social chairmen; Joanne Kihara, publicity director; Bill Yamauchi, official delegate; Novo Kato, alternate delegate; and Gene Sato, athletic coordinator.

Mid-Columbia: Yasui, president; Harry Imukai, 1st vice pres.; Joyce Kusachi, 2nd vice pres.; Eiko Morikado, rec. sec'y.; Yuki Okimoto, corr. sec'y.; Harold Okimoto, treas.; Ray Sato, delegate at large; Sho Endow, alternate; and Min Hamada, social promoter.

Salinas: Sakasegawa, pres.; Kay Tsujihara, vice pres.; Ikey Miyana, sec.; Sam Sakoda, treas.; and Henry Tanda, official delegate.

Washington: Shimasaki, president; Mrs. Lorraine Yapasaki, 1st vice pres.; Henry Goshō, 2nd vice pres.; Hedy Nagatsuka, rec. sec'y.; Jane Tashiro, corr. sec'y.; Tosh Enokida, treas.; and Ken Iseri, board delegate.

Yellowstone: Miyasaki, pres.; Ken Ugaki, vice pres.; Ida Hikida, corr. sec'y.; Mrs. Mariko Hanami, rec. sec'y.; Masayoshi Fujimoto, treas.; Tugan Hanami, ass't treas.; Kiyoshi Sakota, official delegate; Toyoko Okura, reporter; Osamu Kano, welfare chmn.; Shig Kano and Katsumi Miyasaki, social chmn.; and Hero Kano, sgt. at arms.

New Insurance Company Formed to Offset Race Discrimination

OAKLAND, Calif.—Discriminatory rates charged persons of Japanese and other minority ancestry in the writing of automobile insurance by most companies prompted formation of the Western Pioneer Automobile Insurance Company here, officials of the new organization reported recently.

Most companies classify insurance written for persons of Japanese, Negro, Mexican and Chinese descent as "substandard," it was said, and the practice has resulted in "inconvenience and embarrassment" to these persons, officers of the new company declared.

Organizers of the Western Pioneer Automobile Insurance Company reported that after careful study of records available to them, it was shown that insurance written for Japanese Americans showed more profit than that written for the majority group.

Organizers of the new insurance company declared that their organization was formed primarily to provide a company that would specialize in the requirements of Nisei and Issei.

The company recently issued 18,000 shares of stock, which has been offered for sale in California and other western states.

Officers expressed great hope that the company later would probably branch out into other fields of insurance and reported that progress to date has exceeded expectations.

Salt Laker Passes Utah Bar Exams

Masami Yano of Salt Lake City, a member of the Mt. Olympus chapter of the JACL, passed the annual Utah bar examinations conducted in October, according to Leland M. Cummings, secretary of the state bar.

Yano received his prelegal education at Brigham Young university in Provo, Utah, where he was prominent in student activities. He graduated with honors in 1944.

He continued his study of law at the University of Colorado, Stanford university and the University of Utah law schools, receiving his degree from the latter in June, 1948.

Idaho Community Closes Stores In Tribute to Nisei Brothers

EMMETT, Ida.—The town of Emmett paused on Dec. 18 to pay tribute to two Nisei brothers, Sgt. Max M. Hosoda, Jr., and Pvt. Earl Hosoda, who were reburied here following the return of their bodies from Europe.

All business firms in the town remained closed for an hour in honor of the Nisei war heroes.

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion post of Emmett conducted the chapel service and graveside rites, at which the Rev. P. C. Bent, Methodist Episcopal church, officiated.

Forty-two uniformed ex-service-men assisted in the services. Pallbearers included three former members of the 442nd combat team, to which the Hosoda brothers were attached at the time of their death, and three former classmate GIs for each casket.

Nisei ex-GIs who participated included Harry Hamada, Warren Shintani, Short Fujikawa and Tony Miyasako, pallbearers; and Joe Saito, Roy Yamada, George Koyama and Kiyoshi Okumoto, ushers.

Henry Suyehira, past commander of the VFW, folded one of the flags. Sergeants 1st class George Kitajima and Hideo Okanishi were the military escorts.

Sgt. Max M. Hosoda was born in Emmett on Aug. 7, 1916. He attended local grade and high schools and attended the University of Idaho for 3½ years. He enlisted for Army service Nov. 5, 1941.

He married Rose Yamasaki in

Chicago in July, 1944, and left for overseas duty the following month.

He was killed in action Oct. 18, 1944, in the Vosges mountains in France. He was serving with B company, 100th infantry battalion replacements, 442nd combat team.

Pvt. Earl Hosoda was born in Emmett on March 14, 1925. He graduated from Emmett high school in 1943 and was called in the service Aug. 4, 1944.

He left for overseas duty in January, 1945. He was killed in action three months later, on April 5, 1945, in the Appennine mountains of Northern Italy.

He was serving with A company, 100th infantry battalion replacements, 442nd combat team.

Both boys received their basic training at Camp Shelby, Miss.

They are survived by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max M. Hosoda, three brothers, George, who also served overseas with the 442nd combat team, Yoshihimi and Ruy; and two sisters, Elsie and Suyemi.

U. S. District Court Hears Fujizawa's Attempt to Win Recognition of Citizenship

Served as Interpreter During War at POW Camp in Japan

LOS ANGELES — The case of Meiji Fujizawa, the first involving a Nisei strander to be tried in a U.S. court since the war, was heard on Dec. 21 by United States Judge Jacob Weinberger.

Fujizawa was brought to the United States from Japan as a government witness in the Tomoyo Kawakita trial.

Fujizawa was represented by Attorney A. L. Wirin; while James M. Carter, U.S. Attorney who prosecuted the Kawakita case, appeared for the Government representing Secretary of State George C. Marshall.

Fujizawa, as was Kawakita, was an interpreter at the Oeyama Nickle Mine where U.S. and Allied prisoners of war were interned by the Japanese Government. According to Fujizawa's testimony before Judge Weinberger, before he left for Japan in 1939 he cancelled his Japanese nationality. While in Japan, in order to secure employment, he applied for a "kaifuku" in order to be able to have a "koseki" which was needed to secure employment. He did this, according to his testimony, not of his own free will, but because of the need for employment and that therefore his act was not voluntary.

The State Department had ruled that through such "kaifuku" Fujizawa lost his United States nationality.

In the course of the trial, the U.S. Attorney conceded that the U.S. and Allied prisoners of war at the Oeyama camp all spoke well of Fujizawa and declared that he helped them in time of need. Mr. Carter further announced that the Government did not question Fujizawa's loyalty.

Judge Weinberger took the case under advisement and will deliver his opinion soon. In the meantime, Fujizawa who has remained in the United States since the conclusion of the Kawakita case is now planning to return to his family in Japan to await Judge Weinberger's ruling.

Judge Weinberger accepted affidavits showing general conditions of coercion in Japan against Nisei during the war submitted by Roger N. Baldwin, Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, who made a survey of conditions in Japan at the request of the War Department in 1947, and who has returned from Germany, having made a study of the status of civil liberties in Germany; and Thomas L. Blakemore, chief of the Civil Liberties Unit of SCAP in Japan.

Charles Hirai Wins JACL Presidency in Idaho Falls Area

IDAHO FALLS, Ida.—Charles Hirai won the presidency of the Idaho Falls JACL chapter in elections held recently by the chapter.

Hirai will be assisted in his activities by Leo Morishita, vice president; Aki Sato, rec. sec'y.; Aki Yamasaki, corr. sec'y.; Sam Yamasaki, treas.; Yoshi Ochi, public relations chmn.; and Fred Ochi and Sam Sakaguchi, official delegates.

Florin JACL Names Ishikawa President

FLORIN, Calif.—Woodrow Ishikawa was elected to succeed Alfred Tsukamoto as president of the Florin chapter of the JACL at an election meeting held at the YBA office.

Those who will serve on Ishikawa's cabinet are Bill Okamoto, 1st vice pres.; Dick Nishi, 2nd vice pres.; Jack Kawamura, 3rd vice pres.; Mrs. Fumi Okamoto, rec. sec'y.; Mrs. Terrie Nakano, corr. sec'y.; Mike Umeda, treas.; Jim Taniguchi, ass't treas.; Jack Taniguchi, Hideo Kadokawa, Kiyoto Tanihara and Martin Miyao, sergeants-at-arms; Sumi Nakamura, historian; Alfred Tsukamoto and Woodrow Ishikawa, official delegates; and Charles Nishi and Sam Tsukamoto, alternate delegates.

Standing committees will be headed by the following persons: Sam Okamoto, constitution and resolutions; Henry Sakakihara, financial and budget; Kiyoto Tanihara, Issei relations; Dick Nishi, legal matters; Mrs. Mary Tsukamoto, legislative matters; Sam Tsukamoto, membership; Charles Nishi, Nisei veterans; Alfred Tsukamoto, program and activities; and George Dekuzaku, publicity.

