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## Seattle to Dedicate Memorial to Nisei GIs



Seattle, Wash.

Although formal dedication ceremonies will not be held until Memorial Day, members of the Seattle Nisei War Memorial committee recently got a view of the impressive granite monument to the Japanese American war dead of the Seattle area when the shaft was set up recently at Lake View cemetery.

Heitaro Hikida (center, rear) appears impressed with the height of the 20-foot 8-inch monument, while Dick Setsuda (with hat), newly installed chairman of the War Memorial Committee, and Acting Chaplain Lefty Ichihara check the inscription of the words of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt on the occasion of the formation of the 442nd Combat Team.

The monument was hewn from rainbow granite in Gold Springs, Minn., and was transported to Seattle by railroad flatcar.

The names of 55 American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who gave their lives in World War II are inscribed on the memorial which weighs 25 tons and cost \$10,000.

Over the weekend, nearly 200 Japanese American veterans in Seattle pledged themselves to march in Seattle's Memorial Day parade which will precede the ceremonies at which the monument will be officially unveiled.

Parade Chairman Shino Kachino urged all Nisei veterans in the Seattle area to take part in the march and reported that negotiations are under way for Lieut. Col. Hanley, commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion of the 442nd Combat Team to come to Seattle to lead the marchers. Kachino also said that arrangements were being made for a loan of the regimental colors of the 442nd Combat Team for the parade.

—Photo by Elmer Ogawa.

## JACL Asks for Ending Of Segregation in Army

### Masaoka Urges Positive Action To Abolish Discrimination in United States Armed Forces

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Japanese American Citizens League Anti-Discrimination Committee on April 26 urged the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services to "take positive action to end all segregation in the military forces."

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislation director, in testimony before the committee, explained the JACL stand when he said:

"We believe that segregation creates and foments distinctions and antagonisms between groups, destroying that harmonious relationship between troops necessary to achieve victory.

"We believe that segregation plays into the hands of our enemies and thereby enables them to rally forces to their banners which ought to rush to ours.

"We believe that where one serves his country there should be no discrimination in treatment or opportunity because of color, creed or national origin.

"Thus, we urge this Committee to take positive action to end all segregation . . . not only that the services as a whole will benefit but that individuals serving with the armed forces will take an increasingly cooperative part in them. We urge this action so that all America will have another example of democracy at work."

Masaoka cited the experiences of Nisei serving in the army during the war in both the segregated

442nd and as non-segregated troops in the Pacific.

He said the experiences of the 442nd showed it was not uncommon for pharmacists, attorneys and professional men to serve as front-line infantry privates, although where Nisei were used on a non-segregated basis, their talents usually fitted the job for which they were selected.

"Since only Japanese Americans could be used as replacements for the 442nd," he added, "there were times when it was hard put to field enough troops to carry out assignments."

As an ethnic group, he continued, the Japanese Americans in the Pacific suffered no disproportionate losses, such as in Italy and France with the 442nd.

"It has been said," he testified, "that a poll of former members of the 442nd revealed that the overwhelming majority preferred rejoining the 442nd should

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### NISEI CATHOLIC PRIEST TO TAKE POST IN JAPAN

OSSINING, N. Y. — The first American of Japanese ancestry to become a Catholic priest will be ordained at Maryknoll Seminary here on June 19.

He is James Tokuhisa who is now completing ten years of study at Maryknoll. He will be assigned to a post in Japan.

Six other Nisei also are studying for the priesthood.

### Two Nisei Die As Fire Razes Hawaiian Home

HONOLULU — Two teenage Nisei girls were burned to death when they were trapped in their burning home at Waipahu, Oahu on April 26.

Jane, 12, and Nancy Nakamoto, 14, were the victims of the mid-night blaze.

Their grandmother, Mrs. Kiku Nakamoto, 73, was rescued when she was carried out of the burning building.

### Newsriting Award

FRESNO, Calif. — Joy Kawamura of Sanger Union high school was awarded first place in the news writing division of the annual spring conference for student journalists from high schools and junior colleges on April 23 at Fresno State college.

## Prejudice in San Francisco Against Nisei Group Told in Report to Mayor's Committee

SAN FRANCISCO—Discrimination in San Francisco against persons of Japanese ancestry was brought to the attention of the Mayor's Committee on Human Relations by Joe Grant Masaoka, JACL representative, on April 19.

Masaoka spoke on "San Francisco and Japanese Americans" in a panel discussion.

His report covered discriminatory practices in employment, housing, business, insurance and recreation.

Masaoka said that while San Francisco is regarded as a cosmopolitan city comprised of all minority groups, the inhabitant who is a member of a racial minority takes a different and more realistic view.

He listed as a "fundamental need" the right to obtain employment on the basis of personal qualifications.

"Deprivation of making a livelihood according to one's highest attainments means a lowered standard of living for himself and his dependents," he told the committee. "Frustrations based upon race are intolerable in a free society. Whatever resources the community can muster to provide equal opportunity for employment is safeguarding a basic human right."

Employment discrimination takes different forms, Masaoka said, which are not readily apparent to the job seeker. He said that while a company may not discriminate as a matter of policy, the interviewer himself may be prejudiced.

Among persons who find difficulty in getting employment, he said, are white collar male workers, handicapped veterans who find natural prejudice against disabled applicants heightened by the difficulty of discrimination, and skilled workers in various trades who are barred from union membership.

In the field of housing, Masaoka said, Nisei are faced by racial discrimination, which makes even more difficult the normal difficulties faced in getting housing.

Private realtors and property owners, he said, resort to unwritten agreements which keep Japanese Americans from securing homes "commensurate with their incomes." He said that the Supreme court decision declaring racially restrictive covenants unenforceable in the courts is circumvented by various practices.

The buying of real property, he said, presents difficulty to the Japanese Americans. He urged community education to eliminate the misunderstanding which arises from the occupancy and ownership of homes by persons of racial minorities.

Nisei businessmen, he added, have also found difficulty in negotiating leases for business and are therefore finding it hard to re-establish themselves after their uprooting by the evacuation.

"Vestiges of war hysteria still remain," Masaoka said, "and discouragements are often faced in seeking store locations in the more desirable districts. The argument is raised that the presence of Japanese may deteriorate business values."

The JACL director also pointed

## Court Grants Postponement in d'Aquino Trial

Delay in Obtaining Depositions Cited In Request to Court

SAN FRANCISCO—The "Tokyo Rose" trial of Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino on a charge of wartime treason was postponed from May 16 to July 5 by Federal Judge Michael J. Roche this week.

Judge Roche acceded to the request of counsel for Mrs. d'Aquino for the postponement on the ground that the defense needed additional time in order to obtain depositions from witnesses in the Far East.

The court was told by Mrs. d'Aquino's counsel that Theodore Tamba, San Francisco attorney who is now in Japan, had encountered delays in obtaining depositions and in gaining access to counter-intelligence records.

Defense counsel declared that "barring a major catastrophe" the defense would be ready to go to trial by July 5.

## Salt Laker Called For Jury Duty With Federal Court

Mrs. May F. Watanabe of Salt Lake City was one of 49 residents of northern Utah summoned for the federal grand jury panel for the state's northern division.

The panel will convene in Ogden May 2 at 10 a. m.

to the difficulty encountered by the Nisei in obtaining insurance. Japanese Americans, he said, are often subjected to a ten per cent surcharge.

Other discriminations faced by Japanese Americans, he said, include the restrictions faced in public baths and swimming pools where sometimes they are required to furnish doctor's certificates before admittance.

He also pointed to the refusal of some hotels to take reservations for Japanese Americans.

He said this discrimination was a violation of the state civil rights code.

Masaoka also brought out the problems faced by alien Japanese, who are faced with certain legal restrictions, including the right to work in some professions.

## Japan's Press Watches U. S. Move to Repeal Exclusion Law

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Every action by Congress, no matter how slight concerning legislation for equality in immigration and naturalization, is noted with sharp interest by the Japanese press.

This was the observation this week of Esther L'Ecluse, former public relations director for the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, and now an editor with the Allied Translator and Interpreter Service in Japan. Her job is editing a daily rewrite bulletin of Japanese press comments.

In the United States on temporary leave, Miss L'Ecluse, during a visit to the Washington JACL ADC office, said:

"It's amazing how closely the

Japanese press watches activity by Congress concerning legislation of interest to Japan. This is particularly true of legislation on immigration and naturalization.

"Just the fact that such legislation was introduced was enough to make front page reading in Japan."

Miss L'Ecluse said she recalled an editorial in a leading Japanese daily which pointed out that "even the consideration of such legislation is winning friends for the United States at a time when that country and Russia both are fighting for support of the people of the Orient."

Miss L'Ecluse said she would visit friends on the west coast for several days before returning to Japan.



## Mike Masaoka to Visit Hawaii To Report on JACL Problem

Mike Masaoka, JACL ADC director, and other JACL and Kika Kisei Domei officials will visit Hawaii in May to lead a fund drive for the campaign to win naturalization rights for all persons of Japanese ancestry.

Sam Ishikawa, southern California regional director and Keisaburo Koda and Kihei Ikeda of the Kika Kisei Domei will be among other members of the JACL's delegation to Hawaii.

Masaoka will be in Hawaii for a special report trip beginning May 15. Other officials will leave San Francisco on May 5 for the islands.

