



Oregon Court Outlaws Alien Land Laws

Japanese Graves Found at Crown Hill



DENVER, Colo. — A visitor to Crown Hill cemetery, which recently barred the burial of a Nisei veteran, pauses to study the inscriptions on the monuments placed in memory of persons

of Japanese ancestry buried there, despite the cemetery association's declaration that a restrictive covenant adopted in 1910 bars non-Caucasians.—Photo from Rocky Mountain News.

Disclose Cemetery in Denver Which Barred Nisei GI Has Permitted Burials of Orientals

DENVER, Colo.—Crown Hill cemetery, which recently refused the burial of a Japanese American war hero because of restrictive covenants barring the interment of non-whites, was discovered last week to have non-Caucasians buried on its grounds.

Among the marble slabs and monuments at Crown Hill are seven which mark the graves of persons of Japanese and Chinese ancestry.

This information was published last week by the Rocky Mountain News which said that the Crown Hill Cemetery Association refused the family of Staff Sgt. Kenneth Shibata of the 442nd Combat Team the right to bury their son in the cemetery because of a provision made in the association's organizational charter adopted in 1910 permitting members only of the Caucasian race to be buried there.

Cemetery officials maintained that this has always been their policy, the Rocky Mountain News stated. A survey made by the newspaper revealed the monuments to non-Caucasians in the south end of the vast cemetery.

One granite slab bore Chinese characters and the name in English, Robert W. Look, 1913-1931. Another was inscribed Chew Moon Look, 1869-1934. A third bore the word, Mother, with the name of Grace Eng Look, 1869-1945.

Another imposing monument bears the name of a doctor and father, Shigematsu Uji, 1869-1941. Nearby is the monument in memory of Grace Lae Uyemura, Aug. 27, 1924, April 23, 1943.

The most recent inscription is made out to Sam S. Amano, 1889-1945, who rests beside his wife, Setsuko, 1895-1937.

Harry L. Luckenbach, president of the Crown Hill Cemetery Assn., when notified of the discovery stated he could explain the circumstances of but two of the graves, those of Mr. and Mrs. Amano.

"Several years ago," Luckenbach said, "we had a ground superintendent named Al Johnson, now dead, who was a good friend of Amano. When Amano's wife died in 1937, the superintendent sold a

double plot to Amano and his wife was buried.

"I called Johnson's attention to it afterwards because people feel strongly, but when Amano died, we could do nothing but let him be buried in his plot."

Luckenbach said he knew nothing of the other burials unless they were made through family-plot purchases.

"I have no prejudice in this unfortunate situation at all," he added. "I wouldn't mind seeing the provision changed if there is no objection on the part of the people having interests in the cemetery, but we have as many calls from people having opposite views to removing the provision."

Ira Quiat, attorney for the cemetery association, said as an individual he was opposed to the provision.

Authorize Fund For Depositions in "Tokyo Rose" Case

SAN FRANCISCO — The U.S. Government last week authorized payment of \$1,300 to Theodore Tamba, San Francisco attorney, for a trip to Tokyo and Hongkong to take depositions in the defense of Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino, accused of treason in the "Tokyo Rose" case.

Tamba left on March 25 by plane for Tokyo. He plans to take 43 depositions.

Federal Judge Michael J. Roche agreed March 15 to the expenditure "in order that this woman's rights can be protected." The case is set for trial before Judge Roche on May 16.

Nisei Pilot Escapes Serious Injury In Plane Crash

NORTH PLATTE, Neb. — John Kushihashi escaped with minor injuries recently when his light plane crashed while on an excursion flight.

Kushihashi is the only Nisei owner of a plane in this area.

Colorado Legion May Back New U. S. Cemetery

DENVER, Colo.—Because of the refusal of a Denver cemetery to permit the burial of an American soldier of Japanese ancestry, the Colorado department of the American Legion this week is reconsidering a proposal for a national cemetery at Fort Logan.

The proposal originally was made two years ago, but was opposed by cemetery associations in the Denver area.

Referring to the refusal of Crown Hill cemetery to bury a Nisei GI, Commander Harold Ferris of the Colorado American Legion declared:

"This latest incident illustrates the need and desirability of a national cemetery—a second Arlington—at Fort Logan. Personally I cannot see why cemetery associations should oppose it, because Denver has grown tremendously since a new cemetery was created."

Oregon's New FEPC Bill Signed Into Law by Governor

SALEM, Ore.—Oregon last week became the sixth state to have a fair employment practices law when Gov. Douglas McKay signed the FEPC legislation which was passed by the legislature recently.

The law makes it illegal for any employer, labor union or employment agency to discriminate against any person because of his race or religion.

State's Anti-Japanese Statutes Ruled as Unconstitutional in Decision on Namba Test Case

SALEM, Ore.—The 1923 Oregon Alien Land law, originally passed as a punitive measure against aliens of Japanese ancestry, was declared unconstitutional on March 29 by the Oregon State Supreme Court.

The Oregon high court's decision on the discriminatory law, which is a copy of the California Alien Land law, was delivered by Justice George Rossman in the test case brought by Kenji Namba, Nisei veteran of the 442nd Combat team, his father, Etsuo Namba, and Florence C. Donald, Multnomah County property owner.

The decision held that the Oregon Land law, which forbids the ownership or leasing of land by Japanese aliens, was unconstitutional. It also declared that the 1945 amendment to the Alien Land law, tightening its provisions, "infringes upon the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment" to the United States Constitution. The 1945 amendment was repealed by the 1949 legislature on March 6 passing a bill sponsored by Senator Irving Rand of Multnomah county.

The suit involved a lease agreement between Mrs. Donald and the Nambas. The attempt by Mrs. Donald to lease farm property to the Nisei veteran and to his father was blocked on the ground that the Alien Land law prohibited the leasing of farm property to an alien "ineligible to citizenship."

A declaratory decree by Circuit Judge James W. Crawford of Multnomah county, which upheld the validity of the Oregon Alien Land law, was reversed by the State Supreme Court's opinion delivered by Judge Rossman.

Justice Hall S. Lusk, James T. Brand and Harry H. Belt joined Judge Rossman in the 4 to 0 decision. Justice Arthur D. Hay, the fifth member of the court, did not participate in the decision.

Senator Rand also is the sponsor of a bill to repeal the 1923 Alien Land law. Action on this bill had been held up pending the State Supreme Court's decision on the Namba case.

The case was argued for the appellants before the State Supreme Court by Verne Dusenbery and Allan Hart, Portland attorneys, on Dec. 21, 1948.

The suit was brought against John B. McCourt, district attorney of Multnomah county, and George Neuner, attorney general of Oregon.

Rex Kimmell, deputy attorney general of Oregon, and Cecil H. Quesseth, assistant attorney general, represented the respondents.

The brief for the appellants noted that the Oregon law discriminated against the citizen rights of Kenji Namba who was born in Multnomah county on May 2, 1925, and who has resided in the county except for a period during the evacuation and the two years he spent in the army as a member of the famous 442nd Combat Team. The suit noted that the appellant had seen combat in Italy with the 442nd.

The suit was initiated following an effort by Mrs. Donald to lease half of her farm property for five years to Kenji Namba and the other half for the same period to Etsuo Namba, an alien "ineligible to citizenship." Under the lease agreement the elder Namba also agreed to advise and assist his son in the cultivation of the farm property.

"Our alien land law must be deemed violative of the principles of law which protect from classification based upon color, race or creed," Judge Rossman declared.

"The several hundred alien Japanese to whom the Alien Land law is applicable came to our state lawfully under laws enacted by Congress," the decision continued. "They are here lawfully and are entitled to remain. Many of them are parents of United States citizens and some of them are mothers and fathers of American soldiers who gave a good account of themselves in the recent war."

"Our country cannot afford to create by legislation or judicial construction a ghetto for our ineligible aliens. And yet if we deny to the alien who is lawfully here the normal means whereby he earns his livelihood we thereby assign him to a lowered standard of living."

Judge Rossman's decision noted that "Japanese aliens are today the only group in Oregon of any significant size to which the Alien Land law is applicable."

Judge Rossman noted that five decisions of the United States Supreme Court in 1923 in test cases on the Alien Land laws of California and Washington sustained the validity of the law but pointed out that in 1948 the Supreme Court, in the Oyama case, held that the California statutes "violated the due process and equal protection clauses" of the Constitution.

The Oregon court's decision cited the opinions of Justices Murphy, Black and Rutledge which held that the California Alien Land law was racially discriminatory to persons of Japanese ancestry.

Judge Rossman cited Justice Murphy's comment in the Oyama case:

"The Alien Land law, in short, was designed to effectuate a purely racial discrimination, to prohibit a Japanese alien from owning or using agricultural land solely because he is a Japanese alien. It is rooted deeply in racial, economic and social antagonisms."

Judge Rossman commented that, although the Supreme Court did not rule directly on the constitutionality of the California Alien Land law in the Oyama case, "it may be that the decision, in fact, ended the Alien Land law."

The Oregon opinion also cited the U. S. Supreme Court's verdict last year in the Takahashi test case which outlawed the California anti-alien fishing law as another "controlling decision" in the Namba case.

Discussing the discriminatory nature of the Oregon law, Judge Rossman declared:

"A class of persons may be singled out and special burdens may be placed on it, provided the class manifests characteristics which to a real and substantial extent distinguish it from all other persons and justifies the imposition of the burden. But color, as well as race and creed, is an unacceptable distinguishing characteristic."

Judge Rossman said that on the basis of the U.S. Supreme Court's Oyama case decision it is clear that the 1945 amendments to the Oregon law "infringe upon the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment."

"We know of no basis upon which two (Oregon Alien Land law) acts can be sustained," he concluded.

Los Angeles May Revive "Nisei Week"

JACL Chapter Asked To Sponsor Revival Of Community Festival

LOS ANGELES — The most spectacular event of Los Angeles Japanese Americans before the war—Nisei Week—may be revived this year if the Los Angeles JACL agrees to sponsor the mammoth undertaking.

The chapter membership will be asked on April 4 to approve the plan. Eiji Tanabe, president of the Downtown Los Angeles Business and Professional Men's JACL, will present the plan to the membership. He will report on meetings and preparations made to date by the Nisei Week committee board.

Observance of Nisei Week was begun in 1934. By the beginning of the war the event included parades, shows and street dancing and became one of the most spectacular yearly events in the city.

The April 4 meeting, first general meeting of the year for the Downtown JACL, will be held at 12 noon at the Kow Nan Low.

The membership will also be asked to consider the following matters:

Membership drive campaign: Dr. Tom Watanabe has been recommended as membership chairman for the current year.

Constitution: The chapter constitution, drafted by Ken Utsunomiya, Saburo Kido and John Maeno, will be presented for approval.

Luncheon: Los Angeles city mayor candidates will be invited to a luncheon, along with candidates for the board of education.

Cabinet: Cabinet members for 1949, to be presented for approval by the membership, have been announced as follows: Eiji Tanabe, president; Ken Utsunomiya, first vice pres.; Kiyomi Takata, second vice pres.; Henry Tsurutani, third vice pres.; Taro Kawa, treas.; Mary Minato, rec. sec.; Hana Uno, corr. sec.; Dr. George Kambara, ass't treas.; Dr. Hideo Uba, auditor; and Harry Honda, public relations director.

