



Report JACL ADC to Oppose Racial Segregation in Army At Coming Committee Hearing

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee announced April 8 it would appear before the President's Committee on Equality for Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services to oppose the principle of segregation in the armed forces.

Japanese Americans fought in Europe as a segregated unit—the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team—which won more combat awards and decorations, including presidential unit citations, than any similar unit in combat during World War II.

Nisei Remains Returned Home For Reinterment

Bodies of Three
GIs Brought Back
From Pacific Area

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The remains of three Nisei heroes who lost their lives in the Pacific theater have been returned to the United States for reinterment at the request of next of kin, the Department of the Army advised the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this week.

The three, and next of kin, are: Sgt. Masaki H. Nakamura—Mrs. Fumi Nakamura, 720 Victory Hts., Spokane, Wash.

1st Lt. Joe Y. Kadoyama—Hyakumasa Kadoyama, 1616 E. 1st St., Los Angeles.

1st Lt. Satoshi B. Kurokawa—Hyo Kurokawa, 673 No. 10th St., San Jose.

CHICAGO JACL CHALLENGES L. A. IN MEMBERSHIP

CHICAGO—By popular vote the Chicago JACL chapter this week challenged the Los Angeles area chapters for the largest membership of 1949. Although the Chicago chapter has set 700 as their goal for the current drive, they expect to surpass this number in an effort to top the west coast's four chapters of the Los Angeles area in the number of members.

Mike Hagiwara, membership drive chairman, has divided the city into several districts in an effort to secure membership from every Nisei. It will mark the greatest drive since the ADC drive and Video Benefit.

Approval of Anti-Bias Ruling Seen by Civic Unity Official

SAN FRANCISCO—Confidence that the San Francisco board of supervisors will approve anti-discrimination provisions for the city's urban redevelopment program was expressed here recently by Edward Howden, executive director of the Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco.

The redevelopment program, planned to eliminate San Francisco's "blum area" in the Western Addition, would affect thousands of persons of Japanese, Negro, and other minority group ancestry.

Five months ago the Council for Civic Unity asked for safeguards in the redevelopment program which would guarantee that these minority groups be given equal opportunity and right to move back into the rebuilt areas.

The council contended that the persons living in the area could be kept from returning by the imposition of restrictive covenants upon new buildings.

The board of supervisors on May 9 will receive recommendations from its committee on public buildings, lands and city planning on the CCU-sponsored measures. The committee was granted a 60-day continuance to study the measures further.

Howden, writing in the CCU Newsletter, declared that supervisors' statements on the measures were "significant and hopeful." He quoted Supervisor MacPhee as saying: "I am satisfied every member of the board will not stand for

any discrimination in the final disposition of the ordinance."

Howden declared that "from these statements we conclude that after further study of the pending measures the board will overwhelmingly, if not unanimously, approve them."

Howden declared that CCU officers anticipated many months ago that "some opponents of our present proposals would allege that their effect would be to halt redevelopment by frightening away private investors."

He said that today's "actual obstacles" are high building costs, lack of housing for displaced families and perhaps insufficient subsidy.

He said that when these actual obstacles are removed, the program will get going "even under requirements that it be run democratically."

"We fully expect that many potential private investors will assert, if quizzed now by the redevelopment agency, that they will not enter the field if they are required not to discriminate," he said. "But there is a notorious discrepancy in majority-minority group relations between predictions of prejudiced behavior and actual behavior in practical situations. When redevelopment is made a profitable prospect in San Francisco, prejudiced preferences and habits will give way to hard-headed analysis of attractive investment opportunities."

Assembly Group Approves Ban on Insurance Bias

SACRAMENTO—The California assembly's finance and insurance committee this week approved two almost identical bills which would prohibit racial discrimination so far as premium rates or acceptance of applications are concerned for motor vehicle liability policies.

The major difference in the two insurance bills, which are expected to be argued on the assembly floor shortly, is that one of the bills provides for the suspension of the license of an insurance company that repeatedly discriminates against racial minority groups.

Sponsors of the proposed legislation have stressed that California residents of Japanese, Chinese, Negro, Mexican and other racial minority groups have been denied motor vehicle liability insurance or have been forced to pay higher rates than that charged to Caucasian applicants.

Judge Goodman Signs Judgment For Renunciants

Citizenship Rights
Of Tule Lake Group
Restored by Verdict

SAN FRANCISCO—The restoration of American citizenship to 5,200 persons of Japanese ancestry who renounced their United States nationality while living in the Tule Lake segregation center at Newell, Calif., in 1945 was a step nearer this week as Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman signed a U.S. district court judgment in the renunciants case.

Judge Goodman's action followed his rejection of a government attempt to seek individual trials for more than 4,200 of the renunciants. Court officials here estimated that individual trials would have filled the federal court calendar here for eight years or more.

With the signing of the court order the Justice Department has 60 days in which to file for an appeal in a higher court. If the government does not file an appeal, Judge Goodman's decision will become final and full citizenship rights will be restored to the renunciants.

The Justice Department's intentions in the case were not known this week, although heretofore government attorneys had insisted they would fight the case to the end.

In their petitions for restoration

Sen. McCarran's Statement Brightens Prospects for Early Senate Action on Judd Bill

Subcommittee Chairman Favors Principle
Involved in Proposal; Masaoka Explains ADC
Stand on Two Controversial Sections

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Prospects for favorable Senate action on the Judd bill (H. R. 199), which passed the House March 1, appeared somewhat brighter this week.

This was indicated in a statement issued by Sen. Pat McCarran (D., Nev.), chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization when he said:

"I personally look with favor on the principle of the Judd bill."

Because of the Senator's strategic position as chairman of both the Subcommittee and Senate Judiciary Committee, which will take up the Judd bill if approved by the Subcommittee, Senator McCarran's views are considered significant.

During the past two weeks there has been considerable speculation that Sen. McCarran would favor incorporating the Judd bill into an omnibus immigration and naturalization measure which is being studied and prepared by a special Senate committee, also headed by Senator McCarran.

However, in commenting on the Judd bill, Sen. McCarran said:

"I think it deserves to come up separately because it is a separate situation. It will take a year or more for the omnibus bill to come out because of extensive studies necessary in revising all our immigration laws."

He added that he did not "favor flooding the country with Japanese or any other alien peoples, but I do favor granting citizenship to Japanese in this country who have demonstrated they deserve it."

There has been a growing, if small, criticism of certain sections of the Judd bill since its passage in the House.

Chinese Americans from the west coast have been highly critical, and very vocal in their criticism, of a section of the bill which would remove wives from the quota free status they now enjoy in China.

This would be done through a provision which would eliminate all wives and children from quota-free status in countries where the annual quota is less than 200.

Several groups, especially in the New York area, have criticized another section which would restrict colonies to only 100 immi-

grants per year of a mother country quota.

The chief effect of this provision would be to reduce immigration from the British West Indies, although to what extent is still problematical. For a number of years, immigration of British West Indians from this area has been approximately 2500 annually.

The Japanese American Citizens League is not favorable towards either of the two controversial sections.

The JACL position, as stated by Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC director, is that:

"We feel the Subcommittee should hold early open hearings on the Judd bill. At that time, those opposed to the two subordinate sections should certainly make their position clear and ask for Senate amendments to the controversial provisions."

"We definitely would not oppose amending the bill to preserve the immigration rights of British West Indians, the quota-free status of Chinese wives, and the quota-free status of wives and children of Filipinos."

"We do feel, though, that if Chinese wives, for example, are permitted to enter the United States quota-free, the same privilege should be extended to wives of all naturalized citizens from Asiatic countries."

"It may be considered 'equality' to reduce all Asiatic and Pacific island countries to the most restrictive set of regulations governing immigration, but it would be a more 'democratic equality' to raise all Asiatic and Pacific island peoples to the most favorable regulations governing immigration," he said.

Mr. Masaoka said it should be pointed out the two controversial sections of the Judd bill were inserted into the measure after public discussion before a Congressional committee. The JACL ADC was in no way responsible for either of the provisions, he added.

A major point of emphasis by the JACL ADC is that both of these provisions are relatively minor, as compared to the overall, basic philosophy of the Judd bill, and simple amendments could clarify the bill without affecting a piece of vital legislation.

Congressional observers consider it difficult at this time to talk in terms of a "time schedule" on the future of the bill in the Senate.

For one thing, there is a growing backlog of highly important domestic and international legislation which must be settled. As it is normal for Congress to terminate the first half of a session in early June, when possible, this means each additional day's delay in acting on the Judd bill means that much more 'priority' legislation must be acted on first.

And while Sen. McCarran certainly indicated he was favorably disposed towards not including the Judd bill in the omnibus immigration and naturalization study, which definitely would tie it up in Congress for at least another year, or longer, as yet there has been no definite action by either the Judiciary or its Subcommittee to formally take the same stand on the bill.

Until such formal action is taken, the future of the Judd bill in Congress must be considered at a "crossroads." However, signs do indicate now that the bill may be acted upon as a separate measure, and thus likely receive favorable action by Senate committees and the Senate as a whole.

Right of Nisei to Regain Confiscated Property Upheld

Alien Property Office
Director Supports
Decision of Examiner

LOS ANGELES—In a decision which may set a precedent for similar cases, David L. Bazelon, director of the Office of Alien Property, last week ruled that Robert T. Ishii is entitled to the return of his real property, seized by the Alien Property Custodian during World War II.

The property, located in Santa Maria, Calif., was vested by the Alien Property Custodian on Jan. 7, 1944 on the ground that the property was actually the possession of Robert Ishii's father, Chuhei, a native of Japan and a person ineligible to own property under the California Alien Land law.

The hearing on Robert Ishii's appeal to the vesting of the property by the Alien Property Custodian was held in October, 1947 in Washington, D.C. The petitioner was represented by A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand, Los Angeles attorneys.

On Nov. 5, 1948, Wallace H.

Walker, chief examiner at the hearing, ruled that Robert Ishii was entitled to the return of his property. The government appealed the decision to the director of the Office of Alien Property.

Director Bazelon issued his decision on April 5 which denied the government's appeal of Walker's decision.

Attorneys for Ishii reported that there is still a collateral matter in the case in regard to certain personal properties which Mrs. Chuhei Ishii, Robert Ishii's mother, gave him in April, 1942. The attorneys said the legal question involved is whether Mrs. Ishii had the right to do this without first securing a license from the Treasury Department.

Director Bazelon allowed an appeal on the limited issues involving Mrs. Ishii and briefs are to be filed by attorneys on that point.

Attorney Wirin said that this case represents "one of the few instances" in which a vesting order of the Alien Property Custodian in the seizure of property owned by persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II has been reversed.

217 Strandeers Return Aboard Gen. Gordon

153 Nisei Arrive After Spending War Years in Japan

SAN FRANCISCO — A record number of Nisei and Issei returnees from Japan came home on the APL liner Gen. Gordon April 7 as it docked in San Francisco with 217 persons of Japanese ancestry among its 1500 passengers.

Among the Japanese Americans were 153 Nisei and 22 Issei, 28 Canadian Nisei, 2 Canadian Issei and 11 Mexican Nisei.