UCLA Nisei Alumni Seek Parents of GI

LOS ANGELES—UCLA alumni and friends are trying to find the parents of their former friend and classmate, John Tanaka, who was killed in action in World War II.

The alumni are planning a scholarship in memory of Nisei Bruin Gold Star men and seek Tanaka's parents to inform them of the project and to get information about his personal history.

Tanaka's parents are believed to have relocated in the Denver area.

Any information should be sent to the Nisei Bruin Memorial Scholarship committee, c/o Los Angeles JACL, 258 East 1st st., Los Angeles 12.

Radio Appeal for Donors Saves Nisei Injured in Auto Accident

SACRAMENTO—James T. Tanihana, 19, of Sacramento was critically injured on Dec. 27 in an automobile accident on U.S. highway 99 near Marysville.

Tanihana was taken to Yuba county hospital where his condition was described as critical.

Highway officers said Tanihana's car skidded on the wet pavement and was hit broadside by a car driven by Amos L. Bankston, 42, of Oroville.

Among the others injured were Gary Muramaki and Hiro Dote of Sacramento.

Because of Tanihana's critical

condition, a radio appeal was broadcast from a Marysville station for blood donors. There were many responses and the Nisei youth is now reported recuperating at the Yuba City hospital after an emergency operation.

The three were returning to Sacramento from the Marysville-Sacramento YBA league game.

As there is no blood bank in the Marysville area, the radio appeal was made for donors. Tanihana was given four transfusions from Caucasian donors.

Muramoto and Dote were slightly injured.

Mrs. d'Aquino's Treason Trial Set for May 16

Judge Roche Denies
Defense Motions for
Dismissal of Charges

SAN FRANCISCO — Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino, accused of being the "Tokyo Rose" who broadcast Japanese propaganda to U. S. troops in the Pacific, pleaded innocent on July 3 to charges of treason in a hearing before Federal Judge Michael J. Roche in San Francisco.

Judge Roche set the date of trial for May 16.

Dressed in a tan plaid suit, Mrs. d'Aquino sat quietly while Judge Roche denied motions in her behalf to dismiss the case.

He granted a defense motion, however, to permit the inspection of radio scripts allegedly used by Mrs. d'Aquino in broadcasting during the war.

A native of Watts, Calif., Mrs. d'Aquino is a graduate of UCLA and the wife of a Portuguese national whom she married in 1945.

Counsel for Mrs. d'Aquino indicated that he would seek to force the prosecution to subpoena certain defense witnesses from Japan. It was noted that he himself can subpoena American citizens living in Japan but only the prosecution may subpoena aliens.

Mrs. d'Aquino's sister, Mrs. June Hori of Los Angeles, was with her in court.

The accused woman was returned to county jail after her court appearance but it was indicated that her counsel would seek her release.

Mrs. d'Aquino's previous court arguments asked for dismissal of her treason indictment on the grounds her marriage to Philip d'Aquino, a Portuguese national, put her outside the United States treason law.

Collins charged she was illegally brought to San Francisco for prosecution on charges of allegedly treasonable broadcasts over Radio Tokyo and that she should be returned to Japan to be tried by a military court.

Placer County Names Nakae President of JACL Chapter

PENRYN, Calif. — The Placer county chapter of the JACL elected Howard Nakae of Newcastle its new president at elections held last month.

Eugene Nodohara was named vice president for the Lincoln district, with other district vice presidents as follows: Herbert Tokutomi, Newcastle; Rikio Yamada, Penryn; and David Takagishi, Loomis.

Tim Sasabuchi of Newcastle was elected recording secretary, with George Makabe of Loomis corresponding secretary. Roy Yoshida was elected treasurer and Hiroshi Takemoto social chairman.

The chapter opened its new office recently at the former YMA building in Penryn. Three members, Kay Takemoto, outgoing president, Sam Sunada and Tom Yego worked for several weeks putting in a new floor, working on the windows and rewiring the building.

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CHICAGO — A combination New Year's eve and farewell party in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Weisner, who are leaving for New York City, was scheduled at the home of Mrs. Cheryl Fujimoto.

Guests included Dr. and Mrs. Richard Magoun, Mine Shiroishi and Toshi Noda.

Army Captain Weds Japanese Girl in California Ceremony

OAKLAND, Calif. — The first marriage in California history between a person of Japanese ancestry and a Caucasian was solemnized on Dec. 18 when a 35-year old Army captain, Joseph J. Davnall of New Britain, Conn., was married to Yoshie Uchida, 32, of Kobe, Japan.

The new Mrs. Davnall was working as a secretary in Kobe when she met the officer.

The marriage was made possible by the decision of the California State Supreme Court last

Denver Bussei Crown Queen



DENVER, Colo.—Louise Nishikawa, 19, center, was crowned queen of the Tri-State Young Buddhist league on Dec. 19 at the conclusion of the league's four-day meeting in Denver.

Miss Nishikawa was attended by Teruko Harada of Rocky Ford, left, and Yoshiye Yamaga of Denver, right.

The coronation was held in the Silver Glade room of the Cosmopolitan hotel.

The Buddhists dedicated their new \$130,000 Tri-State Buddhist church at 1947 Lawrence st., a building which was completed in August.

Tosh Nakamura of Denver was reelected president of the league. Other officers will be Ed Nakagawa, vice pres.; Yoshiye Yamaga, second vice pres.; Harry Matsushima, treas.; and Frank Tamura, publicity chm.—Photo by Rocky Mountain News.

Remains of 14 Nisei En Route Home for Permanent Burials

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The remains of 14 Nisei who lost their lives during World War II are being returned to the United States from Europe aboard the Army Transport Barney Firschbaum, the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee was advised last week.

The bodies originally were interred in temporary military cemeteries in France.

Following is a list of dead returned at the request of next of kin:

NAME	NEXT OF KIN
CALIFORNIA—	
Pfc. Paul F. Horiuchi.....	Takeji Horiuchi, Box 78, Madrone
Pfc. Takeo Kaneichi.....	Kahei Kaneichi, Rt. 9, Box 281A, Fresno
Sgt. Timothy I. Mizokami.....	Kunazo Mizokami, 5210 Victor Ave., Richmond
T/Sgt. Abraham G. Ohama.....	Kunzo Ohama, Rt. 1; Box 154, Sanger
Cpl. Yoshinori Sakai.....	Yasuke Sakai, Rt. 4, Box 3023, Sacramento
Cpl. Tadashi T. Takeuchi.....	Masaru J. Takeuchi, Rt. 8, Box 545 Sacramento
Pfc. Masauu Tashima.....	Genjiro Tashima, Rt. 10, Box 569, Fresno
Pfc. Fred S. Yasuda.....	Hikokichi Yasuda, 119 N. Central Ave., Los Angeles
Pvt. Satoshi Yonekura.....	Rinzo Yonekura, 19304 Stanton, Hayward
Pvt. Makoto Yoshihara.....	Shuji Yoshihara, 501 Guadalupe, Guadalupe
OREGON—	
Pvt. Alfred Y. Nakata.....	Josuko Nakata, 523 Clackamas St., N. E., Portland
WASHINGTON—	
Pvt. Ban Ninomiya.....	Calvin Ninomiya, 216 Spring St., Seattle
IDAHO—	
Pfc. Kenichi Tsumaki.....	Minoru Tsumaki, Rt. 1, Pocatello
COLORADO—	
Pfc. George Omokawa.....	Lillian Y. Omokawa, 3354 Lawrence, Denver

Husband, Wife Reunited After Long Separation During War

HONOLULU, T.H. — Eight years of separation ended recently in the happy reunion here of a husband and his wife.

The husband is Tsuyoshi Matsumoto, who is associate professor of Japanese at the University of Hawaii. His wife is the famous ballerina and motion picture star of Japan, whose professional name is Emiko Nakamura.

Mrs. Matsumoto retired from the stage at the height of her dancing career to join her husband in Hawaii. He was recently naturalized as an American citizen.

The daughter of Alexander Lebedeff, who served the late Russian emperor, in the days of the czarist regime, Mrs. Matsumoto was born in Japan to where her father fled after the Bolshevik revolution. She grew up as a Japanese and gained fame as a dancer and movie star.

Then the couple moved to Los Angeles for two years and four months. Her passport expired and she had to leave the United States, expecting to return soon. But the war broke out. It was not until recently that she was able to get a passport for the United States.

Tsuyoshi Matsumoto was one of the first alien Japanese accepted into the U.S. Army. He served two years and was stationed at the Military Intelligence service language school.