Chicago Buddhists Plan Mammoth Celebration For Hana Matsuri

CHICAGO — Chicago Buddhists will hold their third annual Hana Matsuri celebration at Mandel hall, University of Chicago, on Saturday, April 9 beginning at 7:30 p. m.

The annual event, which has become a part of the Windy City's cultural program, has attracted more than a thousand persons each year and is an observance of Buddha's birthday. Under the auspices of the Chicago Buddhist church, the East and West Fellowship, the Hindustan Students Association and the Rengo Buddhist church, the celebration is again expected to draw a capacity crowd.

The service will be followed by a spectacular revue of Japanese and Hindu songs and dances.

Main speaker for the services will be Dr. Sunder Joshi, celebrated authority on Oriental culture. His subject will be, "Buddha and the World Today."

The Rev. Gyomay M. Kubose, pastor of the Chicago Buddhist church, will deliver the Hana Matsuri sermon, while Yoshiaki Fujitani will serve as chairman for the program. Rev. Kubose's subject will be, "The Role of Buddhism in the Atomic Age."

Participating in the program of songs and dances will be G. B. Yedh, who will play Hindu music; Haruko Uyeda, Tomeko Uyeda, Kiyoko Nozawa and Christine Ito, who will present a Japanese dance; Frances Hori, singer; Toyo Kitahata and Mari Ann Akiyama, dancers; Kotaro Inaba, flutist; Yoshiko Inaba, koto-ist; and Arthur Hayashi, chairman.

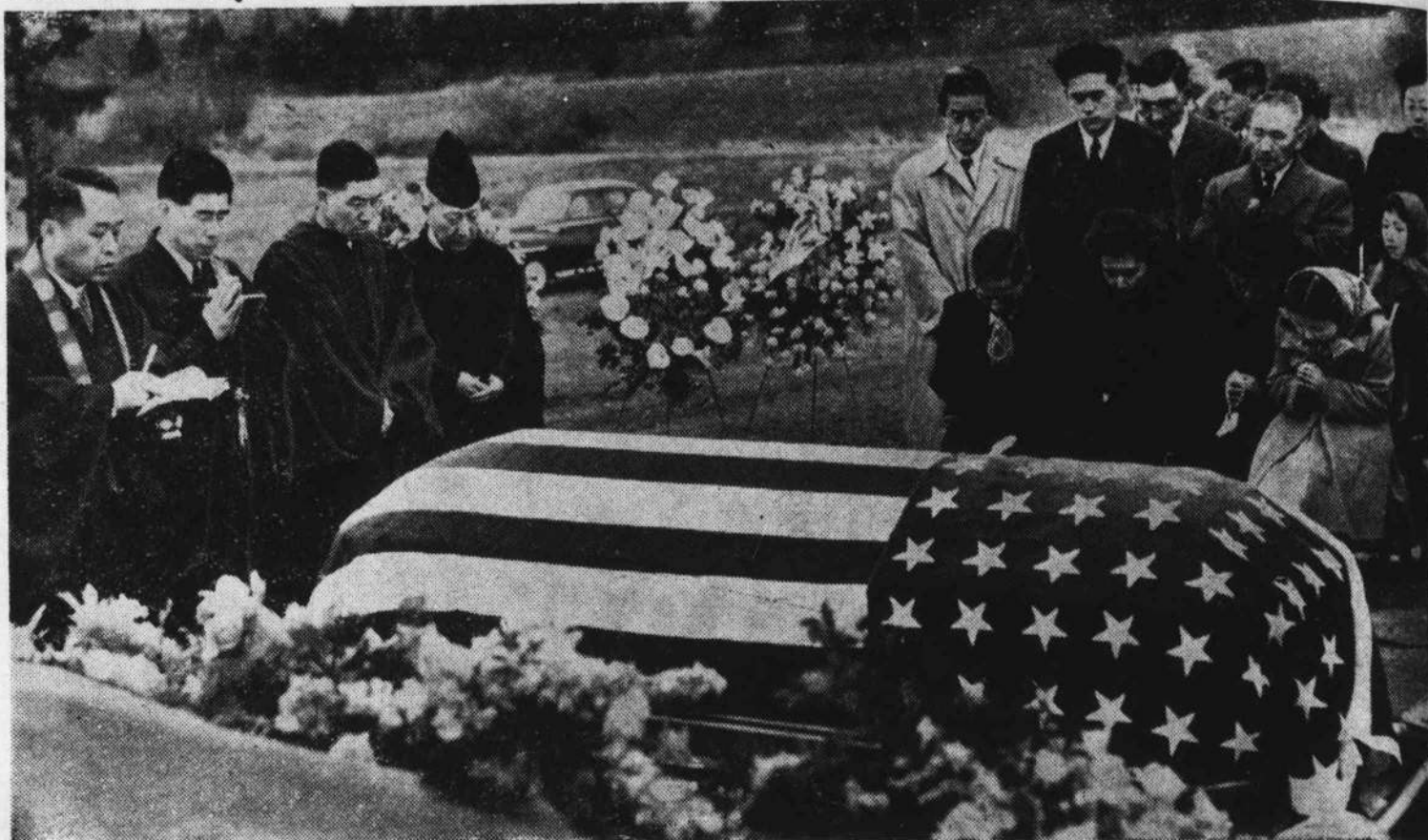
Nisei Student Joins Honorary Society

LOS ANGELES — Grace Akiko Oguchi, a psychology major, was accepted into membership recently by the UCLA chapter of Alpha Mu Gamma, national foreign language honorary society.

Miss Oguchi is a graduate of a Chicago high school.

She also is a member of the UCLA women's glee club.

Portland Pays Tribute to Nisei Soldier Dead



PORTLAND, Ore.—Leading Oregon dignitaries, including Gov. Douglas McKay, attended the services on March 15 for 1st Sgt. Tami Takemoto, the first Portland Nisei war dead to be returned to the city for burial.

(The above photo shows graveside services for Sgt. Takemoto,

a veteran of Company K of the 442nd Combat Team, being conducted at Lincoln Memorial Park by four Buddhist priests. In the right, seated on a bench, are Takichi Takemoto, father of the soldier hero, and other kin.)—Photo from Portland Oregonian

Believe Alien Fishing Law in Hawaii Invalid

Territorial Official Cites Supreme Court's Takahashi Case Ruling

HONOLULU — Citing the Supreme Court's 1948 decision in the Takahashi test case of the California anti-alien fishing law, Territorial Attorney General Walter D. Ackerman last week declared that all Hawaiian fishing laws which discriminate against aliens should be repealed and should not be enforced if they remain on the books.

Ackerman's opinion was requested by Rep. Thomas T. Sakakihara, R., Hilo, chairman of the House agricultural committee.

The Hawaiian laws which Attorney General Ackerman says should no longer be enforced include a measure restricting fishing to citizens and commercial fishermen, a prohibition against spear fishing by aliens, prohibitions against the taking of seaweed and the use of traps by aliens. Aliens also are required to pay a license fee of \$15 against \$5 for citizens.

Vernon Brock, director of the territory's fish and game service, said enforcement of some of the discriminatory laws against aliens, a large percentage of whom are of Japanese ancestry, was stopped last summer after a preliminary opinion by Attorney General Ackerman on the basis of the Takahashi case decision.

Nisei Attorneys Will Aid Evacuees File Forms in Cleveland

CHICAGO, Ill. — The Nisei attorneys in Chicago this week selected two of their group to help claimants file evacuation claims forms in Cleveland on April 2nd and 3rd.

The attorneys chosen by the group are Jiro Yamaguchi, formerly of Seattle, and Joseph Shibata of Salt Lake City. It was revealed that the Cleveland JACL chapter, for more than 50 claimants desiring this legal aid, has assisted in answering their official claims form except those questions pertaining to the claim itself which may require competent professional advice.

Request for the attorneys was submitted by George Chida, chairman of the Cleveland JACL evacuation claims committee. Arrangements for the attorneys' visit were made by the JACL Midwest Regional Office.

Two Nisei Elected

MERCED, Calif. — Two Nisei members, Joe Nishihara and Tom Tanaka, were elected vice-commander and post surgeon respectively at the recent meeting of Merced Post No. 1873 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

NAMBA TEST CASE BACKED BY COMMITTEE

PORTLAND, Ore. — The State Supreme Court's decision last week outlawing the Oregon Alien Land law culminates two years of support of the Namba case by the Oregon Alien Land Law Test Case Committee.

JACL members in Oregon participated on the committee and the Snake River, Mid-Columbia and Portland chapters of the JACL helped raise money for the case.

Members of the test case group are:

Mid-Columbia: T. Imai, Mits Takasumi and Taro Asai.

SNAKE RIVER: Tom Imai, James Watanabe, Mark Sumida and Mr. Murakami.

PORTLAND: Ted Hachiya, Roy Yokota, Shig Itami, Jack Yoshitomi, Kimi Tambara, C. D. Takeoka, T. Yamada, I. Oya, G. Hara, S. Shiogi, M. Shimizu and Y. Fujii.

Intermountain Nisei College Conference Planned in Denver

DENVER — The fourth annual Nisei Intermountain Collegiate Conference will convene in Denver on April 15 and 16, according to Doug Taguchi, president of the organization.

Students from the universities of Denver, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado A & M, Colorado Mines, Colorado State and colleges in New Mexico and Nebraska are expected to attend.

An invitational basketball tournament will be held in conjunction with the conference.

Los Angeles Police Arrest Wrong Man for Old Murder Case

Court Apologizes To Issei Held for Three Days in Jail

LOS ANGELES — Members of the Los Angeles police department are wearing red faces this week as an aftermath of the Kiso Masuda case.

It all started on the night of March 25 when police officials questioned Mr. Masuda, 60, the operator of a East Fifth street hotel, during a routine investigation of narcotics activities in the district.

Mr. Masuda, a respectable citizen and a member of a Christian church, had no connection with the

Noted Historian Speaks to JACL's New England Chapter

BOSTON, Mass.—Prof. Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr., author of the Pulitzer Prize history, "Age of Jackson," discussed "American Policy in Europe" at the meeting of the New England chapter of the JACL on March 23 at the International Institute.

Prof. Schlesinger, a national sponsor of the JACL, outlined the background of the cold war in Europe. He said that the previous "schizophrenic policy" of the State Department is now being merged by the combining of the Truman Doctrine, the Marshall Plan and the Atlantic Treaty.

He also declared that a similar policy is needed in Asia.

Report 2,000 Downtown L. A. Residents Face Early Eviction

LOS ANGELES—An emergency meeting to discuss possible action that can be taken to assist the approximately 2,000 tenants slated to be evicted from the Little Tokyo area has been called by the First and San Pedro Tenants Committee, the Los Angeles Nisei Progressives, and the Downtown Club of the Independent Progressive Party for April 3.

The possible mass eviction due to the construction of the \$12,945,600 City Police administration building at E. 1st St. between San Pedro and Los Angeles Sts., will be discussed by John Forrester, field organizer for the I.P.P. and Art Takei, political action chairman of the Nisei Progressives.