Nisei and Issei returnees were as follows, according to the Nichi Bei Times:

California

Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Nanjo and Jimmy Takeo Nanjo, 11; Toshiko Eida, 2; Masanobu Hirota, 17; Masako Kakiuchi, 26; Tomio Komori, 20; Yoshiko Nakagawa, 18; Minoru Nakagawa, 17; Chiyoko Yoshida, 21; Masumi Oda, 35; Hatsune Oda, 26; Teruko Suzuki, 21, all of San Francisco.

Kenji Komori, 22, Takao Iwamoto, 19, Katsumi Endo, 20, Oakland; Takeshi Nakatani, 18, Piedmont; Kunitaka Higuchi, 19, and Fumiko Higuchi, 17, Noriko Tanaka, Sumiko Kajita, 23, Berkeley; Chiyoko Kihara, 19, and George Hitomi, 21, Richmond.

Susumu Dozen, 22, San Mateo; Junko Mitani, 18, Redwood City; Hiroshi Matsumoto, 21, Palo Alto; George Tamotsu Kawasaki, 28, Half Moon Bay; Toshiko Ninomiya, 26, Joan Tomoko Uchida, 16, San Jose; Yoshiaki Seta, 23, Coyote; Haruko Katayama, 23, Pacific Grove.

Tomiye Mary Tsushima, 19, Umeko Irene Tsuchima, 17, Kajiyo Yokoi, 64, Yayeko Yokoi, 14, Teruko Adachi, 19, Masami Yonenaga, 17, Stockton; Makoto Kurokawa, 22, Lodi; Haruko Masaoka, 21, Shigeru Masaoka, 17, Acampo; Iwao Yamai, 23, Satoko Yamai, 20, and Yukiye Yamai, 23, Haruye Nakai, 30, Walnut Grove.

Tamako Shitaku, 29, Carl Kohsuke, 19, Hideko Watanabe, 16, Yoshio Murai, 19, Fujie Murai, 16, Takako Nagasaki, 19, Haruo Hanamoto, 21, Yoshi Funai 18, Sacramento; Shinobu Nakamura, 25, Satoru Nakamura, 19, Loomis; Shigeru Matsumoto, 51, Newcastle; Mikio Ishitani, 20, Hood.

Yoshimitsu Amemiya, 59, Livingston; Tsutomu Hamaguchi, 22, Frank Yasuo Hata, 17, Hiroshi Kubokawa, 21, Akira Nakagawa, 20, Kimiko Nakagawa, 15, Chiyoko Nakagawa, 13, Fresno; Eiichi Kawada, Kerman; Miyeko Iwaka, 21, Yoshihiko Okuda, 17, Hisashi Okuda, 12, Selma; Masakuni Imai, 9, Tomiko Imai 22, Kingsburg; Shigeko Esaki, 26, Dinuba; Satoshi Uota, Ivanhoe; Mr. and Mrs. Gohachi Kawano, Delano.

Mrs. Yumi Miyemura, 44, Itsuko Miyemura, 14, Tsugiko Arimoto, 25, Fumie Okamoto, 24, Matsuo Shimomae, 16, Hiroo Takesako, 22, Mrs. Mary Ashizawa, 38, Yoshio Ashizawa, 19, Mizuho Ashizawa, 17, Masuko Fujimoto, 20, Mrs. Yoshiko Hanabusa, 39, Isamu Hanabusa, 14, Kaoru Hanabusa, 10, Junko Hanabusa, 6, George Saburo Inai, 22, Ryogi Inouye, 17, Hideo Kashiwabara, 19, Molly Katsurayama, 24, Etsuko Kimura, 24, Wakatsuo Matsumura, 20, Yasuo Matsumura, 18, Michiko Yamamoto, 24, Kojiro Yano, 21, Takuji Yano, 18, Yoshiko Yasutake, 20, Shizuye Mizuhara, 29, Amy Emiko Yoshida, 20, Tatsuo Nagano, 20, Ada Shizue Sakata, 23, Yuriko Shino, 18, Fumie Shino, 17, Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Tamura, Shiyoko Tamura, 2, Hiroshi Tateoka, 19, all of Los Angeles.

Masashi Ikezaki, 20, Eizo Yasuda, 2, West Los Angeles; Chieko Senmaru, 21, Toshiko Ikoma, 26, Long Beach; Nakako Taniguchi, 20, Kazuko Taniguchi, 18, Sumie Debuchi, 25, Yasuo Ikezoe, 5, Junko Ikezoe, 1, San Pedro; Mr. and Mrs. James Kazuo Yoshihara, Compton; Hiro Sato, Riverside; Shioji Wada, 22, Emi Wada, 23, Lomita; Haruka Uyeno, 18, Santa Ana; Saeko Nakamura, 27, Santa Maria; Kanemori Nishimura, 22, Pasadena; Mrs. Chieko Saga, 30, June Saga, 10, San Luis Rey; Fred Saiku, 14, San Fernando.

Tadaichi Kinoshita, 21, Yasuo Kinoshita, 18, Baldwin Park; Takeshi Murakami, Masashi Murakami, both 20, Gardena; Mr. and Mrs. Gonsuke Ito, Tomiko Ito, 18, Torrance; Kotaro Nishi, 18, Downey.

Other States

Sadako Sasaki, 20, Portland; Hiro Fukai, 21, Brookes, Ore.; Kyoko Iida, 23, Mary Iida, 2, Seattle; Horace Koshichi Kayano, Yugo

Tokyo Actress Says Hawaii, Mainland Nisei Lose Respect By Criticizing Each Other



TAMOTSU MURAYAMA interviews HIDEKO TAKAMINE

TOKYO, Japan—Nisei occupation troops from the states and from Hawaii who slander each other lose the respect of Japanese civilians, Hideko Takamine, popular Japanese screen star said recently.

Miss Takamine said she is often visited by Nisei. "They criticize each other so badly," she added.

"I hope Nisei like each other, either from Hawaii or the states," she said. "I like Nisei very much. They have something very unique which we Japanese do not have. I know that someday the Nisei will create a great art by combining the civilizations of the Pacific."

"I admire the Nisei for what they possess," she added. "When

the Nisei members from Hawaii and the states try to slander each other, they are liable to lose respect, particularly in Japan."

"Postwar Japan expects so much of the Nisei. We are trying to learn something in their manner and daily conduct because the Japanese today respect the Nisei in their hearts. I would like to see this respect cherished for the benefit of Japan and America."

Miss Takamine, popularly known as "Deko-chan," began her career as a baby star some 20 years ago. She played little boy parts in her youth.

A popular screen figure, she is probably the most sought-after actress for interviews by American newspapermen.

Monument to Nisei GI Dead Erected in Seattle Cemetery

SEATTLE — A 15-ton granite monument commemorating the gallantry of 54 Seattle Nisei who gave their lives in World War II was erected on April 8 in Lake View cemetery.

Hewn from rainbow granite in Gold Springs, Minn., the 20-foot 8-inch monument was transported here on a railroad flatcar.

Inscribed on the granite are the names of the 54 Nisei war dead and the campaigns in far places where they died: Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, the Rhineland, North Apennines, Po Valley, the Aleutians, Guadalcanal, India-Burma, Leyte and the Ryukyus.

Below are the words of Franklin D. Roosevelt, on the occasion when the formation of the Japanese American Combat Team was announced in Jan., 1943:

"Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart. Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."

"This monument is dedicated to the American soldiers of Japanese ancestry from Seattle and vicinity who died in the service of their country in World War II."

The monument is topped by a simplified design of the United States shield. On one side of the shield, in granite, are leaves of the tropical breadfruit tree. On the other are leaves of the pome-

Kayano, Spokane; Shizuye Yamachi, 20, Pasco, Wash.; Atsushi Wake, 20, Tacoma; Takamasa Yamada, 18, Glendale, Ariz.; Hiroyuki Okamoto, 23, Akio Okamoto, 18, Salt Lake City; Mrs. Shimo Nakashima, Sumiko Nakashima, 21, and Setsuko Nakashima, 10, Ogden; Haruwa Shiotani, 15, Corinne, Utah; Mrs. Fova Hara, Gunnison, Utah; and Aiko Inouye, 23, Deweyville, Utah.

Terumasa Oka, 22, Frank Sueo Goishi, 22, Fusako Kagiya, 22, Mie Kato, 29, Denver; Nagako Sugura, 21, Tayeko Hatase, 24, Brighton, Colo.; Masayuki Arai, 17, Arvada, Colo.; Hideo Henry Ishikawa, 33, Wichita, Kansas; Mary Louise Tanaka, 21, and Anna May Tanaka, 20, Pequot Lakes, Minn.; Sue Kawaguchi, 27, New Orleans.

Toshiko Muto, 19, Kiyoko Nakagawa, 18, Toshiyuki Wakasaka, 19, Sumiko Grace Yamata, 23, Yukiko Nishi, 18, Hiroshi Nishi, 16, Kimiyo Oshino, 23, Rose Matsuye Hamada, 21, Kazuo Haragawa, 21, Tadaichi Kadonaga, 20, Chicago; Kokichi Matsumoto, 67, and Norma Miyaye Satow, 23, New York City.

granate tree, such as are found on many Italian battlefields.

The monument was erected in the Japanese section of the cemetery. It was purchased through the Seattle Monument company with funds raised by the Nisei war memorial committee. Approximately \$10,000 was raised by the committee in a campaign last year.

The monument will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on Memorial day.

FRESNO NISEI VETS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

FRESNO, Calif. — The newly elected president of the United Veterans Organizations, Dick Nakagawa, and his cabinet were sworn in at a dinner-dance installation party held at the Legion Canteen in Fresno last week.

Commander Tom Bruno of the Fresno American Legion Post No. 4 gave the oath of office. The new officers are as follows: Harry Hoshiko, vice president; Mas Abe, secretary; Norman Taniguchi, treasurer; Seico Hanashiro, public relations; and Koji Yoshimoto, sergeant-at-arms.

Among the guests attending the affair were Lewis C. Markley and Gordon Dunn, candidates for city mayor.

Shim Hiraoka was master of ceremonies while Murray Arnold's orchestra provided music.

Wife of Minister Succumbs to Illness

LIVINGSTON, Calif. — Final rites were held on April 14 for Mrs. Chiye Fujimori, 35, the wife of the Rev. Junichi Fujimori of the Livingston Japanese church, who died on April 10 in the Berkeley home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Nakayama, after an illness of two years.

The Rev. Frank Herron Smith officiated at the final rites.

The Rev. Fujimori and Mrs. Fujimori came from Berkeley to Livingston nearly three years ago when he took the pastorate here.

Mrs. Fujimori, a native of Honolulu, had spent nearly all of her life in Berkeley where she was married 12 years ago.

She is survived by her husband, their son, Paul, her parents, a brother John Nakayama of Berkeley and two other brothers in Japan.

JACL ADC Official Deplores House-Approved Appropriation For Evacuees as "Inadequate"

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The sum of \$1,200,000 which was approved by the House of Representatives last Wednesday for use in carrying out the Justice Department's program of paying the claims of wartime evacuees of Japanese ancestry was deplored as "inadequate" this week by Mike M. Masaoka, legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

The appropriation is the first to be authorized under Public Law 886, the JACL ADC-endorsed claims law which was passed last year.

Nisei Student Wins Imperial Valley Contest

Dahlia Kakiuchi Gets Top Award in Elks Essay Competition

EL CENTRO, Calif. — A Nisei schoolgirl, Dahlia Kakiuchi, was named first prize winner in the Imperial valley section of a nationwide Elks lodge essay contest on the subject, "Why Democracy Works."

