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Many Cemeteries in Chicago Continue Policy of Refusal to Bury Remains of Nisei War Dead

CHICAGO, Ill.—All Chicago cemeteries do not discriminate against Japanese Americans, but many still do, it was disclosed this week by the Midwest Regional office, following a meeting called by the Commission on Human Relations.

The meeting was attended by representatives of more than fifteen major cemeteries as well as civic, veteran, labor and religious organizations, including the American Legion, the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, the Cemetery Workers Union, the JACL, the Chicago Japanese Mutual Aid Society and the Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination.

It was pointed out that while several cemeteries do not discriminate or segregate, many non-sectarian cemeteries because of their rules and regulations, and one sectarian cemetery because of a provision in its state charter, cannot accept non-whites for burial.

Several cemeteries gave a categorical "no" to the question whether under their present by-laws, regulations and policy, they would bury the remains of Nisei veterans.

Some of the discriminatory cemeteries said that they would consider a request for the burial of a Nisei veteran.

The non-discriminating cemeteries are the Burr Oaks (inter-racial), Graceland, Montrose and Mount Olive. Mount Hope Cemetery announced that it had revised its by-laws to admit for burial the remains of Nisei veterans and would further consider the burial of all Japanese regardless of veteran status. The board of a sectarian cemetery will discuss this month the amending of its restrictive policy to permit the burial of Japanese.

Members of the Cemetery Association of Greater Chicago will meet during February to consider legal and other aspects to this problem, after which they will meet again with the Commission on Human Relations.

Impressive Rites Mark Burial Of Nisei GI Hero in Japan

Ashes of U. S. Soldier Who Died in Italy Sent to Kin in Japan

KOKURA, Japan — Nisei war hero Cpl. Eiichi F. Haita, who was killed in action in Italy, was laid to rest in Japan Jan. 20, in the family tomb in the village of Imamoto in Fukuoka prefecture.

In returning Cpl. Haita's ashes to Japan, the United States army answered a plea from his aged parents, Bunsaku Haita, 72, and his wife Hana, 58, that his remains be returned to them.

A Buddhist-Christian memorial service was held for the late Cpl. Haita at the Post chapel, Kokura, with full military honors for the deceased soldier.

First Lieut. Kazuo Z. Nino-miya and six others who were former members of the 442nd combat team, of which Cpl. Haita was a member at the time of his death, were the honorary pallbearers.

The funeral rites were conducted by a Buddhist priest. Following the ceremony the urn containing the dead soldier's ashes was carried by his comrades-in-arms and placed on a horse-drawn caisson while the honor guards and other attendants stood at attention.

To the strains of Beethoven's "Funeral March," played by a specially organized 15-piece 24th division band, the procession started slowly toward the main gate. At the gate the ashes were turned over to his parents while an honorary firing squad fired a volley, followed by "Taps."

The ashes were then escorted back by the honor guards of the division for burial in the family tomb at Seifukuji temple in Imamoto, Miyako-gun, Fukuoka prefecture.

It was one year and a week since Cpl. Haita's parents had requested army officials to return the remains of their son to Japan. They said at that time that their declining years "would be much happier if your government would help us return the body of our son, who was killed in the war, from foreign soil."

The late Cpl. Haita was the second Nisei war hero whose ashes were returned to Japan.

The first were those of the late Pvt. Toshio Miura, which were returned to Kumamoto on Oct. 5, 1948, in compliance with a request from his parents.

Nisei Girl Named As Member of U. S. Grand Jury

LOS ANGELES—Toshiko Kadonaga, a houseworker of 3661 3rd ave., will be the first Nisei to serve as a member of the Federal grand jury in Los Angeles.

She is one of the 23 members of the new jury who were sworn in on Feb. 9 by Chief Judge Paul J. McCormick of U. S. district court.

In addition to Miss Kadonaga, the jury also includes a Negro and a Mexican American. The new jury will be in session until next September.

Stranded Nisei Cases Set for Trial in L. A.

Six Lost Citizenship Rights While in Japan During War

LOS ANGELES—Six Nisei who lost their American citizenship during the war will soon have a chance in court to prove their right to regain it.

U.S. District Judge William C. Mathes this week ordered their cases set for trial. Their cases have been pending in the Federal court at Los Angeles.

Two of the Nisei, Etsuko Arikawa and Miyoko Tsunashima, are in the United States. The State department permitted their return to testify in their cases.

Both lost their American citizenship by voting in the general elections in Japan. In their suits they state that they voted without knowing they would lose their American citizenship.

Their cases were set for trial before U.S. District Judge Charles Cavanaugh on March 7 in Los Angeles.

The other Nisei affected are Michiko Takigawa, Haruko Furuno, Tetsuo Frank Kawakami and Isao James Kuromi, all of whom are still in Japan. Judge Mathes signed an order that they are necessary witnesses to the trial of their cases on May 10.

Takigawa, Kawakami and Kuromi are three of approximately 1,000 Nisei who renounced their American citizenship while at the Tule Lake center and thereafter went to Japan.

Furuno served in the Japanese army but claims in his suit that he was conscripted and coerced.

All the Nisei are represented by A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles.

Dayton Group Seeks New JACL Chapter

DAYTON, O.—A petition to organize a JACL chapter was received by National Headquarters from a Nisei group in Dayton, reported the Midwest Regional JACL office. Upon completion of the necessary steps to affiliate with the National JACL, the Dayton chapter will become the 70th chapter in the nation-wide organization, the eighth in the Midwest District Council.

Expectant Mother Hurt in Auto Crash

ELK GROVE, Calif. — Mrs. Beverlee Iwatsura, 17, an expectant mother, was recovering this week from injuries received when an auto driven by her husband, Akira, 23, collided with another vehicle on Feb. 7.

Japanese Hail U. S. Action To Repeal Exclusion Law

TOKYO — Unanimous approval by the Judiciary committee of the United States House of Representatives of the Judd bill to permit the naturalization of resident Japanese and other ineligible aliens and providing a quota for Japan and other Oriental nations still excluded from immigration to the United States is winning friends here for America, the United Press reported.

The report said that the House committee's action was hailed by former Premier Kijuro Shidehara who was Japan's foreign minister in 1924 when the U.S. Congress

passed the Asiatic Exclusion Act. Meanwhile, Shuichi Yokoyama, chairman of the board of directors of atom-bombed Hiroshima, said he was "deeply gratified" by the House group's action.

Yokoyama also pointed out that there are a number of American-born Japanese in Hiroshima who have been unable to return home since V-J day because they have been unable to obtain certification of the United States citizenship.

Yokoyama hoped that these Nisei will be aided by the Judd bill in returning to their homes and families in the United States.

Settlement of Evacuation Loss Claims Must Await Passage Of Appropriation by Congress

WASHINGTON—Settlement of claims for loss to property and businesses of persons of Japanese ancestry as a result of the Pacific coast mass evacuation in 1942 must await an appropriation of funds by Congress, it was reported here this week.

Legislation passed by the 80th Congress and signed by President Truman in 1948 authorized the Attorney General to make individual settlements of up to \$2500 for damage to or loss of real or personal property suffered by persons of Japanese ancestry evacuated from the coastal area.

Approximately 500 claims have been filed with the Justice Department since President Truman signed the evacuation claims bill into law last July 2, but no money has yet been appropriated.

It was reported that the administration has made no request to Congress for the funds as yet and it is understood it will not do so until a larger number of claims have been filed and some determination has been made of the total amount of money needed.

If any claim is for more than \$2500 the Attorney General will have no authority in the matter and the claim will have to be acted on by Congress in each specific case.

It was reported that the Justice Department already has made a wide distribution of forms to be used by persons of Japanese ancestry who contend they suffered real personal property loss as a result of the evacuation.

It also was understood that the Justice Department is now considering steps for the processing of the claims and is considering a request for an appropriation to carry out the compensation program for the coming fiscal year.

It also was pointed out that the Justice Department's authority for the payment of evacuation losses under Public Law 886 is separate from the proposed program for the reimbursement of evacuees of Japanese ancestry for the loss or damage to property, including cameras, radios, binoculars, knives and guns, which were classified by the Western Defense Command as "contraband" and ordered stored with local police officials. The Senate has passed a bill authorizing the Attorney General to make settlements of claims of up to \$1,000 for such losses. The bill is now up for consideration by the House.

Japan to Seize Dollar Credits Of Repatriates

Tule Lake Returnees Get Yen Payment on U. S. Securities

SAN FRANCISCO—Virtual confiscation of dollar credits held by former United States residents of Japanese ancestry who repatriated to Japan from the Tule Lake segregation center in California in 1945 was reported this week by the Nichi-Bei Times which cited advices from Tokyo.

It was estimated that a considerable portion of the \$1,000,000 in foreign credits which will be seized by the Japanese government was held by Tule Lake repatriates and by Japanese nationals who formerly resided in the United States.

According to Gen. MacArthur's headquarters, these foreign currencies and credits will be used to help finance Japan's economic recovery.

The Japanese government will take possession of these currencies and credits which were impounded in the Bank of Japan when the repatriates came home from abroad. The repatriates will be repaid in yen and the foreign money and the credits will be turned over to SCAP and sold on the world markets for dollars to be used for the purchase of raw materials abroad.

Tule Lake repatriates were permitted to take only a small amount of cash with them when they left the United States but were allowed possession of stock certificates and other securities.

Urge House Group's Approval Of Evacuee Damage Claims Bill

Masaoka Discusses Senate Measure With Rep. Celler

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The House Judiciary Committee this week was urged to give "favorable consideration" to a Senate-approved bill compensating aliens and citizens of Japanese ancestry for property lost or damaged while deposited with the Attorney General's office.

In discussing the bill with Congressman Emanuel Celler, (D., N.Y.), Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, said:

"This bill (S29) is designed to cover loss of such personal articles as short-wave radios, cameras and firearms.

"In the haste and hysteria at the outbreak of the war, receipts were seldom given for property which was delivered to local or federal peace officers and many later found that the articles they had deposited had disappeared or been damaged.

"S29 would authorize the Attorney General to adjust claims on personal items belonging to persons of Japanese ancestry, both aliens and citizens, who fully complied with regulations."

The Senate report on the bill, which was sent to the House last week, pointed out that "the principle of justice and responsible government require that there

should be compensation for such losses."

S29 would supplement the Evacuation Claims Act by providing compensation for losses suffered by innocent victims of war, Mr. Masaoka said.

Appoint Nisei Girl To Faculty of California School

OXNARD, Calif. — Frances M. Yanaginuma of Oxnard recently was appointed to the teaching staff of the home economics department of Chaffey Union high school in Ontario, Calif.

Miss Yanaginuma is a graduate of Butte high school at the Gila River relocation center in Arizona.

She attended Southwestern University in Winfield, Kan., and the Drexel Institute of Technology in Philadelphia before attending Santa Barbara State where she graduated this year.

Denver Youth Held

DENVER, Colo. — Charles L. Takata, 20, was held in Pueblo last week for investigation in a \$3,000 robbery in Denver.

Takata and another youth, Comilo A. Gaitan, 19, were apprehended on information given Pueblo police.

Takata and Gaitan will be questioned regarding the Jan. 27 burglary of a Larimer clothing store.

ACLU Asks Investigation as Eight Nisei Among First Nine Drafted from Placer County

SAN FRANCISCO—The American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California this week reported it is trying to find out if the Placer County Selective Service Board at Auburn, Calif., is engaging in racial discrimination against Americans of Japanese ancestry in making its draft calls.

Of the nine men who have been inducted into the army from the Placer County board, eight were Nisei.

The Northern California ACLU asked Col. K. H. Leitch, state director of the Selective Service System, for an investigation.