According to Takei, the city is making plans to begin construction on the multi-million dollar structure by the end of the year as part of the gigantic Civic Center expansion program.

"If this is the case," declared Takei, "hundreds of Negroes, Japanese, Mexicans, Filipinos and others living in the condemned area will be forced to move perhaps within the next six months in order to make room for this new building."

Takei added that, "Such evictions will place undue hardship upon these people, many of whom will have a difficult time finding new quarters to move to because of the critical housing shortage and the fact that the majority are members of minority groups."

"The city can provide low-rent housing for these people if they would institute an extensive public housing program. And the only way in which we can get the 'do nothing' City Administration to take action is for the people, including those facing evictions, to get together and demand that these legislations be enacted," Takei emphasized.

Chairman of the meeting will be Sue Kunitomi, Nisei journalist and educational chairman of the Nisei Progressives.

narcotics ring but he was let go anyway.

The following day Detective Harry Hansen and Robert Reid of the homicide squad began questioning the name "K. Masuda."

From the yellowing files of the homicide squad came a 25-year warrant for the arrest of "Masuda" for participation in a murder of two men, described by the police as Japanese gamblers who were shot to death on a highway near Point Fermin June 20, 1924.

The double-slaying was one of the newspaper sensations of the year and it came at a time when the front pages were full of news of the passage by Congress of the Japanese Exclusion Act of the subsequent reverberations in Tokyo.

Both of the murdered men were Japanese nationals.

According to Det. Robert L. man of the homicide bureau, records showed that Kato Igarashi and Masahei Yoshida were taken from a restaurant 314 East First street to the harbor trail and shot to death.

Their bullet-riddled bodies were thrown into the sea and were found four days later when they were washed ashore.

One of the men wanted for crime was "K. Masuda."

There are quite a few "K. Masudas" in Los Angeles, as the Angeles police subsequently learned.

After Kiso Masuda, the manager, was booked and newspaper stories were published which described him as a "fugitive murder suspect who had eluded police for almost a quarter of a century," the police began checking on background.

They came to the conclusion that the man they had arrested was not the "K. Masuda" who was wanted for murder. The man was not connected with the Tokyo case. The Japanese gambling combination in the West Coast, which reportedly was involved in the murders of two men back in 1924.

After Kiso Masuda, bewildered by his predicament, had spent nights in the county jail, he was brought before Municipal Judge Arthur S. Guerin.

Judge Guerin, with sincere apologies to Mr. Masuda, dismissed the case.

K. Doi, attorney for Mr. Masuda, then suggested that the file on Masuda be dropped from the police files, else some other might be placed in a similar predicament.

Daniel Beecher, chief trial attorney, took up the suggestion made a formal recommendation that effect to the court.

It was also recalled that the other suspects, rounded up in the murders in 1924, were not guilty after a trial.

Hawaii 442nd Veterans Fete Anniversary



HONOLULU, T. H.—George T. Miki, president of the 442nd Veterans Club, shows the club's 6th birthday cake to Mayor John H. Wilson, honored guest at the anniversary celebration. Behind Miki is a big array of trophy cups won by individuals and groups of the 442nd Club in various competitions, mostly bowling. The trophies were presented by their donors to winners at the club's dinner last Friday.—Star Bulletin Photo.

Seek Seniority Credit for Nisei Postal Group

JACL Acts to Obtain Recognition for Time Spent in WRA Camps

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Postal employees evacuated from the west coast were urged this week to contact the National JACL ADC Washington office immediately so a decision can be reached on seeking legislation giving evacuees credit for time spent in relocation centers if they have been reemployed by the postal department.

Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, (D., Wash.), told JACL ADC the Civil Service Commission advised him it could not redefine war transfers to include Japanese and Americans of Japanese ancestry so they could receive credit for time spent in the center for purposes of within-grade salary advancements.

Harry B. Mitchell, Civil Service Commission president, said "the commission is not unmindful of the fact that the relocation program resulted in many unfair and perhaps unnecessary hardships, but the solution seems to lie in legislative rather than administrative action."

New JACL Chapter Formed in Delano

DELANO, Calif.—Kenji Inamura is the temporary president of the new Delano chapter of the JACL which was organized recently. Other officers include Lily Nakatani, Mrs. Nakayama, Sadao Onake and Kiichi Nakayama.

Naturalization Council to Work For Passage of Judd Proposal

NEW YORK — Members of the National Council on Naturalization and Citizenship returned to their homes this week, united in a program to work for speedy passage of the Judd act, (HR 199) in the Senate.

The 19th Annual NCNC conference here Friday urged the Senate to give prompt consideration to passage of the measure, although it did ask two amendments to the bill. One would retain non-quota status for wives and children of all nations. The other would remove the British West Indies from the so-called "colonial provisions" of the bill, which, in effect, now threatens to sharply reduce immigration of West Indians to the United States.

Cong. Emanuel Celler, (D., N.Y.), told the conference the "overall principles of the bill must

300 Veterans of Combat Team Renew Wartime Acquaintances

HONOLULU, T.H.—Hawaii veterans of the 442nd infantry combat team observed the sixth anniversary of their army enlistment with a big night club party at the Waikiki Lau Yee Chai March 25.

About 300 Nisei vets and their guests, including military and civilian dignitaries, came together to hear a talk in defense of the democratic way of life, to dine and dance and to renew wartime acquaintances.

Guest speaker was David T. Fleming, a Maui island businessman, who told the assembled veterans the fight for the "American way of life" is still on. He called upon the veterans to be alert to those who would destroy the present economy and society to build the future.

The speaker was introduced by Senator Toshi Ansai, freshman member of the Territorial Senate, also of Maui.

Akira (Sunshine) Fukunaga, executive secretary of the 442nd Veterans Club, was master of ceremonies. Chaplain Hiro Higuchi, who served with the much-decorated regiment in Italy and France, delivered the invocation, after which President George Miki welcomed the gathering.

Among the honored guests were Mayor John H. Wilson and Maj. Gen. Floyd S. Parks, commanding officer of the U.S. army in the Pacific.

Besides Mr. Miki and Mr. Fukunaga, other officers of the 442nd club are Daniel K. Inouye, first vice president; Daniel T. Aoki, second vice president; William C. Oshiro, third vice president; Clarence T. Taba, treasurer.

Issei Pioneer Night To be Celebrated At San Jose Dinner

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Issei pioneers 70 years of age or more will be honored at a dinner to be held this month under sponsorship of the United Citizens League.

The dinner will mark the first big reunion of oldtimers in the county, and it is estimated here that there are well over 200 Issei who have passed the three score and ten mark.

Issei response to plans for the dinner are reported to be so enthusiastic that, since first reports of the dinner several weeks ago, the UCL office has received requests for invitations from former Santa Clara county Issei residing now in other parts of the state.

Detailed plans for the dinner were formulated at a cabinet meeting held last week. Representatives from the Buddhist and Methodist ladies aid societies were present to assist in the planning.

The dinner will be held in conjunction with the commemoration of the UCL's 21st anniversary.

Roy Taketa, executive secretary, will be in charge of general arrangements and will be assisted by the following committees: Akira Shimoguchi and Sachi Endo, program; Mrs. Ruth Hashimoto and George Tsukagawa, decorations; Esau Shimizu, invitations; Phil Matsumura, publicity; and the Matsumura, Ishikawa, Okizuki, Tokunaga and Mineta, banquet.

Eichi Sakauye will be master of ceremonies.

Date of the event will be announced shortly.

100 Issei Attend Public Meeting On Evacuee Claims

CHICAGO, Ill.—More than 100 Issei attended the first of a series of public meetings to discuss the filing of evacuation claims on March 27 at the Chicago Resettlers Committee.

Under the sponsorship of a joint JACL and ADC committee, the meeting was presided over by Tahei Matsunaga, chairman of the Chicago ADC. Forms and information pamphlets were provided by the JACL Chicago chapter.

Questions were answered by Thomas Masuda and other attorneys present, including Wiley Higuchi, Harold Gordon, George Kita, James Ogisaka and Jiro Yamaguchi.

It was announced that the attorney group, which also includes Franklin Chino and Joe Shibata, would make a minimum charge of \$10 per claim, the retainer fee depending upon the amount of work required in preparing the claim.

The second meeting will be held on Saturday, April 2 at the Chicago Buddhist Church.

Boards of Trade in Evacuated West Coast Area Approve of Return of Japanese Canadians

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Return of Canadians of Japanese ancestry to the west coast area from which they were evacuated in 1942 was approved by the boards of trade of Fraser Valley and Lower Mainland last week.

The wartime orders-in-councils, under which persons of Japanese ancestry were barred from the evacuated area, expired on March 31. Canada's 24,000 persons of Japanese descent now may enter the west coast zone from which they have been excluded since the mass evacuation.

ROBERT MUKAI PLACES FIRST IN SPEECH TEST

OGDEN, Utah — Robert Mukai, 19, of Ogden and Don Lind of Jordan were the only two of the 28 debaters from the University of Utah to place first in the national invitational speech tournament at Redlands, Calif., last week.

Mukai and Lind met with 63 teams from more than 30 universities and colleges of Arizona, Nevada, California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho, and went through the four rounds of elimination tournaments without being defeated. The other two schools placing first with a perfect record were Utah State and Long Beach College.

Twenty-six girls from the University of Utah also entered the debates.

Robert Mukai is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Mukai of Ogden.

JACL Committee Urges Nisei Attendance At Special Meetings

NEW YORK CITY — Nisei in New York City are being urged by the education committee of the JACL to attend the Living America series presented by the International House in cooperation with Columbia university and the United Nations.

Past programs have featured Bernard de Voto, Joseph Wood Krutch and Gov. Hastie of the Virgin Islands, while James B. Carey, Reinhold Neibuhr and Phillip C. Jessup are slated for future meetings.

A number of Nisei joined the audience on March 20 to hear John Popham of the New York Times staff speak on the south and the southerner.

Popham declared that the south is not solidly against rights for Negroes, citing the growth of liberal groups which are now able to work more openly.

He said that the solid south "is not so solid," but has within it many groups and regions with conflicting interests, attitudes and cultural backgrounds. "Each of these groups must be understood and fitted into the complex jigsaw puzzle which constitutes the south," he said.

The speaker credited such developments as the TVA with being positive influences in broadening the economic base and also in furthering constructive political and social attitudes.

He warned, however, that the Ku Klux Klan has reached its greatest strength in 15 years and that racial bigots are determined to take a last ditch stand to maintain their special position and interests in the face of a rising liberal trend.

Japanese Canadian Evacuation Rapped by Canada Legislator

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Japanese Canadians should not have been moved from their homes in 1942 and "scattered across the country," Angus MacInnis, CCF member from Vancouver East, declared in the House of Commons in Ottawa on March 15, it was reported here.

The statement was made during a heated exchange with Howard Green, Prog. Con., Vancouver South, to a point-blank question: "Do you think they should not have been moved?"

The CCF member added that if the Japanese "had to be moved, then their properties should have been protected."