The trip will give JACL and KKD officials a chance to thank Hawaiian supporters for previous contributions to the ADC fund. In 1947 Hawaii residents gave \$40,000 for the campaign. Masaoka is expected to address audiences in major Hawaiian areas to report on legislative activities on behalf of Japanese Americans as carried on

by the ADC. Major report will be on progress of legislation for immigration and naturalization rights for the Issei.

The JACL officials' visit to Hawaii will be supported by the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, which recently passed a resolution pledging its support of the JACL financial drive.

Action of the chamber was reported by Tetsuo Oi, an official of the organization.

The JACL ADC and KKD officials will work in Hawaii with the Committee for Equality in Naturalization, which is led by Dr. M. Kometani and Seinosuke Tsukiyama, cochairmen. Much of the success of the 1947 campaign was attributed to the cooperation of these men.

The 1947 drive in Hawaii was led by Joe Grant Masaoka, regional director of the JACL, Sim Toga-saki, Saburo Kido, K. Togasaki, Koda and Ikeda.

## Citizen Kawakami Arrives In Japan as Foreign Trader

TOKYO—A forty-nine year old native of Fukuoka, Japan, arrived here last week as an American citizen by virtue of his service in the U.S. Army in World War II.

Saburo Kawakami of Waimea, Kauai is in Japan as a foreign trader. He is accompanied by Mrs. Kawakami.

Kawakami is one of a handful of "enemy aliens" of Japanese ancestry who were accepted for service in the U.S. Army during World War II.

Kawakami arrived from Japan at the age of 12 and since that time his story has been that of a model American. After graduating from high school, he started a small general merchandise store at Waimea, Kauai. By the time of Pearl Harbor, he was the proprietor of three stores.

Although he was the father of seven children, he was among the first to volunteer for U.S. Army service in Hawaii. Because of his alien status, he was not accepted until February, 1945 when U. S. Army regulations were revised to permit a number of alien Japanese to serve.

He received his basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala., and was ordered home after V-E day. But he said that the war against Japan was still on, and asked to be kept in service.

In February, 1949, flood waters swept into his main store at Waimea and he was forced to auction his stock. But hundreds of his customers and friends throughout the island helped him salvage almost fifty percent of his investment.

\* When his stock was replenished, he decided to make a scheduled trip to Japan to do some buying.

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they be recalled to active duty.

"The only inference which can be drawn from this is that former members of the 442nd reveal a very normal pride in their old organization. Nisei in the Pacific have expressed a preference, if recalled, to return to duty with their old organizations."

The wartime experiences of Japanese American soldiers, both as members of a segregated unit and as members of non-segregated units, suggest that in terms of human dignity as well as in terms of maximum efficiency, a policy of equal treatment and opportunity is but and most in keeping with American ideals and aspirations."

He pointed out the 442nd could not be "categorized in the usual sense of the word" with segregated troops for it was "conceived, organized and operated for a special purpose . . . We fought as a group to earn for ourselves and others the right to be judged on our worth as individuals, and not as associated members of a group or race to which we happen to belong through an accident of birth."

The President's Committee is headed by Charles Fahy, former solicitor general of the United States.

## Chicago City Council Backs Judd Proposal

CHICAGO, Ill.—The City Council of Chicago on Friday, April 22 memorialized the Eighty-First Congress to pass H.R. 199, reports Tats Kushida, Midwest regional representative.

This unprecedented action by the Windy City's legislative body on behalf of Japanese Americans was the result of a resolution jointly introduced by Aldermen Robert E. Merram (5th Ward), William H. Harvey (2nd Ward), Francis J. Hogan (6th Ward) and Benjamin M. Becker (40th Ward), and passed at the City Council's session on April 22.

The resolution follows: WHEREAS, Approximately 4,000 Chicago residents of Japanese extraction are not entitled to exercise the rights of citizenship in this city or country because of discriminatory action on the part of Congress in 1924; and

WHEREAS, Some 33,000 sons of these and other Japanese-Americans courageously demonstrated their loyalty to this country by serving in the armed forces during the last war; and

WHEREAS, The President's committee on Civil Rights in its report in 1948, recognized the inequality and injustice of barring these long-time residents of this country from the rights of citizenship; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the City Council of the City of Chicago do hereby petition the Congress of the United States to enact into law H.B. No. 199 which will give to Americans of Japanese origin who came to this country prior to 1924, the full rights of citizenship of which they have been denied up to this time; be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to Senators Lucas and Douglas, and to the Chicago delegation in the House of Representatives.

## Suspect Convicted In Assault Case

SAN JOSE, Calif.—George M. Conrad, 27, of Sunnyvale was convicted by a jury last week of the charge of forcibly entering the bedroom of two young girls of Japanese ancestry and attacking them under physical threats.

Conrad was arrested by Sheriff's deputies after the 13 and 11-year old victims described the car in which he made his getaway from the home.

## Hironaka Heads Future Farmers Group in Hawaii

HILO, T.H.—Daniel Hironaka, 18, of Kapaa, Kauai, was elected president of the Hawaiian association of Future Farmers of America at the territorial convention here recently.

Hironaka defeated Kenzo Shin-sato of Molokai and Calvin Arakawa of Maui.

Hironaka manages his family farm on Kauai.

## JACL Reports San Francisco Area Employers Discriminate Against Japanese Americans

Joe Masaoka Notes Several Local Unions Also Refuse Membership to Nisei on Racial Grounds; Little Bias Seen in Civil Service

SAN FRANCISCO—Three fourths of all San Francisco bay area employers who hire workers through the California employment service discriminate against persons of Japanese ancestry, according to a report made this week by Joe Grant Masaoka, regional director of the JACL.

Masaoka's report, made for the JACL ADC, listed employment and union discrimination practiced in San Francisco.

Seventy-five per cent of employers requisitions placed with the state employment service, he said, suggest they do not want Orientals, while 90 per cent say they do not want Negroes.

The requisitions are mainly from employers dealing in durable and non-durable goods, the report stated, but the same percentage holds true for employers engaged in processing consumer goods and employers with retail outlets.

Masaoka's report said that while national union policies are against discrimination, many local unions restrict their membership.

He listed the following unions which, he said, forbid admission to persons of racial minorities: Production Workers, Local 1327; Carpet, Linoleum and Soft Tile Workers, Local 1235; Machinists, Local 68; Electricians, Local 6; Waiters and Dairy Lunchmen's Local 30; Plumbers and Pipe Fitters, Local 442; the AFL Teamsters; Roofers, Local 40; Sign Painters, Local 510; Sailors Unions of the Pacific; and the Automotive Machinists, Local 1305.

Elaborating upon union discrimination, Masaoka reported:

"Harry Lundberg, president of the SUP, has flatly said that as long as he is president, he will see that no Negro or Japanese or other Oriental is taken into the union. Automotive Machinists, Local 1305, inform applicants that their organization is not a union but a lodge and therefore membership is invitational. While in San Francisco the Automotive Machinists bar racial minority groups, the same union on the East Bay side does accept members of racial minority groups. It is quite apparent unions composed of skilled tradesmen are autonomous to a great degree."

In contrast Masaoka said that the Cooks and Bakers union, Local 44, the Miscellaneous union, Local 110, and the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, Local 42, have been "particularly positive" in stressing anti-discriminatory policies.

He pointed out that the State AFL under John Shelley has formed the San Francisco Committee Against Intolerance to get union membership for persons of minority groups.

He also pointed out "the completely absence" of racial minority groups from metal trades, marine engineers, bartenders and maintenance engineers unions.

Masaoka gave two examples of union discrimination, as follows:

"A Japanese American returning to his west coast home from Detroit sought employment in automotive service department on basis of his experience in work with the hydromatic drive. The company delightedly took him on. Several days after his admittance to the job a business agent of the local union asked him if he was a union member. The Nisei said he would be very happy to join, but was informed Japanese Americans could not enter and that the firm was a closed shop. The Nisei was released despite the objections of the employer."

"To become a city licensed plumber requires a certain period of apprenticeship under a master plumber. A Nisei otherwise fully qualified and who had received top grading in several civil service examinations as a plumber cannot obtain his city license. He found it impossible to secure any apprenticeship under a licensed plumber in years gone by. Now with a family he cannot afford to start apprenticeship. Consequently he does odd plumbing jobs and has to forego major contracting work which requires the signature of a licensed plumber."

In white collar work Masaoka noted that office workers, particularly male, found difficulty in finding jobs in private employment if they were of minority ancestry. They are, however, found in

"more obvious numbers" in federal, state and municipal civil service.

General sentiment among civil service employees, the JACL director said, is that there is "hardly any discernible bias" in the selection of workers."

Female office workers, he said, had less difficulty than male in finding work, and Nisei have been especially in demand. At the present time, however, the employment situation has been tightening up and Nisei female applicants for office jobs are "looking for work instead of work seeking them out."

Some Nisei girls, he said, have sought work with major insurance companies, including the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., and have been told there were no jobs when newspaper ads continued to call for office workers.

Many department stores, he added, also discriminate against Nisei, though retail store unions "welcome" Nisei and other racial minority members. Few Japanese Americans, he said, are working in San Francisco department stores.

Various methods are used by employers to keep Nisei out of jobs, the JACL representative said.

A stock answer made in these cases, he said, is that they have insufficient experience to fill the job.

"If their applications list considerable experience," he continued, "they are told they are qualified for much more than the job calls for and would probably be dissatisfied in the position offered so that the job is withheld on the basis that the prospect would not be permanent."