"We have looked into the matter and find no irregularities and no departure from the regulations," Col. Leitch replied.

The ACLU group requested a further examination of the matter, in view of the fact that Placer County does not have a preponderance of Japanese Americans in the population and "especially because Placer County at one time had the reputation of being violently anti-Japanese in its sentiments."

(In 1940 there were 1,637 persons of Japanese ancestry in Placer County in a total population of 28,108. In 1946 the WRA reported that 1,005 persons of Japanese descent had returned to Placer County from war relocation centers.)

The ACLU offices was advised by Col. Charles F. Going, deputy state director of selective service, that "the total registration for Local Board No. 17 (Auburn) is 2,461, of whom nine have been inducted." Col. Going said eight were of Japanese ancestry and the ninth was not. Of the 145 registrants of Japanese ancestry in that local board, 17 were reported in 1-A, 95 are deferred or exempted, 24 are unclassified, and as reported, eight were inducted and one other enlisted. The local board so far has ordered 45 registrants for preinduction physical examination, of which 21 were of Japanese ancestry and 24 were not.

"We see no evidence whatsoever of the board's having acted arbitrarily or capriciously," Col. Going said. "The explanation appears to lie in the fact that there was a preponderance of registrants of Japanese ancestry in the older age groups from which the board is bound to make its first selections."

The ACLU noted that selective service regulations provide that registrants shall be selected and ordered to report for induction in the order of their dates of birth,

Buddhists Select Suyenaga President

LOS ANGELES—Frank Suyenaga, former men's vice president of the Los Angeles Young Buddhist association, was elected to lead the group during 1949.

Suyenaga engineered the highly successful Los Angeles YBA carnival last year. A real estate broker, he is also active in the local JACL.

His cabinet and committee chairmen will be as follows:

Kanji Omokawa, men's vice pres.; Ruth Matsuda, women's vice pres.; Edith Shintaku, rec. sec'y.; Eileen Yoshida, corr. sec'y.; Sam Yoneyama, treas.; Tom Harada, dutiro; and Jerry Endo, sergeant at arms.

Tamiko Kosakura, chairman, social welfare committee; Laura Ogawa, religious chairman; Albert Hirota, public relations; Amy Nomi, literary; Kiyomi Ogawa, research; Mary Miyasaki, music; Peaches Kinoshita, women's social; George Akimoto, men's social; Itsy Iwamura, women's athletics; Sam Kuratomi, men's athletics; and Yoshi Maruko, historian.

with the oldest being selected first. The board in question has seven Nisei who were born in 1922, 27 who were born in 1923, 20 who were born in 1924 and 22 who were born in 1925.

The ACLU office said that General Lewis B. Hershey, national director of the Selective Service System, has also been requested to investigate the matter.

"On the basis of the available information," the ACLU report added, "it is still not clear why eight out of nine of the board's inductees were persons of Japanese ancestry, unless there were practically no Caucasians in the 1922 and 1923 age groups who were subject to induction."

Rep. Walter Urges Passage Of Naturalization Measure

WASHINGTON, D. C. — "The real objective of the bill (for equality in naturalization and immigration) is to eliminate all racial barriers in existing naturalization laws, and to make it possible for Asian and Pacific peoples to enter the United States as quota immigrants."

This is the way in which Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Penn.) described the ENI bill under an extension of remarks in the Congressional Record, according to the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

In his remarks, Rep. Walter discussed in rather complete detail the ENI bill. After tracing the history of the legislation in the 80th Congress, Rep. Walter pointed out that testimony last year overwhelmingly favored enactment of the bill on the basis of these three considerations:

"1. As an act of justice of immediate value to American moral leadership in the Far East while that area of the world is yet in a state of political flux.

"2. As an act of justice to long resident Asian immigrants who have made a positive contribution to America.

"3. No new policy is involved, but rather extension of the policy developed by the Congress by ... ending Chinese exclusion ... and granting the privilege of naturalization and immigration to the people of India and the Philippines."

After quoting the favorable testimony of such persons as W. Walton Butterworth, director, Office of Far-Eastern Affairs, Department of State; Former Ambassador to Japan Joseph C. Grew, and Gen. Mark W. Clark, Rep. Walter discussed general characteristics of persons of Japanese ancestry by citing the following table:

"Length of residence: Three-

fourths have lived here for 30 years; nearly half for 40 years or more.

"Numbers: 37,353 in Hawaii; 48,158 in the United States.

"Age and sex: About 50 years. There are eight males to every five females.

"Birth rate: In 1940, lower in California, Oregon and Washington than the general birth rate.

"Relief and unemployment: Negligible.

"Education: Overage to above average.

"Crime: Crime rate about one-half national average."

In discussing the technical effects of the bill, Rep. Walter said:

"National origins quotas strictly computed will replace the discredited policy of Oriental exclusion. By so doing, the national policy which granted naturalization and quota immigration to the Chinese, East Indians and Filipinos will be brought to completion."

To accomplish this, the legislation creates an "Asia-Pacific triangle... which includes all of Asia Major and western Pacific Oceania. Persons of ancestry indigenous to this Asia triangle, when immigrating to the United States, will be chargeable to the quota of the country of their ancestry rather than country of birth."

He pointed out that while total annual authorized immigration will be approximately 1,890 from the area, actual immigration of less than 1,000 Asian peoples in any one year is a safe estimate.

Under the bill's provisions there is no possibility of a flood of Asian immigration, Rep. Walter said. "A proportionate decrease in the size of minimum quotas is provided if changes in territorial limits or sovereignty should increase the number of minimum quota countries to more than 50."

Army Will Permit 60-day Visits In Japan for Issei, Nisei

WASHINGTON—A program authorizing Nisei, Issei and other individuals to enter Japan for a maximum period of 60 days for the purpose of visiting immediate relatives who are Japanese nationals or who are foreign nationals having permanent residence in Japan prior to December 1941, was announced this week simultaneously by the Department of the Army and by General of the Army Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (SCAP). This program includes Japanese nationals, United States nationals, and all foreign nationals.

The salient provisions of this program are as follows:

1. Individuals entering Japan will be required either to bring with them sufficient food to fulfill their needs for the duration of their entire stay or to purchase such food from overseas supply stores in Japan.

2. The Japanese Government must certify that the host has adequate housing (other than that required for use by occupation forces) and that the visitors' entry will not increase the critical housing shortage in Japan.

3. Subject individuals will travel by commercial transportation to Japan and will not be authorized use of any occupation force facilities while in Japan.

4. Subject individuals must have legal access to dollar or pound sterling credits since yen will be acquired only for dollar or pound sterling credits and purchases from overseas supply stores must be made with foreign trade payment certificates acquired with such credits.

Visitors will be allowed to possess only Japanese yen while in Japan. All other currencies must be deposited upon arrival in an appropriate bank, and upon departure yen may not be converted into any other currencies.

5. While in Japan, visitors will be subject to all regulations promulgated by SCAP and CINCPAC and to Japanese law, and, in the event of any violation, the individual will be subject to trial by Japanese courts or by the Occupation Forces Provost Court at the option of SCAP. SCAP reserves the right to terminate the stay of visitors for cause at any time.

6. In order to implement this program, an application form has been devised which may be secured by prospective visitors in the country of their residence from those commercial carriers authorized to operate in Japan. This form is to be filled out by the prospective visitor and returned to the commercial carrier, who will then forward it to the Japanese government for investigation.

Final approval for entry will be given by SCAP to the commercial carrier, who will then notify the applicant of this approval. This notification to the applicant by the commercial carrier will constitute authorization for application to the Pacific Military Permit Branch, MDW, Room 2A-320, Pentagon Bldg., Washington 25, D. C., for issuance of a Military Permit for Entry into Japan. This procedure applies to United States citizens, Japanese nationals, and those foreign nationals who do not have their own representation or protecting power in Japan.

University of Chicago Press Will Publish Grodzins Book On Politics and Evacuation

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The University of Chicago Press this week advised the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee that Morton Grodzins' "Americans Betrayed: Politics and the Japanese Evacuation," will be published in May.

In describing the forthcoming book, the University of Chicago Press said:

"Citizens driven out of their homes and herded into concentration camps, their places of business searched without warrant, their personal possessions seized, their reputations publicly maligned—could this happen here?"

"This is the story of the wartime evacuation of Japanese Americans from the west coast of the United States.

"Here are the facts. Here are mayors, chambers of commerce and governors stirring up public opinion against Japanese Americans years before war with Japan gave them an occasion to act more decisively. Here are army generals responding to the pressures of these groups and later attempting to justify their 'a Jap's a Jap' policy by the denial of undeniable facts. Here is Congress carrying out the War Department's wishes without investigation. Here is the U.S. Supreme Court upholding a constitutional policy that subverts basic tenets of democracy.

"Mr. Grodzins traces carefully the steps that led to the adoption of evacuation... His book is not merely a scholarly record; it is also a warning to each American citizen that the precedent is on the record, that he may some day find himself in the situation of the Japanese Americans after Pearl Harbor—disfranchised, expropriated and confined."

The author of "Americans Betrayed" is assistant professor of political science at the University of Chicago. He was formerly research assistant at the University of California.

Orange County JACL To Hold Installation Of New Cabinet

SANTA ANA, Calif.—President-elect Bill Okuda of the Orange County JACL and his cabinet will be installed in office at a dinner dance Feb. 26 at the Huntington Beach memorial hall.

President Okuda's cabinet will consist of the following: Henry Kanegae, 1st vice pres.; Roy Kobayashi, 2nd vice pres.; Tob Enomoto, 3rd vice pres.; Harry Matsukane, executive sec'y.; George Osumi, treas.; Chas. Ishii, auditor; and Masahi Kariya, Hitoshi Kato, Kazuo Yamami and Yoshiko Yoshida, members at large.

Issei May Get Papers to Make Visits to Japan

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The State Department this week advised the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee it will issue necessary papers for visits by individuals to Japan.

The army announced from Tokyo recently it would permit relatives of both Japanese and foreign nationals living in Japan without interruption since Pearl Harbor to visit the Oriental country.

State Department officials pointed out that Issei who wish to visit Japan must obtain:

(1) A reentry permit issued by the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, and

(2) A military permit from MacArthur's headquarters (SCAP), issued through the State Department.

Citizens visiting Japan first must secure:

(1) A passport, and

(2) A military permit.

The State Department confirmed that persons visiting relatives in Japan must either bring their own food, or be able to purchase food at overseas sales stores operated by the army. They must also be able to secure private lodging in Japan without depending on the army.

Visitors may remain in Japan up to two months.

Mari Sabusawa Will Speak at Forum on FEPC Legislation

CHICAGO—"Youth's Stake in FEPC" will be the subject for Democracy Day forum program presented by the Chicago Council of the B'nai B'rith Young Women at the College of Jewish Studies, 72 East 11th street, on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p. m.

Mari Sabusawa, past president of the Chicago chapter, and secretary to the National JACL Board, will be one of four speakers and will represent the JACL. Other organizations represented will be the United Christian Youth Movement, the Catholic Youth Organization, and the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

The evening's program will include community singing, dancing, Palestinian songs and refreshments. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Detroit JACL Slates Showing of Films

DETROIT, Mich.—The Detroit JACL will show two films, "The Nisei Story" and "California Picture Book," on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 8 p. m. at the International Institute.

Refreshments will be served. The public is invited.

Name Thomas Masuda Treasurer of Chicago Convention Committee

CHICAGO—The Chicago Convention Board of the Eleventh Biennial JACL National Convention in 1950 announced this week the appointment of one of its members, attorney Thomas Masuda, as treasurer of the board.

Mike Hagiwara, delegate-at-large of the Chicago chapter, was appointed chairman of the finance and budget committee.