"The government of the country

It was reported here that the Fraser Valley and Lower Mainland boards of trade approved the return of the evacuees after a "heated discussion." The area, in which many Japanese Canadians operated farms before the war, has been described as a "hotbed of anti-Japanese discrimination."

The majority of the former delegates, however, opposed race discrimination and expressed approval of the government's action in rescinding the exclusion of Japanese Canadians from their former home areas.

Opposition to the return of the evacuee group was expressed last February by the Maple Ridge Board of Trade which passed a resolution urging the government to make "adequate safeguards to prevent a return to the undesirable state of affairs in Japanese-infested districts pre-war." This resolution was circulated among boards of trades in the lower mainland areas but met considerable opposition.

The Maple Ridge resolution was then placed before the recent meeting at New Westminster of the boards of trade of the Fraser Valley and Lower Mainland regions.

Proponents of the resolution declared "there is real danger of serious friction" if the Japanese Canadians return.

Opponents of the resolution included Frank Wilson of Chilliwack who said that the resolution represented "absolute deadly discrimination."

A vote was taken shortly afterwards and the resolution was defeated.

Elect David Noguchi As Commander of Nisei VFW Post

SACRAMENTO — David Noguchi, past senior vice commander, was elected commander of Nisei Post No. 8985 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the elections held recently.

Other new officers include: Fred Imai, junior vice commander; Haruo Okamoto, quartermaster; William Sakai, judge advocate; John Kumamoto, chaplain; Feb Yokoi, surgeon; Kenneth Nishimura, Ard Kozono and Sam Kojima, county delegates; Kiyo Mori, George Hamai and George Inouye, alternate county delegates, and Sam Kojima, trustee.

Group Tables Bill Against Race Covenants

SACRAMENTO—A bill which would have outlawed real estate transactions involving restrictive covenants based on race, creed or color was tabled by the state assembly's judiciary committee on March 29 by a vote of 10 to 2.

The bill was sponsored by Assemblyman Edward E. Elliott, D., Los Angeles, and was designed to put teeth into the U. S. Supreme Court's decision in 1948 which ruled that restrictive covenants were unenforceable.

should have acted as their guardian and not as their despoiler," Mr. MacInnis said. "That is what should have been done."

Mr. MacInnis attacked the Progressive-Conservative member for not "raising his voice in protest" when 23,000 people were "despoiled" of their property.

"Your own CCF leader advocated moving them," replied Mr. Green.

"My own CCF provincial leader did not do anything of that kind, and even if he did not have any democracy in his makeup, my friend the member for Vancouver South cannot take that as an excuse for not having any himself," MacInnis retorted.

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EDITORIALS:

Alien Land Law Invalid

In a historic decision this week the Supreme Court of Oregon declared unconstitutional the state's 1923 Alien Land law and thus outlawed a form of punitive legislation which has been used by the law-making bodies of eleven states to intimidate persons of Japanese ancestry.

Justice George Rossman's clearcut opinion, uncovering the ugly base of race prejudice in the alien land law, will have its effects on the nine states in which similar statutes, designed to prohibit the ownership or enjoyment of real property by "aliens ineligible to citizenship" but aimed at the resident Japanese group, still exist.

The 1923 Oregon law is almost an exact duplicate of the 1920 California Alien Land law, which remains on the state's statutes although its enforceability has been substantially weakened by the U. S. Supreme Court's decision in the Oyama case in 1948. Seven other states, Arizona, New Mexico, Idaho, Montana, Kansas, Louisiana, have alien land laws which are copied from the California law. Two states, Wyoming and Washington, have land laws aimed at racially ineligible aliens but the provisions differ from the California model. Wyoming's alien land law does not operate against Japanese aliens who are legal residents of the state. Washington's law denies the right of land-holding to all aliens, except "an alien who has in good faith declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States." Utah, which passed an alien land law copied from the California statute in 1943, repealed the law in 1946.

The action of the Oregon Supreme Court in the Namba test case, involving the right of a Japanese American war veteran and his non-citizen father to lease property for farming, marks the first instance in which a state alien land law has been wiped out by a court decision.

The Namba case was a direct challenge of the validity of both the 1923 law and the 1945 amendments which were spurred through a wartime legislature by the activities of a number of anti-evacuee groups which sought to discourage the return of Japanese Americans to Hood River valley and the coastal area. One of the presumptions of the 1945 amendments declared that any alien working upon the land was presumed to lease or own the land. Another provision presumed that a person who was not a registered voter was an alien. The effect of the law was to make any person who employed a Japanese alien for farm work liable to prosecution under the alien land law since such employment was presumptive evidence that the Japanese alien owned or had leased the land. These amendments were so patently unenforceable that the Oregon legislature repealed them through a bill sponsored by Sen. Irving Rand of Portland. A bill by Sen. Rand to repeal the 1923 alien land law has been held up in the legislature pending the State Supreme Court's decision in the Namba case.

Justice Rossman's opinion, which recognizes that the alien land law in Oregon is aimed solely at persons of Japanese ancestry, quotes liberally from the U.S. Supreme Court's 1948 decisions in the Oyama case and in the Takahashi case in which the ruling found the California anti-alien fishing law, a statutory device to prohibit Japanese aliens from engaging in commercial fishing, to be unconstitutional. Thus the Oregon court uses the reasoning of the majority decisions in the Oyama and Takahashi cases to find that the Oregon law is in violation of the 14th Amendment's guarantee of due process and of equal protection. But whereas the U.S. Supreme Court did not rule on the legality of the California Alien Land law in the Oyama case, the Oregon court has handed down a forthright verdict on the illegality of the law.

The Oregon opinion recalls that previous to 1948 the U.S. Supreme Court, in a series of test cases in 1923, sustained the validity of the Alien Land law. It then cites the Oyama and Takahashi case decisions as evidence that the U.S. Supreme Court no longer considers the decisions of the 1923 court binding.

Judge Rossman observes that the Oyama decision was interpreted by the Attorney General of California as "ending the practical utility of the alien land law."

"Thus it may be that the (Oyama) decision, in fact, ended the Alien Land law," he declares.

It is the opinion of the Oregon court that the Oyama and Takahashi case rulings are the "controlling decisions" which outweigh the pronouncements of the U.S. Supreme Court in the 1920s. It follows Justice Murphy's concept that the Alien Land law is an outgrowth of anti-Japanese feeling. Examining the term "ineligible aliens," the court has found that Japanese aliens "are virtually the only persons embraced within the term."

"Our country cannot afford to create, by legislation or judicial construction, a ghetto for our ineligible aliens," declares Justice Rossman.

"We know of no basis upon which these two (Alien Land law) acts can be sustained."

The Oregon Supreme Court's ruling strikes a significant blow against the legislative intimidation of resident aliens of Japanese ancestry.

Book Review:

CHICAGO GUIDEBOOK

The GUIDEBOOK, Chicago, 1949. Chicago Publishing Corp. \$1.75.—Masamori Kojima, editor.

The editors of the Guidebook have shown an unusual modesty in titling this volume, in welcome contrast to the habits of most publishers.

This guidebook was prepared primarily as a directory of Japanese Americans in Chicago, in addition to being a guide to Chicago. Both these jobs are excellently done. The directory gives cross references on individual family members as well as the status of each individual—e.g., "w" for wife, etc. The guidebook portion of the volume gives the usual listings of exhibits, schools, libraries, parks, etc., with such data as transportation to the various sites, hours, and other pertinent information. The listing on schools, for example, gives such specialized bits as "Nisei among alumni, student body, administrative staff, and contributors to College fund," in the description of Roosevelt college, while the Northwestern university listing includes the following tidbit: "Administration conservative. Northwestern was tough on Nisei student enrollees (all barred) during the war, while accepting several score Nisei and Issei as language teachers during same period. No bar to Nisei admissions now."

Really outstanding features of the Guidebook, however, are first its amazingly competent typog-

graphy and art work and second its excellent articles.

The beautiful interplay of photographs and art work with body type and the overall excellence of its layouts display the highest technical and professional ability. The book is entirely done in offset, a fairly recent printing development, and is a beautiful example of the results that can be obtained from this method of printing. The Nisei editors handling this part of the job (Sho Kaneko, art editor, Louise Sato, staff artist, and Nori Kenmotsu, layouts) can take credit for doing a highly professional job.

The Guidebook contains a section on Chicago's many minority groups, of which the high point is the story "Bronzeville," co-authored by St. Clair Drake, Roosevelt college faculty man, and Horace Cayton, co-author of "Black Metropolis" and director of Parkway Community House. Wayne Miller was the photographer for the article. Also to be cited are Togo Tanaka, for "Chicago's Newest Citizens," and Ryoichi Fujii, for his article, "Resettlement."

A number of other features on the Nisei in the midwest discuss job opportunities, relocation and other phases of the story of the Nisei in this section of the country.

Thrown in for good measure is a section in Japanese.

All in all, the Guidebook, at \$1.75, is a bargain.—M.O.T.

Seattle Pays Tribute in Mass Rites for Seven Nisei War Dead

SEATTLE—Hundreds of persons paid tribute on March 26 to seven young Seattle men of Japanese ancestry who gave their lives in battle as members of the 442nd Combat Team in Italy and France. This is the story which the Seattle Times carried the following day on the tribute to these seven Nisei GIs:

Across the street from the Seattle Buddhist Auditorium where the bodies of seven Seattle Nisei war veterans lay in flag-draped coffins, a small boy with a kite stood scowling as a man told him it would be best to fly his kite after the funeral.

In the big auditorium several hundred persons sat in silence, some staring stolidly ahead, some clasping rosary beads as the Rev. T. Ichikawa chanted a Buddhist prayer, in Japanese.

There were grey-haired men and women and younger ones with children. Some bowed their heads in grief. These would be the mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters of the seven men who died in combat in Italy.

They would be relatives and friends of Pfc. William Taketa, of Pfc. Matsuburo Tanaka, of Pvt. Satoru Onodera, and of Pvt. William Mizukami, and Pvt. George Tatsumi, and Pfc. Masaru Tamura and Tech. Sgt. William Imamoto.

Outside, the boy with the kite had given up his idea, for awhile at least, and stalked away. He was a Nisei boy.

Then there were Episcopal services for Private Onodera, and after these more Buddhist prayers. And the eulogy by George Revelle, who was a lieutenant colonel on the staff of the Fifth Army, in which these Nisei had served as members of the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team — and had died.

Revelle said no words could pay sufficient tribute to these men who died to keep their country free. He said the memorial to them was shown more, perhaps, in attempts to right the wrongs against the Japanese Americans, wrongs "of which we are so ashamed." He said he meant the coastal evacuation and discrimination in employment.

After that, as the caskets were carried to the hearses, the boy with the kite returned. He said it was a "free country and I can fly it I want."

In Washelli Cemetery there were the volley of shots and the sound of Taps.

And on the playfield, where some of these men once had played, a small Nisei boy watched his kite climb into a blue sky on a cold March wind, and said that this is a free country.