Nisei war veterans face no greater nor lesser resistance than civilian Nisei in finding employment, according to the report.

Masaoka reported that many Nisei attending school have reported that they have applied for jobs or for the right to take examinations for jobs before they completed their schooling.

In most such cases they have been told they cannot make application or take examinations until they have finished their course of study. Other veterans, however, are allowed to file for jobs and take the examinations.

## Expect Thousand to Attend Western Buddhists Conclave

Toronto Priest Will Be Main Speaker at Fresno Conference

FRESNO, Calif.—More than a thousand young Buddhists from California and Arizona will meet in Fresno this weekend, April 29 to May 1, for the seventh annual meeting of the Western Young Buddhist league.

Keynote speaker will be the Rev. Takashi Tsuji of Toronto, Canada, who will follow his speaking engagement here with a three-week lecture tour of California.

Delegates will vote upon nominees for 1949-50 officers. The slate of official nominees, submitted by the nominating committee and accepted by the board of directors, is as follows:

Dr. Ryo Mune-kata, pres.; Robert Kimura, 1st vice pres.; Eugene Okada, 2nd vice pres.; Mollie Hori, rec. sec.; Mary Yanokawa, corres. sec.; Ben Nakamura, treas.; Jiro Nakaso, auditor; Kinji Hiramoto, chairman, research; Michi Mayemura, chairman, activities; and Tad Miyake, chairman, recreation.

Panel discussion groups will be held with Laurel Ellen Glass, youth director, Mary Belle Fogg, YWCA director, and the Rev. Tsuji as leaders.

Five queen candidates representing various districts will vie for

## Strandee Files Suit to Regain Seized Property

SAN FRANCISCO—A Nisei strandee, recently returned to his country, has filed suit for property taken by the government under the alien property law.

The Nisei, Mitsuo Hosaka, filed suit through attorney Guy Calden for his half interest property valued at \$20,000.

Calden, who filed the suit in Federal district court April 22, indicated that a suit will be filed soon in Washington on behalf of Hosaka's sister, an American citizen still in Japan, for her share of the property.

The property consists of real property and machinery. The property is reported to include a building at 1421 California street which housed the former California St. Laundry, operated by Mitsushige Hosaka, father of plaintiff; a flat at 1737 Stockton and a flat on Post street near Guna.

Hosaka's claim also includes printing machinery in the Stockton street building at the time it was taken from him in September 1943.

In his suit Hosaka says that he was visiting in Japan when the war began but that he did not intend to help the Japanese war effort.

## Yoshinao Omiya Visits Washington Office

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Yoshinao (Turtle) Omiya, of Honolulu, smiling, cheerful blind veteran of the 100th Infantry Battalion, here on April 26 after a visit to the JACL Washington office, call on friends in Philadelphia and New York before stopping in New Jersey to train with his seeing-eye dog.

Omiya was accompanied by attendant, Miss Yuki Hori.

He will train with the dog several weeks before returning to Hawaii. His first seeing-eye dog was accidentally killed.

## Seabrook Supports Issei Citizenship

WASHINGTON, D. C.—R. Fistere, personnel director of Seabrook Farms, Seabrook, N. J. was enroute home on April 26 revealing the interest of Seabrook, owner of Seabrook Farms, in the Judd bill.

Mr. Fistere visited both New Jersey Senators, H. Alexander Smith and Robert C. Hendrickson to explain Mr. Seabrook's interest in the measure.

Approximately 1590 Japanese are employed at Seabrook Farms. Mr. Fistere, a member of Seabrook JACL chapter, was a former resettlement officer for WRA at Cleveland, New York and Seattle.

the title of Miss Bussei at the Sunday noon luncheon.

Contestants are Terrie Y. kawa, Fumi Urushibata, Toya, Iyoko Sasaki and Elsie.

A board of three judges, including former Mayor Glenn Vore and Helen Cosby, head of beauty operators union, will select the girl who will reign over the convention festivities. The winner will be crowned at a coronation ball Saturday evening at Fresno Memorial auditorium.

Delegates will take over Fresno fairgrounds amphitheater Sunday morning for an outdoor service. The WYBL massed dance will make its first appearance at that time. Mrs. Chizu Iwanaga is the director.

Committee chairmen who worked on conference plans are Jim Hashimoto, registration; Nakamura, housing; Tak Nakamura, treasurer; Min Kinoshita and Hashimoto, program; Richard Ochiai, Toy Hishiko, Fujimura, services; Tad Miyake, luncheon; Kiyo Kawamoto, music; Misa Osakawa, talent; Eugene Okada, oratorical; Kubo, queen contest and photo; Tom Okano, photo contest; Iwatsubo, panel discussion; Tsuruoka and Jim Miyazaki, fund drawing; John Arakawa, dance; and Kazue Iwatsubo, publicity.



## Nisei Center Acquired in Twin Cities

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—A commodious parsonage and center for Nisei activities in the Twin Cities have been acquired by the Episcopal diocese of Minnesota and will be available June 1, according to an announcement made by the Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa.

The house is located at 2200 Madison avenue, Minneapolis. The initial cost of the house will be \$10,000, of which \$10,000 will be supplied by the national council of the Episcopal church. The balance of the cost will be assumed by the diocese.

Rev. Kitagawa expressed the hope that the center will become a center of Twin Cities Japanese Americans themselves, both through use of the facilities and by financial support.

All Issei or Nisei organizations will be invited to send official representatives to the center's board of management, which will be in charge of the fund raising campaign for the project.

The building, which includes a parsonage, two floors and an attic, has a meeting room with seating capacity of 100, a pastor's office, dining room, kitchen and bathroom on the first floor.

The second floor will be used by Rev. Kitagawa and his family as a parsonage.

## Chicago City Club Urges Passage of Judd Proposal

CHICAGO—The City club of Chicago, a non-partisan, civic organization, this week urged the United States Senate to give immediate and favorable consideration to H.R. 199, the Judd bill for equality in naturalization and immigration, as learned from the JACL-ADC Midwest Regional office, whose representative recently spoke before the club's race relations committee.

Letters urging this action were sent by the club to the Senators from Illinois, Scott W. Lucas and Paul H. Douglas and to Senators McCarran, chairman, and Foran, C. Donnell, members of the Senate subcommittee in which H.R. 199 is pending, and to the president of the Senate, Alben Barkley, as well as to President Truman. The City club's action reaffirms its position in 1948 when similar legislation was taken. In 1947 the club passed a resolution endorsing the JACL-ADC program.

## Harvey Aki Reelected President of New England JACL

BOSTON, Mass.—Harvey Aki was reelected president of the New England chapter of the JACL in its second annual election.

Gertrude King and Jin Kinoshita were named vice presidents. Other officers will be Jean Oda and Nina Onishi, secretaries; Jane Morino, historian; William Simms, publicity officer and George Inoue, treasurer.

The cabinet will assume office in September. No summer program will be held.

## Yoshito Fujii Cited for Annual Community Award in Seattle

SEATTLE—Yoshito Fujii, local hotel operator, was presented the community service award of the Jackson Street Community Council at its annual dinner meeting on April 21 at Neighborhood House. The award of the council, a Red Cross agency of the Seattle-Jackson County Community Chest, was made for "an outstanding contribution in promoting health, welfare, civic improvement and human relations."

The presentation to Fujii was made by Mrs. Louis Shapiro, dinner chairman.

Fujii, owner of the N. P. Hotel, holds a master's degree in sociology from the University of Washington. He has been a lieutenant colonel in Community Chest drives for the past two years and is budget chairman of the Council. He has been constantly active in

## Harold Russell Raps Anti-Nisei Bias in Talk to School Group

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Harold Russell, the amputee war veteran who was featured in the motion picture, "Best Years of Our Lives," attacked discrimination against Americans of Japanese ancestry in a talk to a Paseo high school audience here recently. Russell, author of "Victory in My Hands," has been making a series of talks in the Kansas City area under the sponsorship of B'nai B'rith.

"Democracy is now on trial," Russell told his audience as he emphasized the menace of bigotry in the United States.

He told of the heroic record of Japanese American troops in Italy. He said that despite the loyalty shown by Nisei GIs "we have treated them only as second class citizens."

He met with Nisei students at Paseo high school and commended them "for their strong convictions during the war years."

## Mrs. Kingman Deplores Nisei Tendency to Self-Segregation

**Urges Cooperation With Other Minorities Toward Common Goals**

SAN FRANCISCO — Japanese Americans should abandon their tendency to self-segregation and take their rightful place in their communities, according to Mrs. Harry Kingman, former executive secretary of the California Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

As the principal speaker at the San Francisco JACL inaugural banquet April 25 at the Saint Moritz restaurant, Mrs. Kingman also asked that Nisei work with other minority groups in attaining their common goals.

She pointed out that the Fair Play committee's letter campaign for the return of the evacuees, which included the mailing of nearly 150,000 letters, was financed more than half by Jewish funds.

Speaking on the subject, "What the Community Expects of the Nisei," Mrs. Kingman declared that Japanese Americans should take advantage of the fact that attitudes toward them have changed since the war.

She said she contacted a number of strangers, of whom none knew of her interest in the Nisei, to get their reactions.

"Every person I met had a guilty conscience about the evacuation," she said, "but they didn't know what to do about it. The Nisei can take advantage of this general feeling to widen their place in the community."