Miss Kakiuchi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kakiuchi of the Imperial area, received \$50 for her article.

In her essay she stressed the importance of education and public schools for the maintenance of democracy.

"In school they teach the practices of democracy," she said. "There the children are able to lose their intolerance of races and beliefs at a young age. Race, color or creed do not bar entrance in a school. Lack of sympathy between the different races would result only in hatred. Distinction will probably never be completely erased, but if class or caste are ever to be forgotten, it is in the public schools, for schools are a living force for democracy."

Miss Kakiuchi is president of the junior class at Imperial Valley Union high school, secretary-treasurer of the school's chapter of the California Scholarship Federation, production manager of the school newspaper and an active member of the National Girls Athletic association and the Future Homemakers of America.

Judges in the contest were Al Haworth, former editor and publisher of the Imperial Valley Weekly; E. A. Fitzhugh, publisher of the Imperial Valley Post-Press; and Don C. Bitler, exalted ruler of the El Centro Elks lodge.

Washington Chapter Holds Square Dancing

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Members of the Washington JACL are asking for a repeat performance of their square dance session of March 26, which proved to be a huge success for members and their friends.

Music was furnished by Ralph Case and his popular 2-piece band, which plays for many of the capitol's regular square dance sessions.

Jane Burwell of Washington sang several popular numbers during the intermission. Cider and doughnuts were served.

The affair was planned by Hank Goshu and his social committee, Fuku Yokoyama, Ann Kurimoto and Keith Kaneshiro.

Gila River Barrack Building Rebuilt as Minister's Home

MESA, Ariz.—A relocation center barrack from the Gila River WRA camp has been reconverted to postwar use by the Rev. S. A. Stewart of Mesa, pastor of the Japanese church, the Okuda Memorial church, in Mesa.

Mr. Stewart recently finished building a home of half of Barrack 41-6, which was purchased from the Gila center, which he often visited during the evacuation period.

The barrack was purchased in June, 1948, and moved to a lot close to the Okuda Memorial church.

It was placed on a cement foundation. During the summer pipes were laid for gas and water, and a septic tank and cesspool were dug and constructed.

Work on the house did not begin until November and then proceeded very slowly, according to Mrs. Stewart, who aided her husband in drawing up the plans.

The \$1,200,000 will be used during the fiscal year beginning July 1 and the budget bill stipulates that \$1,000,000 will be used for payment of claims and \$200,000 for administrative expenses.

An additional \$24,820, to pay administrative expenses to date, expected to be approved shortly, part of the Justice Department's deficiency appropriations for the current fiscal year.

Masaoka expressed satisfaction that the major appropriation was approved without question, a committee paring \$100,000 of the sum to be used for administrative expenses, but declared that \$1,000,000 was "inadequate" to meet the needs of the entire evacuation claims program.

"Since this was the first appropriation to be made for evacuation claims, perhaps more could not have been expected," he said. "When experience shows more needed, additional appropriations will be requested."

"What has been appropriated if approved by the Senate, will permit large-scale processing of claims and the payment of more awards allowed by the Attorney General for claims of \$2,500 or less."

Under the claims law, awards of more than \$2,500 must be submitted separately for payment while claims under this amount may be paid by the Attorney General from the sum appropriated for this purpose.

Major Ikuno Gets Diploma from Army Language School

MONTEREY, Calif. — Frank Ikuno of Cheyenne, Wyo., and 18 enlisted men were among the Nisei graduates from the Army Language school on April 15.

The diplomas were presented by Col. C. H. Barnwell, school commandant, at informal graduation exercises.

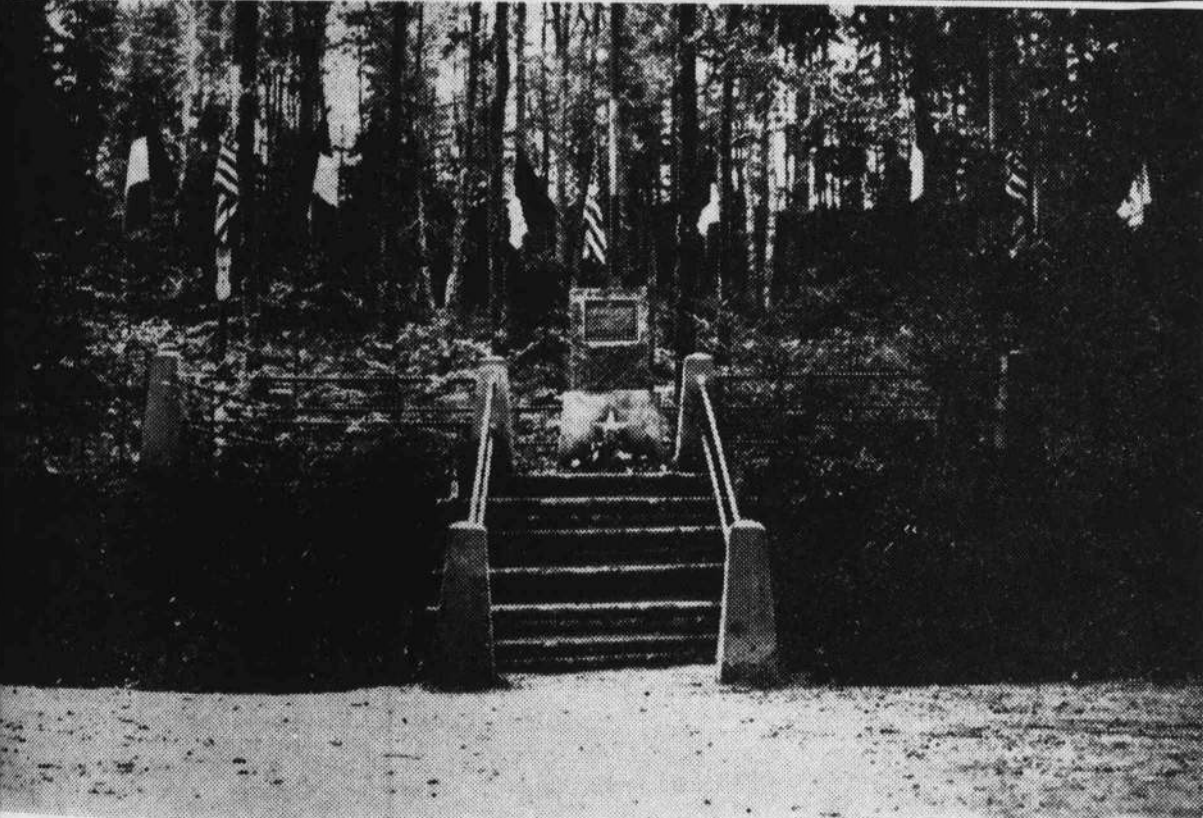
Major Ikuno was a reserve officer prior to the war and a civil engineer with the Wyoming highway department.

The other graduates were: 1/C Shigeru Miura, Sgts. Tetsu Imai and George Sakoi, Richard Asakura, Toshio Ochi, Masaru Fujihara, Toshio Higashi, Tsumi Kato, Ernest Kawano, Yoshito Kubo, George Kurano, James Nakagawa, James Nakai, Ken Sawai, Masayuki Takemura, Charles Uchiyama, Sadao Ueda and Keichi Yamada.

Elected to Post

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — Ochi, 1948 president of the Idaho Falls JACL chapter, recently was elected as one of the three officers of the Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Hold Ceremonies at JACL Memorial to GIs



These photographs, sent to the JACL by Acting Mayor Robert Valantin, depict scenes of the fourth anniversary of the liberation of Bruyeres which was commemorated on Oct. 24, 1948 at the site of the National JACL's monument to the men of the 442nd Combat Team in the forest of l'Helledraye on the outskirts of Bruyeres.

Thousands of citizens of Bruyeres and surrounding communities participated in the ceremonies and heard addresses by French military and government officials who recalled the com-

bat feats of the Japanese American infantrymen of the famous 442nd.

(Top photo) The ceremony of the flags was one of the most colorful scenes at the commemorative program.

(Middle photo) Gen. Morliere of the French Army is delivering the main address at the ceremony.

(Lower photo) The monument, erected by the National JACL in 1947 and maintained by the people of Bruyeres as a tribute to the heroism of Nisei GIs, is shown decked with flowers.

Chamber Official

LOVELL, Wyo.—Dr. Minol Ota, president of the new Northern Wyoming chapter of the JACL, is the treasurer of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Lovell, a community of 2000.

Dr. Ota, a graduate of Texas A & M, is also the former manager of the town's baseball team.

Initiate

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Mary Tsuda was one of fifteen Marquette university students initiated into Alpha Kappa Delta, national honorary sociological fraternity, last Sunday.

Mayor Ziedler was named an honorary member of the chapter

Amvets Official

OGDEN, Utah — Ken Uchida, chairman of the JACL's Intermountain District Council, recently was named as the national committeeman from Utah for the American Veterans of World War II (Amvets).

at the same time for his work in human relations.

Pilgrimage of Nisei Veterans To French Battleground is Hope of Bruyeres Citizens

People of Town Liberated by 442nd Combat Team Recall Heroism of Japanese Americans at Rites; Express Appreciation for Gifts from JACL

The people of Bruyeres, the Vosges foothills town liberated in October, 1944, by men of the 442nd Combat Team, hope to organize a pilgrimage for the Japanese Americans who fought to free the community from the German enemy, Robert Valantin, acting mayor of Bruyeres, declared this week in a message to Hito Okada, national president of the Japanese American Citizens League.

It was in the hills above Bruyeres that the 442nd Combat Team sustained heavy casualties in the rescue of the "Lost Battalion" of the 141st Infantry on Oct. 30, 1944.

"We hope that the veterans of the 442nd Combat Team will come back to France, to the very places where they fought," Mons. Valantin declared. "You may be sure that we shall be happy to welcome them."

"We intend to organize at Bruyeres a pilgrimage for the old boys of the 442nd Combat Team," he said. "What do you think of that? Better than pompous speeches that fidelity to the remembrance, moving in its simplicity, contribute to tighten the bonds of friendship between the Great Republic of the United States and our own country."

On Oct. 30, 1947, on the third anniversary of the rescue of the "Lost Battalion," a granite memorial commemorating heroism of the men of the 442nd Combat Team was erected by the National Japanese American Citizens League in a little clearing in the woods of l'Helledraye. That granite monument and the land surrounding it have now become a living memorial to the men of the 442nd Combat Team. Volunteer workers cleared the land and erected the memorial and in 18 months since then the people of Bruyeres have planted flowers around the monument which is now a civic shrine.

"In the woods of l'Helledraye, close to our city, the granite memorial will keep the remembrance of the heroic sacrifice of your comrades who fell here as they fought for the right and justice," Mons. Valantin declared. "The people of Bruyeres will not forget to adorn it with the 'flowers of remembrance'."

Last year on Oct. 24, one year after the JACL's monument to the 442nd had been dedicated, the people of Bruyeres gathered once again to commemorate the liberation. French military and government officials joined with the citizens of Bruyeres and surrounding Vosges communities to pay tribute to the deeds of the Japanese American Combat Team and to recall again the day of liberation from the Nazis.

"This ceremony was very successful and a spirit of fraternal union and gratitude toward our liberators presided over it," Mons. Valantin added.