ADC Answers 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. We stored our personal effects, household belongings, and business equipment in a garage-penthouse behind our home during our absence and rented the home. After returning we were unable to occupy the home immediately because the tenants were unable to locate a place to which they could move. During this time, the garage-penthouse burned to the ground together with the aforementioned property under circumstances which indicated arson. Can we claim for the property or building or both under the "reasonable consequence" clause of the act inasmuch as the articles would not have been placed in this building if we were not forced to evacuate?

A. You should file a claim for the property which you stored in the garage-penthouse because of the evacuation. This property would not have been stored there except for the evacuation and its loss by fire seems to be a reasonable and natural consequence of the evacuation. You should file a claim for the value of the garage on the same theory. Evidence of arson would also be evidence that the loss was due to the evacuation and even if there is merely a suspicion of arson, without tangible evidence, it may be argued that if you had continued to live in your home under normal circumstances this fire would not have occurred or could have been completely prevented or extinguished before damage had occurred.

2. Q. I purchased a car in 1940 for \$1000 and in 1941 was forced to sell it for \$600. Upon returning to the coast it was necessary to purchase another car of the same type but the price was \$1300.

MINORITY WEEK

Blowup

A housing crisis in Birmingham, Ala., precipitated by the selling of homes to Negroes, blew up last week when three homes were dynamited and heavily damaged. It's apparent that some people will resort to violence every time whenever their rabid racism is aroused.

Songster

A Chinese American, Fan Yuen, is slated for the lead role in "The Mikado" when it's put on by Berkeley high school.

Dear Mrs. Mayfield

A lot of people out in Denver who have troubles — marriage, romantic, or otherwise — have gotten into the habit of writing letters starting, "Dear Mrs. Mayfield."

Mrs. Mayfield is a columnist of the Rocky Mountain News, and her mailbag recently there was letter which spoke for itself and which said in part:

"Not long ago there was a roller skating rink opened here and for the first few weeks everything went fine, but now it seems the white kids won't skate with the Spanish American girls and boys. Last Sunday as soon as the Spanish American kids started to skate, all the white kids walked out on us. That would make anyone feel cheap, even if you were in our shoes, I'm sure. After that it just didn't seem to be any fun skating . . ."

"Now they have closed the rink for the Spanish American kids here in Rocky Ford for the week. The only time we have for recreation is one night a week, while the other kids have all week long."

"But of course, now the war is won. During the war the Spanish American people are classified as white, and in war we are often in the front lines and treated equal with the white soldiers. But, I said, the war is over now."

Bastion

Australia, the stronghold of racism, is holding fast to its principles of Australia for "whites only."

An American citizen, because of his Filipino ancestry, has been refused entry to rejoin his Australian wife and two children, who are in Melbourne.

Lorenzo Gamboa, who was a corporal in the U.S. army, met his wife when he was sent to an Australian hospital in 1942 after suffering injuries on Bataan. He took his discharge in Australia in 1945, but was ordered out of the country nine months later because he was an Asiatic in the eyes of Australia immigration officials. He reenlisted in the army and asked for permission to reenter Australia this June, when his enlistment ends.

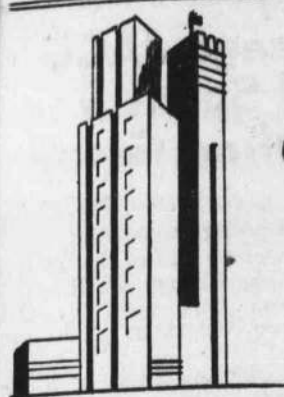
Gen. MacArthur interceded in his behalf with the Australian government, but the answer, given this week, was still "no." Australia, however, was happy to offer its own solution to the case. She would be happy to pay his family's way to America.

Assuming depreciation of the \$1000 car after six or eight months use to be around \$200, thus making the actual value of the car in 1941 at \$800, could I claim the difference of \$800 from \$1300 or \$500 actual loss as a result of the evacuation?

A. You have a good claim at least for the difference between the value of your car in 1940 and the amount you received for it at the time of the evacuation and a reasonable claim for the difference between the 1941 and replacement value. I would suggest claiming the larger amount.

3. Q. I was one of the early evacuees to relocate from camp consequently I just missed out on the Travel Grant by one week. I do not have the receipts on railroad ticket, etc. purchased at the time. Can I file this as a claim? How about personal expenses incurred during the time I spent looking for a job?

A. It is doubtful that the Government will treat these expenses as a loss of property caused by the evacuation. But, of course, the only way you can get a final determination on the matter from the Department of Justice is to file a claim.



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

Cousin Willie and His Evacuation Claim

I knew it was too good to last. My cousin Willie was bound to write me and dump another problem into my lap. This week it came. A whole portfolio of papers, receipts, memorandums, newspaper clippings, and printed instructions.

"Please help a guy with his evacuation claim," the note read. "You're just about a couple of hours from Washington and it can't be too difficult to run up there and get the info."

It took me a good two hours to wade through that bundle of papers and documents which required an even \$1.53 postage to reach me. There were pages of scribbled notations made by Willie which necessitated deciphering, plus endless comments by his wife Sumi in her characteristic fine-line fancy hand.

When I got through the seemingly endless maze of facts and figures, I had about enough data to write the history of the Japanese in America plus a complete encyclopedia of the Great Evacuation of 1942. I should take my problems to him. He is filthy with information, clippings from the PC, governmental regulations, and legal decisions about the evacuation. Alongside Willie's monumental research file, my fund of knowledge is equal to that of a slobbering idiot.

Brings Back Memories

After diving into this sea of evacuation matters, I couldn't help but think back seven years ago. Those were the desperate days and the sleepless nights that marked the first few months of the war when the average Nisei didn't know if he was on foot or horseback; whether he would be shot at sunrise or shipped off to the salt mines in Siberia.

I remember cousin Willie. He and his wife Sumi lived just around the corner from us in Los Angeles. Every morning he would come scooting in with the latest rumors on what would happen to the Nisei and by nightfall he would have a "revised" forecast of the shape of things to come.

Willie, myself, and the entire neighborhood became cash conscious. We felt that it was better to have a buck in hand instead of twenty stored away in some furniture vault. Like European refugees we figured that we needed the wherewithal to survive and to travel.

So, Willie, being the star salesman of the Ninth Street market, began to hustle in the prospects for the household goods. I must admit he was a good actor. He would moan, groan, curse, cry, faint, plead, and run the gamut from A to B. Despite all the histrionics the almost new refrigerator didn't bring over ten dollars and the 9x12 rug brought a paltry five. Those were hectic days and the tragic overtone of it all today seems a little on the comical side. Willie never stopped. He was always bouncing, jumping or sliding along the streets.

Willie was so anxious to get everything settled before the deadline that the last few nights he and his wife slept on the bare floor of his bedroom wrapped in a couple of thin blankets. As I remember it, Willie sold everything including dishes, curtains, and the garden hose. He had a pocketfull of pennies, nickels and dimes which represented the little odds and ends of his "little castle" on 30th Street.

So, he writes, "do you think I could claim the difference between the cash I received for my things back in 1942 and the outlay of money I had to dish out in the past two years in the way of household goods?" No, I don't believe so. As they say in the army, its just T. S.

I think, and I may be wrong, that Willie must calculate the "fair market value" of his goods back in 1942, deduct the amount he gathered in on his street sales, and the balance would be his claim. A fair market value would take into consideration the factor of depreciation and allowance for wear and tear.

Willie's Automobile

In those days Willie had a 1938 Chevrolet sedan. Anyway, he sold same and doesn't have papers showing ownership and the transfer to the new owner.

"Would you mind," he writes, "sending me an affidavit to the effect that I did buy the car from a dealer and that I sold it for such and such a price to Mr. Brown around the block?"

Of course, I can't forget that bumping, lurching car that used to propel us to the beaches, the mountains, and the desert. Somehow we always got there, although the little wife and I usually punched a hole in the rear floorboard trying to lend some reason into Willie's wild, churning driving tactics.

I told Willie that my statement wouldn't mean much. Rather, the authorities can check with the California Motor Vehicle Division or else go to the dealer on Figueroa Street who sold him the car. That should be authentication enough.

Coming to think of it, back in 1942 Willie's car was also a tomato red with a screeching horn. He's still partial to that color or else he must be a frustrated fireman.

Sumi's Problem

"As you know, Willie has no head for business," Sumi writes, "and sometimes I think he doesn't even have a head period." She goes on to tell me that they don't have actual receipts and records for the household effects that they sold in those waning days before evacuation. "What about documentation?" she asks.

I feel that if you haven't got it, you haven't got it, be it in the way of heads or of receipts. That shouldn't prevent you from making the claim, even if your only substantiation is your statement to that effect. At least she can write about the circumstances of the situation, the manner in which sold, and the conditioning factors of the times. Perhaps it may be allowed and again it may be checked off.

I notice that Sumi, being the meticulous and careful person that she is, has about four pages of description of her kitchen effects, itemizing everything down to the last salt shaker, spoon and mixing bowl. There are several entries which amount to ten or fifteen cents and the total of one page merely equals \$7.54.

In order to simplify her claim, I told her that it was my opinion that minor items could be lumped under a "miscellaneous" heading and make it that much easier for the claim investigator.

I can only tell you, Willie, just one thing.

Get it in. There's little use of snooping around for all kinds of curbstone and corridor advice on how to file or why. Just give a clear and simple recital of your losses and the circumstances surrounding same, and shoot the claim on in. The quicker you get it in, the better are your chances for an early settlement.

Just don't ask me to deliver it in person to the Department of Justice in Washington to make sure it reaches the proper department.

Bill Hosokawa:

FROM THE FRYING PAN

People of Atom City Are Normal

Los Alamos, N. M.

Anybody coming here expecting to find a bunch of dreamy-eyed, long-haired, absent-minded laboratory characters is in for a surprise. There is a great and wonderful concentration of scientific brains assembled, but outside of their mental powers they are "normal" in every sense of the word.

These men and women who delve into the realms of higher mathematics, nuclear fission, radioactivity and all that hocus-pocus rear bright, happy children, gripe about the cost of living, enjoy a cocktail or a highball after work, have a hard time getting out of bed in the morning, bicker with their wives when they have a bad day, read the comic strips, and are otherwise intensely interested in the world about them.

In many respects Los Alamos is like a factory town, or a college town. All the work revolves around the laboratories. Although the scientists make up the smallest group of residents, the others are here only because their maintenance work, or their administrative work, helps advance the things that the scientists are doing.

There is a notable absence of economic competition. Although the average income is far above the national median, only a few executives, doctors (employed in the town hospital) and top scientists are in the \$10,000-plus bracket. Everyone knows approximately what his associates are making. Even if a person has private means, he lives in a home no better than those assigned to hundreds of others in his wage bracket.

Interested in World Affairs

The people of Los Alamos are intensely interested in international affairs. One of the largest classes in the university extension system has to do with international relations. Many women's clubs feature speakers on world topics. Someone remarked once that preoccupation with the state of world relations here rivaled that to be found in Washington, D. C., and Lake Success, N. Y.

The reason for this is obvious. Some day, the

weapons that are being fabricated here may have to be put to use, and the scientists know what a terrible catastrophe that may be. They don't want it to happen.