He obtained his right of naturalization through a private bill passed by the 80th Congress.

George Takashita emerged winner in a three-way election vote for presidency of the Salt Lake chapter of the JACL after a close race against George Mochizuki and Jerry Tsuyuki. The voting was conducted by mail.

He will be assisted by Doris Matsuura, 1st vice pres.; Stormy Mitsui, 2nd vice pres.; Lucille Kawate, corr. sec'y.; Tom Morita, treas.; and George Mochizuki, executive chairman.

His wife is Miss Kikuto Kitajima, 25, who arrived from Japan on Dec. 17 to marry George J. Fukumoto, 28.

Their marriage at the Nishi Hongwaji temple culminated a romance which was initiated when Fukumoto, a truck driver, viewed her picture which was sent to him by an uncle in Japan. The uncle sent several pictures of several young women but one by one Fukumoto rejected them until his eyes

Equality In Naturalization Bill Heads JACL ADC's Ten-Point National Legislative Program

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Simultaneously with the opening of the Eighty-first Congress, the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee on Jan. 3 announced a 10-point national legislative program for the year.

Legislation for equality in naturalization and immigration tops the Congressional program that was unanimously adopted by the National Board of JACL, the JACL National Legislative Committee, and the ADC Board of Directors.

The ADC program, according to the JACL ADC Washington office, divides itself into four types of legislative activity. They are:

- I. Legislation which JACL ADC expects to initiate and sponsor.
- II. Legislation of great interest to persons of Japanese ancestry, but which probably will be initiated and receive its primary support from other organizations.
- III. General civil rights and so-

cial legislation which normally may be expected to receive support from organizations interested in "equal rights and equal opportunities for all," and

IV. Legislation which JACL ADC would oppose because it is inimical and detrimental to the welfare of this country or its peoples.

With the exception of equality in naturalization and immigration, no priority is given to the other nine points of the Congressional program.

Five measures included in category I include:

1. Equality in naturalization and immigration;
2. Compensating aliens and citizens for contraband articles which were lost or damaged while held under authority of the United States Government;
3. Amending laws governing return of vested property to include law-abiding aliens who were paroled or released from detention and extended the time for filing claims two years;
4. Continuation of the Soldier Brides' Act for another two years, and
5. Authorizing the admission of children of Soldier Brides' Act marriages.

Two bills are listed in category II. They are:

6. Statehood for Hawaii, and
7. Amending the "Deportation Stay" Law to permit the Attorney General to suspend deportation proceedings unless opposed by Congress.

General civil rights legislation and social and humanitarian legislation comprise category III. The civil rights' program reads:

8. "Because the recommendations of the President's Committee on Civil Rights and the President's Civil Rights Program contain legislative proposals that strike at the heart of race discrimination in this country, we urge that these recommendations be translated into law."
9. Social and humanitarian legislation designed to aid America generally, such as low-cost housing, federal aid to insure minimum educational opportunities for all, controls to prevent exorbitant rentals and hold down the cost of living, extended social security coverage and more realistic veterans' benefits, with special emphasis on strengthening laws designed to aid disabled and handicapped veterans, are endorsed in the JACL ADC program.

The tenth point, legislation which JACL ADC would oppose because it is inimical and detrimental to the welfare of this country or its people, makes up category IV, although no specific bills or legislative proposals are named.

Hito Okada of Salt Lake City, national president of JACL, and head of the National Board of JACL, composed of elected officers, district council chairmen and past presidents and the ADC Board of Directors, and Don Komai, of Washington, D.C., chairman of the National Legislative Committee, authorized the JACL ADC Washington office to act upon the legislative program.

Farrington Asks Extension of GI Brides Law

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A bill to extend the Soldier Brides' Act for one year has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Delegate Joseph R. Farrington (R., Hawaii), the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee announced today.

Del. Farrington's bill (HR 171), would make all spouses of military personnel and veterans, irrespective of race, eligible to enter the United States for permanent residence if they arrive prior to Dec. 28, 1949.

The original Soldier Brides' Act, passed by Congress in 1945, set a deadline for admission of spouses of Dec. 28, 1948, but made no allowance for the admission of spouses inadmissible because of race.

A subsequent amendment, sponsored by JACL ADC, extended the provisions of the act to spouses otherwise inadmissible because of race if the marriage were contracted prior to Aug. 22, 1947.

Del. Farrington's bill combines the original act and racial amendments without any time restrictions on the marriages.

Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, JACL ADC, said "ADC will support the measure. We feel there is room for considerable optimism over prospects for the Farrington bill."

"The original act," he pointed out, "was passed at a time when few persons were aware that our occupation policies would extend over a period of years."

Kirihara Elected Chapter Prexy

LIVINGSTON, Calif.—David M. Kirihara was elected president of the Livingston-Merced chapter of the JACL at the chapter's Dec. 27 meeting in Livingston.

He will be assisted by Walter Morimoto, vice pres.; Mrs. Toshiko Minabe, rec. sec'y.; Mrs. Floy Yagi, corr. sec'y.; Frank Shoji, treas.; Kiyo Tsujihara, historian; Kazuo Masuda, publicity chmn.; and Gilbert Tanji, Franklin Okuda and James Ogawa, directors at large.

The president appointed four members to make and present plans for raising money for the chapter. They are Tom Nakashima, James Tanji, Arthur Handa and Kiyoshi Mitobe.

Kirihara reported that the chapter's drive for ADC funds was progressing satisfactorily. The goal of \$1500 for the district will very likely be attained, he said.

First Post-war "Picture Bride" Married in Los Angeles Rites

LOS ANGELES—The first post-war "picture bride" was married in Los Angeles on Dec. 30.

She is Miss Kikuto Kitajima, 25, who arrived from Japan on Dec. 17 to marry George J. Fukumoto, 28.

Their marriage at the Nishi Hongwaji temple culminated a romance which was initiated when Fukumoto, a truck driver, viewed her picture which was sent to him by an uncle in Japan. The uncle sent several pictures of several young women but one by one Fukumoto rejected them until his eyes

fell on the likeness of Miss Kitajima.

He proposed by mail. "She accepted my proposal and I sent her the money for her plane fare," he added.

Matters were facilitated by the fact that Miss Kitajima is a native of California although she was only 11 months old when her widowed mother took her to Japan.

The picture bride custom, once prevalent among residents of the United States of Japanese and Chinese ancestry, died out after the passage of the Asiatic Exclusion Act in 1924.

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EDITORIALS:

Naturalization Bill in Congress

It is now apparent that the possibilities for passage of legislation to give citizenship rights to resident alien Japanese and other "ineligible aliens" were considerably enhanced by the results of the November elections.

The White House indicated last week that President Truman was "sympathetic" toward the proposal to remove restrictions on race and nationality from the immigration and naturalization laws. In his State of the Union message to Congress Mr. Truman reaffirmed his advocacy of a ten-point civil rights program, one of the points being the proposal to amend the immigration and naturalization laws to remove its racially discriminatory sections. It is believed that Mr. Truman may elaborate on his support for this legislation in a separate civil rights message to Congress.

Mr. Truman's civil rights program was originally enunciated last February. At the time it became a matter of considerable controversy with opposition coming mainly from Southern Democrats, some of whom virtually seceded from the Democratic party in the abortive Dixiecrats revolt. As a result of opposition from party Bourbons, with the cooperation of reactionary Republicans, only one of ten points of President Truman's program was approved by the 80th Congress. This was the recommendation that wartime evacuees of Japanese ancestry receive compensation for business and property losses arising from the mass evacuation. The evacuee claims bill was one of the least controversial points in the Truman program and had bipartisan support, passing unanimously in both houses.

In the 80th Congress the equality in naturalization measure, which will open the gates of citizenship for approximately 90,000 resident Japanese aliens, was introduced by Rep. Walter Judd, R., Minn. A similar bill was introduced in the Senate by Senator J. Howard McGrath, national chairman of the Democratic party.

During the first week of the 81st Congress four bills already have been introduced in the House to provide for equality in naturalization. These bills, identical in form, are sponsored by Francis Walter, D., Pa., George Miller, D., Calif., and Delegate Joseph R. Farrington, R., Hawaii.

The Truman civil rights program, once looked upon as the proposal of a lame duck president, achieved considerable prestige as a result of the November elections. Mr. Truman has since indicated that he will continue to fight for the passage of the whole program. The equality in naturalization proposal, one of the less controversial points and one which has been promised support by many Republicans, has a good chance for passage in the first session. The fact that four legislators already have introduced bills during the opening days of the session augurs well for the possibility that the complicated legislative procedures will be completed before the summer recess.