"Bruyeres, severely injured by the battle, slowly restores its innumerable ruins," he said. "We hope that 1949 will see its complete resurrection."

The Bruyeres official thanked the members of the JACL, on behalf of the people of this community, for the gifts of CARE food and clothing packages which were sent to the people of the town by 50 participating JACL chapters and individuals.

"We thank you for the generous gifts which were welcome in many of our homes," he declared.

The inscription on the bronze plaque of the granite monument reads as follows, in English and French:

"To the men of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, U. S. Army, who reaffirmed a historic truth here...that loyalty to one's country is not modified by racial origin."

"These Americans, whose ancestors were Japanese, on Oct. 30, 1944, during the Battle of Bruyeres, broke the backbone of the German defenses and rescued the 141st Infantry Battalion which had been surrounded by the enemy for four days."

"Presented by the Japanese American Citizens League."

Seek Recognition for Claims Of Evacuees from Alaska

Territory Resident Discusses Possibility Of Special Bill

LOS ANGELES—Recognition of the evacuation loss claims of approximately 300 persons of Japanese ancestry who were evacuated from the Territory of Alaska in 1942 is being sought by Harry S. Kawabe of Seward, Alaska.

Kawabe, now en route back to Alaska after visiting in Los Angeles last week, said he had talked over the problem with Mike M. Masaoka, legislative director of JACL ADC, recently in Washington.

He stressed that most male adults of Japanese ancestry were interned following the outbreak of the war, regardless of their citizenship, and that many were forced to remain in internment during the war.

He noted that the provisions of Public Law 886, under which the government will compensate West Coast evacuees of Japanese ancestry for losses sustained as a result of mass evacuation, specifically prohibits the indemnification of internees.

Kawabe, who was held in the Justice Department camp at Crystal City, Tex., said that persons of Japanese ancestry operated

35 businesses in Alaska before the war. All of these businesses were closed as a result of mass evacuation.

He said that he hoped that Congress would pass another measure which will compensate persons of Japanese ancestry who were forced to evacuate from Alaska.

(During the evacuation period, 145 evacuees from Alaska were admitted to war relocation centers, of which total 134 were at the Minidoka camp, while the remainder of the Alaskan evacuees were sent to Justice Department internment camps. Of the 145 in WRA centers, 117 were born in Alaska. Several Alaskan Nisei volunteered for the army and served with distinction in the 442nd Combat Team.)

UCL Prepares New Simplified Forms For Evacuee Claims

SAN JOSE, Calif.—New, simplified preliminary sheets to aid evacuee claimants in understanding procedures in filing claims have been drafted by Ray Taketa, United Citizens League executive secretary, and are available at league headquarters.

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EDITORIALS:

A Pilgrimage to Bruyeres

Photographs and letters received recently from Bruyeres indicate that even today that French community continues to honor the Japanese American soldiers who liberated the town in October, 1944.

Though still engaged in the work of rebuilding the town, which suffered intense war damage, the townspeople have continued to keep up the granite monument they erected to the 442nd Combat Team in 1947. At this spot, each year, ceremonies are held in commemoration of Bruyeres' liberation. For the people of the community, the yearly event is a symbol not only of liberation but also of friendship between the United States and France.

The acting mayor of Bruyeres, Robert Valantin, has suggested a "pilgrimage to Bruyeres" for members of the 442nd combat Team. We hope that someday, in some not too distant year, the suggestion can become a reality. It would not be impossible for some such pilgrimage to be organized, either by individuals or through some organization. We pass the suggestion on particularly for parents of the men who are honored by the Bruyeres memorial. We think it would be especially fitting for them to visit the spot where their sons fought and see the monument that has been erected in their memory.

We hope, too, that some concrete expression of gratitude and friendship can be organized here for the townspeople of Bruyeres. The sending of CARE parcels to the town last year was a commendable project. Perhaps this year some suggestions can be made to initiate a continuing project for the town.

A great number of Nisei lives were lost at Bruyeres. For us, as for the people of Bruyeres, the spot where they fought is a symbol of Nisei loyalty and gallantry.

Nisei Futures in Mid-Continent America

The Nisei, who still remember vividly the racial segregation imposed in assembly centers and relocation camps as a result of mass evacuation, take more than ordinary interest in stories of what the sociologists would call social integration, as well as in reports of individual achievement. Such stories make up a large percentage of the news published in Nisei newspapers.

This interest in individual achievement is not confined to the Nisei alone but is true in varying degrees of all America's racial minority groups whose members seek to break out of the cocoons of social, political and economic segregation.

Roy Takeno, the JACL's regional representative in Denver who has been on tour in recent weeks in Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Nebraska and Wyoming, believes that the mid-continent states offer the Nisei the best opportunity to be accepted as individuals, rather than to be classified as members of a racial group. Because this region has been relatively free from the propaganda of the Pacific coast race-baiters, there are few preconceived attitudes toward members of the group.

Mr. Takeno reports that more and more Nisei are achieving recognition in their respective fields in this great region which stretches from the warm delta lands of the lower Rio Grande valley in Texas to the little towns that hug the Great Northern lines in upper Montana. Mainly as a result of wartime relocation, there are Nisei today in nearly all of the larger communities of this midland empire. He cites a few examples. Dr. Minol Ota, president of the Northern Wyoming JACL, is as big a booster for his state as Henry Kawahata, president of the new Rio Grande chapter, is for the Lone Star state. K. Patrick Okura, psychologist at Boys Town, Neb., and Bill Hosokawa of the Denver Post are two examples of Nisei who have found professional opportunity in this area. A Nisei girl is the first woman pharmacist in Great Falls, Mont., a city of 50,000, while another Nisei was the head nurse of a hospital at Rock Springs in Wyoming. Recently the city of Denver hired its first Nisei schoolteacher, Shyoko Hiraga, while Katie Kawamura, the only Nisei in the community, is a member of the staff of the weekly newspaper in Paonia, high in the Colorado Rockies. Young Carl Iwasaki, who came to Denver from the Heart Mountain WRA center, is now one of the best known photographers in the region and has gone into Wyoming, Texas and Nebraska on assignments for Life magazine.

One of the affirmative results of wartime relocation has been broadening of the social horizon of the Nisei and the widening of their occupation opportunities as a result of their resettlement in areas where their race and ancestry do not subject them to conditions of marginal citizenship. The Inter-mountain and mid-continent states, which provided a haven for the evacuees during the war, provide a good example of this. "The more I travel up and down this region between the Canadian and Mexican borders," says Roy Takeno, "the more I'm certain this is the region where more Nisei ought to stake their future."

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

The Four Evacuees Who Fled

In the four-year existence of the War Relocation Authority, from time of its creation by executive order in March, 1942 until its self-liquidation in 1946, a total of 120,313 persons, all but a handful of whom were of Japanese ancestry, came under the custody of the WRA at one time or another.

The total of 120,313 includes 757 institutionalized persons of Japanese ancestry who remained in West Coast hospitals, sanitariums, prisons and the like and were not actually evacuated and 753 seasonal workers who were released from WCCA assembly centers for farm work and who relocated without going through the relocation camp phase of the evacuation process.

Of the rest 90,491 persons came into the WRA camps from WCCA assembly centers on the coast, camps with names like Santa Anita, Puyallup, Tulare, Merced and Pomona which now strike a nostalgic chord in the evacuee memory. Direct evacuation from Zone II in California accounted for 17,915 persons. During the four years of war relocation there were 5,981 births in WRA camps. Of the others who came into WRA custody, 1,735 were internees from Department of Justice camps at such places as Missoula and Santa Fe, 1,579 were seasonal workers from WCCA camps who checked into the WRA centers, 1,275 came from institutions in the evacuated area, 1,118 came from Hawaii and 219 were voluntary exiles.

The 120,313 people under WRA jurisdiction were finally distributed as follows: 54,127 relocated to the West Coast evacuated area following the lifting of the ban on Jan. 2, 1945, while 52,798 relocated to other sections of the United States. Japan was the final destination of 4,724 repatriates and expatriates, the bitter harvest of wartime mass evacuation. Department of Justice internment camps, particularly Crystal City in Texas, accounted for 3,121 persons, mostly family members who left to join fathers and husbands behind the barbed wire. The U.S. armed forces claimed 2,355, including both volunteers and draftees. Of the total number of evacuees, 1,322 went to institutions, including those who

went to prison as a result of refusals to accept military service while confined in the WRA camps. There were funerals for 1,858 persons who died. Some of their graves remain in the cemeteries at the ten former WRA camps, now abandoned to the wind and the rain.

The total of departures is 120,309, leaving only four persons unaccounted for. During the four years of its administration, the WRA reported only four unauthorized departures out of a total of 120,313 persons, a singular tribute both to the WRA's administrative efficiency and to the evacuees themselves.

The WRA told the story of the four who fled in a report issued in 1946.

No. 1 was a hospital rest home case, 80 years of age, with no family members. He disappeared from the Colorado River hospital at Poston on Nov. 17, 1945 and is believed to have wandered into the Arizona desert. Because of his medical record of senility and generally feeble condition, medical authorities indicated that he could not long survive. His body was not recovered.

No. 2 was a 35-year old man at the Colorado River center with no family members who was involved in a murder case on Sept. 30, 1944 and escaped into the desert. He was not apprehended and nothing is known of his fate.

No. 3 was a 56-year old man at Colorado River, also with no family members, who disappeared from the camp on July 11, 1944. Center authorities believed that he had wandered into the desert in a fit of despondency. His body was not recovered.

No. 4 was a 22-year old girl, with a record of eccentric behavior and mental disorder, who was reported missing from the Gila River camp on June 18, 1944. From time to time she was reported to be hiding from her family in one of the barracks at the center but the actual date of her departure from the camp is not known.

The WRA indicated that the record of only four unauthorized departures from the camp was a significant example of the good citizenship of the evacuee group.

Stories of Sunlit Loneliness

Since the publication of his book last month by the Caxton Press, Toshio Mori has received an accolade of praise from critics in all parts of the country for his book of short stories of Japanese American life, "Yokohama, California." Joseph Henry Jackson of the San Francisco Chronicle, probably the most influential of West Coast book reviewers, hailed the advent of a new talent. Other West Coast critics saw in Mori a voice for the Japanese American group, as well as a literary craftsman in his own right.

The only sour note has been blown by a young Nisei, Albert Saijo, for Crossroads in Los Angeles. Pronouncing judgment on Mori's book from the Olympian heights of intellectual virtuosity, Saijo sneered at Nisei writing in general and declared bluntly that he had never read "an intelligent piece of writing by a Japanese American."

Mr. Saijo is certainly entitled to his own opinion, although the vehemence of his indictment of Mori's talent leaves the suspicion that he has taken too seriously to the mantle of the critic. It might have been better for him to have tempered his version of intellectual honesty with a little humanity and written fewer crosswords for Crossroads.

In direct contradiction to Mr. Saijo's negative notations is the review in the New York Herald-Tribune by Lewis Gannett, one of the nation's leading book reviewers.

"These are stories of sunlit loneliness," says Mr. Gannett. "After so many slick imitations of slick writing, this fresh voice rings like a bird song in the night."

Mr. Gannett obviously likes Toshio Mori's prose. He notes that the Nisei writer has three novels in various stages of revision "and the news should excite you."

Lewis Gannett, who has both heart and conscience, comments on the fact that "Yokohama, California" was originally scheduled for publication in 1942 but that the book had been shelved because of the war.