Each of the scientists here has had to evolve a philosophy about working in the production of the world's most deadly weapon. I talked to a number of them, and their feelings might be summed up this way:

"All of us have had to wrestle with our consciences about the matter of helping to produce atomic weapons. But we have had to realize that it is only common prudence to continue to produce bombs so long as the world situation is disturbed.

"Atomic weapons are only one part of the overall picture of national defense. While many people can help to make airplanes, or serve in the army, only a few know how to work with the materials that go into atomic weapons. It seems to be our duty to take whatever role we can fill best."

There is, so far as we have been able to learn, not a single person of responsibility here who advocates "dropping an atom bomb or two where it will do the most good" as a precautionary measure—in other words, to bomb the Russians to show them who's boss. There is strong emphasis on America's responsibility for maintaining an impeccable moral position, and any sort of aggressive show is frowned upon.

One scientist, speaking only for himself, was highly critical of the use of the atomic bomb on Nagasaki. Hiroshima, yes, he said. But to loose another A-bomb on Japan was a blow to our moral position, he declared. He contends it served no useful purpose because communications in Japan were disrupted, the Japanese people hadn't realized what had hit Hiroshima and certainly weren't aware of the significance of atomic warfare. He believes the destruction of Nagasaki was uncalled for, that Japan would have surrendered quickly anyway as soon as the awful example of Hiroshima penetrated the nation's consciousness.

Whatever the merits of his belief, it is an interesting one. It also is an indication that the makers of atomic weapons are pretty solid, foot-on-ground sort of folks. Somehow, it's reassuring.

Vagaries

Screen Star . . .

Twentieth-Century Fox, the studio which has hit hard against discrimination in such films as "Gentlemen's Agreement" and "Daisy Kenyon" and touches on Jim Crowism in the forthcoming "Pinky," recently became the first Hollywood studio to sign a film actor from Japan for a major role in its forthcoming "Three Who Came Back," the dramatization of a best-seller about American internees in the Far East during the war. The star is Minoru Takata, known as Japan's "Jimmy Stewart." The picture will star Claudette Colbert . . . It's expected many Nisei actors also will be signed for the film . . . Takata will arrive in Hollywood in May from Tokyo . . . If Hollywood is looking for Japanese talent, it could also obtain three Japanese film actresses who are now American residents as a result of marriages to Nisei GIs.

Seven Stars . . .

Toru Matsumoto's book, "The Seven Stars," published by Friendship Press, is now available in a paper-backed edition at a dollar . . . Mrs. Taki Shiosaki of San Francisco is believed to be the first person to qualify for permission to visit Japan since the new liberalized regulations were set up last month by Gen. MacArthur's headquarters.

Crooner . . .

A Nisei singer is now appearing at one of the biggest night clubs in the Midwest but you wouldn't know it because of his Chinese American stage name. The Nisei crooner, fresh out of a war relocation center during the war, got a contract to appear at a night club but the management wouldn't let him sing until he changed his name . . . Most Nisei performers, particularly during the war years, were forced to use non-Japanese names at the request of their booking agents . . . Helen Toy, the San Francisco chanteuse, is Helen Takahashi of Los Angeles who has appeared in most of the nation's top showhouses. Her sister, Dorothy, is one half of the famous dance team of Toy and Wing. Dorothy Takahashi was dancing at the Savoy in London on the eve of the outbreak of World War II

Story of Stiles Hall:

University YMCA in Berkeley Aids Nisei During War Years

Berkeley, Calif.

The unique role played by just one institution, Stiles Hall, in helping solve the problems of Japanese Americans during the years 1941 to 1948 is told in a report prepared recently by William J. Davis.

Stiles Hall, headquarters for the University of California YMCA, was intimately concerned with students and other persons of Japanese ancestry throughout the war, the evacuation and the later relocation years.

The Davis report was prepared especially to assist the San Francisco JACL in soliciting funds for the Stiles Hall Memorial building fund. The chapter, which voted unanimously last year to aid the building project, will raise funds for a memorial to Nisei soldier dead of World War II in the proposed new building.

A week after the war began, Harry L. Kingman, general secretary of Stiles Hall, made a radio appeal for justice for Japanese Americans. He said, at one point, "At the university I have many of these people who are now bewildered and distraught. Most of them are as American in their hopes, attitudes, and loyalties as any of us . . . they will prove their loyalty to this nation."

Stiles Hall continued to justify and interpret this appeal in the months that followed and despite criticism, did not deviate from this policy.

Some of the most forceful work in behalf of the evacuees was done by persons connected with Stiles

in 1939. She was in Rio de Janeiro when the U.S. went to war in 1941.

Extras . . .

Humphrey Bogart's "Tokyo Joe" has probably the largest cast of Nisei of any picture produced in Hollywood. Approximately a hundred Japanese Americans appeared as extras in the film. The picture, produced by Santana for Columbia release, won't be out till next fall. Santana's current release is "Knock on Any Door" which stars Bogart in the dramatization of Willard Motley's famous novel of the seamy side of Chicago.

Hall. Names of Stiles Hall staff members and associates dotted the membership roles of numerous organizations which directly aided the evacuees.

Harry Kingman was a co-founder of the Student Relocation Council, which helped Nisei students relocate to schools in the midwest and the east. Over twenty per cent, it is estimated, of the leaders in the Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play were associated with Stiles Hall. Galen M. Fisher and David P. Barrows, two of three persons originating the Fair Play Committee, were associated with Stiles Hall, while Mrs. Ruth Kingman, who served as its executive secretary and did notable work in behalf of the evacuees, is the wife of Harry Kingman.

Throughout the war Stiles Hall continued a number of projects, both large and small, to aid Japanese Americans.

Stiles Hall members sent books and furniture to WRA centers and collected athletic equipment for youngsters in the camps. They mailed hundreds of letters and copies of the Daily Californian, the university newspaper, to Nisei in relocation centers and in the armed forces.

Student members of the University YM and YWCA provided volunteer labor to help the Pacific Coast Committee on a American Principles and Fair Play.

In December, 1944, four students from Stiles Hall, along with five others, went to Topaz to give special counsel to Nisei students wishing help in relocating.

Stiles Hall also administered a \$1000 grant made by the Rosenberg Foundation for needy Nisei students. Eleven persons were helped by the fund with grants ranging from \$50 to \$130.

The body of Davis' report reprints items relative to the Japanese Americans as they were printed in the Stiles Hall weekly, the Y's Bear. Hundreds of reports attest to the continuous educational campaign which the YMCA carried on throughout the war and into the postwar period to present the problems of the Nisei, to show their continued loyalty and to ease their return to the coast.

In hundreds of ways Stiles Hall helped the Nisei to readjust to postwar California. Stiles Hall's aggressive support of the rights of Japanese Americans, Davis says, was a "primary factor in giving to Berkeley the reputation of being a 'white spot' in the dark picture of evacuation."

ment. The U. S. mails are still in operation and I am sure that you are fully capable of dropping the claim in the mail-box. On the other hand, leave it up to Sumi. She'll see to it that it gets there . . . that it will get to Washington, D. C., instead of winding up in some suburb of Seattle, Washington.

Hawaii AJA Stars Sweep Nisei Basketball Meet in Salt Lake

Three Island Cagers Named on Tourney's All-Star Team

The Hawaii AJA All-Stars, using their height and speed to full advantage, won the 14th annual Intermountain Invitational Nisei basketball tournament on March 26 as they defeated the Salt Lake City Harlem Seagulls, 56 to 44, before a capacity crowd at Pioneer gym.

The Hawaiian team was the class of the tournament as they defeated the Pocatello JACL, 77 to 46 and the Seattle Tokuda Drugs, last year's champions, 61 to 31, to enter the finals.

Harlem defeated Murray, 43 to 29, in the semi-finals.

The Tokuda Drugs shaded the Murray Taiyos, 24 to 23, for third place, while the Temple Noodle Zephyrs of Salt Lake won the consolation round from the Honeyville Mustangs, 38 to 32, in an overtime game.

Toizie Katsuyama of the Harlem club was awarded the Fred T. Toyota memorial trophy as the tournament's "most inspirational player."

The star of the tournament was Hawaii's Hal Tome, one of the six-footers on the island club, who racked up a total of 56 points in three games.

Tome was named on the tournament all-star team along with his teammates, Michael Sugai, the tallest player in the tourney at 6 foot 1, and Reggie Aisaka. Fumio Kasai of Harlem and Sei Adachi of Seattle are the two other players on the all-star quintet.

The team sportsmanship trophy was won by Denver's Manchu Grill.

In the finals against Harlem, the Hawaiians broke loose with their fast break offense in the middle of the first half to take a commanding lead of 32 to 19 at halftime. Harlem, trying a ball control game, made a fight of it throughout, particularly through the fine play of Kasai and Johnny Ajioka.

Yosh Kojimoto served as the chairman of the tournament.

An awards dance was held at the Pioneer gym following the finals.

Wins Broad Jump

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Henry Aihara won the broad jump with a leap of 23 feet as the University of Southern California Trojans defeated San Diego State in a dual meet, 101 1/3 to 29 2/3, on March 26.

Aihara beat his teammate, Tom Patsalis, who has beaten him two previous meets.

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Hawaii AJA Cagers Defeat West L. A. To End Mainland Tour

LOS ANGELES — The Hawaii All-Stars topped the West Los Angeles YBA, rated as the strongest Nisei team in Southern California, 59 to 53, to close their mainland tour at the CYO gym.

Thomas Inafuku with 14 and Hal Tome with 13 points led the scoring for the islanders.

Herb Isono of West Los Angeles took high point laurels with 16.

The Hawaiians took an early lead but the YBA cagers closed in to make the score 24 to 24 at half-time.

The lead changed eleven times during the contest.

Southern California Appliance defeated the Mobil's, 39 to 37, in the first game.

Hawaiian Bowlers Defeat Robertson's In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — The Hawaii AJA All-Stars defeated Robertson Nursery, 1949 champions of the National JACL bowling tournament, by a 2714 to 2700 score in a match game on March 26 at Vogue Bowl.

The Hawaii All-Stars finished in third place behind Robertson's and H & F Company of Los Angeles in the national tournament on March 5 at Salt Lake City.

Robertson's won two games with scores of 959 and 955 but blew the second game with a sour 786. Hawaii's three games were 896-933-883.

George Takeuchi of Robertson's had high series with 646, while Kats Nojima led the Hawaiians with 594.

In a match game on March 23 the Hawaii AJA team ran into a hot H & F squad and lost, 2769 to 2891.

Tok Ishizawa with a 704 (268, 181, 255) series led the Angelenos, while brother Paul Ishizawa came up with a 226-226-201 — 653 series.

Kats Nojima was high for Hawaii with 620.

Bowling

TURLOCK, Calif. — The Cortez Young People's club, as its March event-of-the-month, scheduled an interclub bowling session at the Modesto Bowl on March 26.

Frank Yoshida, president, was in charge.

Bowling

Summer bowling for members of the women's league in the JACL bowling league will begin the first part of April, according to Mrs. Grace Yonezu, chairman.

Exact date will be decided this weekend. Further information may be received from Mrs. Yonezu at 9-2067 in Salt Lake City.