Announcements of other committee chairmen will be made upon appointment, stated Dr. Randolph Mas Sakada, chairman of the convention board, which will meet regularly on the second Monday of each month, or at the call of the chairman.

Nisei Wins Honors For Oratory at South Dakota School

SIoux FALLS, S.D. — Lilyan Hijikita of Cleveland, Ohio, is winning honors at Sioux Falls college as an orator.

Miss Hijikita, a freshman, won first place in the recent freshman contest and received the award as the Knox Orator.

In the Walsh oratorical contest she placed second.

The Nisei girl represented the school in a state-wide intercollegiate contest and won first place from orators of Yankton, Northern, Westmar, University of South Dakota, Dakota Wesleyan and South Dakota State.

Boise, Snake River Contribute Funds For ADC Campaign

Checks for \$1000 and \$1200 were sent to the National JACL this week by the Boise and Snake River chapters respectively for the ADC, according to Masao Satow, national director.

Stockton Dentist First Nisei To Win U. S. Navy Commission

STOCKTON, Calif.—Dr. James H. Tanaka, the first Nisei to serve as an officer in the history of the U.S. Navy, is now practicing dentistry here.

Dr. Tanaka was commissioned a lieutenant, junior grade on Aug. 7, 1946.

Americans of Japanese ancestry were barred from Navy service during World War II, although many Nisei served in the merchant marine.

Naval service was opened to Nisei in Oct., 1945 following representations from the National JACL.

Dr. Tanaka, a graduate of the University of Michigan, was stationed at the Naval Air Training Center, Corpus Christi, Tex., where he won laurels as third baseman on the Navy baseball team. His final station was the Mare Island Shipyard at Vallejo, Calif.

He returned to private practice in Dec., 1948 and recently announced his engagement to Miss Fusaye Inouye, a registered nurse at San Joaquin General hospital.

Administration's Statehood Bill May Give Hawaii Issei Chance To Win Citizenship Rights

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—Encouraging news has come in recent weeks for Issei in Hawaii anxious for American citizenship.

In rapid succession, these developments were reported:

- 1—An administration-backed bill granting Hawaii statehood will contain a provision that Issei residents either be granted American citizenship outright or the privilege of naturalization.
- 2—Rep. Walter H. Judd's bill to repeal all racial bars to naturalization and immigration into the United States was approved by the house judiciary committee.

If either bill is enacted into law, the Japanese aliens in Hawaii can realize American citizenship which only a year or so ago looked so impossible to attain.

Getting citizenship privileges for otherwise ineligible aliens through the statehood bill was a surprise announcement brought home from Washington by a young Honolulu attorney of Chinese ancestry, Chuck Mau.

Mr. Mau, a Democratic supervisor of the Honolulu city-county government, made a special trip to Washington with other leading Democrats to push the statehood cause.

Upon his return he reported that the Truman administration is sponsoring a statehood bill for Hawaii (apart from several other bills on the same subject). Mr. Mau worked with the chief counsel of the Interior Department's division of territories and proposed that the administration measure include this provision:

1 (a)—All persons who were residents of the territory for at least three years prior to the admission of Hawaii as a state may become citizens of the United States by filing a declaration under oath that they desire to become citizens, that they are loyal to the United States, that they subscribe to the constitution and laws of the United States, and they are not subject to deportation.

(b)—(Alternative). All persons who have resided in the territory for at least three years prior to statehood be granted the privilege of naturalization. (There are only three classes now who are not eligible for naturalization—Japanese, Koreans and Samoans).

Thus, under either method, the Issei in Hawaii would be qualified to seek American citizenship.

This provision found support among Democratic leaders here when submitted by Mr. Mau upon his return from Washington.

The Democratic territorial central committee—top policy body of the party in Hawaii—adopted a resolution containing this provision, plus several others relating to statehood.

The Judd bill received "big play" in the Honolulu newspapers when the house judiciary committee approved it unanimously and sent it to the full house. The Washington dispatches made front page news for the obvious reason of their significance to the Japanese alien population in the islands.

How many of the 30,000 or so Issei in Hawaii would take advantage of the naturalization privilege, if finally granted, is a matter of speculation, of course. The question remains also as to how many have the qualifications, such as the ability to read and speak English, to pass the naturalization tests.

Most of the Issei are in their advanced age. Many years ago, it is recalled by oldtimers, there was a strong movement for naturalization among the aliens. But because they were denied the privilege so long, many have abandoned hope of seeing the racial barriers against them lifted.

There are some younger Issei nevertheless who are anxious to become United States citizens. They came to Hawaii at a tender age and received American upbringing in the community and schools ever since their arrival so that they may be considered as American as the Hawaiian-born Nisei. For them naturalization would be a wonderful gift from this country.

Ask House Group to Drop Race Restrictions in GI Brides Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The House Judiciary Committee this week was urged to eliminate all racial restrictions in amendments now under study to extend the deadline of the Soldier Brides' Act at least another year.

Numerous bills have been introduced to extend the life of the act, which expired last December.

However, as Mike Masaoka, national legislative director JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee advised Congressman Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.), Judiciary Committee chairman: "Of all the bills introduced, only one, offered by Del. Joseph R. Farrington (R., Hawaii) provides there shall be no race restrictions if the act is extended."

He told Rep. Celler that "The JACL feels sponsors of the other bills and amendments actually are unaware of the problem relating to Japanese and most other Asian spouses of American soldiers or veterans."

It was the House Judiciary Committee which originally approved amendments to the Soldier Brides' Act during the last Congress to provide that all alien spouses "irrespective of race," of American servicemen or veterans could enter this country without respect to immigration bans. The amendment, though, was limited to those marriages which occurred prior to 30 days after it was enacted.

"We submit," Masaoka told Rep. Celler, "that any further amendments to extend the deadline for entry of alien spouses should be applicable without consideration of the spouse's race."

"All American soldiers should be treated alike in their choice of alien spouses," he declared.

Masaoka cited the following problems which have arisen under the Soldier Brides' Act:

(1) The Act makes no provision for children of such marriages to accompany parents to the United States for permanent residence:

(2) Children by a former marriage of the alien spouse cannot enter this country with the foster parents.

(3) Adopted children cannot be brought into the U.S.

(4) Several honorably discharged GI's have protested the brief time limit on the amendment admitting spouses "otherwise inadmissible because of race" because it gave them no opportunity to marry while stationed in Japan.

(5) Several thousand Americans serving in a civilian capacity with the army in Japan have asked JACL ADC to plead for special legislation permitting them to marry alien spouses and bring them to the United States.

Masaoka urged that these "five specific problems be given attention."

He told Rep. Celler the position of JACL ADC is that no immigration requirement except those involving non-quota privileges and ineligibility because of race should be waived or suspended.

Forty New Members Introduced During French Camp Meeting

FRENCH CAMP, Calif. — The introduction of 40 new members highlighted the Feb. 11 meeting of the newly organized French Camp JACL.

Introductions were made by George Komura.

Movies were shown at the close of the meeting, with "Silver Stallion" as the main feature. "The Nisei Story" was also shown.

Bob Takahashi, president, presided over the meeting.

Four Nisei Girls Marry Japanese Nationals In Japan

YOKOHAMA — Four Nisei brides were among 498 Americans who contracted marriages which were registered in Japan in 1948, the American consulate reported here on Feb. 12.

The Nisei girls married Japanese nationals.

There was also an unstated number of marriages between Nisei service and occupation personnel and war-stranded Japanese American girls.

California Bill Asks Reduction Of Fishing Fee

SACRAMENTO — A bill asking for the reduction of the \$25 alien sporting fishing license fee to \$10 is in the hands of the California Assembly's committee on fish and game and is due for consideration when the Legislature reconvenes on March 7.

Introduced by Assemblyman Augustus F. Hawkins (D), of Los Angeles, at the request of the JACL-ADC through West Coast Director Joe Grant Masaoka, Assembly Bill No. 2971 was filed on the closing day of the first part of the 1949 Legislature's bifurcated regular session.

The California Legislature in 1947 passed an amendment to the Fish and Game Code setting the alien fee for sport fishing at \$25. This amendment also cancelled out a prior 1943 amendment which had denied sport fishing licenses to aliens ineligible to citizenship. In contrast to the alien fee of \$25, the citizen licenses are securable at \$3.

Many Issei, to whom fishing is still a major sport, will probably be affected by Assemblyman Hawkins' bill, believes Regional ADC Director Joe Masaoka.

25 Face Gambling Charges in Denver

DENVER, Colo. — Twenty-five men of Chinese and Japanese ancestry were arraigned on gambling charges in Judge Frank Hickey's Municipal court on Feb. 11.

The men were seized in a raid on the basement of the Far Eastern cafe, headquarters of the Far Eastern association, a fraternal organization.

Police officials said the men were playing Japanese and Chinese games.

Eddie K. Yamoto, 47, Jimmie Ying Chin, 36, Harry Nakata, 57, Nin Lee, 42, and Woo Bing, 58, were charged with running a gambling place.

Cincinnati JACL Installs New Cabinet At Dinner Dance

CINCINNATI, O.—An impressive array of civic leaders witnessed the annual installation dinner-dance of the Cincinnati JACL at the Vernon Manor hotel on Feb. 12.

Among the numerous guests and speakers introduced by toastmaster Ken Matsumoto, former national JACL vice president, were a number of prominent clergymen, Marshall Bragdon, executive secretary of the Mayor's Friendly Relations Committee, and Mayor Cash, the main speaker. Dr. Charles P. Taft, who was scheduled to be the speaker of the evening, was unable to attend because of illness.

One of the highlights of the program was a greeting from General Jonathan M. Wainwright, which was read by a representative from the Disabled American Veterans, and which commended the Nisei for their outstanding Americanism.

Noboru Honda, chairman of the JACL Midwest District Council, read a message from national president Hito Okada to the audience of more than 125, and installed the new officers of the Cincinnati chapter.

The cabinet includes the following: Kaye Watanabe, president; Mrs. Henry Adachi, vice-president; George Takahashi, 2nd vice-president; Ichiro Kato, treasurer; Grace Narita, recording secretary; Jane Murata, corresponding secretary.

A dance followed the dinner program which was attended by Nisei visiting from nearby Dayton.

Army General Says Two Nisei Recruited for Roles in Sorge's Pro-Soviet Spy Ring in Japan

TOKYO—The pre-Pearl Harbor Sorge spy ring in Japan, described in a U. S. Army report as the boldest and most successful spy ring in history, picked two Nisei members of the American Communist party and brought them to Japan for espionage work in obtaining secrets of the military plans of Japan's warlords, it was disclosed here this week.

Maj. Gen. Charles A. Willoughby, intelligence chief for Gen. Douglas MacArthur, said that the spy ring headed by Richard Sorge and Hozumi Ozaki selected two Japanese Americans for work as Soviet spies inside Japan.

Gen. Willoughby's agents compiled the 40,000 word document on the Sorge spy ring which was released simultaneously last week in Washington and Tokyo.

In the Army report one of the Nisei was identified as Yotoko Miyagi, a Los Angeles artist. The other Nisei is believed to be Tomo Kitabayashi, a dressmaker.

Miyagi allegedly played an important role in the ring which ferreted out important Japanese military secrets concerning operations in Manchuria and, according to the U.S. Army's analysis, helped strengthen the Soviet defense of European Russia against the Nazis by permitting withdrawal of Red Army military strength from the Far East, members of the ring ascertaining that Tokyo had no intentions of initiating military operations against the Soviet army in Asia.

Miyagi was arrested along with other members of the ring and brought to trial. The artist was critically ill of tuberculosis and died in prison during the trial.