"On the jacket we read that Toshio Mori was evacuated from California in 1942 and spent three years in our desert concentration camps," he says. "Obviously publication was stopped. The stories were just as good as they had ever been, but in 1942 America was in no mood to read stories of a lonely Japanese American boy in San Leandro, Calif. Probably the decision was wise, but only a writer knows what it means to have his book killed for seven years, until emotion calms and the reading public can again read a book as a book."

"Any one can learn to write perfect grammar, but a natural-born writer does not write with mere words and punctuation," says Lewis Gannett. "He has something more important than grammar."

Although some of Toshio Mori's stories may have "awkward school-boy phrases," comments Mr. Gannett, others reveal "an acute sensitivity to words as to idea."

"Toshio Mori also has generosity, kindness—and restraint," he says. "He has the natural-born writer's awareness that it is an adventure to sit on a park bench, watch a stranger and imagine what he is."

In Toshio Mori's stories, Lewis Gannett adds, "you will become achingly aware that in 'Yokohama, California' they have twenty-four hours a day, and morning, noon and night roll in regularly as in Boston, Cincinnati, Birmingham, Kansas City, Minneapolis and Emeryville."

He concludes: "You meet, in fact, Toshio Mori, a Californian of Japanese descent

MINORITY WEEK

Milestone

The state of New Jersey, almost a leader among the 48 states respect to civil rights, has gone even farther. A civil rights bill broadening already existing bars against racial and religious discrimination now makes it illegal to discriminate because of race or religion in bowling alleys, skating rinks, restaurants, stores, hotels, hospitals, schools, swimming pools, theaters, comfort stations, auditoriums and public bathhouses.

The new civil rights bill is one of the most advanced and effective pieces of legislation ever passed. It needs only one thing—more the same in other states.

Strike

The American Bowling Congress was on the short end of a steel ball thrown by President Philip Murray of the CIO and the United Steelworkers of America this week. Murray reported that a union bowling tournament in Pittsburgh decided to give up its ABC sanction rather than permit the exclusion of a Negro bowler.

Quick Quotes

"Most Californians are extremely fond of haciendas and patios, tamales, carved combs, mantillas embroidered shawls and fiestas. Unhappily this affection does not extend to the originators of these attractive items, the Mexican Americans themselves. They are too often only the poor relation to their very rich uncle's house." Helen Papashvily in Community Ground.

"I learned long ago not to want anything too hard. The you're not disappointed when you don't get it. So I go on appearing in technicolor musicals. The studio has to give me singing scenes—ones that won't be missed when southern movie houses cut them out. And they always do. They even black out my name in the advertisements. "I can't shake hands with a white person on the screen. And I can't play straight roles in anything but all Negro pictures. "But the worst thing about Jim Crow is the inconvenience. We hate driving across town to eat when there's a restaurant right around the corner."—Lena Horne.

Oratorical

SELMA, Calif.—Masako Matsubara of Hanford high school, winner in a district competition, was one of the four regional finalists last week in the nationwide oratorical contest which is being sponsored by the Lions Clubs on the subject, "The United Nations—Safeguard of Human Liberty."

The regional competition was won by James L. Browning of Reedley high school.

Clevelanders Give \$25 to Support FEPC Campaign

CLEVELAND, O.—The Cleveland JACL has donated \$25 toward the support of the FEPC bill which is now in the state senate.

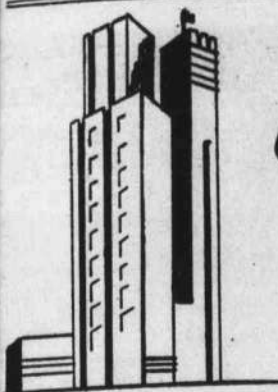
Prior to the house vote, the chapter sent a resolution supporting the bill to Dr. Sharpe, president of the Greater Cleveland Council FEPC, and various legislators.

Individual letters were also sent by chapter members to these people, asking they vote in favor of the bill.

Recognition Dinner

CHICAGO—As is the custom of the Chicago JACL chapter, Mari Sabusawa, 1948 president, and members of her cabinet and standing committees, will be honored at a recognition dinner on Friday, April 29. Plans for the evening will be in charge of Mas Nakagawa, social chairman, and his committee.

who read Sherwood Anderson as eagerly as Ernest Hemingway ever did, and perhaps William Saroyan too, who put his thoughts on paper and discovered that he was a writer, too. You may share that exciting discovery with him."



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

What's In a Name?

We are reaching the end of an era. Let's call it the end of the Japanese first name. The Issei won't like it, but I can see the trend coming.

Take the other day. I am opening my mail when out pops one of those clever announcements heralding the arrival of a new "model." Reading a few lines further I see that it is from one of my former classmates at UCLA. I think it is Noby Sakaizawa's third child.

Anyway, to go along with the gag, the "Sakaizawa Company" is informing me that their 1949 number just off the assembly line will be tagged "Cathy Lou."

Cathy Lou Sakaizawa. I roll it over my tongue a few times, try munching it down my throat, but I find it hard to swallow. It just doesn't seem to jibe.

I didn't care much for his Reginald which he named his first child nor did I applaud too heartily on his wife's selection of Cerise for their second baby.

Now comes Cathy Lou and I still say times and conditions can't be that tough.

Of course I can understand and appreciate Nobuyoshi Sakaizawa's antipathy toward Japanese names. I can still see him squirming and perspiring in the seat next to me when the professor spent a good two minutes stumbling over his name at the first meeting of the freshman English class.

Whether I knew it or not, that day decided it once and for all for my pal. From there on out he joined the crusade and cause... to wipe out all Japanese first names.

I say it is an end of an era.

The Sansei will have to struggle along in the fancy labels that their wistful and sometimes vengeful parents concoct in the way of names.

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I Visit My Nephew

I saw the handwriting on the wall back in 1942 when I chanced to visit the Granada Relocation Center.

My brother has twin boys who look alike as two peas in a pod. They are called Byron and Bryan. I never could quite figure who was who. They used to have quite a time baffling their uncle.

At any rate I came upon a group of small tykes busy at play and as I approached the group I shouted "Hey, Byron, I got something for you."

That was the signal for the thundering herd to come stomping over to my direction. A half-a-dozen button-nosed, bright-eyed youngsters came charging up to me, yelling, "Well, what do you want?"

I told them I wanted to talk to Byron.

Well, it so happened that all of these six lads were named Byron. They all lived within one block of my brother's barrack. Then I realized that this Sansei naming business had reached alarming proportions.

In my boyhood there were no Byrons in 15 counties. Now, here were six within 50 families.

I am reading further in the list of vital statistics printed in the Pacific Citizen. I come across some fancy selections such as Gloria, Barbara Jean, Valerie, Lou Ellen, Shirley Mae, Gary, Tracy, Simpson, Sherwood, Elliott and Sherman among others.

Sometimes it looks to me that this thing is getting out of hand.

During my boyhood over half of the Nisei had Japanese first names. I guess it was the strong Issei influence. We weren't too happy about the situation but did manage to live through it all, despite evacuation, FBI investigations, and relocation surveys. A few of the more enterprising ones adopted their own American names, but their range of inspiration was limited to such horizons as John, Jim, George or Mary, Helen and May.

I guess I may be old fashioned, but to me, a Japanese first name like Shig, Kay, Mas, Sab, or Den seems a little more apropos to Nisei and Sansei boys. As far as the girls go, perhaps American names have a little more swing, cadence and rhythm.

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The Next Step

In a few generations from now I think the Japanese derivation of names will be gone forever.

There has been a lot of name-changing and name-shortening going on in all parts of the country.

For example, a Suzuki is now sporting Suzee as his official name, a Terazawa is a Tawa, a Shimobukuro is Shim and a Haya-shida is a Hyash.

Where this will all lead to, I can't begin to venture, but it does look definite that the old order is giving way to the new. I know dozens of Nisei who can't even write their names in Japanese nor do they care to learn. And many Sansei can't even speak a word of the mother tongue.

This all may add up to Americanization and progress, but I often think it is largely due to the embarrassing experiences that my pal Sakaizawa and several of his like suffered during their impressionable youth.

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Which brings me to another point.

Several Nisei are frankly ashamed of their racial origin. I feel that whatever we are is no particular fault of ours. There is no use of being ashamed of our Japanese ancestry. Though our parents and their homeland may have had faults, weakness and shortcomings of their own, they did have some admirable traits also.

Quite often I am asked about some phase of Japanese culture or art and I feel a little embarrassed that I didn't know such basic information.

The Japanese culture and tradition, like every racial heritage, has a fine beautiful side to it. It can't hurt us to absorb and adopt some of the positive facets of the pattern of our parents.

Strange how it is that an ordinary little announcement will bring on an avalanche of memories, thoughts, and opinions.

I still say that Cathy Lou Sakaizawa is going to be hard for many people to become accustomed to.

When I see Noby the next time I know he'll blow his top when he hears it. In fact, I know that he'll be looking for me after he reads this article. You see, joining the JACL and reading the PC are his only concessions to link himself with the Japanese community.

Bill Hosokawa:

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Nisei Enter New Job Fields

Denver, Colo.*

Once upon a time not long ago, when the poison of prejudice hung heavily over Japanese Americans on the west coast, job opportunities for Nisei were about as numerous as Orientals in a certain Denver cemetery—pretty scarce. Now the Nisei are proving themselves in so many diverse and specialized fields they hardly make news any more.

Yet, an event like the recent acceptance of Denver's Helen Nakamura into the Symphony orchestra simply cannot remain unrecognized. It was a signal honor for the Nisei girl, a reward for talent and effort that should hearten other aspiring Nisei.

Miss Nakamura, a college student and violinist, for several years has been concert mistress of the Symphony's junior training orchestra. Then, in recognition of her ability, she was offered a contract with the Symphony itself, the first member of the training orchestra to be so promoted to the big leagues.

By way of footnote, it should be stated that the Denver Symphony has made giant musical strides since it was reorganized as an all-professional group under Conductor Saul Caston four years ago. Until then it had been a struggling combination of pros and amateurs, most of whom played with greater enthusiasm than artistry. But now the Symphony is regarded as something of a phenomenon by the big-name outfits of the east. In view of these facts, the invitation extended Miss Nakamura makes the honor an even greater one.

An Example in Eddie Luke

Speaking of jobs, Eddie Luke, a Chinese American, has one that may pose an example for Nisei. Eddie is a college classmate, a graduate of the University of Washington with a journalism major. The doors were closed to him, too, when he went job hunting, partly because he was an Oriental, and partly because the depression was on.

Vagaries

Television . . .

"Nisei Story," the War Department documentary film on the return of the evacuees to the West Coast, was shown on television over KTTV in Los Angeles last week . . . Production is proceeding on "He and She," the forthcoming musical in which Sono Osato will return to Broadway. Jose Ferrer is the director. Miss Osato sings and dances in MGM's "Kissing Bandit" which is now being shown around the country. Her last Broadway appearance was in "Ballet Ballads" in 1948 when she stopped the show as Cocaine Lil.

Battleground . . .