A business executive she contacted told her he "felt bad about the evacuation but did nothing about it." He now hires a Nisei girl, but no Nisei white-collar men. She quoted his reason as being, "The unions won't let me."

A housewife serving on a jury with Mrs. Kingman told her she thought the evacuees got a "raw deal," and wondered what she could do about it.

A CIO official pointed out that no racial discrimination is permitted in CIO unions, but said, "Most of our unions are industrial and there are very few Nisei in industries."

She was told by an AFL official, "You know how it is in California."

A schoolteacher who had never had any scholastic difficulties with the Nisei told Mrs. Kingman some Nisei students showed deficiencies in their education upon returning from relocation centers. She expressed the hope that the Nisei would begin to "mix more" with other pupils.

An employment agency director

told Mrs. Kingman she has more offers than she can fill for Nisei secretaries, stenographers and typists. Office jobs for Nisei men, however, are not yet opening up. She advised that Nisei applicants be more aggressive in their job hunting and said that much pre-war resistance to Nisei employment has disappeared.

Mrs. Kingman also quoted Ernest Besig, director of the Northern California ACLU, who told her that Nisei understand the problems of minority groups much better now than before the war. He also expressed the hope that Nisei would end their self-segregation in their own districts.

Takehiko Yoshihashi, new JACL president, and his cabinet were installed in ceremonies conducted by Joe Grant Masaoka, regional director of the JACL.

Dr. Carl T. Hirota was toastmaster.

Yukio Wada, past president, was given a special JACL pin for his services to the chapter.

## Chicago Baptists To Observe 116th Annual Dinner

CHICAGO — The First Baptist church, second oldest Protestant church in Chicago, will hold its 116th annual dinner Wednesday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m., according to Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa, pastor.

Dr. Alfred Diman, executive secretary of the Chicago Baptist Association and former pastor of the 2nd Baptist church of Chicago, will be the principal speaker.

Reservations may be placed at the church office by phoning Kenwood 6-3430.

Members of the dinner committee are R. Murphy, chairman; R. Cook, S. Mori, M. Miyaji, M. Fujita, L. Holcomb, A. Flickenstein, A. Takusagawa, K. Tanabe, H. Hasegawa, R. Boyton, D. Hiura, A. Takahashi, Z. Toyama, E. McCoy, M. Caminati and G. Kita.

## Spokane Services Held for Veteran Of 442nd Regiment

SPOKANE, Wash.—Reinterment services were held here recently for Pvt. Gordon G. Yamura at Riverside cemetery.

Two of Pvt. Yamura's buddies of Company K of the 442nd Combat Team, Tom Imai and Fred Shiosaki, were among the pallbearers.

Pvt. Yamura is survived by his father, three sisters, Mrs. Chiyo Ogo, Mrs. Miyo Akiyama and Mrs. Margaret Uyeda and twin brothers, Eugene and Roy, all of Spokane.

## Final Rites Held For Florin Veteran

SACRAMENTO—Graveside services were held on April 27 at Memorial Lawn Cemetery for Pfc. Cooper T. Tahara, 24, who was killed in action in southern France with the 442nd Combat Team on Nov. 5, 1944.

The services were directed by the Nisei Post of the VFW and the Veterans Affiliated Council. Funeral rites were held at the Florin Buddhist church.

Pfc. Tahara was born in Florin and was a graduate of Elk Grove high school.

He entered the army on Oct. 20, 1941.

Pfc. Tahara was killed when his squad, on patrol, was pinned down by enemy machine gun fire.

He is survived by his parents, Kumakichi and Tsune Tahara; his brothers, Hiroyuki, Shiro, Goro and Shigeo, and a sister, Mitsuye.

## Japanese American Strandeers May Initiate Mass Suit in Japan for U. S. Citizenship

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

TOKYO, Japan — Heartened by the restoration of American citizenship to 1,500 segregees from the Tule Lake WRA camp in California who are now in Japan, a group of American-born persons of Japanese ancestry who were stranded in Japan by the outbreak of war in 1941 and who have been unable to obtain American passports because of service in the Japanese armed forces are reported this week to be planning a mass court suit to regain their United States nationality.

## PTA Nisei Leader Says Race Prejudice Is On Decline

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Race prejudice is on the decline in California, according to Mrs. Celia Takemoto, president of the Nora Sterry Parent-Teachers Association, who spoke at an International Relations banquet April 25 at the Biltmore hotel.

Mrs. Takemoto, who was recently awarded a life membership in the PTA for her work, is the first Nisei to win a presidential post in the organization.

She asked that children be educated to like their neighbors, regardless of their racial background. She praised the decline of race prejudice in California and said that it was in this healthy environment that she wanted her children and others to be raised and educated.

She said that she visited Poston, Ariz., her wartime WRA home, only last week enroute home from a visit to Denver.

The visit, she said, "brought back memories but they were no longer bitter."

"The place hasn't changed very much," she said. "And we have even found improvements since we had last left the center. The camp is an Indian reservation today."

"We were impressed, not with the past morbidity or bitterness—but because we have found ourselves to be free again, living in democracy."

One other Nisei delegate, Mrs. Jiro Omata of the Hanford PTA, was a delegate to the convention, which met for three days beginning April 25.

## 80 Issei Pioneers Are Feted by JACL Chapter

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Eighty Issei pioneers aged 70 and above, including seven persons who have passed their eightieth birthdays, were honored by the United Citizens League of Santa Clara county at a "pioneer night" program Saturday, April 23.

Oldest person present was Mrs. Naka Chikasuke of Mountain View, 84, who went to Hawaii in 1902 and came to the mainland in 1905.

Other octogenarians present were Takamatsu Masunaga, 83, San Jose; Mrs. Toyono Yamamoto, 82, San Jose; Kitaro Tsukawaga, 82, Mountain View; Mitsui Inada, 82, Gilroy; Kiyomatsu Obata, 81, San Jose; and Tokutaro Oishi, 81, Oakland, formerly of San Jose.

## Kansas City Leaders Express Approval of Issei Citizenship

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Well-known Kansas Cityans have lent their support to the Judd bill for equality in naturalization and immigration, it was reported this week by Tats Kishida, Midwest Regional Representative, who visited the home state of President Truman earlier this month.

Requests that H.R. 199 be scheduled for immediate hearings were sent by them to Sen. Forrest C. Donnell, Republican member of the two-man Senate Subcommittee on Immigration in charge of the bill, it was made known by the JACL-ADC representative, who was employed in Kansas City with the War Relocation Authority in 1944.

Herman Langworthy, Sr., distinguished attorney who served as chairman of the board of election commissioners under Donnell during his governorship, Orville Anderson, Donnell's campaign manager in Kansas City, Frank Tyler, president of the Council of World Affairs, Charles Shafer, chairman of the Americanism Committee of

According to the U. S. State Department, several thousands of American-born Japanese in Japan lost their citizenship by virtue of the amended Nationality Act of 1940 which stipulates that a person who is a national of the United States shall lose his nationality by (a) obtaining naturalization in a foreign state, as well as (c) entering, or serving in the armed forces of a foreign state.

In view of the decision of Judge Louis E. Goodman in the United States District Court in San Francisco on April 12 in which the voluntary renunciation of American citizenship by 5,200 former inmates of the Tule Lake segregation camp was ruled invalid, a group of American-born Japanese in Japan have initiated a movement for a mass suit on the ground that American-born Japanese who joined the Japanese armed forces during the war did not do so voluntarily but under conditions of duress.

It was declared that a mass suit would be filed, rather than individual suits, in order to obtain a court decision on clauses (a) and (c) of the Nationality Act of 1940 and on the question of duress. It was explained that in individual suits many other factors are likely to be injected.

The names of the 1,500 former Tule Lake segregees in Japan who are affected by Judge Goodman's decision have been received from the United States by American consulates in Yokohama and Kobe. It was reported that the list was forwarded with the aim of making it convenient for any of these plaintiffs in Japan to launch proceedings for return to the United States.

Those American-born persons of Japanese ancestry in Japan who have been refused certification of their American nationality because of service in the Japanese armed forces now believe they stand a good chance of regaining their citizenship in the light of Judge Goodman's decision in the Tule Lake case.

It was noted here, however, that a possibility exists that the United States government may appeal Judge Goodman's district court ruling to a higher court.

A number of other Japanese American strandeers in Japan who have been refused passports because of the fact that they voted in the 1946 general elections in Japan have been heartened by the recent decision of Federal Judge Charles Cavanaugh in Los Angeles in ruling that the Nationality Act of 1940 does not affect those who voted in the Japanese elections in 1946 since Japan is under the occupation of the United States Army.

the American Legion in Kansas City and Beach Musser, chairman of the Americanization Committee of the Junior Chamber of Commerce were among many who expressed their personal and organizational interests in this legislation.

Mrs. Maynor Brock, executive director of the Naturalization Council of Kansas City, whose thirty constituent organizations include the American Association of University Women, the American Legion, the Junior C. of C., the League of Women Voters and many religious and labor groups, was helpful in urging the passage of H.R. 199 in the House of Representatives and continues, through the organization, to support the bill in the Senate.

Bryce B. Smith, former mayor of Kansas City, and intimate friend of President Truman, indicated his strong personal interest in the Judd bill and has urged the President to request immediate action on it.