The New Secretary of State

Dean Acheson, whose appointment as Secretary of State to succeed General George C. Marshall was announced by President Truman this week, played an instrumental role during the past year in the Oyama and Takahashi test cases in which he appeared before the U. S. Supreme Court as counsel for the National JACL.

Long an important officer in government, Mr. Acheson loaned his personal prestige to the cases which involved the right of Japanese and Japanese Americans to own property in the Oyama case and the right of resident alien Japanese to earn a livelihood in the Takahashi case. In both cases Mr. Acheson appeared on behalf of persons of Japanese ancestry in arguments before the Supreme Court.

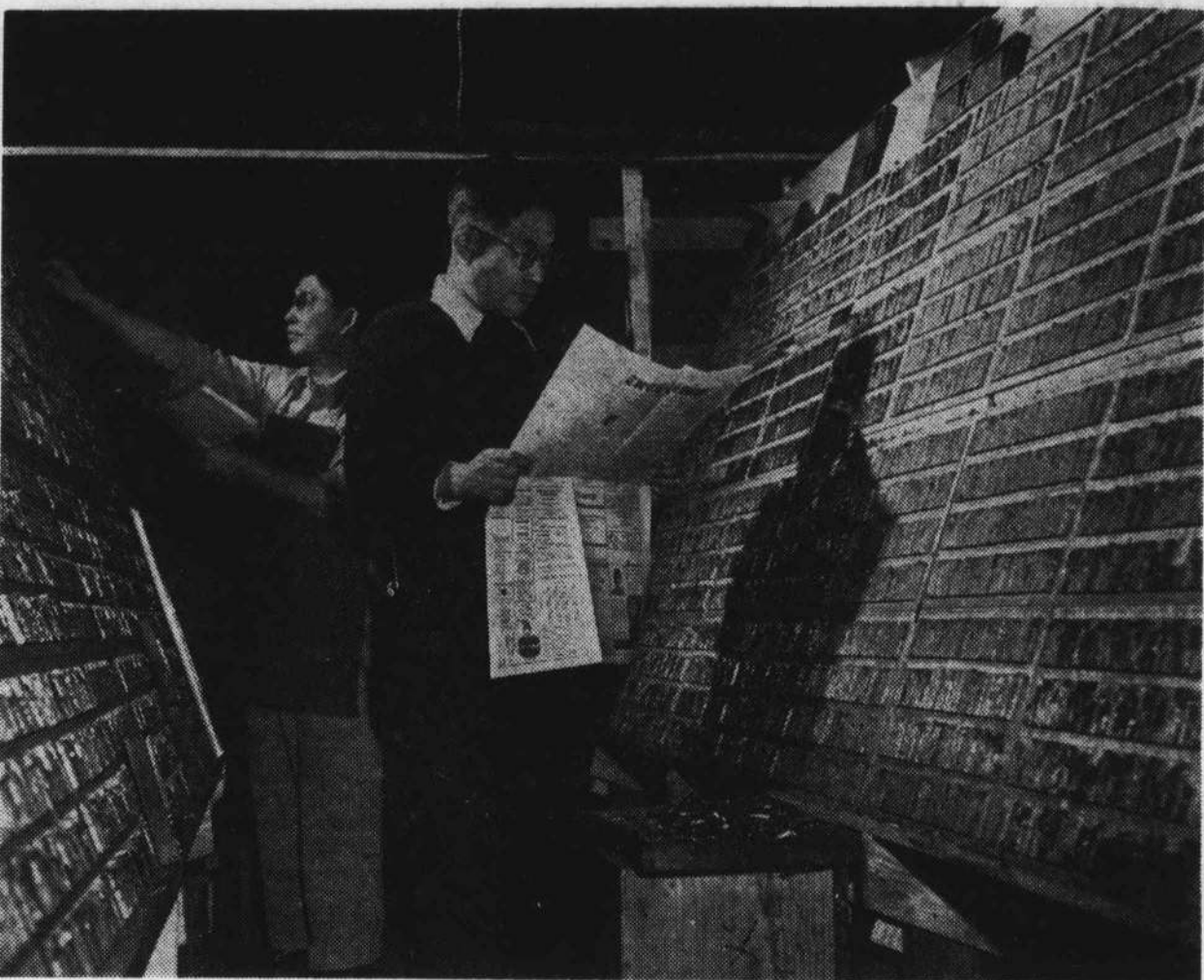
In a statement in Washington last week Mr. Acheson commented on the Japanese American group when he declared: "I know all Americans can be proud of those persons of Japanese ancestry who live in this country. They are among our finest citizens."

The new Secretary of State has endorsed the equality in naturalization proposal which has been sponsored by the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee. He is aware of the international significance, particularly in Asia, of an action by the United States in outlawing race discrimination from its naturalization and immigration statutes.

As a private citizen during the past year Mr. Acheson has displayed his deep concern for individual civil liberties and has intervened as counsel in cases affecting government officials who were the targets of unfair attacks by the Thomas Committee.

President Truman's appointment of Mr. Acheson is one which is winning general approval. It is to be hoped that under Secretary of State Acheson's stewardship the United States will use its power and its influence toward achieving the real and lasting peace for which men of many nations and of many races, colors and creeds fought and died during World War II.

Faces of the Issei: EDITOR



The young, energetic editor of the Chicago Shimpō is a dark, swarthy Issei with short-cropped hair and horn-rimmed glasses. His name is Ryoji Fujii; his friends call him "Bob."

How Bob Fujii became the editor of Chicago's only Japanese language paper is an interesting story.

Prior to Dec. 7, 1941, Fujii was in Los Angeles, going nowhere in particular, and settling into a rather comfortable rut. His employment background ran an unsensational gamut of jobs—fruitstand clerk, dishwasher, busboy and the usual run of jobs common to many Issei with no specific skill.

Bob Fujii had one talent, however, if talent you could call it—a love for the truth and a strong belief in the democratic type of government.

When the war and evacuation shattered the normal, everyday routine of the lives of the Japanese on the west coast, hysteria and confusion climbed into the family cars, the trucks, the busses and trains which the evacuees rode, and went into the camps with the evacuees. Fear, distrust and suspicion ran in continuous waves among the people. Mr. Rumor began putting in overtime.

Fujii and a friend, Joe Koide (who was later to help found the Rafu Shimpō) went to work counteracting the most vicious of these rumors. Their weapon was truth, and their work began in Santa Anita and carried over to Heart Mountain through adult education classes. The classes consisted of lectures by Fujii.

The purpose of his lectures was twofold: to give the Japanese a better understanding of the workings of democracy by studying American history, and to give a true, unbiased picture of the war.

When the evacuees were permitted to leave the centers and relocate, Bob Fujii went to Chicago where he found factory work. As a continuation of his education classes, Fujii sent out mimeographed letters to his former students.

As the Japanese population of Chicago grew, a need was felt for some sort of newspaper to keep the Japanese-reading public informed on matters of current events. A group of Issei got together and with the aid of interested persons raised funds for a newspaper. It was christened the Chicago Shimpō.

Fujii looks forward to the complete disappearance—eventually—of an identifiable Japanese community. He believes, conversely, however, that a need for a Japanese language newspaper will never cease.

Photo and Story by Vince Tajiri

Hawaii Statehood Issue Long Associated With Territory's Japanese American Population

Delegate Farrington
Introduces Bills for
Statehood, Issei Rights

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA
HONOLULU, T.H.—Two bills of prime importance to persons of Japanese descent in Hawaii and the mainland United States were introduced on Jan. 3 by Delegate Joseph R. Farrington at the opening of the 81st congress.

One measure would make Hawaii the 49th state; the other would make Issei eligible for naturalization.

These are subjects of legislation which Hawaii's delegate to congress has sponsored and fought vigorously for in past sessions. Based on successes so far achieved in favorably publicizing these bills, this may be the crucial year for ultimately "putting over" the campaign for Hawaiian statehood and naturalization for Japanese.

Statehood for the territory has been tied in with the Japanese loyalty question ever since the subject was broached decades ago. For years supporters of Hawaiian statehood fought an uphill battle against those who would deny this territory the right to equal status in the Union because of their imagined or real fears of domination by the Japanese population.

Opposition to statehood has persisted despite the "clean bill of health" given the Japanese and Japanese Americans here. The brilliant record of the Nisei soldiers in World War II furnished the final proof which statehood supporters believed was needed to dispel anti-Japanese sentiments.

But even then, the opposition continued to block the aspirations of the territory.

For the first time, in 1947, the U.S. house of representatives acted on the statehood bill, voting for it by an overwhelming margin. But when it reached the senate, the interior and insular affairs committee failed to report the bill out to the floor.

The committee chairman, Senator Hugh Butler (R.-Neb.), recently visited the islands. Upon his return to Washington, he said he still wasn't convinced that this is the time to make Hawaii a state.