MGM's war film, "Battleground," which was to have told the story of a Nisei GI, is now before the cameras at the Culver City studio. All casting has been completed for the film and since there is no report of any Oriental American actor being tested for a part in the picture, it may be that the Nisei story may have been dropped from the film. Among the picture's stars are Van Johnson, John Hodiak, George Murphy and Ricardo Montalban who plays the role of a Mexican American GI . . . As originally conceived at RKO under the title of "Honored Glory," the story of a Japanese American soldier of the 442nd Combat Team was one of four GI episodes in the film. The rights to the story were bought by MGM from RKO when Dore Schary moved to MGM and the story later was rewritten to concentrate on the Battle of Bastogne.

Referendum . . .

The Los Angeles Nisei Progressives have announced their support of AB 951, introduced by Assemblyman Gus Hawkins of Los Angeles, which would place a referendum measure on the 1950 ballot to repeal the California Alien Land law . . . A Nisei veteran of the 442nd Combat Team may open a law practice in Honolulu in the future in association with two young attorneys who bear names distinguished in U.S. jurisprudence. Keichiro Yamato of Honokaa, Hawaii may open the law practice with two of his fellow students at Yale Law School, Neal Rutledge and Hugo L. Black, Jr., both sons of Supreme Court justices.

Bradford Smith, author of "Americans from Japan," is the author of a new cartoon strip, "The American Adventure," which is now running in many U.S. newspapers . . . Mr. Smith, wartime head of the OWI in the Pacific, is

So Eddie went to Hollywood and into the printing shop of the Hollywood Reporter as an apprentice. That was an even dozen years ago. It takes something like six years for an apprentice to become a journeyman printer. That looks like a long, long time for a college man well-fortified by a sense of his own superior capabilities.

But Eddie stuck around, learned the business from the ground up, and finally three years ago he was named mechanical superintendent of the whole printing plant. Maybe that title didn't carry the glamour of a by-line, but a job like that pays off in the groceries department.

There's a lesson in Eddie's example. He was not afraid to get his hands dirty. He knew his limitations, and he went into a new field. There he applied his natural intelligence and his college education. And he made good.

The Little Tokyo Underworld

Are you an aspiring novelist, sociologist or historian? If you're interested in either writing or research, we pass on for what its worth the suggestion that there's a great and untapped field in the history of Japanese gangsters in the United States. It's a chapter about which little is known and less has been written, primarily, we suppose, because it was safer not to talk.

These gangsters were the minions of well-organized gambling syndicates. There were gang wars, and sometimes there were slayings in the struggle for power. There were fixers who paid off corrupt police officials in return for protection. It was a small-scale situation that had all the overtones of bigtime eastern gangsterism where immigrants became underworld czars and collected notoriety, wealth and fancy shirts.

The history of Japanese gangsters in America is an unsavory chapter, but it needn't be concealed. We don't see that anyone will be hurt at this late date. On the other hand it may do the Nisei good to read the facts about a lurid and vigorous past.

Returned Evacuees:

Seattle Nisei Have Not Regained Economic Status of Pre-war Era

Seattle's Japanese Americans have not yet recovered the economic stability they knew before the war, according to Robert W. O'Brien, member of the University of Washington faculty.

The observation is made in an article, "Seattle: Race Relations Frontier, 1949," in the spring issue of Common Ground magazine.

In prewar days, O'Brien says, Japanese Americans operated 206 hotels, 140 groceries, 94 cleaning establishments, 64 market stands and 57 wholesale produce houses, the majority of which catered to Caucasian trade.

Today there are only a handful of these establishments, except for the hotels, and they are dependent for trade upon the Nisei and Issei.

The decline of these Japanese American businesses, O'Brien says, has resulted in a corresponding decrease in the number of clerical workers employed in such businesses.

He reports, however, that these workers and many others have been absorbed into the larger community economy. Among organizations using Nisei secretaries, he says by way of example, are civil service, public housing, public schools, the University of Washington and private business.

The employment picture, he says, while better for Japanese Americans than other minority groups, is still "far from satisfactory." Many Nisei are taking jobs which do not utilize their skill and training, and one out of every ten employable Nisei is unemployed.

The total Japanese American population is 4900, a little over two-thirds the pre-evacuation population for the group. By contrast the Negro, Chinese, Filipino and American Indian populations have steadily increased. The Japanese Americans, who in 1900 outnumbered all other ethnic groups

the author of three novels with Japanese backgrounds and characters.

Bicyclists . . .

Eizo Yokoi, whose trick bicycle riding amazed U.S. vaudeville audiences in the 1920s, is still active and recently gave an exhibition in Tokyo with seven family members. Yokoi says that he was considered the world's greatest trick rider of bicycles when he was performing in America and Europe. His 19-year old daughter, Lily, now claims the title of "world's greatest trick rider."

in population, are now second. The Negro population has increased to 16,000 in Seattle.

Seattle is characterized as one of the "best" cities on the Pacific coast for minority groups in providing socio-economic opportunities. Seattle's excellent reputation is due to the fact, he says, that Seattle is "unwilling to leave entirely to chance the integration of its racial minorities into the work structure and social pattern of the area."

A dozen active organizations work together to promote job opportunities, housing facilities and recreational and civic participation for all citizens.

The unique factor in the local situation, however, O'Brien says, is that these organizations have willingly cooperated with the University of Washington in doing research on problems of minorities and have then used the results of the research in community planning.

Major attention of the inter-group relations agencies has been focussed upon employment and housing. First postwar study was an analysis of Seattle's Japanese Americans, which was conducted for the university's sociology department and the Department of Interior.

Chicago JACL Plans Forum Discussion of Controversial Bill

CHICAGO — The controversial Brody's bill, the bill which requires all Communists to register, will be the subject of the Forum meeting to be held by the Chicago JACL chapter at their monthly meeting on April 21. Mrs. Chizu Iiyama will preside. There will be about ten speakers giving two minute talks pro and con. The meeting will be held, as usual, in the Woodrow Wilson Room of 116 S. Michigan Ave., from 8 o'clock.

The calendar for the remainder of the year has been released as follows:

April 10, general meeting; April 23, pre-summer Splash Social; April 29, Recognition dinner; May 7, membership Smorgasbord Round-up; May 19, general meeting; May 21, Dime-a-Nite social; June 5, all day outing; June 22, general meeting; July 3, family outing; July 25, Mock Night Club social; August 7, Sand Dunes bake; Sept. 3-4, two-day outing; Sept. 15, general meeting; Sept. 24, Movie Terrace hop; Oct. 19, general meeting; Oct. 29, Sadie Hawkins drag; Nov. 17, general meeting; Nov. 19, annual Inaugural ball; and Dec. 14, general meeting.

San Jose Mayfair Team Wins Northern California Tourney

SAN FRANCISCO—With three men punching out in the final frame, Mayfair Nursery of San Jose scored 2808 for a handicapped series of 3088 to win the team event in the Northern California Nisei bowling tournament on April 9 at Downtown Bowl.

The Mayfair team won by only three pins over another San Jose entry, Mike and Roy's, who finished with a handicapped 3085 series.

Fuzzy Shimada, Chy Kawakami and Tats Nagase punched out for the Mayfair squad, the highest average team of the 30 entered in the tourney.

Other teams in the money were Kebo Insurance, Fresno, 3018; Santa Clara Bowl, 2964; Day & Young, San Jose, 2944; and Ogawa Nursery, Oakland, 2908.

Mas Iwaihara of Richmond won the Class A singles with 603. Saku Taketa of San Jose was second with 592, while George Umamoto of Fresno was third with 579.

Caps Adachi and Skeets Inouye of San Mateo won the men's doubles with 1200, while Earl Parks and Chy Kawakami were second with 1101. Dixon Ikeda and Tats Nagase, 1949 champions of the recent National JACL tournament in Salt Lake City, were third with 1094.

Fuzzy Shimada won the all-events with 1769 in Class A.

Tom Sako of Santa Clara won the Class B singles with 576, shading Shig Nomura of Oakland who had 572.

Sloppy Oshita and Bill Matsu-moto of Sacramento won the Class B doubles with 1082.

Mike Murotsune of San Jose won the Class B singles with 1612. Ayako Inn of San Francisco and Fuzzy Shimada won the mixed doubles with a total of 1069.

Two Sacramento teams finished one-two in the women's team event.

Jean Morita of Sacramento won the women's singles with 588.

Ede Kawakami and Sachi Ikeda of San Jose won the women's doubles with 1062.

Engagement

SAN JUAN BAUTISTA, Calif. — Mr. and Mrs. T. Kadani announced the engagement of their daughter, Alice Sueno, to Frank Tamura, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Tamura of Denver, at a dinner in Denver April 10.

The bride to be is attending the Bon Ton beauty school in Denver. Her fiancée is a staff writer for the English section of the Colorado Times.

A June wedding is planned.

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James Kazuma Heads Chicago JACL's Bowling Program

CHICAGO—Bowling has been added to the list of activities which the Chicago JACL chapter's Special Activities committee will sponsor during the current term. Having consented to take over the Chicago Nisei Bowling League functions, the JACL Cabinet appointed James Kozuma chairman of the sub-committee under Shig Hashimoto and Riyo Sato, co-chairmen of the Special Activities committee. Important announcements regarding a forthcoming bowling league are expected to be released in the near future.

Beehive Golfers

Salt Lake City's Beehive Golf club will open its 1949 season with a tournament on Sunday, April 24, from 8 a.m. at the Nibley Park golf course.

A dinner will be held following the tournament at the Dawn Noodle house.

Chi Alpha Delta

LOS ANGELES — Chi Alpha Delta alumnae and actives will join in celebrating their 20th annual Founder's day and Charter day at a banquet the evening of April 23.

All former members of Chi Alpha Delta from the year 1929 onward are urged to attend the dinner, which will be held at Eaton's, 3500 Burton Way.

Mrs. Edna Shigekawa will be general chairman.

French Camp Picnic

FRENCH CAMP, Calif. — The French Camp JACL will sponsor a community picnic April 24 with John Fujiki as general chairman. The public is invited to attend the all-day affair, which will be held at the Bradley farm.

Fujiki will be assisted in his preparations by the following committee chairmen: George Komure, finance; Pete Takahashi, preparation and maintenance; Tamako Yagi, sewing; Hatsuo Nonaka and John Shimesaki, transportation; Harry Ota, public address system; Harry Itaya, tickets; Yoshio Takashi, judging committee; George Itaya, prizes; George Ogino and Sadame Tsugawa, track; Taye Iwata, prize wrapping; Haru Yagi, posters; Bob Takahashi, records; Fujiki and Bob Ota, merchandise donations; Hiroshi Shinmoto and George Itaya, local publicity; Satsuki Iwata and Dr. James Tanaka, publicity; and Toshiharu Hotta, refreshments.

Bowling

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Three teams are tied for first spot in the Sacramento Oriental girls bowling league with 10 wins and 6 losses each for the Dujams, the Kelly Perrini and Puella Greens.

The long 27-week battle for the title started March 16 at the Sacramento Bowl with 10 teams composed of Chinese American and Nisei feminine keggers.

Splash Party

CHICAGO — "Aqua-antics," a splash party, will be sponsored by the Westside Recreation Committee on April 30 at the Sears YMCA at 3210 W. Arthington from 7:30 to 12.

Co-ed Fling Planned For Nisei Students

CHICAGO, Ill. — A busy week-end has been planned for college students for the week-end of April 22 to 24. A Coed Fling has been planned for April 22 at the McCormick YWCA with Roy Iwata as chairman.