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## EDITORIALS:

### The Evacuee Claims Program

It is now six months since the evacuee indemnification program was set in motion by the Justice Department under the provisions of Public Law 886 and reports indicate that approximately 2,000 claims have been filed to date by evacuees of Japanese ancestry. The number of claims is much smaller than expected by the Justice Department since 120,000 persons were involved in the mass evacuations from California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona and Alaska and the limited evacuation from Hawaii. It is believed that most evacuees have adopted a "wait-and see" policy, since the deadline for claims is still seven months away.

The Justice Department has formulated a tentative program on the basis of claims received to date and has asked for an appropriation of \$1,200,000, of which total \$200,000 was earmarked for administrative expenses. It is expected that the Justice Department will request additional funds if the need arises. As the JACL ADC has pointed out in Washington, the appropriation requested by the Justice Department will only pay for 400 claims at the top figure of \$2,500. Most claims, however, are expected to be for sums considerably less than the maximum permitted under the law.

Losses sustained by evacuees of Japanese ancestry as a direct result of the evacuation have been estimated to range from \$100,000,000 and \$200,000,000. It is not known what part of these losses are deemed recoverable under the present claims law but the percentage must be small on the basis of the Justice Department's request for only \$1,000,000 for payment of claims during the coming fiscal year. The JACL ADC has described the budget request as "inadequate." It has also urged the Justice Department to simplify and expedite claims for losses of household goods which constitute a considerable part of the losses sustained through mass evacuation.

### The Dispersed Japanese Canadians

Despite the fact Canada's "wartime" restrictions on her residents of Japanese ancestry came to an end on March 31, there has been no indication that the evacuees plan to return to their former homes.

Indeed, the number of persons returning to Vancouver and other areas where once they lived in such large numbers is so small that they can almost be counted off on the fingers of one hand.

There appear to be two reasons for the reluctance of the evacuees to go home. First and foremost, it appears, is fear. They are not yet sure that they will be received with equanimity in their old hometowns.

The Japanese Canadian Citizens Association, in fact, is stressing the difficulties of return—the housing shortage, rising unemployment, etc. — apparently to keep the evacuees from rushing homeward. The JCCA is proceeding with the utmost caution possible, hoping that the returning evacuees will be kept down to an unnoticeable though steady trickle, in the belief that a wave of immigrant refugees would invoke the same prejudices that brought on the evacuation.

It's inconceivable to us that the JCCA, which is the Canadian counterpart of the JACL, should be forced by circumstances into this position of supercaution.

The second reason for the reluctance of the evacuees to return is economic.

The Canadian government did a complete job when it evacuated its Japanese. It completely destroyed the economy of these people on the coast. It took over their homes and property and business equipment. And it has made no effort—save for a gesture toward reviewing evacuation losses—to reimburse these people adequately for their losses.

It is true that the government did return money for the confiscated property. The property was sold at auction—a method of raising money which never returns dollar for dollar value—and this was turned over to the owners. Japanese Canadians are correct in stating that their properties were sold for far below market value.

The complete destruction of the Japanese Canadian economy on the coast has made it virtually impossible for these people to return to their homes.

The Canadian government waited an unconscionably long time in lifting its wartime emergency restrictions. In refusing to lift the restrictions in 1945, when the U. S. opened the coast to Japanese Americans, and then again when the war ended, the government left itself open to the charge of hypocrisy in keeping its "emergency" restrictions upon its residents of Japanese ancestry.

Even today the government has made no move to admit that the evacuation was not necessary, has made no attempt to ease the return of the evacuees. By comparison the United States government made a definite effort to prepare the coast for the return of the evacuees through a concerted drive to educate

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## A Gallery of Issei Celebrities

It would probably be correct to identify Dr. Hideyo Noguchi as an Issei although he belonged to the world. Born in a little village in rural Japan, he came to America in his youth to study medicine. He married and lived in the United States from that time on, although for months and years his work in the unending war against disease and pain took him to the faraway places. He fought yellow fever in Central America and he became a martyr for medicine when he died of sleeping sickness in the hot, humid town of Accra in British West Africa one day in 1928.

The disease-wrecked body of Dr. Noguchi of the Rockefeller Foundation was lowered into the seas off Accra but before that day in 1928 he had secured many a bridgehead in the battle to widen the frontiers of knowledge.

The little Dr. Noguchi, with a hand permanently scarred by an accident with a tub of boiling water when in his infancy, called a little apartment in New York his home and America his country although he was ineligible for citizenship. He did important work in fighting Rocky Mountain spotted fever which once was a scourge in the high valleys of the Intermountain west. He discovered the organism causing syphilis.

Since his death his story has become legend along the western shores of central Africa and among the tribes in the upriver country. Stories about the little Japanese doctor from America were heard by a Toronto newspaperman and the resulting series of magazine articles later inspired an American motion picture called "Nagana," in which the central character was a Japanese doctor.

It is perhaps fitting that the story of Dr. Noguchi is the subject of one of the first full-dress biographies written about an Issei in America. This book, written in the staccato style of Dr. Gustav Eckstein of Cincinnati was "Noguchi," published in 1931 by Harpers. There have been a number of other publications about Issei personalities, among them K. K. Kawakami's "Jokichi Takamine," published in 1928 by William E. Rudge, "The Shining Stars," the story of Dr. Toyohiko Takami, and the biography of Yasuo Kuniyoshi which was published last year.

There are a number of other Issei whose stories should be collected and told some day for a generation of Nisei to whom the names may have only a vague ring of familiarity. There are such well-publicized names as that of Sessue Hayakawa and of Michio Ito of the dance theater. There is the fabulous Sadakichi Hartmann who painted 400 canvases, wrote 30 books and begot a dozen children and died when well past seventy in Florida some years ago. Gene Fowler, whose biography of New York's Mayor James Walker, "Beau James," is his latest national best-seller, once announced that he was writing a biography of Sadakichi who was once the arbiter of Bohemianism in Greenwich Village and on San Francisco's fabled hills.

There are many other Issei, some still living and some long dead, who were equally celebrated in their respected fields. Yasuo Matsui, the New York architect, who helped design the Empire State building, the world's tallest. Nakano, the Philadelphia ship-builder, whose yards turned out vessels for the United States in World War II although Mr. Nakano himself was technically an "enemy alien." I. Sekine who died last year and who was one of the nation's largest manufacturer of tooth brushes, his products being used daily by millions of Americans. Yone Noguchi, who wrote epic poetry about the American west, and who died two years ago in Japan. He was the father of Isamu Noguchi, one of the country's outstanding sculptors.

Bradford Smith, in "Americans

from Japan," notes that the life of Jokichi Takamine was one of the most colorful of all the Issei. With a background of study in England, Takamine arrived in the United States in 1884 as the Japanese commissioner to the international exposition in that city. In New Orleans, Takamine met and fell in love with Caroline Hitch, daughter of Col. Eben Hitch. They were married and the Takamines went to Japan to live. Some years later he was invited to return to the United States to commercialize his discovery of the artificial production of diastase for making alcohol. Mr. Smith notes that the discovery, which considerably speeded up the process of making whiskey, incurred the hatred of malt companies as well as laborers who lost jobs as a result of the discovery. The distillery for which he was working was set ablaze, apparently by an incendiary.

Takamine's major discovery was his synthetic preparation of adrenalin, the heart stimulant. Adrenalin brought great wealth to Takamine. He built a five-story home on Riverside Drive which became one of the showplaces of New York. His biographers recall that he had a wide circle of friends, among them Rockefeller and Seth Low. Since his death in 1922 his work has been carried on by his son, Dr. Eben Takamine, who has worked on penicillin and other similar drugs.

The yellowed pages of old newspapers will tell the stories of many another celebrated Issei. The gulf of an alien tongue separates the average Nisei from inquiry into these files which are published in Japanese language newspapers. In addition, fire, such as the blaze which razed the Japanese American News building in San Francisco in 1939, has destroyed many of these files, while evacuation resulted in the scattering of still others. There is a source, largely untapped by the students of the story of the people of Japanese ancestry in the United States, which can tell in great detail of major happenings and of the early battles in the wars against the Pacific coast race-baiters. Here too can be found a gallery of characters who will not be immortalized by a biographer but who are as much a part of the story of the Issei in America as the men of medicine and the professions. Here are the ordinary farmers with their first tracts of land, worrying about the weather and the price of seed. Here are the gamblers of the delta towns along the Sacramento and the San Joaquin, the fruit tramps and the migrant harvest hands. Here are the railroad workers, bridging the desert with shining steel, and the miners boring deep into the earth. Here are labor contractors, bringing in scabs to break strikes, and Japanese farm workers using sitdown strikes 30 years before the CIO. Here are some of the men who have grown old and tired and who sit today on the doorsteps of the valley towns, watching the traffic and telling old men's tales. Here are some of the men who live today in the Japanese camp which the San Joaquin County welfare department has established in the river country outside of Stockton. It is a segregated camp for the aged and the forgotten, for men who came to the American shore one day with high hopes and who now pass quiet days awaiting death in a little county welfare camp.

The story of the Issei is one of achievement, the American story of an immigrant generation. It is also the story of success and of failure, of hope and heartbreak. It is filled with the names of pioneers, like that of Kyutaro Abiko and the Livingston colony, and of present-day names like Obata, Koda and Ikeda. It is the story of the Noguchis and Takamines and of the anonymous thousands. It is yet to be written and it stands as a challenge to Nisei writers.