Senator Butler went as far as to send a special investigator in-cognito to Hawaii to make an advance study. The investigator, O. G. Iden, left Honolulu last week as quietly as he came several months ago.

Statehood opponents have shifted their attack from the question of Japanese loyalty to Communism

in recent years. While the emphasis has shifted, the anti-Japanese feeling still is evident.

A fair statement is that the concern over the Japanese lurks below the surface of most opposition to statehood today, even if that sentiment is not aired openly and publicly at all times.

On naturalization, Delegate Farrington's bill would provide for the admission of Japanese on a quota basis and making persons of that race eligible for naturalization.

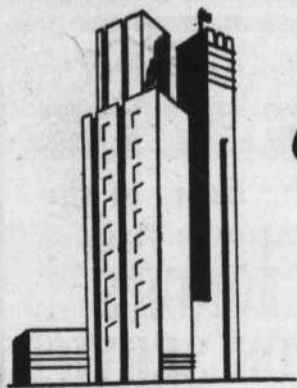
This bill is one of five that the delegate introduced on the opening day of the new congress dealing with citizenship and naturalization matters, the others concerning Guamanians, Koreans and Samoans.

In all, Delegate Farrington introduced 24 measures today.

He is expected to push the Japanese naturalization bill again as aggressively as he has in the past. Thousands of Hawaii Issei, aside from many thousands of others on the mainland, would be assisted if his bill to erase racial restrictions is enacted.

Install Officers Of Cleveland JACL

CLEVELAND, Ohio — The 1949 officers of the Cleveland JACL chapter were installed by Tats Kushida, Midwest Regional Representative, at the chapter's Second Annual Inaugural Dinner-Dance on Dec. 11th at the Hotel Hollenden.



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

Random Thoughts While Ushering in '49

ITEM 1: THE GOOD OLD DAYS. There once was a time when New Year's meant a week of vacation. Lil' Tokyo used to be shuttered for a full week and there were eating, drinking, and visiting parties for about seven days.

Manhattan Nisei look at New Year in a more sober light. It's just another weekend and Monday, the 3rd, is just the start of another week of work.

So, another West Coast tradition goes by the boards. It was a good thing while it lasted.

ITEM 2: FOOD. Along about this time of the year, I miss the full dinner table that the Issei used to set out on New Year's. I remember there used to be mountains of luscious foods of every description gracing the groaning family dining table. The women of the house used to take days preparing the many delicacies. Reminds me of a St. Joseph's altar that I used to see in New Orleans.

Manhattan Nisei take a dim view of the overloaded table. I went to several get-togethers on New Year's day and found out that all morsels of food were calculated down to the last fraction. There was just enough food and no more.

For example, the hostess figures on so many square inches of "mochi" per capita and so many ccs of soup per guest. Through a mathematical formula the host figured out that there would be 3½ pieces of chicken for each guest, calculating that the boys would eat four pieces and the girls just three. All drinks were poured with a precision instrument which guaranteed exactly 16 drinks per bottle. On top of that, every square foot in the living room, open space, that is, was so sub-divided that the entire party of 16 people could be seated.

Space is at such a premium that all these factors have to be definitely considered in these parts. That's the reason for figuring food to the last morsel. The inside space in the refrigerator is booked up for every day living and there simply isn't enough room to handle the extras.

Somehow or other, everything came out all right; just the right glow to everyone's cheeks, the proper amount of nourishment, and sufficient room to turn around in the room to talk to the next person without upsetting a table lamp or overturning the goldfish bowl.

ITEM 3: GROWING OLD: I regret to report that we Nisei must be getting older. Another year comes on us and also a dozen more grey hairs.

It's much worse than the grey hairs and the deep lines under the eyes.

Take the New Year's Eve dance for example. There was a time, pre-war, that the dance music, the pretty faces, the gorgeous gowns, and the colorful corsages used to monopolize the conversation. The young ones came to dance and dance they did from the opening chorus to the final note.

What happens in '49? The boys get together in one corner, thick of tongue and flushed of face, to argue about the different types of drinks. They would debate the merits of certain types of scotch over the others or the best way to prepare a dry martini. The girls would gossip about the high cost of living or else go into the discussion of the reception of their television sets.

One or two stumbling dances would be the limit. Four or five would be a marathon. Maybe we just can't take it anymore.

ITEM 4: HOLIDAY EDITIONS. For many years I have been conditioned to the New Year editions of the vernacular newspapers. I just can't get used to the shift to the Xmas issue.

Evidently optimism has given way to realism. The glowing accounts of the past year and the hopeful anticipations for the new year would crowd pages and pages of the old English sections.

There would be dozens of ambitious attempts by the literary-minded. And, of course, there would be poems blooming forth on every page. Even the Issei would lend a hand at predictions or break into rhyme.

Poetry is taking a back seat and every day living is taking hold. When the Nisei stop writing reams of poetry, they are growing much older.

ITEM 5: FOREIGN TRADE. Whatever happened to the high hopes of foreign traders for '48? The anticipated import and export traffic with Japan never materialized. Just a few dribbles here and there.

A dozen Nisei firms in Manhattan started out bravely in the foreign trade field in January 1948 and a bare half dozen managed to still cling to their desks, chairs, and letterheads by the end of the year.

Still, the optimism in this field by Nisei is undeniable. This is going to be the big year I am told.

I know several who are looking for office space and who have come with a tidy bankroll to launch the hopeful enterprise.

There has been a lot of activity in this field. There were airplane trips to and from Japan by local Nisei but the results, in terms of dollars and cents, were not up to expectations.

It seems that there is always some difficulty that crops up. Sometimes, it is a new SCAP regulation. Other times, it is a different national directive in Japan that stymies the deal. More than often the low quality of the merchandise or the high prices asked for goods queered the deal. Add to these worries, the scarcity of raw materials, the lack of shipping space, and frequent labor squabbles. When it is all totalled up, there simply isn't any profit in the importing game at this stage.

I still believe that out of all these trials and experiences that the many Nisei on both coasts are making will emerge a large and strong Nisei enterprise. It can't be otherwise.

There is some sort of a nucleus now being started on 56th street, right off Fifth avenue. The long-established Miyako restaurant is catering to local suki-yaki seekers and they have an eye on food imports. Next door is pearl dealer Caro Yamaoka who is now in his 10th year of business and who is considering other lines. Our Asiatic Publications is at 8 West 56th street and we are contemplating adding many new titles to our lists of English-language books and magazines from Japan. Harry Inaba, the Nisei head of the House of Pearls, is now in his fourth year as a dealer and importer of cultured pearls. My brother Kay, along with Frank Kuwahara, are also at 8 West 56th, and are leading factors in the MacKay Overseas Company, Inc. They are bringing in, at the present time, shipments of cameras, binoculars, silks, chinaware, and foodstuffs. It looks promising and perhaps 1949 may be the big year.

Bill Hosokawa:

FROM THE FRYING PAN

The New Year with Humility

Denver, Colo. What better way to start the new year than with humility, and what better way to acquire humility than to experience a blizzard like the one that recently paralyzed this area? All it takes, when man gets a little uppity about his intelligence, strength and skill, is to run into nature on a rampage.

Denver—industrial, distribution and communications hub of a vast area, a community of a half million—virtually was cut off from the rest of the world for the better part of two days by a snowstorm that grounded planes, blocked highways, stopped trains.

On a small scale, there are few sensations more distressing than that of having your car bog down in a snowdrift. There may be the power of 80 or 100 or 150 horses throbbing under the hood, but your wheels merely spin and spin and spin. You're stuck, but good.

Hail can wipe out a crop in minutes; tornadoes level long swaths of houses in their angry merry-go-rounds. Ocean waves whipped by storm smash ship and shore, rivers at flood sweep out bridges and spread destruction across the breadth of vast valleys. Once I rode out the raging fury of a typhoon in a massive brick-concrete-steel skyscraper that groaned and shuddered with each terrible gust. Another time I saw a masonry fence in Tokyo do a snake dance when an earthquake rattled the dishes. It scared the hell out of me.

Man, after all, is a petty peanut. He hasn't even begun to control his environment.

It Will Make Your Skin Creep

I've just finished reading a slender little book by David Bradley called "No Place to Hide." It tells in diary form the story of Dr. Bradley's role in the Bikini atom bomb tests, namely to watch for

radioactive contamination during and after the two explosions.

Dr. Bradley writes with rare skill of the silent, horrible danger of radioactivity. Nature, he observes, didn't intend for us to be monkeying around with nuclear fission because we weren't equipped to detect the hazards of radioactivity. It's a deadly poison that we cannot hear, smell, taste, see or feel. We don't know how to counteract it. We don't even know how to get rid of it once something, like a ship, has been contaminated.