Eight teams are scheduled to participate in a basketball tournament at Olivet Institute on April 23 and 24 starting at 6 p.m. The pairings include: Illinois Tech vs. Northwestern; Wilson J. C. vs. U. of Chicago; Medical Center vs. Navy Pier; and Roosevelt College vs. U. of Illinois. Between the semi-finals and finals on Sunday the Ting-a-Lings girls' team will play an all-star team. Ting-a-Lings are champions of the girls' basketball league which concluded recently.

P C SPORTS

Mat Stars

Two young Nisei wrestling stars were in Salt Lake City last week on the last leg of a six month tour of the United States. They are Charles (Young) Shiranuhi, six feet tall and 215 pounds, and Hisao Tanaka of Los Angeles who has been wrestling under the name of "Duke Keomuka." Shiranuhi, a native of Hilo, Hawaii, and Tanaka have made more than 50 appearances in such cities as Chicago, Detroit and Cleveland during their tour. In their last appearance in Chicago they wrestled before some 10,000 patrons of the grunt and groan pastime at the International Amphitheater. Both are versed in judo and sumo as well as in the rock 'em and sock 'em style of wrestling now prevalent in American rings.

Tanaka went to Hawaii last fall and won the territorial heavy-weight championship, taking on all comers. He is a graduate of Los Angeles high school where he was a member of the varsity water polo team.

Speaking of wrestlers, Don Sugai of Ontario, Ore., and Kaimon Kudo of Honolulu are two others who are still in action, while Oki Shikina recently completed a mainland tour and is now grappling in Hawaii. Shikina also has wrestled in professional engagements in such far away places as Australia. Rubberman Higami, an old veteran of the American mat, is now in Hawaii.

Horsehidors

The mainland's fastest Nisei baseball league this season probably will be the Northern California AA league. Six teams are entered, the San Jose Zebras, Fresno Nisei All-Stars, Lodi AC, Walnut Grove Deltans, Suisun Nisei and Richmond. . . . The Fresno Nisei, featuring the pitching arm of George Abo, hold victories over Fresno State, Tulare and other Central California teams. . . . Northern California also has four other Nisei leagues, totaling 26 teams.

Sports Notes

Max Hamamoto was a member of the Grant Tech team of Sacramento which placed sixth recently in the national junior college tournament in Kansas. . . . Chick Uyemura of Los Angeles was one pin away from a perfect game in the Nisei sweepstakes last week at Vogue Bowl. Uyemura fired eleven strikes and was tapped on his twelfth ball to end up with a 299. He added games of 190 and 224 to finish with a 713. George Kobo with games of 181, 279 and 244 was second with 704. . . . Ford Konno, a protege of swimming coach Yoshito Sagawa, is the latest star on the Hawaiian swimming horizon. . . . Tsuneshi Maruo, who holds a 1947 victory over Stan Rowan, British Empire bantam-weight champion, is now attempting a comeback in Honolulu after a year of retirement.

The Hawaiian AAU boxing team, which made a splendid showing in the National AAU championships recently in Boston, were trained and coached by Patsy Fukuda of Honolulu. . . . Raymond Nagahara of the Honolulu Warriors, one of the few Nisei to play pro football, runs a military surplus store in Wahiawa during the off season. . . . Now that the basketball season is over, Bill Kajikawa is head coach of the Arizona State varsity baseball team. The Sun Devils are looking forward to a good season.

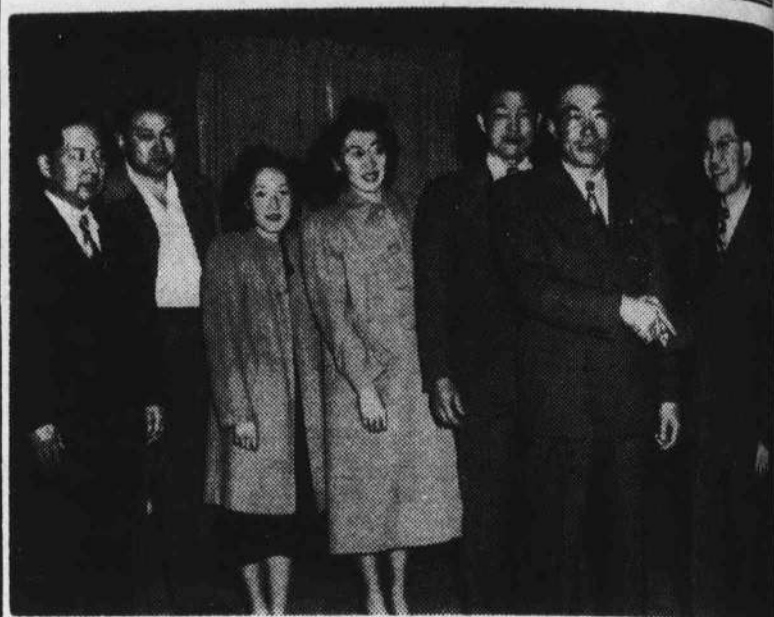
Beach Outing Set For Alameda County

CENTERVILLE, Calif. — The Southern Alameda County JACL will hold a beach outing Saturday, April 23, at Pidgeon Point light-house, south of Pescadero.

The caravan will meet at James Fudenna's farm in Alvarado at 8 a.m.

All friends of members are welcome to attend. Members and guests will bring their own lunches. A drawing will be held, and refreshments will be served by the chapter.

Takeo Fudenna, chairman, will be assisted by Charles Yuhara, Kay Maeda and Tak Murakami.



Masao W. Satow, JACL national director, met with members of the Snake River JACL cabinet following a general meeting on April 2 in Ontario, Ore. Those pictured are (left to right) Thomas Iseri, treas.; George Sugai, official delegate; Mrs. Yonaka Kanetomi, corres. sec.; Mrs. Toshiko Ogura, rec. sec.; Ted Nakamura, vice-pres.; Thomas T. Itami, pres., and Mr. Satow. —Photo by Harano Studio, Ontario, Ore.

Chicago Huskies Win Midwest Cage Tourney for Third Year

CHICAGO, Ill. — In an all-Chicago finals, the Huskies defeated Marushos 62-46 to win the Chicago Invitational Basketball Tourney for the third successive year at Olivet Institute gym last weekend. The titlists won and retired the perpetual trophy.

In the first round the Huskies defeated Minneapolis 50-27 and downed Zephyrs 58-40 in the semi-finals. Results were as follows:

Zephyrs (Chicago), 62; Seabrook (New Jersey), 35.
Marushos (Chicago), 32; Detroit All-Stars, 30.
Huskies (Chicago), 50; Minneapolis, 37.
Cleveland, 36; Toronto, 22.

Semi-finals
Huskies, 58; Zephyrs, 40.
Marushos, 39; Cleveland, 30.

Finals
Huskies, 62; Marushos, 46.
Tak Hiyama, 6 foot 2 inch Huskies center, took scoring honors for the tourney, amassing 59 points in three games for a 20 point per game average. He received the Most Valuable Player award at the dance which followed the final game.

The Toronto Mustangs were a disappointment. They were able to collect but 22 points in spite of their height advantage over Cleveland. All three Chicago teams survived the first round with Cleveland in the first round.

In exhibition games the Minneapolis All-Star sextette was beaten by two Chicago girls' teams. Ting-a-lings won 41-11 while the Serenes won 38-21.

Line-up for the finals:

Huskies (62)	Marushos (46)
16 Okamoto F	Narahara H
5 Sakauye F	Kariya I
20 Hiyama C	Ichiba I
2 Taguchi G	Okabe I
3 Yoshida G	Momii I
Substitutes: Huskies — Uchida (2), Sato, Okubo (1), Takami, Nishimura (5), Okita, Marushos — Omoto (6), Arata (3), Watanabe (3), Nitta.	

Abo Stars at Bat

FRESNO, Calif. — George Abo, Fresno State right fielder, was the batting star as the Bulldogs split a double header with San Diego State, 5 to 7 and 7 to 3, on April 9.

Abo got three singles in five times up in the first game and came back with a single and double in three trips to the plate in the nightcap.

Broad Jump Mark

COMPTON, Calif. — Henry Aihara of USC set one of the four new meet records as the Trojans defeated Compton JC, 86 to 66. Aihara's jump measured 23 feet 6 inches.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Koichi Okano a boy on April 9 in Seattle.
To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Y. Kasai a girl, Emi, on April 10 in Salt Lake City.
To Mr. and Mrs. Toshi Inouye a girl, Kathleen Eiko, on April 3 in Sedgwick, Colo.
To Mr. and Mrs. Shuichi Miho a girl, Jane, on March 29 in Highland Park, Mich.
To Mr. and Mrs. Kanahiko Uyeda, Redwood City, Calif., a girl, Eileen, on March 26.
To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Katsuyoshi Saito a boy, Brian Yosuke, on March 30 in San Jose.
To Mr. and Mrs. Teimei T. Okimura a girl on April 2 in Sacramento.
To Mr. and Mrs. Yukiharu P. Sasaki a girl on March 29 in Sacramento.
To Mr. and Mrs. Yasushi Ito a boy on April 3 in Sacramento.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hayato Hoida a girl on April 7 in Seattle.
To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tanagi a girl on April 7 in Seattle.
To Mr. and Mrs. Katsuo Nagai a boy on March 27 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Marshall M. Ohashi a boy on March 29 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Takechi a boy on March 28 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. George Nobuo Sasaki a boy on March 28 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Soga, West Los Angeles, a girl on April 2.
To Mr. and Mrs. Iwao Shimizu a boy on April 7 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doi, Brighton, Colo., a boy, Dennis Shigeo, on April 6.
To Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Hirakida a girl on April 5 in Sacramento.
To Mr. and Mrs. David M. Takagishi, Loomis, Calif., a girl on April 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben T. Kusaba, Walnut Grove, Calif., a girl on April 5.
To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo C. Sasaki a boy on April 2 in Sacramento.
To Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Nakao, Thornton, Calif., a girl on April 3.
To Mr. and Mrs. Isamu J. Iiyama a girl on April 1 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Konda a girl on April 1 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Kay Shibata a girl on April 6 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Eiichi Koiwai a boy, Mark Seichi, on March 22 in Philadelphia.
To Mr. and Mrs. George R. Kaneda a boy, George Michael, on March 27 in Philadelphia.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hide Kashitani a boy on April 13 in Salt Lake City.

DEATHS

Yoshio Amahara in Salt Lake City.
Eijiro Kanazawa on April 8 in Los Angeles.
Sakuzo Kikino, 64, on March 31 in Seattle.
Junta Nakashima on March 28 in Portland, Ore.
Kumataro Honda on April 10 in Los Angeles.
Keiichi Takemura, 66, on April 7 in Seattle.
Mrs. Kame Uyeda on April 6 in Los Angeles.
Toyomatsu Kaihara, formerly of Alaska, in Chicago.
Tomiye Magara on April 5 in Los Angeles.
Rinzuchi Matsushige on March 31 in Modesto, Calif.
Mrs. Chiye Fujimori, 35, on April 10 in Berkeley.
Masashi Sakyo on April 12 in Elmira, N.Y.
Chusaburo Ito, 79, on April 9 in Seattle.