Sorge and Ozaki, formerly one of the editors of one of Japan's leading dailies and a man high in the councils of the Japanese government, were executed on Nov. 7, 1941.

Miss Kitabayashi reportedly was the "weak link" through which the spy ring was exposed and broken, according to the U.S. army report.

The army report indicated that Miss Kitabayashi was a friend of Ritsui Ito, also a former resident of Los Angeles, assertedly one of the top level operators in the spy ring. The report added that Ito, believing that Miss Kitabayashi was wavering from her political beliefs, denounced her to the police. The Army report declared that the police followed Miss Kitabayashi and that she eventually led them to the others.

Gen. Willoughby, who commanded hundreds of Japanese American GIs in the U.S. Army's military intelligence service in the Pacific during World War II, declared:

"The power of such an international Communist espionage unit to pick out two members of the American Communist party and send them to Japan to do work is an amazing thing about this (Sorge) case."

Chicago Guidebook Lists Nisei Names

CHICAGO—The Chicago Guidebook was published by the Chicago Publishing Corp. this week.

The book contains articles and pictures of Nisei, including a feature by Togo Tanaka called "Chicago's Newest Citizens."

The book contains names and addresses of Chicago's Japanese American population.

Large Stranded Group Aboard Gen. Gordon

SAN FRANCISCO—The second largest group of war-stranded persons of Japanese ancestry to return to the United States from Japan will arrive on Feb. 21 in San Francisco aboard the General Gordon from Yokohama.

In addition to 125 Nisei and Issei on board the Gen. Gordon, other arrivals will include 15 persons returning to Canada and eight to Mexico.

The mainland arrivals are part of a group of 348 strandeers who left Yokohama on the Gen. Gordon. Two hundred disembarked when the ship reached Honolulu on Feb. 16.

The largest group of strandeers to arrive here numbered 180 on board the Gordon in May, 1948.

Hawaii Residents Will Send Relief Goods to Hiroshima

HONOLULU—About \$75,000 has been collected so far among the Japanese in Hawaii to purchase relief goods for atomic bomb sufferers in Hiroshima.

The money was collected through voluntary donations since last summer, mostly from Issei who formerly lived in Hiroshima.

The Hiroshima War Relief association is conducting the territory-wide campaign that will last for several more months. Largest distributor gave \$500, according to Gonjiro Kawahara, president of the association.

Hiroshima prefecture officials have decided to distribute the relief goods, with money so far collected, to 21,028 households or 49,350 persons who suffered the most from the A-bomb explosion.

National Buddhist Youth Group Will Hold Conference

SAN FRANCISCO — The first board meeting of the National Young Buddhist Coordinating council since its activation last August will be held at the San Francisco Buddhist church Feb. 19-20, according to Tad Hirota, national director.

The board will convene at 2 p.m., Feb. 19, one day prior to the annual ministerial and laymen's conference of the Buddhist churches of America.

Refutation of the constitution, the financial program and activities of the organization will be discussed.

Delegates and board members from the Eastern, Intermountain, Tri-state and the Western Young Buddhist League will participate.

U. S. Official Recalls Wartime Donation from Manzanar Nisei

LOS ANGELES—The story of a Nisei youth's personal contribution of \$10 to aid in the war effort—made while he was confined in the Manzanar relocation center—was told on the air Feb. 10 on the radio program "Press Conference."

The story was told by Judge Harry C. Westover, head of the Los Angeles office of the Internal Revenue department, who was interviewed on the program.

Asked to tell about some of the strange and unusual events which had happened in his work, the judge began:

"I guess the audience knows what had happened to the Japanese after Pearl Harbor. They were placed in camps for safekeeping by the U.S. government.

"It must have been rather hard

on them. And we can say many of them must have been bitter. It was a pretty unfair ordeal for these loyal ones.

"But there was one young boy in Manzanar relocation center who touched my heart very much."

Judge Westover continued by declaring that he came upon a letter from this boy which said:

"I am a resident of Manzanar relocation center. Enclosed find \$10 in money order. Please use it in some way towards the war effort to win our present world conflict. The sum is very small but I hope you'll understand."

The judge did not reveal the name of the donor but said it was "one of the most unusual pieces of correspondence received by this office."

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EDITORIALS:

Realty Boards and Americanism

With all the talk these days of loyalty checks and such, it is something of a surprise that no one has accused the Los Angeles Realty Board of un-Americanism.

The Los Angeles board, along with a number of other real estate groups, has petitioned the National Association of Real Estate Boards to sponsor an amendment to the Constitution which will make the laws of the United States safe for race prejudice.

Specifically, the Los Angeles Real Estate Board is concerned with the decision of the United States Supreme Court last year which declared that racially restrictive covenants in housing were not enforceable in the courts of the United States. The court's action placed the discriminatory practices of the organized real estate groups outside the pale of the law.

The Supreme Court's decision in the restrictive covenant cases, which affect Nisei as well as members of other non-Caucasian races and of minority religious groups, noted that "equality in the enjoyment of property rights was regarded by the framers of the (14th) Amendment as an essential precondition to the realization of other basic civil rights and liberties which the Amendment was intended to guarantee."

The attitude of organized real estate groups, of which the stand of the Los Angeles Realty Board is typical, has been that the Constitution of the United States is subservient to the Realtor's Code of Ethics which provides that "a realtor should never be instrumental in introducing into a neighborhood a character of property or occupancy, members of any race or nationality, or any individual whose presence will clearly be detrimental to property values in that neighborhood."

Any realtor who abides by the Constitution's guarantee of racial equality in the enjoyment of property rights is in danger of being adjudged in violation of the Realtor's Code of Ethics. Any realtor who puts into practice the Lincolnian concepts of racial justice faces the threat of expulsion from his real estate board.

Labor and Discrimination

Elsewhere in this issue some facets of discrimination in the labor movement are discussed. It was pointed out that most of the minority discrimination as practiced in labor occurs within the railroad unions and in the building trades unions. No doubt many of the other skilled trades unions are open to the same indictment.

It must be remembered, however, that probably the greatest impetus for racial democracy within recent years has come from labor.

These far-seeing unions have recognized the great truth that the only way to eliminate unfair competition, strikebreaking and lower wage scales—the accusations used to keep members of minority groups from joining specific unions—is by making these minority group individuals part of the unions themselves.

Forward-looking labor leaders like Willard Townsend of the CIO Transport Service Employees recognize that many unions still discriminate against members of minority groups, although a campaign of education has abridged the scope and area of racially discriminatory practices to a large degree. Discriminatory practices in the building trades and in some of the so-called skilled trades in which old-time AFL unions have jurisdiction have virtually closed these trades to Nisei and members of other minority groups. Similarly the railroad brotherhoods have enforced a strict racial caste system regarding jobs in the railroad industry.

Union leaders like Willard Townsend are well aware that the trade union movement will progress only by stamping out these practices of racial discrimination.

Interpreters of Democracy

A report from Philadelphia last week told of a Nisei girl whose application for admittance to the University of Pennsylvania "apparently was ignored as were a number of other Nisei applications."

We recall that during the war the same university received some unfavorable publicity when it refused one of its own honor students, a Nisei girl graduate, the right to continue as a student in its graduate school.

These instances of discrimination always make shocking reading for a nation which has always conceived of its schools as the first teachers and interpreters of democracy. Any school that observes racial restrictions in accepting applications, either through racial quotas or through a ban on students from minority groups, is acting at variance with the evolving concepts of democracy.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

Hayakawa's Leading Lady

Welly Shibata, who used to be on the staff of the New World daily in San Francisco before he went to Osaka to work for the English edition of the Mainichi, sends along some interesting background notes to a column we had recently on Sessue Hayakawa.

Mr. Hayakawa, now making a Hollywood comeback as the chief heavy in the Humphrey Bogart film, "Tokyo Joe," was married during his Hollywood days to his leading lady, Tsuru Aoki, who is now in Japan.

Miss Aoki was Hollywood's first Japanese actress and she appeared opposite Sessue in most of the actor's early films.

How Miss Aoki got to America makes an interesting story, as relayed to us by Welly Shibata.

The story goes back to the early 1900s when a famous Japanese actor named Kawakami and his geisha-turned-actress wife, Sada Yakko, came to the United States to introduce Japanese drama forms, the kabuki, shimpa and kengeki, to American audiences. Mrs. Kawakami also performed Japanese dances which were seen for the first time in many parts of the United States.

When Kawakami and Sada arrived in America to start their drama tour they found that the scenery, stage props and other equipment which they had made at considerable expense were intended for the smaller stages of Japanese theaters and were far too small for American auditoriums. The little troupe was at a loss because their funds were limited and they could not go to the additional expense of constructing new sets, backdrops and other scenic props to fit the bigger American theaters which they hoped to play on their way to Paris.

A number of Japanese in the United States, "including my grandfather who, like my father, was always interested in the theater throughout his life," continues Welly, heard of the plight of the Kawakami company. They held a meeting and raised funds to pay for the needed new equipment.

Kawakami and Sada Yakko were extremely grateful but they did not know how to repay their benefactors. Finally as a gesture of gratitude, they left one of the members of the troupe, an adopted daughter, to work as a servant for one of the Japanese who had helped obtain the new sets. This girl was named Tsuru Aoki. Later she was to marry Sessue Hayakawa and was to co-star with him in Hollywood films which were to be shown in every part of the world.

Meanwhile, Kawakami and Sada Yakko went on to Paris where they, and especially Miss Yakko, charmed Parisians with her Japanese dancing at the Paris Exposition and became an international celebrity. It is said to have been Sada Yakko's appearance and success in Paris which later inspired several operatic and dramatic works of the Madame Butterfly genre.

SCREEN'S SOJIN

Welly Shibata, who is still on the staff of the English Mainichi, one of Japan's three English language dailies (the others are the Nippon Times and the Stars and Stripes), recently published a booklet to help Japanese learn English. It is a collection of American humor called "English Through Laughter." He also reports that Sojin Kamiyama, another of the featured Japanese actors of the silent films, is still active in the Japanese theater.

Sojin, whose piercing eyes and thin face became something of a prototype for Oriental villainy in Hollywood, was achieving his best roles when the advent of the talking pictures revolutionized Hollywood. He was the screen's first Charlie Chan, starring in "The Chinese Parrot." His best-remembered role was that of a supporting player to Douglas Fairbanks in the memorable "Thief of Bagdad."

According to Welly, another Japanese whose name is known in American musical circles, Yoshie Fujiwara, the best-known of Japanese tenors, is also active in Japan. His Fujiwara Opera Company last year presented "Mme. Butterfly" and is planning productions of

"Don Giovanni," "Carmen" and other famous operas.

"I hope to see them when they come to Osaka," says Welly, "but 250 yen for grand opera is rather steep. Movies are now from 60 to 80 to 100 yen." (The current quotation on Yen is 170 to the American dollar.)

Welly notes that the Japanese are eagerly awaiting the arrival of new American films. "The Egg and I" is one of the films which is expected shortly in Japan. Laurence Olivier's "Henry V" was well received as was the Soviet color film, "Tale of the Siberian Land."

It was largely for millions of Japanese movie fans that the U.S. Army last year sponsored the production at Enterprise studio in Hollywood of Robert Joseph's short subject, "The Nisei Story," which tells of the return and reacceptance of Japanese American evacuees on the Pacific coast. The film probably will be used to counteract all the horrible stories of mistreatment which the Japanese militarist propagandists delighted in spreading through their sphere of influence regarding Japanese Americans during the war.