Science has devised the Geiger counter to detect radioactivity, but there's no sure or certain defense against it. Dr. Bradley's simple, direct and eloquent prose will make your skin creep, and perhaps make you ponder over how close eternity has come to our civilization.

A Good Old Japanese Custom

One of the few old Japanese customs I subscribe to is the New Year tradition of settling debts, shedding the old year's woes and cares, washing off the old year's accumulation of grime with a fine hot bath, and greeting the new year with feasting, optimism and a clean slate. This appears eminently more sensible than the predominant American custom of dragging through the first day of January with a killing hangover.

The feasts that our mothers labored long and lovingly to produce were a beautiful sight. Time, the indifference and lack of know-how among Nisei housewives, and the absence of many ingredients, have detracted much from the glamour of those heaped-up New Year plates. But when one encounters a table of delicacies in the old tradition, it is a warming sight. It seems just a little sad that the process of cultural dilution seems destined to deprive our children of the thrill of an oldtime Japanese New Year feast by the time they become adults. By then, they too probably will prefer to nurse a hangover. Ah, the march of progress.

Vagaries

Photogs . . .

The Denver photographic team of Pat Coffey and Carl Iwasaki was called into action this last week by Life magazine which sent them into blizzard-blocked northern Colorado. Working separately, Coffey slogged north of Fort Collins, Iwasaki north and east of Greeley—bucking drifts, following highway department snowplows and they cleared the road to isolated farmhouses and groups of motorists stranded in tiny settlements. Coffey returned to Denver last Wednesday night but Iwasaki went up to Cheyenne, Wyo., one of the first to break through from Denver to Cheyenne since the New Year storm.

Grilled . . .

At least one West Coast Issei has been grilled by government investigators in recent weeks in connection with alleged prewar Communist activities . . . As usual, Nisei and Issei floral designers were responsible for many of the prize-winning floats in the Tournament of Roses parade on New Year's day in Pasadena . . . Speaking of parades, the JACL has been invited by the Democratic party to participate in the line of march for President Truman's inaugural . . . Eddie Imadzu is the art editor of the new Hollywood film, "Trouble Preferred."

Painter . . .

Sueo Serisawa will teach painting at Scripps college this winter. . . Nisei war dead in Italy and France, those whose remains are not being returned to the U. S. in the present army program, will be moved from temporary cemeteries to one of the seven permanent U. S. military cemeteries in France and Italy. There is a permanent cemetery at Epinal, near the scene of the rescue of the Lost Battalion, and at Florence and Nettuno.

Protest . . .

Honolulu's Japanese American community is burned up about the failure of the city's general circulation dailies, the Star-Bulletin and the Advertiser, to publish any pictures of the Japanese floats in the Aloha Week international lantern parade in November. The city's two Japanese American dailies, the Hawaii Times and the Hawaii Herald, have published editorials which hint that the Japanese American group may not support future Aloha Week festivities unless their floats are given recognition. The Japanese Americans contributed seven floats and 500 marchers to the parade.

Bequest . . .

Toshio Asaeda, noted photographer who is now on the faculty

Picture of a Nisei:

New York Radio Station Gives Drama of Japanese American

By INA SUGIHARA

New York

Mike Hirada is a sensitive, warmhearted individual. He reacts as a decent being should to bigotry and prejudice. He even risks his job for a Negro and a principle. But not without a real struggle.

That's the composite picture of the Nisei depicted in "The Strange Journey of Mike Hirada," one of the "New World-a-Coming" series presented over Radio Station WMCA in New York.

In a brief but eventful day, Hirada re-lives his World War II experiences when he could have urged the boys in his relocation center not to enlist because of the "rotten deal" they had had, but he urged them to join up instead—when he could have gone over to the Germans instead of bringing in some of them as prisoners—when he felt a real mission in breaking through the German lines to rescue Texas' Lost Battalion.

He also remembers the time he rescued a girl in a diner where he was hashing. A drunkard was molesting her and Hirada came to her aid. Her brother had been a member of the Lost Battalion.

It all happened because this day—the day of the story—a Negro busboy is being fired for no good reason from a restaurant and Hirada is the manager who's supposed to do it. He fires him, but what that busboy says stays with him—"Mr. Hirada, after all you've gone through, what good has it done you? You don't have the guts to stick up for what you believe. Tell Mr. — what you really think—tell him!"

The words ring in Hirada's ears and that afternoon he just has to go to the Brooklyn Navy Yard and watch the S.S. Sadao Munemori being christened. When that's over, he has to call Mr. —. That's all there is to it.

As I listened to this play, I thought, "How wonderful it would be if every Nisei—every human being—could be as sensitive to wrong and react as courageously." All around us there is human misery, prejudice, and misunderstanding. And most of us just sit and wait.

If we were Mike Hirada, the evacuation would have taught us that every little attempt to classify a race or a cultural group in one mold aggravates tempers and is horribly unjust. It would have

of Pasadena City College, received a \$500 bequest in the will of Charles Templeton Crocker of San Francisco. Crocker, millionaire patron of arts and sciences, took Asaeda along on several scientific expeditions to the South Pacific . . . Tom Komuro recently was tested for the role of a Nisei interpreter in Humphrey Bogart's "Tokyo Joe."

helped us to see each incident that we encounter as something that affects people and their emotions. We would no longer be content to act as innocent bystanders when bigotry or prejudice rears its ugly head. We would go even further and cross racial and cultural lines in our personal relationships.

But the vast majority of people have not learned this lesson.

Mike Hirada is a model. He is not typical as a Nisei, as an American, or as a human being. "Strange Journey" that he took. Dare we keep him that way? Or dare we reverse the picture—and make him usual?

Copies of the script of "The Strange Journey of Mike Hirada" are available from Radio Station WMCA, New York City. A transcription of the broadcast can be obtained if consent is given by those who took part in its production.

LARA Representative Returns to Japan

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Esther Rhoads, LARA (Licensed Agencies for Relief in Asia) representative, returned to Japan Dec. 1 after a short visit in the states, the American Friends Service committee reported here.

Miss Rhoads is one of the three LARA representatives in Japan. She had been in that country for two years previous to her recent visit home.

LARA shipments from the United States to Japan from Aug. 1 to Oct. 1, 1948, amounted to 603,204 pounds and was valued at \$247,776.20. Shipments to Okinawa amounted to 76,363 pounds and were valued at \$70,099.78.

Nisei Named Officer

IDAHO FALLS, Ida.—Ted Kuwana, popular Idaho Falls boy, was unanimously elected vice president of the Idaho Falls senior high school student body.

Ted is a senior this year and all through his high school years has been an honor student. Well liked by his classmates, he is one of the few Japanese Americans to hold such a high office.



HONOLULU, T. H.—Joe Tasaka and his daughter Mary, shown above as they arrived in Honolulu Dec. 19, vacationed in the islands for two weeks as the guests of Hawaii war veterans. Tasaka and his daughter held continuous open house for servicemen in their Washington, D. C. home throughout the war, and their island vacation was the result of their wartime visitors' desire to repay hospitality.

Tasakas of Washington Enjoy Vacation as Guests of Veterans

HONOLULU, T.H.—Two visitors from Washington, D.C., who befriended Nisei GIs during the war ended a two week visit in Hawaii on Jan. 2, thoroughly impressed with Hawaiian hospitality. The couple, Joe Tasaka and his daughter Mary, arrived on Dec. 19

for a Hawaiian vacation as guests of Japanese American veterans who wanted to repay the kindnesses received several years ago.

The Tasakas were invited to the islands with expenses paid out of the "Veterans Aloha Fund for the Tasaka Family."

The fund was started in May, 1947, by a group of local veterans to whom the Tasakas had been hosts at picnics, dances and other entertainment in the Capitol, where Mr. Tasaka operates a delicatessen shop.

Upon their arrival in Honolulu, Mr. Takasa and his daughter were welcomed at a tea house reception. Then they visited Hawaii and Kauai where they were guests of veterans on those islands.

The Tasakas were guests in the homes of Nisei and their families who took turns to entertain the couple during their first visit to the islands.

At the end of their stay, they were feted at an aloha luncheon at Waikiki Lau Yee Chai, then departed by plane with leis, gifts and a promise of an album of pictures taken of their Hawaiian vacation.

PC SPORTS

Passes

Dick Mamiya, the University of Hawaii's quarterback, set something of a record in the Pineapple bowl game in Honolulu on New Year's day when he completed 13 out of 17 passes as the Roaring Rainbows bowed to Oregon State, 27 to 37. According to the Associated Press, the outstanding back on the field was Hawaii's Nisei star, Jimmie Asato, who got away for several long runs against the Beavers . . . Mamiya's passing also was responsible for many of Hawaii's scores against Michigan State and Redlands on their mainland trip last October.