## To the Editor: LETTER-BOMB On Vital Statistics

Editor, Pacific Citizen:

Your editorial (on discrimination in vital statistics, April 23) covered most of the things that have learned from the local bureau of vital statistics. It seems that the Mexicans are entitled to have their color down as white if they so prefer. The statisticians also warned to look for "Puerto Ricans," "Cubans," "Jamaicans," etc., on the basis that Negroes, because of discrimination, have started to use different racial origins.

Recently a Nisei couple's baby was registered on a birth certificate as "white." It might have been an error on the part of the hospital, but the couple didn't make any attempt to correct it. How passed by the statistician is something else again.

I sincerely hope that something will be done in the near future to quit discriminating on birth certificates. After all, if a child is born here, that makes him an American.

Thanks again for your splendid work in our fight against discrimination.

Henri Honda  
San Diego, Calif.

### Alaskan Evacuees

The Editor,  
Pacific Citizen.

Dear Sir:

Your April 16, 1949 issue of the PACIFIC CITIZEN carried an article on Page 3 with the following caption: "Seek Recognition For Claims of Evacuees From Alaska." In my opinion that article is a very misleading one and it is quite probable that it may have a harmful effect in that it may deter persons of Japanese ancestry who were evacuated from Alaska in 1942 from filing claims under Public Law 886.

The natural inference that would be drawn from the article in question is that the evacuees from Alaska is not entitled to make a claim under the existing Public Law 886. After a careful study of the law, I can find no justification for such an inference from the language of the law. Section 1 of the law permits all persons of Japanese ancestry to file claims for loss or damage to property that is a reasonable and natural consequence of the evacuation or exclusion of such person from a military area in Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Hawaii.

The law does not specifically prohibit the indemnification of internees. It does not bar them from filing claims. The internee, however, may not file a claim for losses suffered as a consequence of his internment by the Department of Justice. The loss claimed for must have resulted from the evacuation itself. An internee can argue that had no evacuation taken place, he could have turned over the management of his business, property, or farm to his members of his family or to his friends. Because evacuation forced the removal of the entire Japanese population from the Pacific Coast, the internee suffered losses which are the reasonable and natural consequence of the evacuation and not of internment.

Mr. Kawabe's point may be this: Every male Issei person residing in Alaska at the time of the outbreak of the war was interned as a matter of government policy and generally without cause; therefore, special consideration should be given the internees from Alaska and legislation should be enacted to indemnify them for losses resulting from their internment. This is a point of good merit and should be given due consideration by the JACL Legislative Committee.

Having lived the greater part of my life in Alaska, the article in question was of particular interest to me and I felt that it was my duty to point out the erroneous impression that it might create. It is my hope that the PACIFIC CITIZEN will take corrective action to clarify this issue.

Very truly yours,  
Charles Tatsuda,  
Attorney-at-Law,  
Minneapolis 8, Minn.

### Radio Interview

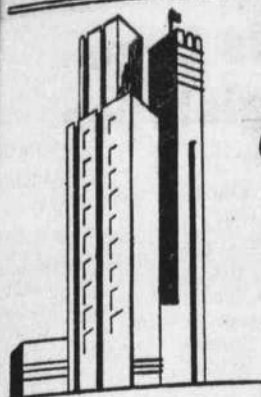
SPOKANE, Wash. — Blanche Shiosaki, president of the Spokane JACL chapter, and Ed Takakawa, past president, were interviewed by Rex King on KFTO on April 17.

public opinion. The return proceeded with very few incidents.

Some such program should be instituted by the Canadian government to help those evacuees who wish to return to their former homes.

It is ironic that this month, when for the first time in history Japanese Canadians were granted the right of franchise in British Columbia, so few were there to exercise it.





# a Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

## Story on a Stray Note

I am going through the pockets of an old suit and I run across a well-creased, dog-tired memorandum which tersely commands, "look up Izzy."

For months on end I have been promising myself to look up Izzy Steiner in the phone book. All I knew of this former Los Angeles friend was that he lived on Fifth avenue and was a millionaire. I wanted to learn how he struck it big in the biggest city in the world. Somehow I never got around to it until the other day.

Before I go on any further, I should tell you a little about Izzy and myself.

Izzy and I were classmates at Manual Arts high school in Los Angeles in the early 1930s, but when we graduated, that ended a long-standing friendship.

There was no quarrel or disagreement of any kind. It was merely a case of going different ways. I went on to UCLA and Izzy joined the sales department of a large store on Broadway. "I'd much rather be a success in life and make money instead of being a campus biggie and wind up with only a fistful of sheepskin," he said.

Izzy was my partner on the high school debating team and in the course of years together I couldn't help but grow to admire him for his aggressive efforts and his unlimited resourcefulness in meeting any argument.

As I got to know him better and learn more about his family and the Jewish people, I couldn't help but try to analyze why the Japanese were not so resourceful and imaginative.

For example, on Saturdays, I used to knock myself out hustling oranges, onions and apples at some super-market for three bucks a day. Izzy, on the other hand, used to peddle football programs or hawk parking space near the Coliseum and wind up with ten or fifteen dollars for an afternoon's work. "You gotta learn to make the most money with the least effort," he would tell me.

Again, I'd go to the May Company and buy a fine woolen sweater for five dollars. The next day Izzy would show me where to get the same item for \$2.50. "I can get anything wholesale," he would tell me. "You're a chump to pay the full price." He told me all about "seconds" or "blemished goods" and how they could be palmed off for first-rate merchandise. Again, we would go miles out of our way to buy broken cookies or smashed chocolates and thereby make our spending money go three or four times as far.

I would pay the full admission price for a show, but Izzy would always manage to get a pass or complimentary ticket or he knew how to get by the ticket-taker by slipping him something on the side.

Several times a week I would go to the beautiful Steiner home on Exposition boulevard to study and frequently I stayed over to enjoy one of Mama Steiner's delicious kosher dinners. Through Izzy, his mother and dad, I came to know a little about Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashana, Purim, Passover and other Jewish holidays. And, after knowing Izzy and his folks for several years, I couldn't help but come home with a feeling of high esteem and sincere respect for his people.

By the time I was a sophomore in college, Izzy had a new car; when I became a junior, Izzy was already an assistant buyer; and when I became a senior, Izzy had his own business.

Then he went on to New York to get into the major leagues of business. During the war years he entered the women's clothing business and came out a millionaire.

Whatever it was, Izzy had a particular knack, a special wisdom on how to tackle certain problems.

We would always battle it out in the classroom for the highest mark and more than often Izzy would get the best of me. When it came to boxing, he would toss in a couple of stinging left jabs to every hopeful haymaker I tried to land.

I used to wonder what made Izzy tick. Why was he so sure of himself and why was he always so successful? There was a lot of hustle to him. No doubt about that, but there was something more.

At 16, he was giving me lectures on how to get the most money selling to a customer. "Watch the eyes," he would repeat over and over, "they are bound to reflect their interest in the item."

I would be wearing my best suit on Sundays while Izzy would wear his Sunday best to school and then put on old clothes over the week-ends. "Appearances count a lot in this world," he would counsel me. "Always put your best foot forward when among others; the people at home know what you got."

He would have a dozen sales angles to any item we might talk about. "The main thing is to make a profit," he would advise. "Never buy unless you figure you can resell at a profit. You don't have to go to college to learn this basic truth. You can learn it only the hard way and that is by handling the merchandise. That's your best text-book."

## I Look Up Izzy

Just the other week I had occasion to look up the Steiners. I had to go to several places along Fifth avenue, near Central park, before I came to right apartment.

Sure enough it was elegant. Three servants, ten-rooms, and two television sets.

Mr. and Mrs. Steiner both remembered me. It was over fifteen years ago since we used to discuss problems of minority races back in California.

"How is Izzy doing?" I asked casually.

Instantly, I knew that something was wrong.

"Haven't you heard?" they questioned almost simultaneously.

"Izzy died last year of a heart-attack."

I fumbled through some expression of condolence and before I could go on much further, the Steiners were telling me how it all happened.

It seems that Izzy devoted almost all his time and energy to his business. He became a millionaire, it was true, but he never had time for anything else. He worked 12 to 15 hours a day and never knew when to stop. Over-work and over-exertion which led to his death were the only barriers high enough to stop Izzy.

"I would much rather have Izzy here alive, even without a penny, than to have all this luxury without him," were Mrs. Steiner's parting words.

I walked for several miles through Central park on the way home that night. I couldn't believe that Izzy's ideas and philosophy were wrong. They made sense to me. He proved them to be true. At the same time I couldn't forget his mother's final remark. At least, I solved one problem: there is no use now of trying to figure out what made Izzy tick because he was no more.

## Bill Hosokawa:

# FROM THE FRYING PAN

## Thousand Club Has Laudable Goals

Denver, Colo.

The subject of this week's discourse is the 1000 Club of the JACL which, among other things, is not made up of Nisei with \$1,000 in the bank. The majority of its members consists of ordinary slaves of the capitalistic system like you and me who worry about taxes, the high cost of eating and whether the carfare and lunch money will last until payday.

The only difference is that the members have had the faith to sit down and write out a check for \$25 to help pay the cost of maintaining national headquarters in Salt Lake City. The idea is that if 1,000 members kick in \$25 each year, JACL's financial wizards won't have to worry about how to pay the rent, keep the help happy and the postage meter working.

George Inagaki, national chairman, says the 1000 Club will take no part as a unit in JACL affairs. But the \$25 entitles members to a proprietary interest in the organization and, we presume, he will feel free to give advice, voice protests and otherwise kibitz loudly and long. We don't know whether this last part is written into the 1000 Club's by-laws, if any, but it seems to be a good idea for roping in some Nisei who have usurped that privilege without ever kicking in a nickel to the JACL.