JAPANESE FILMS

Speaking of Japanese films, scores are imported annually into the United States and Hawaii but are shown only in Japanese theaters for an audience composed mostly of the Issei. Although the Japanese film industry in prewar years produced more feature films annually than Hollywood, practically all of these films were shoddy quickies, in comparison with the better Hollywood product and the fine English, French, German and Russian films which were shown here. In addition, many Japanese filmmakers concentrated on the type of wordy, turgid drama which went over fine with a Japanese audience but which would have put to sleep anyone not thoroughly conversant with Japanese customs and language.

One Japanese film, "Kimiko," was shown in many American theaters just before the war and was favorably received. There was another, a PCL production called "Brother and Sister," which showed what the Japanese film makers could do. This film was a semi-documentary which had a simple plot enacted against the photogenic daily life of a little fishing village in northern Honshu. It had a quality similar to such later films as Paul Strand's "The Wave," the story of Mexican fishermen, and the John Steinbeck story, "The Pearl." The Japanese producers of "Brother and Sister" found in the people of this little village the same sort of strength and simple dignity which is exemplified in the Mexican fishermen of "The Wave" and the divers of "The Pearl."

Until the Japanese film industry produces pictures to rival the great movies which have been made by the Italians since the end of the war, it will probably not receive any attention in the United States outside of the little showhouses which specialize in Japanese films for Issei audiences. Such Italian pictures as "Open City," "Shoeshine," "Paisan" and "To Live in Peace" rank with the great films of all time. Yet all of these pictures were made under conditions similar to those in the Japanese motion picture industry today. The directors like Roberto Rossellini of "Paisan" borrowed raw film, hired unknown actors and used actual backgrounds to save money. The first print of "Open City" to reach the United States came in inside the barracks bag of a returning GI. It proved to be an immediate financial and artistic success in the United States. It now remains to be seen whether the increased financial backing for Italian films will rob them of the vitality and newsreel vigor which made the scenes of "Open City" so memorable.

NISEI STORY

It has always been our conviction that the Nisei story of World War II would make a stirring and heartwarming film. The mass evacuation has been treated (in newsreel shots) only in one Holly-

MINORITY WEEK

Local Option

A new kind of local option was disclosed recently by Willard S. Townsend, international president of the CIO Transport Service Service Employees of America who spoke in Chicago to the City club.

This is the kind of local option operating in some labor unions, wherein city locals determine whether or not they will discriminate against minority groups. By way of example, Townsend said his father is a shop steward in the Plasterers' union in Detroit and a member of the international union, but cannot work at his trade in Chicago.

There's also another little deal, as explained by Townsend, under which Negro electrical workers can work in Negro districts but not outside, a kind of restrictive covenant.

In the same way Negro members of the AFL American Federation of Musicians in Chicago play only in South Side areas frequented largely by Negroes. This is "by understanding."

Worst discriminators in the labor movement, Townsend said, are the railroad unions and the building-trades unions.

Townsend, who is a reasonable man, declared that the discriminatory situation is understandable, however unjustifiable.

Prior to Civil war days, some slave owners of the south trained their slaves as artisans and hired them out at rates that undercut independent skilled white workers. These workers, perhaps naturally, directed their bitterness against the slaves, rather than their owners.

After the Civil war, these trained Negroes migrated north and competition developed above the Mason-Dixon line. Employers used unorganized Negroes to break strikes.

Thus developed the fear, still held, that Negroes will always lower working standards and wages.

Quick Quote

"Most of the Negro's reluctance to step out and claim his right to participate in the enjoyment of the best culture of the land is purely defensive. Most of you will deny it, but the majority of us are still not sure what our reception will be outside our own bailiwick..." —The Los Angeles Tribune, Feb. 12.

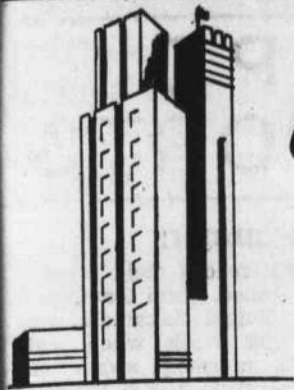
Extension

The Chinese Press, San Francisco weekly, reports that while most Americans saw the last of leap year in December, it's still leap year for 90,000 Chinese Americans.

The Chinese New Year, which began two weeks ago—the Year of the Ox—is a leap year, which gives Chinese American girls an extra year in case they want to take the initiative in their own hands.

wood film, Universal's trashy "Little Tokyo, USA" which was released in 1943. The actual scenes of evacuation, the racing tracks turned into assembly centers, the evacuee trains, all suggest scenes for a motion picture which probably will not be made until a novel is written which becomes a best-seller and captures the national imagination. That is the way such unusual Hollywood films as "The Grapes of Wrath," "The Snake Pit" and "Gentlemen's Agreement" reached the screen. It is no coincidence that the producer of all of these films and the forthcoming "Pinky," the story of a Negro girl (to be played by Jeanne Crain), is Darryl F. Zanuck of 20th Century Fox. It was another Zanuck picture, last year's "Daisy Kenyon," which included in its plot the efforts of a young lawyer to prevent California land-grabbers from seizing the farm of a Nisei war veteran. This sequence, an important one in the film, did not appear in the original novel and was written into the screen play, probably at Mr. Zanuck's direction.

We recall a comment which Pearl Buck made to us some years ago that the story of the Nisei and the evacuation will not stir the American consciousness until someone writes a novel about it and that novel achieves wide circulation. Until that novel is written the story of the Nisei in wartime probably will not kindle any interest in Hollywood.



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

Crescent Carnival

New Orleans, La. Mardi Gras madness, a malady peculiar to New Orleans, is just beginning to take hold in this crescent-shaped city fast by the mighty Mississippi.

Though this is my fourth year down south, in this traditional week before Lent, it will be my first Mardi Gras and I am eagerly awaiting this festive celebration like the rest of the 750,000 New Orleanians. During the war years the Mardi Gras celebration was cancelled.

Starting with King Carrollton's one-day reign on Feb. 20, there will be 10 successive days and nights of parading, clowning, galavanting, singing, dancing, noise-making, and every other form of monkeyshines imaginable. Confetti will continually be raining down on the streets along with miles of paper streamers; impromptu street-dancing will be going on from sun-up to sunrise; costumed singers will roam uptown, downtown, back of town, and at all hours with all types of songs and yells.

The climax comes on Mardi Gras day, which is March 1st this year, when King Rex emerged from the Mississippi river, at the foot of Canal street, to rule over and frolic with the rest of the merry-makers. It is traditional on this day that everyone wear a mask until midnight and be garbed in colorful costume.

Every day and night during Mardi Gras, a procession of floats, trucks, marchers, musicians and temporary montebanks will weave along azalea-lined St. Charles avenue and gradually make their way to Canal street. Ornate paper-mache floats, reminiscent of the gaudy European displays, will be the central attraction of the various parades. Krewe members will be fully costumed to accompany their "king" and "queen" on these long marches which usually last many hours. It is further customary that "krewe members" on the various floats toss out small gifts and trinkets to their faithful subjects who line the streets.

Another traditional feature is to wind up each parade with a magnificent costume dance. Entrance is by invitation only and everything is quite formal. Every such ball is presided over by the king and his court, with resplendent settings, decorations, favors and refreshments.

The various parades and dances are sponsored by social clubs and organizations. There is a lot of secrecy and mumbo-jumbo attached to membership and for this reason it is very difficult to get an invitation to attend one of these colorful major social events or participate in a parade.

During Mardi Gras week, especially in the French Quarter, there is a continual round of parties, dances and dinners. Care-free Orleanians will forget all thoughts of work for a week and will concentrate on making the rounds from bar-room, dining room, or any shelter where drinks or food may be served. Bedlam usually prevails along the narrow streets of the Vieux Carre which comprises about 100 squares and averages three night clubs or taverns per block.

Of course, Mardi Gras day, a Tuesday, is an official holiday and the entire city's populace will don some kind of costume or wear a mask and join in the foot-stomping, arm-waving, and vocal shinnanigans that will go on for 24 hours.

By foot, auto, train and plane, the stream of tourists is growing daily. Hotels are shoving cots in spare rooms and in the halls and enterprising housewives are renting out the spare bedroom. Wooden stands are hastily being erected along the avenues where leg-weary tourists can see the show for a dollar a throw. The lame, the halt and the blind are also converging on the city. It's hard to walk a block in the business district without bumping into some member of this professional band of panhandlers who shuffle, crawl, tap, walk and waltz through the streets.

The big difference between an ordinary convention in a large city and the local celebration is that here everyone wants to get into the act during Mardi Gras...and usually does.

Wig and mask makers along Royal street, seamstresses, tuxedo rental houses, costume dealers, souvenir hawkers, novelty dealers and eating houses are doing a landslide business.

It is not uncommon for a one-man parade to start along Rampart street and then emerge as a hundred-man sideshow by the time it reaches Canal street. The huge Negro population of New Orleans has its own parade with their King Zulu which is usually one of the noisiest and gayest of all carnival activities.

The select few who are invited to the exclusive carnival balls are dressed in all the pomp and finery of the old days, spending oftentimes hundreds of dollars for their royal costumes. The vast majority of the population must be content with impromptu dancing in the streets or being jammed on the tiny dance floors of the numerous night clubs which line Bourbon street.

Like V-E day in New York or V-J day in San Francisco, some of the bolder and gayer element will attempt to kiss any damsel on the street or go into a song and dance routine with them. Most anything goes during the week and the minions of the law take a tolerant view of the proceedings.

A group of New Orleans Nisei were thinking about participating in this year's parade of Orleanians which is open to all groups. So, I went into the matter of making the necessary arrangements.

First of all, everyone who rides on the float has to be in costume. But before we come to this point, we would have to hire a large truck and then decorate same. Truck rentals usually run a hundred dollars a day during Mardi Gras. Then it is customary to employ a Negro band to play jazz music as the float moves along. This would run another hundred dollars.

Next on the list of "musts" for Carnival is the "throwaways" which every float is expected to give. These are usually candies, toys, beads, or some trinket in remembrance for a certain float. This runs another hundred dollars.

After footing the total costs and being flabbergasted and finding a lack of volunteers to decorate such a float, we decided to wait another year. We shall just be part of the large walking, milling throng of bystanders.

The Christmas expenses, native Orleanians set aside a certain portion of their budget every year for Mardi Gras festivities. Round after round of social activities run into large figures.

It is warm, almost sultry, as the 1949 edition of the Mardi Gras gets underway this Sunday. Then New Orleans will enter into a period to justify its name as "the city which care forgot."

Bill Hosokawa:

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Disciplining the Younger Set

Denver, Colo.

Every once in a while it becomes necessary to discipline the younger and unmarried members of our family. As titular, though nominal family head, that duty falls on me. It is never pleasant. Some persons seem to get a satisfaction out of walloping unruly children across their bottoms. I don't. And yet it seems it must be done.

There are times when the youngsters seem to go out of their way to be obnoxious. Sometimes they display a beastly mean streak which, probably being hereditary, isn't entirely their fault. Sometimes they seem to be asking for a spanking. That's when the deed gets done, for it seems there's nothing like physical violence to improve juvenile deportment.

Yet, when a small bottom has been warmed and its owner banished for the moment to the bedroom, I am suffering even as the child. I wonder at adult stupidity; the adult who should be wiser finds he cannot cope with childish temperment or obstinacy and he reverts to his superior strength. I feel that the child hates me, and I hate myself.

Many years ago my dad walloped me. I've forgotten the reason, but the licking probably was well-deserved. It was one of the few times he laid hands on me. But I still remember the anger that I felt then; the outrage to my person, dignity and pride. I can still recollect the boyish vow to gain revenge once I was big enough to beat up my own dad. That's how irrational a child can become, in a fit of rage. But I probably was much better behaved after that experience.