All-Stars

There were a number of Nisei players on the Hawaii All-Stars team which lost to the United States squad in the finals of the first International Amateur Football Federation tournament at Gilmore Stadium in Los Angeles on Christmas week.

The Hawaiians defeated Mexico, 37 to 0, in their first game which was featured by an all-out riot, involving players and spectators, about 30 seconds before the end of the game. The Hawaiians then lost to the United States team, 0 to 14.

The Hawaiian team consisted mainly of players from the Leilehua Alums squad, Wally Yonamine's former team, and included Masayoshi Gunda, Isao Ito, Walter Komatsuhara, Satoru Kawamata, Rocky Sugino and Larry Suganuma. Ted Koga came along as trainer while Marco Tasaki was team manager.

Sad Sam Ichinose, the busy Honolulu boxing manager, promoter, businessman and newly elected member of the Territorial house, may also be the first Nisei to manage a world's champion fighter. Ichinose almost achieved the ambition last year when his protege, Daro Marino, met Rinty Monaghan of Eire for the fly-weight crown in London. Marino, who appeared to be forcing the fight all the way, lost a "home town" decision to Monaghan. This week Ichinose announced that he had signed for Marino to fight Bantamweight Champion Manuel Ortiz on Feb. 22 in Honolulu. If Marino loses to Ortiz he will meet Monaghan some 30 days later in Honolulu for the 112-pound title. Marino probably will be the first fighter to appear in title matches in two different divisions in 30 days.

Chiyo Ikeda Weds Tadao Shigeno

ONTARIO, Ore. — Miss Chiyo Ikeda was married to Tadao Shigeno on Dec. 13 at the First Christian church. The Rev. E. Helseth officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Ikeda of Knox, Indiana.

Mrs. Art Hamanishi was matron of honor, while the bride's niece, Carol Ann Hamanishi, was the flower girl.

Mas Wada of Wapato, Wash., was best man. The ushers were George Iseri, Art Hamanishi, Maki Yamada, Tats Nobuyama, Tom Mio and Sak Fujinaga.

Mrs. Tom Nishitani sang two selections.

The reception which followed the wedding was held at the Moore hotel for the 150 guests attending the ceremony.

ELLE Club

FRESNO, Calif.—The Fresno ELLE club cared for a widow and her family of two minor children during the Christmas holiday with a basket of toys and clothing for the children as well as groceries for their holiday dinner.

The ELLE group gave Kazue Sakiya a surprise shower in anticipation of her wedding on Sunday, Dec. 19.

Among the shower gifts was the traditional box of candy announcing the engagement of Ruth Nagata to John Kurishima.



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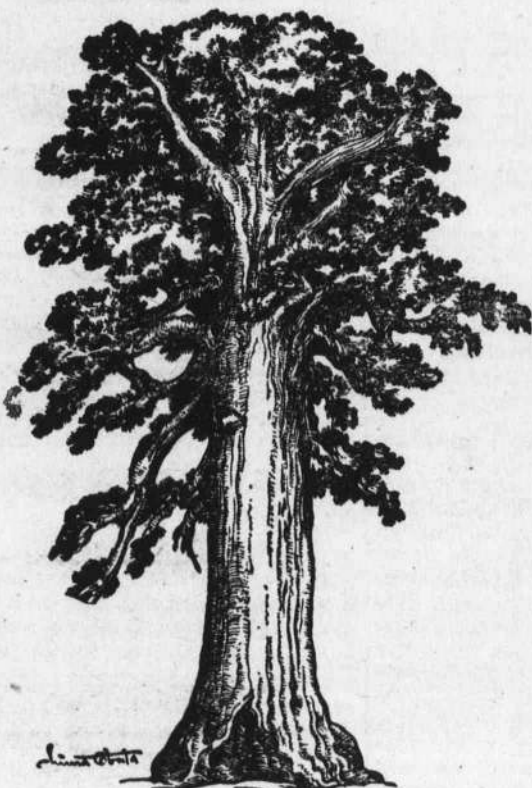
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Saints Capture Seattle Oriental Cage Tourney

Chinese Americans Defeat Berkeley Team For Tournament Crown

SEATTLE — Wee Willie Wong and the San Francisco Chinese Saints won their second consecutive championship in the Oriental American basketball tournament here on Dec. 26 as they defeated the Berkeley Nisseis, 49 to 45, in a thrill-packed finale match.

In the preliminary game the Seattle Nisei edged out Seattle Cathay, 30 to 27, for third place.

A near-capacity crowd saw Wong, last year's star, again lead the Chinese American team to victory over a Nisei squad. Last year's triumph was over the Hawaii Nisei All-Stars. Wong tallied 16 points to lead the scoring.

The Saints took the lead at the opening guns and led 30 to 21 at halftime.

Tosh Sano and Johnny Oshida led a last-quarter drive for the Nisseis which saw the Berkeley team close the gap from 13 to 4 points. Sano scored 13 and Oshida 12 for Berkeley.

It was reported that the third annual Oriental American tourney may be held in San Francisco next year.

Wong and Sei Adachi of the Seattle Veterans team were named as the outstanding players of the tournament. Herbert Sumida of the Hawaii All-Stars was named the most inspirational player.

The other teams finished in the following order: Hawaii Nisei All-Stars, San Jose Zebras, Portland Chinese and Mango AC, San Francisco.

The results: Berkeley Nisseis, 48; Mango AC, 25.

Seattle NVC, 31; Portland Chinese, 28.

Hawaii, 36; Seattle Cathay, 28.

San Francisco Saints, 51; San Jose, 30.

Cathay, 51; Mango AC, 26.

San Jose, 56; Portland, 53.

Berkeley, 33; Hawaii, 32.

San Francisco, 34; NVC, 25.

Cathay, 41; San Jose, 26.

NVC, 37; Hawaii, 35.

NVC, 30; Cathay, 27.

San Francisco, 49; Berkeley, 45.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Shig Futagaki a boy, Stanley Keith, on Nov. 31 in Brigham City, Utah.

To Mr. and Mrs. Geoffrey M. Igarashi, Rocklin, Calif., a girl on Dec. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Kogehiro, Tracy, Calif., a boy on Dec. 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Nakamoto, a boy on Dec. 13 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hideto Tagawa a girl on Dec. 14 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Matsumoto a boy on Dec. 20 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Hata a boy on Dec. 27 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tamotsu Hayashi, Santa Clara, Calif., a boy, Thomas Shozo, on Dec. 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Kyutaro Yamamoto a girl, Alene Susan, on Dec. 21 in San Jose, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hiroo Yasukawa a girl, Sharon Leigh Reiko, on Dec. 23 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. George M. Wada a girl on Dec. 20 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yoshitake a girl on Dec. 30 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ted Nakata a boy on Dec. 30 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Endo a girl on Dec. 19 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Miyoia Hishida a girl on Dec. 23 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Soeda a boy, Tadashi Harold, on Dec. 24 in Santa Maria, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tsukasa Uyeno a girl on Dec. 15 in Lodi, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Moriaki Egusa, West Tracy, Calif., a boy, Robert Shigemi, on Dec. 17.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fumio Kasai a boy on Dec. 21 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Inouye, Madera, Calif., a boy on Dec. 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Akio Fukushima, Dinuba, Calif., a boy on Dec. 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shozo Iwamura, Lodi, Calif., a boy on Nov. 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshiyuki T. Omaya a girl on Nov. 13 in Lodi.

To Mr. and Mrs. Junichi Imada, Acampo, Calif., a boy on Nov. 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom S. Kurahara, Acampo, Calif., a boy on Nov. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Yoshioka, Acampo, a boy on Nov. 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. Esau Shimizu a boy, Allen Brian, on Dec. 7 in San Jose, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kikuchi Sakaguchi a girl, Carol Lynn, on Dec. 12 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Masao Yoshida, Los Altos, Calif., a boy, Richard Takeo, on Dec. 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masaharu Matsumura a girl, Irene Megumi, on Nov. 30 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Royle Shimada a girl, Amy Amiko, on Nov. 20 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jutaro Gene Gondo a boy, Glen Yoshiaki, on Dec. 3 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Matsuo Ikejiri, Redondo Beach, a boy, Kunio Ronald, on Dec. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Fujioka a girl on Nov. 7 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Shimizu, 1601 East Sigma st., Salt Lake City, a girl on Dec. 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Watanabe, Salt Lake City, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masayuki Nakayama, Bacon Island, Calif., a girl on Dec. 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas O. Hatanaka a boy on Dec. 10 in Stockton.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Maoji Takeuchi a boy on Dec. 16 in Stockton.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zenji Kobata, Acampo, Calif., a boy on Dec. 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Takeshi Yagi, King Island, Calif., a boy on Dec. 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenji Nakagoma a boy on Jan. 1 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toko Fujii a girl on Dec. 20 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Eiichi Oikawa a boy on Dec. 14 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Yamada, Parlier, Calif., a girl on Dec. 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Taro Takeda a girl in Alameda, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Katashi Fujiwara a girl on Dec. 19 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroharu Ouchida a boy on Dec. 22 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Mizushima a girl on Dec. 31 in Grand Junction, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Furuta a girl on Dec. 30 in Denver.