JACL ADC Will Ask Army to Cut Relief Goods Rate

WASHINGTON — The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this week planned to seek reduction on postal rates for relief packages to Japan through the army after the Post Office advised that it had no power to lower rates on packages for Asia to the same level of relief mail to Europe.

Relief packages for Europe cost six cents per pound; to Japan, Okinawa and Korea, ten cents per pound.

Paul Aiken, second assistant postmaster general, said the original rate on all relief packages was 14 cents a pound. Funds made available by ECA for European relief mail, and the army for Asiatic relief mail, enabled the Post Office to cut rates to ten cents a pound.

An additional four cent reduction in postage to certain European countries was made when those nations agreed to pay charges normally made for handling and delivering parcels after their receipt in the foreign postal service.

Mr. Aiken said that "no such agreements have been completed by the military authorities in Asia."

TWO NISEI LOSE IN NCAA MAT TOURNAMENT

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Two Nisei entrants were defeated in the quarterfinals of the National Collegiate Athletic Association wrestling championships here on March 25.

Both competed in the 121-pound division.

Sam Hirasawa of the University of Wyoming was pinned by Grady Peninger of Oklahoma A & M, while Hisashi Watanabe of Washington State was outpointed by Dick Hauser of Cornell College in Iowa.

Canada Team Enters Chicago Cage Tourney

Seabrook, Minneapolis, Detroit, Cleveland Will Send Teams

CHICAGO — Preparations are being completed for the third annual invitational basketball tournament sponsored by the Chicago Nisei Basketball Association which will be held at the Olivet Institute on April 9 and 10.

Five outside teams have accepted the invitation, Toronto, Canada, Seabrook Farms of New Jersey, Minneapolis, Detroit and Cleveland. Chicago will be represented by the Huskies, defending champions as well as winner of the local "AA" League title for the third year, and the Marushos, runners-up in the same loop.

The Toronto team will bring the tallest players of the group, three of the boys are reported to be well over six feet. Seabrook Farms will bring the youngest team, averaging 20 years of age. Four of the cagers are only 18 years old.

After the final game on April 10, an awards dance will be held at the Institute. Music will be furnished by Tod Yamamoto and his 10-piece orchestra. Several Chicago Nisei girl's clubs have been invited to act as hostesses for the evening.

Honolulu Seeks 1952 National JACL Bowling Tournament

HONOLULU — Hawaii may have its first national bowling tournament in 1952 if the National JACL tourney is given to Hawaii, it was reported here last week.

The Honolulu Bowling Center is bidding for the 1952 tournament of the National Japanese American Citizens League, Bill Thompson, manager, announced.

He said that Eddie Matsueda, representing the Hawaii AJA Athletic Association and the Honolulu Bowling Center, has made a tentative bid for the tournament.

Mainland bowlers represented at the National JACL tournament in Salt Lake City were described as receptive to the tentative offer.

Wedding

CORTEZ, Calif. — Miss Shigeko Shiotani, formerly of Cortez and recently of San Francisco, and Tsutomu Sugiura of Cortez exchanged marriage vows on Saturday, March 12, at 2 p.m. at the Cortez Presbyterian church.

The Rev. Isamu Nakamura officiated at the double ring ceremony. More than a hundred guests witnessed the ceremony and later attended a reception at Club Joaquin in Merced.

The newlyweds are members of the local JACL.

Betrothal

CHICAGO — Mrs. Muneyo Sakuma announces the engagement of her daughter, Suteko, to Frank Sugiura, eldest son of Mrs. Kimi Sugiura. The bride-elect is formerly of Auburn, Wash., and has made Chicago her home in the past years.

She has been an active participant in the local music field as a soprano.

Mr. Sugiura is of Long Beach and Pasadena, Calif.

The date of the wedding has been set for June and will take place at the United Presbyterian church in Long Beach, Calif., where the couple will make their home following their honeymoon.

P C SPORTS

JC Hurler

Jim Tsukamoto, one of the best junior college pitchers in the nation last year, is again hurling for Sacramento JC. Tsukamoto's pitching caught the eye of baseball scouts last year and it was reported he was offered a contract by the St. Louis Cardinal chain but turned it down.

The Nisei southpaw made his first conference appearance on March 26 against Marin JC and pitched the Sacramentans to a 13 to 1 victory. He limited Marin to two hits.

Incidentally, Sacramento has an all-Nisei battery of Tsukamoto and Yasui.

Nisei Ball Hawks

Tommy Okagaki at second base is the leadoff batter for the San Jose State Spartans this year in the California Collegiate conference.

George Abo, who has been one of the best pitchers in the CCAA for Fresno State college for the past two seasons, has been converted into an outfielder and is now patrolling the right garden for the Bulldogs. Another Nisei on the Fresno State varsity is Howard Zenimura at second base.

Fibber Hirayama, star back for the Fresno State frosh eleven last year, is catching on the freshman baseball team.

Last week Abo, Zenimura and Hirayama joined with the Fresno Nisei All-Stars to defeat Fresno State college in a practice game, 7 to 2, in the Bulldog park.

Abo showed that he had not lost any of his pitching skill by working on the mound for the All-Stars, holding his erstwhile Bulldog mates to six hits.

Hirayama showed his batting power by blasting one over the left field wall for three runs and the ball game.

Chinese Cagers

A Chinese American girl, Julia Wong of Los Angeles, is the 1949 individual champion among "Nisei" bowlers and last week a Chinese American team, the Wah Kues, won the Japanese American championship of Southern California last week by defeating the West Los Angeles YBA. As a result, the Chinese American cagers will represent the southland Nisei in a two-game series against the Berkeley Nissei Greens and the San Francisco Drakes, two of the top Northern California Nisei teams.

Sad Sam's Title

It seems that hope springs eternal in the breast of Hawaii's fabulous Sad Sam Ichinose. The mournful one, who is a Republican representative in the territorial legislature when he is not managing boxers, is still hoping to be the manager of a world's champion.

Ichinose took his pride, Dado Marino, all the way to England two years ago in quest of the world's flyweight title then held by Jackie Paterson. When Paterson was forced to give up the crown when he couldn't get down to 112 pounds, Marino met Rinty Monaghan of Eire in London for championship. Marino won the newspaper decision but the judges awarded the fight to Monaghan.

Last month Ichinose got Marino a fight with Manuel Ortiz, the

Chicago JACL Will Sponsor Bowling Group

CHICAGO, Ill. — The Chicago Nisei Bowling Association will in the future be under the sponsorship of the Chicago JACL, it was announced this week by Dr. Miyagawa, chairman of the association.

By unanimous action of the Chicago JACL cabinet at its meeting on March 13th, the chapter agreed to assume the sponsorship and appointed a committee under its special activities program to carry out this responsibility. The committee chairman is James Kozuma, well known leader among Nisei bowlers in Chicago.

Confirming action was taken by officers of the NBA at a meeting held on March 19th. Officers of the NBA under Miyagawa are: James Kozuma, vice chairman; H. Sushara and Rocky Nakahara, treasurers and Ray Tsurui, secretary.

Kozuma expressed the hope that the JACL sponsored league would embody the whole city in north-side and southside leagues and would encourage and improve bowling by Nisei in Chicago.

Sacramento Maroons Defeat Placer to Win Tournament

SACRAMENTO — The Sacramento YBA Maroons, Western Young Buddhist champions, won the Sacramento YBA invitational cage tournament on March 27 by defeating Placer YBA, 50 to 43, in the finals.

The Sacramento YBA Saints won the girls tourney by defeating the San Jose YBA, 32 to 19.

The Maroons defeated the Seattle Lotus Trots, 57 to 47, in the first round, while Placer downed the San Jose Zebras, 65 to 55.

Hitoshi Ota was the high point star of the finals with 25.

Instructor

DENVER — Arthur Iwasaki will teach judo as part of the physical culture program of the young people's group at the Japanese Methodist church here.

world's 118-pound king, in Honolulu. The bantam champ gave Marino, who was fighting out of his division, a sound thrashing. So Ichinose's hopes for the bantam-weight diadem evaporated.

Last February Ichinose's welterweight star, Robert Takeshita, suffered a hitch in his career when he and his opponent, Rudy Cruz, were suspended after a bout in Honolulu which was stopped by the referee after eight rounds. Reports are that Takeshita was ill at ringside and couldn't do his best, although he knocked his opponent down five times.

This week Ichinose challenged Willie Pep, the world's featherweight titlist on behalf of his 128-pound hope, Henry Davis, who defeated Manuel Ortiz in an over-the-weight bout in Honolulu recently. Ichinose guarantees Pep \$20,000 if he will bring his title to Honolulu to fight Davis.

Among the many other fighters in Ichinose's stable is Tsuneshi Maruo, the 442nd Combat Team veteran, who was the 1946 National AAU champion at 118 pounds. Maruo's stock rose last week when it was reported from Liverpool that Stan Rowan had won the British Empire bantamweight title by defeating Jackie Paterson in a 15-round bout. Maruo holds a victory over the highly-touted Rowan.

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BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. David Fumio Akashi, West Los Angeles, a girl on March 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bunkichi Eguichi, Hawthorne, Calif., a boy on March 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tokuye Hamasaki a boy on March 15 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Ishitani a girl on March 17 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Neeno a girl on March 18 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiguo Nishihara a girl on March 16 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tate Fairchild (nee Yuriko Hosoi) a boy on March 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tsujimoto a girl on March 25 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ishizawa a girl on March 11 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Ashimoto a girl on March 13 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tomiye Izumi a girl on March 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Nakawata a boy on March 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Carl Oda a girl on March 11 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tsuyoshi Akazawa, Gardena, Calif., a boy on March 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fujio Hayase a boy on March 13 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Shoichi Ishihara a boy on March 16 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazumasa Kikawa, Gardena, Calif., a boy on March 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Berry S. Tamura, San Fernando, Calif., a boy on March 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. George M. Suda a girl on March 21 in Sresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hase a boy on March 24 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Enomoto a girl on March 13 in Watsonville, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Hirata, Parlier, Calif., a boy on March 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fumio J. Miyao a girl on March 21 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Yokome a boy on March 18 in Auburn, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shingo Nishihara a boy, Alfred Yoshio, on March 17 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Kamachi a girl, Kathleen Lynn, on March 16 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masato W. Watamura a girl on March 1 in Selma, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Kimoto a boy on March 10 in Selma.

To Mr. and Mrs. Samiru Ikari a boy on March 26 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Kawamura a girl on March 20 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shinobu Sakayue, Penryn, Calif., a girl on March 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Miyuchi a girl on March 14 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Yanaga of

Fort Lupton, Colo., a girl on March 23.

DEATHS

Yosaku Murakami on March 21 in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Nobu Akita, 73, on March 22 in Los Angeles.

Yutashi Kimura on March 22 in Los Angeles.

Sahachi Yamashita, 58, on March 19 in Chicago.

Kamesaburo Shimizu in Chicago.

Joanne Kawada, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Suyeki Kawada, on March 24 in West Sacramento, Calif.

Mrs. Safo Murakami on March 24 in Harbor City, Calif.