Our children are still young enough to be contrite after the pain of punishment is over. They are sorry, they promise to try to be good, they love their parents and then they are sorry all over again. And then, childlike, they banish the whole incident from their minds and are as happy and carefree as ever. But not so with the parent. He wonders whether he did right and berates himself for not finding an alternative to physical punish-

ment and ponders over how to avoid future trouble. There is no doubt as to who suffers most.

Daffodils a Harbinger of Spring

This terrible winter of 1949 is far from ended, but already we've had a harbinger of spring. It was in the form of a Valentine's day bouquet of cheery yellow daffodils which Hanson Yanaga, who rooms with us, brought for the more deserving half of the family. The daffodils have been sitting in the front room not far from the poinsetta plant which Ben Ichikawa, our other roomer, gave us at Christmas.

Daffodils aren't an especially pretty flower, but they have a warm, happy quality. They're so cheerful-looking against the drab backdrop of winter outside the window that they're almost impudently cocky. They're a reminder that one of these days soon the lawns suddenly will turn green, the lilacs will bud in the back yard and the little knots of rhubarb will start pushing out of the inhospitable earth.

That feeling of spring, when nature seems to undergo a rebirth, is always a thrill for those of us in the more rigorous climates. It's worth going through a tough winter just to experience it.

Steak on the Everyday Budget

Corn-fed sirloin steaks are selling this week for anywhere from 41 to 55 cents a pound—about half the price the butchers were asking only a short time ago. Needless to say, we are enjoying the windfall after the dreary months during which steaks were on the rare side—and we aren't referring to the way they were cooked.

Steak in those days was a delicacy, something akin to caviar and shark's fins and breast of pheasant. We enjoyed every juicy morsel—when we had it, that is. We still enjoy the half-price steak. But somehow it isn't quite the same when you know you aren't splurging to get it.

Two Ways to Fight Prejudice:

First Nisei Shriner Provides Example of Individual Action

By I. H. GORDON

WASHINGTON, D. C.—There are two major theories current on how minorities can best solve the problems of prejudice.

There is the school, for example, which believes in group action. If there is a parade, they enter a float. If there is a Community Chest drive, they want every front door to carry a donation sticker.

Another school believes greatly in the power of individual action—participating as members in the Chamber of Commerce, or Rotary club, or other community organization.

To this latter school can be added the name of Dr. Henry Minami, a man destined to spend his life peering into the cavities, and jerking the molars of those troubled with dental ills.

"Doc" Minami, a resident of Washington, D.C., for almost four years, and therefore qualified to wear the Muddled Medal, (a feeling of frustration rampant on a field of red tape, unofficially awarded to every person who successfully completes a three-year tour in the state of mind called Washington), is quite convinced there would be less discrimination in this world if there were more intermingling of individuals of various minority groups.

A Mason, Doc Minami has advanced to the rank of Shriner, and is believed to be the first and only Nisei in the United States to reach that height in the Masonic organization.

He was one of the first Nisei to join the Masons, and is exceedingly active in Masonic circles in Washington, D.C.

All of this is proof that he actively practices what he preaches. A former Californian, Doc was graduated from San Mateo Junior College, and learned dentistry in the College of Physicians and Surgeons in San Francisco.

While a student, he developed a great deal of interest in athletics, an interest which he exhibits to this day. He admits his wife complains at times, but a good football, baseball or basketball game is something he cannot resist.

"I'd go oftener," he said, "but the Washington Senators aren't much of a ball team."

An honor student, Doc won the coveted Dean's medal and the Golden Gate Study Club award while in college.

Eight years after he began practicing dentistry in Berkeley, Calif., Doc and his family were evacuated to Gila River, Ariz., in 1942. The following year he was released to go to Detroit where he worked as a dental technician until 1945, when he moved to Washington.

"I wanted to enter private practice," he said, "but never did. Like so many people who come



DR. HENRY MINAMI
Active in Masonic Circles

here, I found myself working for the government." In Doc's case, this turned out to be the District government, not Federal.

He is believed to be the first Nisei ever to work as a dentist with the D.C. Health Department.

His field is primarily preventive dentistry, and in the course of the last few years, he says "I've looked into more than 10,000 little mouths. They've all got teeth in them, too. That's a lot of teeth."

Currently he is assigned to the Chamberlain High school clinic.

How does he like Washington?

Speaking like a true native son of the Golden West, he said: "Everything's fine here—except the climate."

Doc and his wife, the former Clare Fujishige, whom he married in San Francisco in 1935, both feel, though, they'd rather stay in Washington than return to California, "not so much for ourselves, but for the children. They've got more opportunities here."

An active member of the JACL since he joined the organization as a charter member in Berkeley, Doc said: "If people only realized

Vagaries

Sono Osato will return to Broadway shortly in a new musical, Ken Englund's "He and She" which Jose Ferrer, one of the theater's top actors, will direct. Among the performers to be featured with Miss Osato will be the gravel-voiced comic, Lionel Stander. "He and She" will have lyrics by Ogden Nash and music by Vernon Duke. It is budgeted at \$165,000.

Miss Osato had her first solo role on Broadway with the Ballet Russe in "Prodigal Son" in 1940. She left the ballet and later was featured in "One Touch of Venus" and in "On the Town" in which she played the role of a girl who wins the title of New York's "Miss Subways." Her performance in "On the Town" was acclaimed by Billboard magazine as the outstanding dancing of the season.

In 1947 Miss Osato went to Hollywood and made her first film, "The Kissing Bandit," which was released recently.

Integration note: Many published recipes in newspapers now recommend soya bean sauce as seasoning for other than strictly Oriental dishes.

Karie Shindo, who will sing two songs in the Humphrey Bogart film, "Tokyo Joe," recently tried out as a vocalist for Harry James' band at Casino Gardens in Ocean Park, Calif., according to the Rafu Shimpo... According to the Nisei Veterans Association of Los Angeles, 26 Nisei GIs now are buried at Evergreen Cemetery and remains of 21 more are due for reburial there in the next three months.

Several Northern California banks advertised recently on inactive bank accounts held by persons of Japanese ancestry for sums amounting to approximately \$5,000. The largest account for which the depositor is sought is one in the name of M. Osaki, Rt. 1; Box 427, Campbell, Calif., in the San Jose branch of the American Trust company. Other accounts include \$316 for Frank Yamano and David Livingston and \$321 for Harry Uyeno at the Anglo California bank in San Francisco. Sums which are not claimed are turned over to the state.

how much the JACL ADC has accomplished here in Washington, they would be absolutely amazed.

"We who live here have a pretty good idea of the tremendous amount of work that goes on in the JACL offices every day just in order to get a bill introduced in Congress, without even considering what is then required before it is passed," he said.

Questions on Evacuee Claims

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.

Any reader who has general questions relating to the law itself or to procedural matters is invited to address a letter to the Washington Office, JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, Evacuation Claims Section, 300 Fifth Street Northeast, Washington 2, D.C. Questions of general interest may be reproduced in this series without personal identification.

1. Q. I farmed eight acres of celery during evacuation. Due to the order to evacuate from the West Coast I hurriedly cut four acres of it, which I got half the yield. It sold for about sixty cents a crate. The rest of the four acres I had an experienced Mexican farm hand look after it. I paid him the regular wage from camp. Somehow, due to his negligence he spoiled half of the crop. Ordinarily I should have gotten about 6000 crates but I only got half that amount. Celery sold then at \$1.50 a crate net. Should I claim what I put in the ground or the loss? (No Government officer has seen the damaged crop. My Mexican farm hand would not be a witness due to the fact that he does not like Japanese any more. Would a landlord be a good enough witness or must I have written proof in order to claim?)

A. Due to the fact that apparently all the work was done except cutting and selling the crop you should claim the difference between the fair value for the whole crop and what you received for it, making a proper deduction for the expense you would have incurred

to cut and sell the crop. There is no requirement in the law that you have written proof, and it can hardly be expected that a claimant would have written proof for a loss of this kind. Anyone who had first hand knowledge about the size of your crop and market price would be a good witness.

2. Q. Before evacuation I became engaged to a young lady. I purchased a ring for \$1000 which I gave her. Because of evacuation we were separated and went to different camps. My fiancée married another person while in her camp. She has not returned the ring and I lost track of her. If there had been no evacuation, we would either have been married or I would have received my ring back. Can I file a claim for the \$1000?

A. You may file a claim for the value of the ring on the ground that you were entitled to receive it back when your engagement was broken, and would have received it not for the evacuation. The Government will probably require you to show, however, that you have made every possible effort to locate your former fiancée and have taken legal steps to recover the ring. Under the law of most States an engagement ring is a conditional gift which must be returned if the engagement is broken.

3. Q. Before the war I joined with a group of friends in a mutual financing project, with a revolving fund of \$1,000, intending to use the money for future expansion of my business. However, when evacuation came our financing project had to dissolve. Those in the group who had already had their turn in receiving the money (\$1000) were lucky, but those of us who were still on the waiting list forfeited our turn and evacuated without getting back a cent. Of course, there are no documents to prove this, nor are the names of the members of the group clearly known. I had paid in about \$800 at the time of evacuation. Can I claim for this amount?

A. An exact description of how a mutual financing arrangement works should be explained clearly in your claim to the Department of Justice as they will not be familiar with "tanomoshi." As far as can be determined, the participants in this particular tanomoshi, the amount you paid each period, the amount of your loss, the number of times paid off to others, the fact that it was certain that you would eventually be paid should all be stated in your claim. Also why evacuation caused the loss.

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Leading Oriental American Keglers Enter National Nisei Bowling Meet in Salt Lake City

The nation's top Oriental American bowlers are entering the 3rd annual National Nisei bowling tournament, co-sponsored by the National JACL and the Salt Lake chapter, at the Temple alleys in Salt Lake City on March 4, 5 and 6.

Entries already are assured from Hawaii, California, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, Illinois and Utah, and Choppy Umamoto, tournament chairman, expects that 40 teams will be entered in the men's team division.

The prize awards in the team, singles and doubles divisions will total \$2,500, while an additional \$900 pot will be distributed among the prize-winning bowlers in the 7-game Classics Sweepstakes across 14 alleys on March 4.

The first official entry to be received in the tournament, according to Bill Honda, secretary, was submitted by the Tuxedo Cafe and Hotel team of the Salt Lake JACL League. The team is captained by Bill Oike and includes Tak Kojima, George Doi, Min Iwasaki and Ben Mayeda.

The first out-of-state entry received this week was from the Cathay Post No. 185 team of Denver which is captained by Jim Nakagawa. Other members of the team, which holds a 874 average, are Frank Sebara, George Otsuki, Moon Kataoka and George Inai. At least one other team is expected from Denver.

The Hawaii entry was selected last week on the basis of a 60-handicap tournament staged among 40 Nisei bowlers at the Honolulu Bowling Center. A large number of the participants in the tourney were members of teams in the 24-squad 442nd Veterans bowling league.

Among the favorites in the tournament will be the Jaekel and Rogers team from Ontario, Ore., 1949 champions of the Northwest Nisei Classic. Members of this team are Yulene Takai, all-events champion at the recent Seattle tournament, Shig Hironaka, George Hironaka, Min Nakamura and Roy Hashitani.

Already established among the leading contenders for the team championships is the Robertson Nursery team of Los Angeles, current leaders of the Los Angeles Nisei Major league. George Kobo, winner of the Nisei individual singles crown in Los Angeles, heads the Robertson team along with George Yasukochi, who bowled in previous national tournaments as a member of the Bob's Cafe team of Chicago. Kobo holds a 183 average in Los Angeles while Yasukochi sports a 189. Other members of the team are Yoi Nomura, 177, George Takeuchi, formerly of Denver, 176, and Kaz Katayama, 177.