DEATHS

Yasuta Kitamura, 72, Midvale, Utah, on Dec. 15.

Hiyakutaro Yamamora, 79, on Dec. 24 in Hanford, Calif.

Mrs. Teruko Yamaka on Jan. 2 in Los Angeles.

Masataro Kubota on Dec. 30 in Los Angeles.

Hikosaburo Okamura, 69, Parlier, Calif., on Dec. 29.

Mrs. Uta Komatsuka on Dec. 2 in Chicago.

Decky Shizuko Sakai on Dec. 25 in Los Angeles.

Seijin Nakama on Dec. 29 in Los Angeles.

Masujiro Sakamoto on Dec. 26 in Long Beach, Calif.

Tetsuo Umeda on Dec. 21 in Pasadena, Calif.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Toyo R. Makishi, 29, and John C. Rogers, 35, in Seattle.

Sadie Nakahara, 27, and Kazuo Nakamori, 32, Reedley, in Fresno.

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Christmas Party

LOS ANGELES—The Auxiliaries, a service organization for young women, sponsored their second annual children's Christmas party at the Roscoe playground recreation hall Sunday, Dec. 17, for a group of 80 children ranging from 4 to 8 years of age.

June L. Suzuki was general chairman with other committee members as follows: Sachi Sato, chairman; Frances Kako, Setsuko Komatsu, Yuki Sato, Lillian Wada, games; Louise Yamazaki, chairman; Betty Fujimoto, Ruri Ishigami, June Murakami, gifts; Sueko Kiguchi, chairman, Joyce Ichikawa, Fumi Tachibana, Margaret Yamazaki, refreshments.

Tomi Kasai, nursery school training major, directed the games and songs. Susumu Kojima played the part of Santa Claus.

As an added Christmas gesture, the Auxiliaries also donated \$25 to help needy families in Los Angeles.

UCL Makes Plans

For Dinner Meeting

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The United Citizens League of Santa Clara county will hold an inaugural dinner meeting Thursday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Mandarin.

Eiichi Sakauye and Ray M. Taketa were appointed cochairmen for the event.

Reservations must be made by Jan. 11 at the UCL office for the dinner.

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Sessue Hayakawa Comes Back To Hollywood for Role in Film

HOLLYWOOD — Sessue Hayakawa, one of the greatest stars of the silent movies, returned to Hollywood this week to attempt a comeback.

He has been signed for the role of a Japanese villain in Humphrey Bogart's new production, "Tokyo Joe," a story of American GIs in Japan.

Robert Lord, producer of the film, indicated that Hayakawa will have the principal role of the heavy.

A score of Nisei and Issei also have been signed for the picture, including such pre-war Hollywood figures as Tetsu Komai, Otto Yamaoka and Bob Okazaki.

The arrival of the 59-year old Hayakawa aboard a TWA plane on Jan. 2 ended a long search for the actor by the film's producers.

Upon his arrival Hayakawa expressed amazement at Hollywood's growth and spoke harshly of the Japanese war leaders who were responsible for Pearl Harbor. He noted that he had not lived in Japan since 1937.

Hayakawa arrived here from Paris where he now makes his home. He noted that he had lived

in Paris throughout World War II but that he had refused to collaborate with the Nazis when they occupied the city.

The Japanese actor said that he was still interested in French film production.

Hayakawa became one of Hollywood's top stars back in 1913 when he made films for Thomas Ince. He later appeared under the banners of Famous Players-Lasky and his own company.

In 1923 he made a film in Paris and fell in love with the city.

Except for a tour of the United States on the Orpheum vaudeville circuit in a play, "The Bandit Prince," his only other American appearance since the 1920s when he left Hollywood was in 1933 when he made "Daughter of the Dragon," a Fu Manchu story, for Paramount.

Hayakawa was signed for "Tokyo Joe" after he was tested by Columbia Pictures representatives in Paris to determine whether the actor still speaks English. The tests were described as most satisfactory and a contract was offered the actor.

"Tokyo Joe" is scheduled to go into production at Columbia this week with Stuart Heisler directing.

Bogart's leading lady will be the French actress, Florence Marly, in her second American role.

Nisei Vue Magazine To Become Monthly

CHICAGO—The magazine, Nisei Vue, will be published monthly beginning in February, Miyo Hayashi, circulation manager, announced last week.

The pictorial magazine, edited by Shigemi Mazawa, previously had appeared quarterly.

It was announced that the new subscription rate will be \$2 per year. The magazine is published by Nisei Vue Publications, Inc., 161 West Harrison St., Chicago 5.

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Middleton Takes Team Trophy in Bowling Tourney

BOISE, Ida. — The Middleton bowling team took top team honors in a tournament Dec. 27-28 at the 20th Bowling center in Boise against competition from eastern Oregon and Idaho.

The Middleton team rolled a 2740 series. Second place was taken by Jackel & Rogers, Ontario, 2592; and third place was won by Pep 88, Pocatello, 2585.

Hide Takahashi of Ontario rolled a 571 to take the men's singles award, followed by Tak Sato, Idaho Falls, 566; and Terry Taki, Pocatello, 556.

Men's doubles awards were won by Bill Nishioka-Shig Nishimoto, Middleton, 1109; George Sato-Joe Sato, Pocatello, 1090; Terry Taki-Ace Morimoto, Pocatello, 1072; and Yulene Takai-George Hironaka, Ontario, 1066.

Ray Saito and Carlo Tanaka of Ontario rolled 1077 to win the men's open doubles, followed by Ace Morimoto-Joe Sato, Pocatello, 1069; and Sam Kora-Johnny Kuroda, 1058.

Frank Tanikuni of Homedale rolled 480 for 1st place in the women's singles, with Boots Hironaka in second place with a 428.

Misses Mio and Hironaka teamed up to take first place in the women's doubles with a 910 series. Amy Kawamura and Bette Arima had an 866 series for second.

Miss Mio also won all-events with a 1420.

In mixed doubles Jun Ueda and Midge Miyake teamed up for a first place 1037 series. Boots and Tom Hironaka tied with Mary Nakamura and Yulene Takai. Both teams rolled a 1010.

Engagement

STOCKTON, Calif. — The engagement of Gladys Makishima to Kay Kanagaki of Concord was announced here Sunday, Dec. 19, by the bride-to-be's mother, Mrs. S. Makishima.

Bridge Tourney

The Salt Lake City Nisei Bridge club held the first session of a two-session bridge tournament on Jan. 4th at Covey's Discovery room.

Twenty-eight persons participated in the tournament.

Final session of the tournament will be held Jan. 18 at the Dawn restaurant. Charles Teshima, president, is directing the tournament.

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California Supreme Tribunal Upholds Right of Evacuee Family to San Diego Property

LOS ANGELES—The first decision by a high court condemning as "unconscionable" the conduct of a California resident, in seeking to take advantage of Japanese evacuation, came from the California Supreme Court, on Dec. 23 as a Christmas gift to the Yoshimura family.

While at the Poston Relocation Center, Thomas Gonzales visited the Yoshimura family and sought to buy from them 171 acres of farmland in San Diego County, held in trust for their children by a Nisei. One of the Yoshimura boys was in service in Italy.

The Yoshimuras refused to sell. The State of California then filed a suit to escheat the property under the Alien Land Law; the Gonzales, unable to purchase the property from the Yoshimuras at a low price, paid off the balance due to the Federal Land Bank and acquired the property.

In a trial of the case, Judge

Arthur L. Mundo of San Diego Superior Court ruled against the Yoshimuras in two respects: First he declared the property escheat to the State of California; then he ruled that Gonzales was the full owner of the property subject only to the interest of the State of California. He ruled the Yoshimuras had no interest in the property at all.

Upon appeal of the case by attorneys A.L. Wirin and Fred Okrand representing the Yoshimura family, the California Supreme Court, upst the judgment of the San Diego Superior Court. In a unanimous decision written by Justice John W. Shenk, the court said that Gonzales "sought to obtain an advantage and acquired property at a low figure, far below its value"; this, according to Justice Shenk, was "unconscionable."

The Supreme Court reversed the judgment and decreed that the Japanese Americans were the owners of the property upon payment to Gonzales of the amount he paid to the bank.

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