Actually, the 1000 Club has two laudable objectives: To finance JACL headquarters, and to create a fun-seeking organization within a somewhat more serious organization. So far, some weird misconceptions seem to have gotten around about the 1000 Club. Some thought you had to contribute \$1,000 to the JACL to join. Others figured the dues were \$25 a month—and were willing to put up that kind of money. It's no secret, of course, that

even in these days \$25 is a lot of dough. Here in Denver \$25 will buy you a year's supply of haircuts, or half a suit, or two war surplus flyers' jackets, or four bottles of bonded whiskey, or a lot of other things. On the other hand it's less than 50 cents a week when spread out over a year, and certainly that isn't too much to be giving in support of the national office.

If you're in Salt Lake City sometime, drop in on national headquarters to shake a few hands and watch the staff in action. The volume of mail, both incoming and outgoing, is amazing. They have a well-organized office staff to take care of those things now, but it wasn't that way during the war. In those days a small, underpaid, overworked group of men and women—whose sense of duty to their organization and their people was greater than their desire to make fat wartime wages—struggled to keep the office routine going.

The change is due in large part to the fact that people, having seen the value of the JACL's program, have been contributing. And it takes money to keep a nationwide organization operating.

George Inagaki wrote the other day, explaining the functions of the 1000 Club. Well, this little plug for it isn't solely because of his letter, but because we believe the 1000 Club to be a worthwhile and eminently sensible way to finance the JACL. It's a way by which hundreds of little fellows who never have much money, and never will, can help the cause along and acquire a sense of belonging to, and taking part in, a great movement.

In fact we're so sold on the program ourselves that we're sending a check along to George. And goodness knows we don't have that kind of money to be throwing around.

## Chicago Paper Pays Tribute To Nisei Girl Hurt in Fire

CHICAGO—Several piggy banks in Chicago stores are filling up rapidly these days in tribute to the courage of a Nisei girl severely burned in a fire six months ago, according to Helen Hand, writing in the Lake View Booster, a neighborhood newspaper in Chicago.

It was on Sept. 15 of last year that Fumiko Shimizu, employee at the Ercelle beauty shop, was burned in a fire at the shop. A flash fire inflicted 3rd degree burns from the waist down and seared her arm.

The shop did not employ enough help to warrant inclusion under the workmen's compensation act, and bills have left the young Nisei almost penniless. Today she is still in American hospital, drains in her legs, waiting for the healing of her lower body. Her right arm, badly scarred, is now useable.

But Fumiko, known more familiarly as Fumi, has found that she has friends, more than she realized.

Among them is Hilda Newman of the nearby H & J card shop. It was Miss Newman, who often had her hair dressed by Fumi, who found out that the girl was still hospitalized more than six months after the fire.

Miss Newman installed banks in the Ercelle shop, in the Jay Arnold beauty shop and one in her own store, thus starting her own campaign to aid Fumi.

One of the earliest contributors was Mrs. Edward Hollese, a customer of Fumi's, who gave \$20. Miss Newman reports that \$40 has been collected to date and the piggy banks are filling up. But she hopes to see more help soon for the brave Nisei who still faces long days and nights of pain.

Other persons helping here are members of the Mam-selles and the Jerrold laboratories, who recently collaborated in a cosmetic demonstration and sale, the proceeds of which went to Mrs. Shimizu.

## Vagaries

### By-Product . . .

A by-product of Canada's action in removing all wartime restrictions against its residents of Japanese ancestry, as of April 1, is the fact that it is now easier for Americans of Japanese ancestry to visit the west coast evacuated area in British Columbia. It's reported that Canadian border officials were reluctant to admit Japanese Americans to the Vancouver area, so long as Dominion regulations prohibited Canadian citizens of Japanese ancestry from entering the zone . . . For the first time in history, Japanese Canadians and native Indians have the right of franchise in British Columbia and will be able to vote in the provincial elections on June 15.

### Motif . . .

Carl Iwasaki's photo of a steer frozen to death while standing on its feet, which was featured in Life magazine's picture coverage of the west's most severe winter, has been selected as the motif for a medalion to honor ranchhands and rescue workers who stood by their jobs during the blizzards. Iwasaki, operating out of Denver, has covered photo assignments for many of the nation's top publications in recent months.

### Reviews . . .

Toshio Mori's "Yokohama, California" is reviewed in the current issues of The Nation and New Yorker . . . Takashi Oka is the author of a lengthy review of Toru Matsumoto's "The Seven Stars" in the April 21 issue of Christian Science Monitor.

### Movies . . .

It seems 20th Century-Fox never did sign Minoru Takata, described as Japan's Jimmy Stewart, for a role in "Three Came Home." Takata was only one of a dozen Japanese actors tested for roles in the film at a Tokyo studio. Following the test, Takata called newsmen and told them he was going to Hollywood. 20th Century and SCAP officials indicate Takata was never formally offered a role. Ikuro Furukawa who did get a definite offer won't make the trip to Hollywood either. Fox has announced that it now plans to use Japanese American actors in Hollywood for the Japanese roles in the film.

Robert S. Teramoto, Honolulu construction official, has been in Washington discussing problems in the construction and financing of veterans' housing in Hawaii with members of the Veterans Administration . . . Yoshiko Uchida's book of Japanese folk tales, "The Dancing Kettle," wins a favorable review by Irene Smith in the April 24 New York Times Book Review.

there is no reason why the son can not sign her name and his own, as her agent.

## Questions on Evacuee Claims

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

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

1. Q. In the case of partnership or where others have some interest in the claim, can one person file for all the others? This would be important in the case of some of the parties in interest not knowing where the one with the book or the minor parties are now residing. The one filing may be in the position to file for all. If he does, he may be saving the claim for all. On the other hand, if everyone has to file his own claim, since one partner may not know what the damages are, he may not be in a position to file.

A. I think one partner might file on behalf of the partnership the claim for the partnership. In this way the Government will be on notice of the various interests concerned. Later, if it proves necessary, we can get the other partners to come in and file claims for their shares. They will probably appear quickly enough if it appears that the partnership is going to be allowed a claim.

2. Q. Can a minor file for him-

self or will a guardian be necessary? Can the parents file as the natural guardian?

A. If the minor is old enough to understand what he is doing, I suggest that he sign it and have a parent sign it as his natural guardian. I would not take the trouble to have a legal guardian appointed for this purpose unless the Government insists upon it, and I doubt that the Government will.

3. Q. In many instances where the husband was interned, it seems to be more convenient to have the wife file since there will be no necessity of going into details of the internment from one place to another and also because the wife handled the business of disposing of the worldly belongings at the time of the evacuation. The safest way would be to file jointly, but to save time, will it be all right to have the spouse file?

A. I think it is perfectly all right to have one spouse file. If any question is raised later, during or after the hearing, we can have the other spouse sign the claim.

4. Q. Will an executor or administrator be necessary to file the claim where the husband or parents have died and the heirs desire to file the claim?

A. I believe that if an executor or administrator has not been appointed, an heir should file the claim on behalf of all the heirs. We can always have an administrator appointed later if the Government insists upon it.

5. Q. Can a son file for the mother where the mother is ill and cannot file herself?

A. In respect of the son filing for the mother, it is hard to understand how the mother could be so ill that she cannot sign her name or mark, if she is unable to write. If that is the situation, however,



## PC SPORTS

### High Jumper

Nisei athletes in high schools and colleges usually concentrate on the broad jumps and the shorter dashes in track and field competition. Last week, however, USC's Henry Aihara, who was the Big Nine's broad jump champion while at Northwestern University back in 1945, blossomed out as a high jump star. He leaped 6 feet 2 inches, probably the highest mark for any Nisei in competition, to take second place in USC's dual meet on April 23 with the University of California. Aihara also took second place in his broad jump speciality with a mark of 23 feet 2 3/4ths inches.

Although Robert Watanabe, the "world's fastest Nisei," was listed as a member of the UCLA varsity track squad at the beginning of the season, he has not appeared in any of UCLA's meets to date. Watanabe was the Army's Far Eastern champion at 100 yards, sprinting the distance in 9.7s in Tokyo in 1947.

### Sun Devil Coach

Busy Bill Kajikawa, who guided the Sun Devils of Arizona State to a successful basketball season, is now coaching the varsity baseball team. Coach Kajikawa won all-state honors as a second baseman at Phoenix high before the war and also starred on the Arizona State nine.

### Baseball Notes

Tommy Okagaki, second baseman for the San Jose State Spartans this season, is batting .254 with 15 hits in 59 trips to the plate. Chi Akizuki, star outfielder for the San Jose Zebras, was injured last week when he crashed into the left field wall while making a brilliant running catch of a fly in a practice game against Los Gatos Grill, one of the top semi-pro teams in the area. The Zebras rate as the favorites again in the Northern California Nisei AA baseball league.

George Abo, one of the best Nisei hurlers on the mainland, is playing right field and batting cleanup for the Fresno State Bulldogs this year. Abo does his pitching for the Fresno Nisei All-Stars. Howard Zenimura is the regular second baseman for Fresno State college. Zenimura got two hits as the Bulldogs defeated the Visalia Cubs of the California State professional league last week.