Shorty Tanaka, who won the 1948 National Nisei all-events title at Salt Lake City as a member of a Chicago team, will lead the H & F Produce team from Los Angeles. Tanaka had series scores of 533, 599 and 654 to total 1786 for the all-events trophy. His co-partner in winning the 1947 National Nisei doubles championship, Harley Kusumoto, also formerly of Chicago, is a member of the H & F team. Kusumoto is the 1948 National Nisei singles titlist.

having tallied 676 last year in Salt Lake City with games of 166, 275 and 235. Other members of the H & F squad are Tok Ishizawa, high average bowler in the Los Angeles league with 193, Tad Yamada and Bowman Chung, who competed in the last two national tournaments as a member of the Salt Lake JACL and Sawtelle Garage teams.

The third Los Angeles entry is the Korean team, headed by Joe Lyou and Lloyd Hahn, both of whom placed in last year's tournament. J. J. Lyou, Loo Hahn and Powell Lee complete the team which is in the 875 bracket.

The Korean squad will bowl under the sponsorship of Young Abe Attell's of Los Angeles.

Among the early individual entries were those of two Culver City, Calif., bowlers, Hideo Nakayu, 163, and Mike Ikuta, 163.

Another Southern California entry will be the Long Beach team, led by Tom Kobayashi, 173, and including Easy Fujimoto, 173; Kuma Shimamoto, 171; Fred Takahashi, 171, and George Wong, 184.

Chairman Umamoto said that entries also are expected from San Francisco, possibly the Shima Transfer team which placed third in the Northwest Nisei Classic last month, San Jose, Seattle, Nyssa, Ore., Ogden, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Portland, Wapato, Sacramento and Oakland.

Although interest will be focused on such teams as Robertson Nursery, Hawaii All-Stars, H & F Produce and Okada Insurance of Salt Lake City, defending team champions who scored 2849 last year, the possibility of "dark horse" entry walking off with the honors is not being discounted, in view of the showing last year of the Idaho Falls No. 2 team which placed high in the tourney.

Competitors in the 7-game sweepstakes and the men's singles, doubles and team events will be placed in various squads according to their averages and liberal squad prizes, in addition to the main awards, are promised.

Salt Lake is expected to provide at least nine teams, in addition to Okada Insurance and Tuxedo Cafe. These teams are Modern Garage, Hibbard Drug, Pacific Citizen, Terashima Studio, New Sunrise Market, Dawn Noodle, OK Cafe, Pagoda and Aloha Snack Bar.

Individual entry fees for the tournament will be \$7.50 for the 7-game Classics, \$5 for each of the singles, doubles and team events and \$1 for all-events. The entry fees include the price of bowling. All of the entry fees, aside from bowling charges, is being placed in the prize pot. Tournament expenses will be covered by a special program.

P C SPORTS

Nisei Swimmers

A world's record held by the Alexander House, Maui team, then coached by Soichi Sakamoto, was shattered last week when Yale University's mermen swam the 880-yard freestyle relay event in 7:55.1s. The former mark was set by the Alexander House team, which included Kiyoshi and Bunmei Nakama and Takashi Hirose, back in June 20, 1940 at Maui.

Speaking of swimming a number of Nisei aquatic stars from Hawaii have enrolled this season at mainland universities. Besides Herbert Kobayashi at Ohio State, Joe Nishimoto, Carl Uyeda and Tom Nekota are at Oregon University. Nishimoto, Uyeda and Robert Kang, one of the nation's top backstrokers and another Hawaiian, will not be eligible for the varsity until 1950 when the Web-foot team probably will be the strongest in the Coast Conference. Nishimoto won the 100-yard breaststroke and the 220-yard freestyle at a recent frosh vs. varsity meet at Oregon, while Uyeda was second in the 440.

Nekota, a protege of Coach Soichi Sakamoto, is on the Oregon varsity this year.

One of the top mainland Nisei swimmers is Ken Imamura, a former resident of Los Angeles, who is on the University of Denver swimming team. Imamura, a powerfully-built six-footer, took up swimming seriously after he relocated in Denver. He has been a consistent point-winner for the Pioneers in the 50 and 100-yard free-style events and is also a member of the 400-yard free style relay team.

Perhaps the top Nisei swimming prospect on the mainland is Sacramento's 16-year old breaststroke star, Tak Iseri, who is being groomed for a place on the 1952 U.S. Olympic Team.

Iseri has set a new Northern California AAU record in the 100-yard breast-stroke last year at Stockton.

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Promoter

It seems Mackay Yanagisawa, the Honolulu sports promoter, was acting on behalf of the good name of Hawaii when he advanced the money to permit members of the stranded Shamrocks girl basketball team to return to their homes in Utah. According to Honolulu reports, Yanagisawa, head of Sports Enterprises, was not responsible for the fact that the team was stranded, the Utah team coming to Hawaii without any contract of agreement with any promoter.

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Ski Girl

Amy Toda is seeded fifth among women skiers in the mountain states in the ratings announced this week by the Intermountain Ski association in Salt Lake City.

Miss Toda will be one of the ten women skiers who will be sponsored by the Intermountain Ski group at the national downhill and slalom at Whitefish, Mont., in March.

Miss Toda's latest competitive effort was in the Eccles cup race at Ogden's Snow Basin when she finished sixth. She recently led the University of Utah's women skiers to the championship of the intercollegiate meet held at Brighton, Utah, winning the slalom event.

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Surprise

The members of the Denargo Box team of the Denver Nisei men's bowling league are blushing this week.

The reason for the red cheeks is their experience of last Sunday when they dropped three points to the Denver Nisei Girls All-Star team in a match at Recreation alleys.

The Denver girls, practicing for the Nisei women's bowling tournament in Salt Lake City, racked up the men, 2371 to 2336.

Jane Hada led the women keglers with a 532 series, followed by Helen Murasaki 497, Rose Mayeda 480, Amy Konishi 460 and Lil Kawanishi 402.

Members of the Denargo Box team include some of Denver's top Nisei bowlers, Dr. Takashi Mayeda, Hooch Okumura, Shun Nakayama, John Nakayama and Tak Yamasaki.

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TERAMOTO TAKES FIRST PLACE IN FAR EAST SLALOM

BIG PINES, Calif.—Yas Teramoto of the Yosemite Winter club won the Class A men's title in the Far West Ski association's slalom championship on Feb. 13 at Big Pines.

Teramoto, winner of the Badger Pass slalom two weeks ago, negotiated the half-mile course at Big Pines in 1:16:48.

Former JACL Unit Reactivated in South Alameda County

CENTERVILLE, Calif. — The former Washington Township JACL was reactivated here recently as the Southern Alameda County JACL.

Approximately 40 members of the local community met at the Shanghai Cafe for the reactivation proceedings.

Kazuo Shikano of Centerville was elected to the presidency. Yutaka Honda of Newark was named 1st vice president, with Kiyoshi Kato, also of Newark, 2nd vice president.

Other officers will be Mrs. Dorothy Kato, Warm Springs, rec. sec'y.; Mrs. Yoshimi Nakamura, Niles, corr. sec'y.; and James Fudenna, Irvington, treas.

The board of governors, elected at the same time, will be Yasuto Kato, Kazuto Masuda, Mrs. Kimi Asakawa, Mrs. Sumiko Motozaki and Ben Matsumoto.

Plans are now underway to hold an installation dinner in the near future.

The group also voted to send floral pieces in memory of Mrs. Hana Wada and Shinsuke Nakamura, former members of the local community, who passed away recently.

Le Donne

FRESNO, Calif.—Members of Le Donne celebrated their club birthday after a general meeting Jan. 21 at the local YWCA.

Girls in charge of refreshments were Sets Kishue, Jean Yoshioka and Hiro Kamiyama.

March 11 has been set on the club calendar for an all-Oriental dance. The Marigold ballroom will be the locale. The dance theme will be "Spring Frolic."

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Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tsujimoto a girl on Feb. 12 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Hata a girl, Cathy Laurie, on Feb. 1 in Yakima, Wash.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kitao Yamada, Pasadena, Calif., a boy on Jan. 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Matsuda a boy on Jan. 29 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiichi Takeda a boy on Feb. 1 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jim Yoshinori Yokoyama a girl on Feb. 2 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Munemitsu Matsumoto a girl on Jan. 23 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Nakamoto a boy on Jan. 26 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Sakurai a girl on Jan. 26 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroichi Shoji a girl on Jan. 23 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Kamishima a girl on Jan. 31 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nobuto Take-mura a boy on Jan. 26 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Hiraki a girl on Jan. 10 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Kuwahara a girl on Jan. 24 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takasaburo Sakino a boy on Feb. 3 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Kuwabara a boy on Feb. 1 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Takahashi a boy on Jan. 7 in Stockton, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nobuo Kishida a girl on Jan. 15 in Stockton.

To Mr. and Mrs. Philip K. Sakakihara a boy on Jan. 11 in Lodi, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Aburamen a girl, Joyce Lynne, on Jan. 28 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nakata a girl in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yasuo William Abiko a girl, Grace Hisako, on Feb. 12 in San Francisco.

DEATHS

Yoneichi Yamasaki on Feb. 11 in West Los Angeles.

Kanichiro Kofu, 72, on Feb. 8 in Fresno.

Mrs. Yana Sakamoto on Feb. 7 in Long Beach, Calif.

John Mitsuoka on Feb. 7 in Dinuba, Calif.

Misako Nakamura on Feb. 8 in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Mitsuye Kato on Feb. 8 in Los Angeles.

Ichitaro Taniwa, 69 on Feb. 10 in Seattle.

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Mrs. Chiyono Hirohata, 72, on Feb. 12 in Bellevue, Wash.
Taizo Matsushita on Feb. 12 in Gardena, Calif.

MARRIAGES

Nori Iwakiri to Koichi Matsubara on Jan. 27 in Chicago.

Mae Tokiko Ogata of Littleton, Colo., to Toshiaki Kawaji in Denver on Feb. 6.

Chizuru Yamaguchi to Bill Chikuma on Feb. 16 in Brighton, Colo.

Frances Sakaye Kakigi to Thomas T. Hiraga on Feb. 12 in Sacramento.

Susie Ariyoshi to Frank Usui on Feb. 13 in Salt Lake City.

Mary Kazue Kobayashi, Julesburg, Colo., to Tom J. Ida on Feb. 12 in Littleton, Colo.

Yukie Yokoyama, Nyssa, Ore., to Kiyoshi Hoshide on Feb. 6 in Tacoma, Wash.

Tatsuko Kozu to George Watanabe on Feb. 6 in Seattle.

Akiye Tanikawa to Sam Y. Suyenaga on Feb. 6 in Los Angeles.

Sue Etow to Mitsugu Eto on Feb. 12 in Watsonville, Calif.

Farewell

PORTLAND, Ore.—Rose Sakumoto, who is returning to her home in Honolulu, was given a surprise farewell party at the Epworth Methodist church by youth groups of the church.

Games were led by Kiyo and Kimi Yumbe, after which refreshments were served from a buffet table which had a replica of a ship as a centerpiece.

A cosmetic traveling case was presented to Miss Sakumoto.

Surprise Shower

PORTLAND, Ore.—A surprise shower was given Mrs. Samuel Naito by the Mesdames Milton Maeda and Roy Maeda Sunday, Feb. 6, at the former's home.

Pink and blue parasols, flanked by pink and blue tapers, decorated the beautifully appointed table for a buffet luncheon.

Singer

PORTLAND, Ore.—Young Bette Anne Minamoto, 12, made her singing debut on Feb. 5 at the home of County Coroner Earl Shea. She sang "Ave Maria."

She is an active student at Shattuck school, where she is assistant to the office secretary.