Kamematsu Yamaguchi, 76, on March 29 in Denver.

WEDDINGS

Mieko Kusaba of Salt Lake to Shigeru Hashimoto on March 26 in Ogden, Utah.

Flora Kaneko to Ben Tanaka on March 5 in Tremonton, Utah.

Taka Iwasaki to James Mizote on March 20 in Portland.

Ayako Morikawa to George Kiichi Nishi on March 26 in Los Angeles.

Kimi Okubo of Salt Lake to Dr. John Kumagai in Oct., 1949 in Ogden, Utah.

Suzuko Yokoi to Thomas Yoshio Sakaguchi on March 27 in Los Angeles.

Yoneko Yokoi to George Mayeda on March 18 in Los Angeles.

Rose Keiko Maruki to Jack Kakuuchi on March 20 in Los Angeles.

Nancy Yuriko Sumida to T/5 Joseph Mitsuo Sato on March 19 in Monterey, Calif.

Toshiko Etow to Fred Sakasegawa on March 26 in Salinas, Calif.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Tsugi Sumichiro, 27, and Henry Saburo Makishima, 27, in Sacramento.

Rose Kubo and Nobuo Omoto in Seattle.

Misao Nakano, 24, Mountain View, and Kiyoshi Tanouye, 28, San Mateo, in San Jose.

Chiyeo Tajii, 23, and Mitsuo Takemoto, both of Madrone, in San Jose.

Yuge Named Prexy For Cortez JACL

CORTEZ, Calif. — George Yuge was elected president of the Cortez JACL at annual elections held Feb. 22. Joe Nishihara was named vice president.

Ernest Yoshida was named recording secretary, while Helen Yuge and Florice Kuwahara were elected to serve as corresponding secretaries.

Other cabinet posts will be held by Yeichi Sakaguchi, teras.; Nae Taniguchi, historian; and Kazumi Kajioka, Nob Kajioka, Sam Kuwahara, Kaoru Masuda, George Morofuji, Jack Noda, K. Taniguchi and Tak Yotsuya, board of directors.

Lift Suspension Of Nisei Boxing Star in Hawaii

Takeshita, Opponent Lose Purses as Result Of Disciplinary Action

HONOLULU — The suspensions of welterweight Robert Takeshita and promoter Leo Leavitt, growing out of the Takeshita-Rudy Cruz fiasco in Feb. 1, were lifted on March 31 by the Territorial Boxing Commission.

William Kim, commission secretary, said that the TBC was prepared to "act favorably" whenever requests for reinstatement are received from Cruz and his manager, Gus Wilson, both of Los Angeles.

The four were suspended on the day following the fight on the grounds of "poor performance" and "poor explanations" after the Takeshita-Cruz fight was stopped by Referee Walter Cho in the eighth round of a scheduled ten-round bout. The fighters were fined their purses, \$2,598.46 each.

In a statement on March 31, Dr. Paul Withington, commission chairman, said "the commission in no way changes its opinions and findings . . . that the fight was unsatisfactory," but, "we feel there was no money involved and no attempt to influence betting odds, simply an attempt to give the public a 'good show'."

Takeshita, National AAU welterweight champion in 1946, has had a sensational career since he turned professional. He has lost only one bout and has been held to one draw in 35 contests.

His manager, Sad Sam Ichinose, was not suspended.

Wyoming Lawyer To Wed New York Girl in Tokyo

SCARBOROUGH, N. Y. — Mr. and Mrs. James L. Curtis of Scarborough recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Barbara Chase, to James Shogo Adachi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shogo Adachi of Chicago.

The wedding is expected to take place in June in Tokyo where both are now serving with the occupational forces.

Miss Curtis is a 1945 graduate of Smith College and is now with the Civil Property Custodian's office of SCAP. Mr. Adachi, a member of the Wyoming bar, holds a U.S. Army reserve commission and is with SCAP.

Detroit JACL Shows Films at Ann Arbor International Institute

DETROIT, Mich. — Films on the evacuation, relocation and the JACL national convention were shown March 6 at the International Center in Ann Arbor by a group of Detroit JACL members. Films included "The Nisei Story."

Following the showing, Roy T. Kaneko, president of the Detroit chapter, presided over a discussion on evacuation claims.

About sixty persons attended. Arrangements were made in Ann Arbor by Dr. Joseph Sasaki, Fred Kondo and Harry Sakada.

Grace Makabe Wins First Place In Coast Fencing Tournament

Idaho Falls Ends Membership Drive

IDAHO FALLS, Ida. — The Idaho Falls JACL has completed its membership drive, reporting a total of 113 members, eight more than the year previous.

Chairman for the drive was Leo Morishita. His committee consisted of Sam Yamasaki, Takashi and Isamu Tanaka. The drive was delayed by bad weather.

Los Angeles Dentist Takes County Post

LOS ANGELES — M. M. Nakadate, M. D., D.D.S., practicing dentist in Los Angeles, recently passed county examinations and has filled one of three vacancies as a senior attending staff member.

Since the first of the year Dr. Nakadate has been the main speaker at the monthly health forum held at Clifton's cafeteria.

This month he is scheduled to participate actively in the proceedings of the national meetings of the American Anti-Arthritis Association and the American Academy of Applied Nutrition.

Author Speaks

LOS ANGELES — Beatrice Griffith, author of "American Me," was the speaker at the East Los Angeles JACL meeting on April 1 at Tenrikyo hall.

Motion pictures also were shown. Refreshments were served at the social following the meeting.

"American Me," a book on Mexican Americans, is considered one of the outstanding books on American minorities published this year.

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SAN FRANCISCO — Grace Makabe took first place honors in the Intermediate Open Foils tournament, women's division, at the Olympic Club March 25.

She is now qualified to compete in the Pacific coast championship meet to be held in San Francisco in May.

She won over seven other women foil experts on Friday. In the preliminaries on March 4 she took third place. Last year she won the Pacific coast junior foils championship.

Miss Makabe, who lives with her father and her three brothers in Loomis, is affiliated with the Halberstadt school of fencing in San Francisco.

In addition to her present interest in fencing she is an expert in "Naginata," the classic Japanese art of self-defense with the long-handled sword. She studied "naginata" while in Japan some years ago. Now she is probably the only Nisei woman "naginata" expert in the United States.



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Nisei Veterans Near End of Reburial Project

34 Soldiers Buried To Date in Plot at Los Angeles Cemetery

LOS ANGELES—The reinterment project of the Nisei Veterans Association will be completed in May, it was announced last week by Steven Sakai, executive secretary of the NVA.

With the completion of the project, 43 soldiers of Japanese ancestry will be buried in the plot at Evergreen cemetery.

The NVA reburial program was initiated on May 1, 1948, with the services for Pfc. George Gushiken of the 442nd Combat Team.

Thirty-four Nisei war dead have been buried to date. Nine burials are pending.

The remains of Pfc. Daniel Y. Tsukamoto arrived this week in Los Angeles for reburial.

The remains of eight others, Sgt. Ben Masaoka, Pfc. Teruo Ted Fujioka, Pfc. Lloyd Onouye, Sgt. Arthur Iwao Takahashi, Pvt. Tom Nishimoto and Pfc. Kiyoshi Muranaga are expected shortly.

Final Rites Held At Arlington for Member of 442nd

WASHINGTON — Reinterment services for Pfc. Tomotsu Kuge, killed at Carrara, Italy, while fighting with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, were conducted at Arlington National Cemetery March 28.

He was born March 24, 1923, at Bridal Veil, Ore., a son of Gisa-buro and Takae Kuge, and was graduated from high school at Benson, Ore., in 1941.

In 1944 he enlisted, and joined the 442nd in France during the rescue of the Lost Texas battalion.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Kioko Ikeda, Chicago; five brothers, Uta, Milwaukee; Toshiyuki, New York; Chose, Segi and Kingo, and his parents, all of Chicago.

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JACL ADC Official Will Serve on Interracial Committees

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Mike Masaoka, national JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee legislative director last week accepted invitations to serve with the national advisory committee of the race relations department, American missionary association division of the Board of Home Missions, Congregational Christian churches and on the committee on legislation of the National Association of Inter-group Relations officials.

The Race Relations Department is a service agency established to work on a national scale with all types of community organizations and institutions in the field of improved race relations.

It is headed by Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fiske University, and among its members are: Dr. Samuel Stevens, president of Grinnell College, Dr. Buell G. Gallagher, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., and Sen. Hubert Humphrey, (D., Minn.).

Mr. Masaoka is a member of the Board of Directors of NAIRO. The committee to which he was named is designed to develop a regular reporting service on current legislative developments in the field of civil rights for NAIRO members, and advise the secretariat on legislative proposals and proposed legislation.

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Pacific Northwest Areas to Support ADC



SEATTLE—Maso W. Satow, national director of the JACL, and Sam Ishikawa, Pacific Southwest regional director, shown flanked by Toru Sakahara (left) and William Mambu (right), Seattle attorneys, were given assurances of financial support from the Pacific Northwest area for the JACL ADC campaign during their visit to Seattle last week.

A goal of \$8,000 has been set for the Seattle campaign which will be directed by Mr. Mambu. Other members of the committee include James Matsuoka, Dr. Fukuda, Ken Nogaki, Mr. Yama-

guchi, Yoshito Fujii and Mr. Sakahara. A sum of \$1,000 has been pledged for JACL ADC in the Tacoma area, while a financial drive also is being initiated in the Spokane district.

During their tour of the Pacific Northwest during the past two weeks, Mr. Satow and Mr. Ishikawa have met with civic, political and religious leaders in Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, Portland and Hood River to obtain support for the equality in naturalization bill in Congress and for the JACL ADC program.

—Photo by Elmer Ogawa.

California Civic Unity Group Backs Bill For Equality Study

SAN FRANCISCO — The California Federation for Civic Unity recently announced its support and asked for state-wide discussion of the Maloney bill, Assembly Bill 739, to establish a state commission on political and economic equality.

"It would be our state's first formal recognition that a serious problem exists," said Mrs. Josephine W. Duveneck, Federation president.

The measure, introduced by Assemblyman Thomas Maloney (R), San Francisco, and backed by Governor Warren, would authorize the establishment of a commission appointed by the Governor to study discriminatory practices, hold hearings and make recommendations as to corrective legislation.

Mrs. Duveneck said her organization has given top-priority attention to the bill, because "recent history has shown that the most effective legislation must be based on thorough investigation of the conditions faced by our racial, religious and national minorities."

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Richard Nakagawa Heads Veterans

FRESNO, Calif.—Richard Nakagawa was installed as president of the United Veterans Organization, composed of Nisei veterans of World War II, at a dinner dance on March 27 at the Legion Canteen.

Jim Ishikawa, retiring president of the group, installed the new officers.

Others who were installed were Harry Hoshiko of Caruthers, vice pres.; Masaru Abe of Reedley, sec.; Norman Taniguchi of Fowler, treas.; Seico Hanashiro of Fowler, public relations; and Koji Yoshimoto of Parlier, sergeant at arms.

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MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—A Doctor of Philosophy degree in bacteriology was conferred upon Robert R. Omata of Hanford at the University of Minnesota on March 18.

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