MARRIAGES

Yaeko Mikami to Kaz Honda on April 9 in Idaho Falls.
Aiko Nagai to Sam S. Horii on April 10 in Los Angeles.
Taka Kutsuma to William Oba of Alamosa, Colo., on April 9 in Pueblo.
Fumi Sasaki to Shigeki Kaseguma on April 3 in Portland.
Masako Kumamoto to Jack Oshita on April 3 in Chicago.
Midori Shindo to Dick Toma on April 3 in San Jose.
Sadako Towata to Tatsumi Tajima on April 3 in Alameda, Calif.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Yoshiye Kawaguchi, 21, and Howard Ichinaga, 26, both of Madrone, in San Jose, Calif.
June Ohta, 24, and Hiroshi Tambara, 33, in Sacramento.
Emiko Takeuchi and Isamu Kunimoto in Seattle.
Ruth Takayama, 27, and Frank Oda, 30, in San Francisco.

Correction

The Pacific Citizen is happy to make a correction in a recent listing in its vital statistics column, which reported that a girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Masamoto Enomoto of Watsonville, Calif.
Mr. and Mrs. Enomoto are, instead, parents of a baby boy who has been named Martin James. He was born March 13.

Philadelphia Nisei Will Take Part in International Fete

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Many Philadelphia Nisei are working now on plans for their participation in the International Festival, to be held Saturday, May 7, at Town Hall.

Mrs. E. A. Roberts, chairman, this week thanked Japanese Americans "in advance" for their part in Festival preparations.

Saying that she hoped many Japanese Americans would attend the gala festival, she added: "We should like to have as many as possible appear in Japanese costume so that we can show Philadelphia the wide variety of cultures and people who live side by side in peace in our city."

Sponsored by the International Institute of Philadelphia, the festival will include a buffet supper featuring the foods of over 15 nations and a program of authentic folk dances and folk music, followed by a ball. Many of the guests will be dressed in folk costumes to lend color to the affair.

Japanese Americans are planning to serve sukiyaki and tempura.

Mrs. Roberts, whose appointment as chairman was announced last week, is active in the nationalities committee of the Community Chest and is a member of the women's committee of the Philadelphia orchestra.

Dance Concert

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—Six girls of Oriental lineage, including four Nisei, participated in the 11th annual dance concert at Santa Barbara college of the University of California.

The Nisei girls who participated in "Spring Celebration," a delicate and beautiful Chinese dance, were accompanied by an erhu, a Chinese violin, and Korean temple blocks.

Dancers were Frances Ishida of Gardena, Yoshiye Takano of Parlier, Michiko Yasuda of Visalia, Nikky Uyehra of Hawaii, Lillie Low of Berkeley and Rosie Chung of Los Angeles. Mrs. Dorothy Gabel was the choreographer.

Married Couples

CHICAGO—An evening of bowling featured the first meeting of the new Young Married Couples Club of the Ellis Community center on April 2.

After the bowling session members met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chuji Sowa for refreshments and a short business meeting.

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Los Angeles Officials Promise Aid to "Little Tokyo" Evictees

LOS ANGELES — Heeding the demands of a delegation of tenants slated to be evicted from their "Little Tokyo" area homes because of the construction of the new City Police Administration building, various city officials including Deputy Mayor Orville R. Caldwell, this week promised "to do everything within their power to provide suitable housing for all displaced people."

The delegation, including representatives of the First and San Pedro Tenants' Committee, Independent Progressive Party and the Los Angeles Nisei Progressives, called upon the City Housing Authority on April 8 to urge that the city adopt a concrete program to obtain decent, low-rent housing for the tenants now living in the condemned area.

Meeting in the City Housing Authority office, located at the Aliso Village Housing Project, the delegation heard Deputy Mayor Caldwell, Housing Authority Director Howard L. Holtzendorff, and Right-of-way Director Robert Witter declare that: "Under no circumstances will any tenants be tossed out on the streets."

However, Caldwell admitted that at the present time, the city has not made any plans to provide suitable housing for the displaced people. Made aware of the critical problem that will arise if provisions are not made to aid the relocation of the tenants, Caldwell made the following commitments to the delegation:

(1) The demolition of residences, hotels and rooming houses will not begin until next March; (2) the tenants will not be evicted unless they have a suitable place to move to; and (3) the Mayor will request the City Council to authorize the needs of the tenants.

Although these commitments were acceptable to the delegation, the tenants, majority of whom are Negroes and Japanese Americans, made it clear that in view of the acute housing shortage and the restrictive covenants that still exist, "it will be extremely difficult and probably impossible to find suitable housing at this time."

To alleviate this situation, the delegation urged the adoption of its own three-point program, as incorporated in petitions submitted to the city officials, bearing more than 200 signatures.

The petition recommended that (1) the city provide decent, low-rent housing for the displaced persons through the construction of municipally-financed housing projects; (2) the construction of Civic

Center buildings be postponed until such housing can be provided; and (3) such housing program to start immediately so that the Civic Center plans are not delayed. Earlier, the tenants had told the city officials of the "unbelievable conditions" in which they are compelled to live. Several tenants accompanied by their babies and children said that as many as five persons were living in a single room and that the lack of space and sunshine was not conducive to the rearing of their children.

Deputy Mayor Caldwell emphasized that the city has long recognized the critical housing problem that exists in Los Angeles but added: "The city has no plans at the present for the construction of low-rent housing projects because of the lack of adequate funds."

Housing Director Holtzendorff declared that his office was "awaiting the passage of the Taft-Ellender Housing bill which would allocate federal funds for the construction of low-rent housing."

The delegation, however, made it clear that the city should not wait for federal aid but has an obligation to find ways and means of appropriating the necessary funds to provide housing for the displaced tenants and others in desperate need of assistance.

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Los Angeles Plans Revival Of Nisei Week

**Carnival, Queen Fete
Among Events Planned
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LOS ANGELES—A number of events, including a talent show, queen contest, carnival and coronation ball, have been planned for the 1949 revival of Nisei week, according to plans made recently by the Nisei week committee.

Further plans for the week-long celebration were made at the committee's second meeting April 8. Eiji Tanabe, president of the Downtown JACL, which has accepted sponsorship of Nisei week, presided at the meeting.

A chairman and a paid executive secretary will be named to head Nisei week preparations and activities.

A feature of the celebration will be an exhibit showing contributions made to the state by persons of Japanese ancestry in agriculture, floriculture, art and other fields.

Other features will include a baby show, pioneer night, fashion show, flower arrangement exhibit, artcraft and hobby show, Japanese dances and a street dance.

Cleveland Sets Goal For ADC Campaign

CLEVELAND, O. — With their goal set for \$1000, members of the Cleveland chapter of the JACL are now working on their ADC fund drive.

Frank Shiba, ADC chairman, reported that plans have now been made with a working committee headed by Gene Takahashi, George Chida, Tom Imori and Tak Toyota.

Shiba declared that during the last ADC drive in Cleveland, \$2500 was raised, with all funds solicited on the strength of promises only. Since that time, he said, the evacuation claims bill, the alien deportation stay bill and a number of private bills have been passed.

The remaining objective, he said, is the Judd bill, which would give citizenship to aliens of Japanese ancestry.

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COURT APPROVES NAME CHANGE FOR DENTIST

OAKLAND, Calif. — Superior Judge T. W. Harris of Alameda County last week granted a petition by Dr. Tomohide Dakuzaku to change his name to Thomas Hide Oda.

Dr. Oda's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chosin Dakuzaku, joined him in the petition. His father's name was changed to Frank Chosin Oda.

Dr. Oda is an ex-captain in the dental corps. He declared in his petition that he wanted to simplify his name before opening an office for the practice of dentistry in El Cerrito.

He was represented by Mas Yonemura, Oakland attorney.

Helps Save House

LANDER, Wyo.—Grace Ujifusa of Worland, Wyo., was named here as one of five Worland girls attending a school music festival in Lander who helped save a home from going up in flames on Apr. 8.

The girls discovered the fire in the kitchen of the home here and had the flames partly under control when firemen arrived.

Elect Nisei Girl

MITCHELL, Neb.—Lily Hamada of Gering was elected president recently of the Nebraska Association of Future Homemakers of America. She succeeds Nadine Peterson of Neligh.

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Panel on Marriage Slated by Cleveland JACL Organization

By GRACE ANDOW
CLEVELAND, O.—A panel discussion on love, courtship and marriage, with the emphasis on marriage, will take place Friday, April 22, in the Strawberry room of the YWCA with Johnny Matsushima as chairman, according to the program committee of the JACL.

The informal discussion will be titled, "Marriage to Me: The Individual's Problems of Adjustment." Fred Ono will act as moderator and participants on the panel will be Anna B. Beattie, marriage counselor from the Family Service Association of Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Sashihara, Mrs. Fred Ono, Frank Hijikata, Matsushima and Yoshi Hase.

Every phase of the subject will be discussed, including courtship, dating, pre-engagement and engagement periods, wedding plans, marriage adjustment to sex and its importance.

Questions to be analyzed and discussed will include: How do I know it's love? Just what does the marriage adjustment involve? What are the most practical techniques in childbearing? What does the Kinsey report show about the moral conduct of married men and how does this affect marriage?

Main objective will be to try to give the group an opportunity to express themselves and exchange opinions regarding the problems of courtship and marriage. At the end of the discussion these opinions will be summarized and solutions suggested by Miss Beattie.

The public is invited to attend the session. The meeting will start at 7:30 p. m.

Kawano Attends ILWU Convention

SAN FRANCISCO—Jack Kawano, president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, CIO, of the Territory of Hawaii, returned to Honolulu this week after attending the eighth biennial international conference of the ILWU in San Francisco.

Kawano noted here that the ILWU has approximately 35,000 members in Hawaii.

In addition to Kawano, a member of the ILWU's international executive board, three other members of the 25-man delegation from Hawaii attending the conference were of Japanese ancestry.

Plan Vets Group

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Organization of a Nisei veterans organization is planned here at a meeting set for April 15.



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Denver Ministerial Alliance Opposes Discrimination Burial Policy at Crown Hill Cemetery

DENVER—The Denver Ministerial Alliance last week expressed its opposition to the "whites only" burial policy of the Crown Hill cemetery which recently refused to accept the body of a Nisei soldier for reburial.

The alliance announced its position after an executive meeting.

The Rev. Clyde H. Canfield, president, also reported that members of the alliance will take the matter back to their congregations for a sounding out of their views on the subject.

Rev. Canfield also said that Crown Hill authorities were co-operating with the alliance in an effort to work out the problem of discrimination, which has been in existence since the cemetery's incorporation in 1907.

Members of the alliance, he said, will present the matter from their pulpits to determine whether their congregations believe the cemetery's discriminatory policy should be discontinued.

The cemetery's policy was

Final Rites Held For GI Killed in Occupation Accident

SEATTLE — Final rites were held on April 9 for T/4 Ben K. Hara of Seattle who was killed in an accident on Oct. 22, 1945 while serving with occupation troops in Tokyo.

Technician Hara's remains were returned here recently for reburial.

He was laid to rest in Veterans Memorial cemetery at Washelli, following requiem mass at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church.

Technician Hara was a student in civil engineering at Seattle university at the time of the evacuation. He volunteered for military intelligence service and graduated from the Army language school at Camp Savage, Minn.

He received the Presidential Unit Citation with two oak leaf clusters for participation in the New Guinea and Philippine Islands campaigns.

He was 22 at the time of his death.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Seiichi Hara, Seattle; a brother, Norio Ray Hara, Ontario, Ore., and a sister, Amy Yoshi Hara, Seattle.

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