Two Candidates Tie For Presidency in JACL Unit Elections

LOS ANGELES—Because of a tie between Akira Hasegawa and Bill Takei in the race for president of the Eastside chapter of the JACL, the race will be determined by the seven-man nominations committee, Mrs. Mary Mittler announced this week. The committee will vote to break the tie between the two candidates.

New officers include: Edison Uno, first vice-pres.; Rose Sakemi, second vice-pres.; Alice Sakai, third vice-pres.; Mac Shintaku, treas.; Mrs. Kiyo Umeda, rec. sec.; and Grace Shibata, corres. sec.

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Five Top Keglers in Hawaii Tourney to Bowl in Salt Lake

HONOLULU—Dick Tsuji, a 170 average bowler, won the 60-game all-Nisei tournament which was held to select Hawaii's five-man representation at the JACL's National Nisei Bowling tournament in Salt Lake City on March 4, 5 and 6.

Tsuji, a bowler in the 850 league, bowled steadily above his league average of 170 to win the handicap tournament with 12,298 pins.

The young Nisei kegler defeated some of the top Japanese American bowlers in Honolulu in the tourney which was held during January and February at the Honolulu Bowling Center.

The four others who will comprise the Hawaii All-Star team with Tsuji are Charles Nojima, Larry Mekata, Robert Nitahara and Hal Ogata.

Nojima, 186 average bowler, was an outsider as far as the leaders were concerned in the early stages of the tournament but suddenly got hot and pulled up within 41 pins of the top position.

Another darkhorse which made the first five was Larry Mekata, a 188 average bowler, who placed fourth with a total pinfall of 12,140, just below Nitahara who entered with a 169 average from the 442nd Veterans League and who placed third with 12,173.

Hal Ogata, the tourney's top average bowler with a league average of 196 in the Honolulu Major league, reversed his showing in the 1948 tournament which was held to pick the Hawaiian bowlers who made a mainland trip as Hawaii's Bowling Ambassadors. Last year Ogata was nosed out for a place on the Ambassadors but this year he came up to win a place on the team despite the fact that he had a handicap of only two pins per game.

Ogata turned in some of the best bowling of the tournament and received an individual award for the highest scratch six-game series with 1,245.

Eddie Matsueda, a member of

Religious Service

NEW YORK CITY—The Rev. Toru Matsumoto was scheduled as the main speaker at the sixth annual service of interracial fellowship at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on Feb. 13 in an observance of Race Relations Sunday.

The Rev. Mr. Matsumoto is a minister of the Reformed Church in America. Born in Japan, he is now studying for his doctor's degree at Columbia university.

He is the author of "My Brother Is a Stranger," an autobiography.

Hawaii's Bowling Ambassadors last year, conducted the tournament and will accompany the five bowlers to the Salt Lake City tourney.

Hatori, who was nosed out by Ogata by a margin of 24 pins for a place on the squad, was named as an alternate in case one of the first five fails to make the trip to Utah.

Others who were among the leaders in the tournament were William (Spike) Nakayama, Tats Nakagawa, Ted Kawamura, Masa Watasaki, Charles Kagawa, Jake Sanada and Frank Otake.

Forty bowlers participated in the tourney and paid fees of \$20 plus bowling. The prize pot will help pay for the trip to Utah for the Hawaii All-Stars.

The Hawaiian team will leave Honolulu by plane on Feb. 28 for Salt Lake City.

Tsuji piled up an early lead in the first 36 games of the tournament, rolling lines of 234, 233, 237, 225, 208, 207, 259, 220 203 and 244 during first three weeks of play.



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Report JACL Takes Part in Bowling Protest

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — The National Japanese American Citizens League, a member of the Committee for Fair Play in Bowling, participated in the protest demonstration on Feb. 11 at the opening of the American Bowling Congress' 46th annual tournament here.

Fifty pickets from the Committee for Fair Play in Bowling, led by representatives of the New Jersey CIO, took part in the demonstration and included the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, American Veterans Committee, the Anti-Defamation League, American Jewish Congress and the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Hirose Captains Buckeye Swimmers

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Takashi (Halo) Hirose of Maui, T. H., a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, is the captain of the Ohio State university varsity swimming team this year.

The Buckeyes are one of the favorites for the Big Nine championship.

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Noted Photographer Will Speak to Chicago JACL Group

CHICAGO, Ill.—Harry K. Shigeta, internationally known photographer and lecturer, will be the speaker at the next general meeting of the Chicago JACL chapter to be held in the Woodrow Wilson Room of the Lakeview Building, 116 S. Michigan Ave. on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at 8 o'clock. Shigeta will preside.

An old time resident of Chicago, Shigeta has been engaged in commercial photography work for several years. He is one of the best known men in this field. His work is not limited to the commercial photography world, as he has won several prizes in international as well as national salons in the past several years. His works have appeared in photography magazines. At a recent newspaper photographers' contest held here recently, Shigeta acted as one of the judges.

Ever since Pacific Coast Japanese resettled in Chicago, Shigeta has been interested in their welfare. He has done much toward helping the Issei feel at home in their new surroundings. He is vitally interested in instilling into the Nisei the necessity of absorbing the best of Far Eastern and Western cultures.

Recognition

LOS ANGELES — Recognition for outstanding salesmanship came this month to Henry Ohye, truck and automobile representative of Central Chevrolet Co. in Los Angeles.

Ohye ranked near the top among all salesmen at Central Chevrolet during the month of January.

He is the only Nisei sales representative for his company, which is the largest Chevrolet dealer in the west.

Ohye was the first Nisei in the country to be granted a commercial air transport pilot's license.

Portland Church Plans Bazaar

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Epworth Methodist church of Portland will hold its annual bazaar Saturday, Feb. 26, from 2 to 8 p. m. at 315 N.W. 16th ave.

Handiwork will be on sale, as well as many other objects. Oriental delicacies will be served cafeteria style.

Net proceeds from the bazaar will go toward the church improvement fund. Tickets may be secured through church members or at the door.

JIM OTA MAKES HOLE-IN-ONE ON COURSE IN L.A.

LOS ANGELES—Jim Ota of the Top Notch golf club achieved a golfer's dream when he made a hole-in-one on the 15th at the Fox Hills course on Feb. 13.

Playing in a foursome with Beach Morita, Sam Minami and John Naito, Ota used a No. 4 wood on the short 170-yard hole.

Grand Ball Held By San Mateo JACL

SAN MATEO, Calif. — The strains of "Goodnight, Sweetheart," brought to a close a highly successful grand ball held by the San Mateo County JACL Feb. 5 at the Hotel Benjamin Franklin.

Many couples from the bay area and the peninsula were present to watch installation services for the chapter's 1949 officers, headed by President Hiroji Kariya.

Dr. George Takahashi, master of ceremonies, introduced special guests of the evening. They were Mayor and Mrs. Haberlin; Mrs. Eisenberg, member of board of directors of the Council of Civil Unity of Redwood City; Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, the latter president of the Parents Teachers Association of the Lawrence school; Jonathan Rowell, president of the Redwood City Council of Civic Unity, and Mrs. Rowell; and Ralph Brill, president of the North Peninsula Council of Civic Unity, and Mrs. Brill.

The Garden Room of the Hotel Benjamin Franklin was converted into a night club for the occasion, with the tables in a semicircle on the edge of the ballroom. Two pillars in the ballroom were transformed into vines of clinging gardenias, which were especially picked for this occasion.

Joe Grant Masaoka, regional director of the JACL, led the brief, impressive installation rites. Besides President Kariya, the following took the oath of office: Kaz Kunitani, 1st vice pres.; Dick Arimoto, 2nd vice pres.; Thomasine Nakano, rec. sec'y.; Tomi Sutow, corr. sec'y.; Kenji Yamane, treas.; George Oshima, publicity chm.; and Shizu Kimura, historian.

To aid the March of Dimes dance, money collected at the hat check stand was turned over to the infantile paralysis fund.

Holds Scoring Lead

SACRAMENTO — Ruth Ogawa of the Mayhew team holds the top scoring honors in the Lincoln Christian Center Girls basketball league with 129 points in seven games for an average of 18.4.

Her closest competitor is Rosemary Hulett of the Mermaids with a game average of 17.7.

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JACL Chapters Report Big Increase in New Memberships

Increases in membership over 1948 were reported by a number of chapters this week as the JACL membership drive continued in various parts of the country.

The Twin Cities chapter reported the most sensational membership increase over 1948 with a total of 108 members, compared to 19 the previous year. Paul Tsuchiya directed the drive.

In Boise Valley the local chapter under Paul Takeuchi completed its drive with a total of 122 members, an increase of 28% over the 1948 total.

A 100% increase was reported by the Placer County JACL, which now has a membership of 160. Roy Yoshida directed the campaign for the chapter.

Harold Okimoto, Sho Endow, Jr., Clyde Linville and Ray Yasui went on a house to house canvass of the Columbia river basin region, a 60-mile area, and signed up every eligible Nisei. An increase of 79% was noted for 1949 with 122 memberships listed.

The Cleveland chapter reported a membership of 175, an increase of 19%. Kim Yokota was chairman of the Cleveland drive.

Florin reported one of the most successful campaigns with a 68% increase. Eighty-four members were signed up in the drive, which was conducted by Sam Tsukamoto.

Fort Lupton also held a successful drive, with a 47% increase over the year previous. Sixty-nine members were signed up. Harry Konishi was director of the campaign.

Three chapters which were not functioning last year reported their membership figures as follows: French Camp, 74; Parlier, 54; and East Los Angeles, 114.

Engagement

TOKYO, Japan — The engagement of Fusako Faye Nakagawa to Raymond A. Hashitani was announced recently in Tokyo.

Miss Nakagawa, a native of Arroyo Grande, Calif., is with the labor division of the economic and scientific section of GHQ. Before coming to Japan to work for the occupation forces two years ago, she served with the Fifth army headquarters in Chicago.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jokiichi Nakagawa, reside in Watsonville, Calif.

Mr. Hashitani, currently with the Saitama prefecture military government headquarters at Urawa, has seen over three years of service with the occupation forces. He came to Japan in 1945 with the U. S. strategic bombing survey.

Their marriage will be held April 3 at the GHQ chapel in Tokyo.

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Salinas JACL Holds Successful Dinner

SALINAS, Calif.—A highly successful installation dinner was held Feb. 4 at the Blue Rock by the Salinas JACL.

Mayor Taylor, introduced by Henry Tanda, past president, spoke briefly prior to a talk by Joe Grant Masaoka, regional director of the JACL.

Masaoka spoke on the heroic work of Nisei soldiers in both the Pacific and European theaters during the war.

Honored guests for the evening were Masaoka, the guest speaker, and installing officer, Mayor and Mrs. Taylor, Judge and Mrs. Jorgensen, Dist. Att. and Mrs. Brail, Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Ching, the Rev. and Mrs. Kan and the Rev. and Mrs. Fujimura.

Members of the senior and junior JACL cabinets who were installed at the dinner were as follows:

Roy Sakasegawa, pres.; Ken Tsujihara, vice pres.; Ickey Miyonaga, sec'y.; Sam Sakoda, treas.; and Henry Tanda, official delegate.

Members of the junior cabinet are George Sakasegawa, pres.; Violet Ichikawa, girls vice pres.; Harvey Kitamura, boys vice pres.; Nancy Ichikawa, sec'y.; David Urabe, treas.; and Kaz Hibino, recreation director.

San Francisco Team Enters AAU Tourney

SAN FRANCISCO—The Harlem A. C. team of San Francisco, first Nisei squad to enter the unlimited division of the Pacific Amateur Association basketball tournament, scored a surprise when they defeated Pompeii's Grotto, 43 to 36 in the first round of play.

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