### Canada Series

Before war and evacuation there was considerable competition in baseball and basketball between players of Japanese ancestry in the state of Washington and British Columbia. Now, with the center of Canadian Nisei population shifted to Toronto, the Chicago

### East LA Chapter Sets Big 500 Membership Quota

LOS ANGELES—The East Los Angeles JACL has initiated a new membership drive with a quota of 500 members.

The present membership is 200. The chapter scheduled an informal get-together featuring folk dances and games for April 29 at the International Institute.

### Spokane Bowling

SPOKANE, Wash.—The Beacon Cleaners won the championship of the recently concluded Spokane JACL Bowling league, nosing out the second-place Clem Hotel team.

Everett Matsui with 172 and Harry Honda with 171 were the league's top-average bowlers.

The Reginas won the women's league. Aiko Matsui was high average bowler at 145.

### Marriage

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Centenary Wilbur Methodist church was the setting on April 17 for the marriage of Teri Yumibe, second daughter of Mrs. I. Yumibe, to Arthur Iwasaki, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Y. Iwasaki of Hillsboro.

The Rev. Francis M. Hayashi officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her uncle, U. Yumibe.

Miyuki Miura was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Loretta Iwasaki, Kiyo Yumibe and Yuki Sato. Ike Iwasaki was the best man and George Tsugawa, Joe Onchi and Toshio Inahara were ushers.

After a brief trip to Monterey, Calif., the couple will be at home in Hillsboro.

Huskies, champions of the recent Midwest Nisei invitational basketball tourney, will visit Toronto next season for a series of games there. A Toronto team was entered in the recent Chicago tournament.

### Pole Vaulter

Rio Yamamoto of the University of Utah, tied for first place in the pole vault on April 23 as Utah met Utah State in a dual meet. Yamamoto cleared 11 feet 6 inches. . . . Kenny Imamura of the University of Denver's swimming team is one of the first mainland-born Nisei to win a varsity letter for swimming in a U.S. college. There have been a number of Nisei collegiate stars in swimming, like Ohio State's Kiyoshi and Bunmei Nakama and Halo Hirose, but these aquatic stars were natives of Hawaii. . . . Coach Soichi Sakamoto of the University of Hawaii won't have Konoshin Furuhashi, the sensational Japanese swimmer who is probably the world's best in the middle distances, on his Rainbow swimming team next year. There had been talk that Furuhashi would enroll at Hawaii but recently the Tokyo star told newsmen that he would remain at Nippon University where he is captain of the swimming squad. Furuhashi has broken practically all of the present world's records in the 400, 900 and 1500 meter free style events. . . . Even if Furuhashi had enrolled at Hawaii, he would not have been eligible for the U.S. Olympic team. Olympic rules provide that athletes must compete for the nation of which they are official residents. Consequently, Herb McKenley of Illinois and Lloyd La Beach of UCLA competed for Jamaica and Panama in the 1948 Olympics.



MICHIKO OKAMOTO

### Nisei Actress Featured in New York Plays

NEW YORK — Michi Okamoto, honor student at the Dramatic Workshop of the New School in New York City, currently is being featured in two of the Workshop's major dramatic productions.

The roles — Maria in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" and Aasan in "Wedding in Japan," a new full-length play by Ted Pollock being given a tryout by the Workshop — cover almost the complete range of dramatic expression and afford the actress an unusual opportunity to demonstrate the extent of her abilities. Maria, of course, is one of Shakespeare's most beguiling, humorous characters while Aasan, in Mr. Pollock's script, is in the tragic vein.

Miss Okamoto has been playing in "Twelfth Night" for two weeks, April 21, through May 1, on the stage of the President Theater, the Workshop's Broadway showhouse at 247 W. 48 St., while rehearsing for "Wedding in Japan," which is to be presented May 4-8 at the President as a part of the Workshop's Experimental Playwright's Week.

She previously has been seen in a wide variety of roles at the Workshop, to which she was admitted on an honor scholarship in September, 1947. The roles included a singing and dancing part in the musical show, "Meet the People," and dramatic parts in "Princess Turandot" and Jean-Paul Sartre's "The Flies."

The daughter of Mrs. Henry Kusama of Chicago, she was born in Sacramento, Calif., and, following her father's death when she was three, was taken by her mother to Japan for a brief visit. On their return less than a year later Michi and her mother settled in San Francisco where she attended grammar schools and, later, Lowell High School. Immediately after the outbreak of the war, Michi, with other California Nisei, was evacuated to the Relocation Center at Topaz, Utah. It was there she got the stage fever, playing the lead role of Emily in a high school production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town."

### Summer Bowling

Salt Lake's Nisei summer bowling league will open on May 2 at 9 p.m. at Ritz Alleys, according to Choppy Umemoto, chairman, this week.

Eight teams are entered in the league.

After two Mondays, league play will be transferred to Tuesday nights at the Ritz.

## St. Louis Civic Heads Urge Passage of Judd Legislation

### PO Rules Given For Foreign Mail

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Need for providing complete addresses in sending mail to foreign countries was stressed by the UCL this week upon notification from the local post office that many letters and articles sent abroad are being returned for failure to comply with post office regulations.

The UCL office reported the following regulations:

1. The name of the locality or province, the city and country must be given.

2. These must be written in English and the English forms of the names should be used.

3. Provided this ruling is complied with, they may also be written in a foreign language or in other than English letters.

In the event that the address on any surface or on airmail, ordinary mail and registered articles seems insufficient, the article will be returned by the office of mailing and the sender will be asked to supply required information.

This action is taken, it was reported, to enable U.S. exchange offices to distribute mail quickly and to prevent the return of articles from foreign countries because of inability to reach the addresses.

### Final Rites Held

STOCKTON, Calif.—Final rites for Pvt. Tatsumi Furukawa, 23, who was killed in the Battle of Bruyeres in Oct., 1944 in France were held on April 20 at the Buddhist church.

The Stockton JACL, French Camp JACL, Nisei Veterans, the Stockton Issei organization and the American Legion participated in the services. Burial rites were held on April 21 at Golden Gate National cemetery in San Bruno.

Pvt. Furukawa was killed while a member of the detachment of the 442nd Combat Team which went to the rescue of the "Lost Battalion." Earlier he had participated in three battles in Italy and was wounded in one of them. He held the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star.

### Ogden Nisei Serves In Honshu, Japan

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN KYOTO, Japan—George Y. Shimizu, a Department of the Army civilian, is now serving as interpreter-translator with the Mie military government team on the island of Honshu, Japan.

The Mie military government team acts in an advisory and supervisory capacity to the Mie prefectural government in such matters as public safety, sanitation, public works, personal and public health, education and other administration duties.

ST. LOUIS, Mo. — Outstanding religious and civic leaders have expressed their active interest and support for the House-passed bill, H.R. 199, the Judd bill for equality in naturalization and immigration which is now pending in the United States Senate, reports Tats Kishida, Midwest Regional Representative, who recently spent several days in this city.

Dr. Oscar C. Johnson, president of the World Baptist Alliance, Bishop William Scarlett of the Missouri Episcopal Diocese and a national sponsor of JACL, Bishop Ivan Lee Holt (Methodist), Rev. Francis J. Corley, S.J., executive and editor of the Institute of Social Order of Archbishop Joseph R. Ritter's Queen's Work (Catholic) and Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman of Temple Israel made strong appeals to Senator Forrest C. Donnell (R., Mo.), member of the Senate's subcommittee on immigration in charge of H.R. 199, to give the bill immediate and favorable consideration.

Robert J. Kratky, prominent attorney and member of the St. Louis JACL, John R. Stockham, another attorney who was awarded the distinction as the "outstanding citizen of St. Louis for 1948," Jerome F. Duggan, member of the national Americanization committee of the American Legion, and State Senator Michael Kinney also sent appeals for action on behalf of H.R. 199.

Other individuals and organizations contacted by Kishida which resulted in similar action were Mrs. Vanderbilt, executive secretary, and Mrs. L. Mathews Werner, president of the St. Louis League of Women Voters; Dr. Sidney E. Sweet, dean of Christ Church Cathedral and chairman of the social action commission of the St. Louis Council of Churches; and John Lanier Donnell, son of Senator Forrest C. Donnell, who indicated his sympathetic interest for the Judd bill in a letter to his father.

The St. Louis Post Dispatch, famed Pulitzer newspaper, carried a story in its April 15 edition outlining the beneficial effects which passage of H.R. 199 would bring about by eliminating racial restrictions in our naturalization and immigration laws. The ST. LOUIS STAR TIMES editorially expressed its satisfaction with the passage of the Judd bill by the House of Representatives in early March.

### Social Calendar

CHICAGO, Ill. — Chicago JACL chapter members now have the complete social calendar for 1949 printed in pocket-size. It is the work of the social committee headed by Mas Nakagawa who have planned a varied program for the entire year. Their next activity will be a Smorgasbord party at the McCormick YWCA on May 7th. The feminine members will provide the food.

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## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Susumu Tomine a girl, Amy, on April 19 in Alameda, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Burt Shigeru Kitahara, Madrone, Calif., a girl, Janet Kumiko, on April 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazufumi Kojo a boy, Dennis Kazumi, on April 11 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenichi Ozaki, Glendale, Calif., a boy, David Koshu, on April 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Torao Sakamoto a boy, Alan Duane, on April 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Takeo Sato a girl, Arlene Mary, on April 8 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ted N. Shimano a boy, Bruce Edward, on April 11 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Shimazu a girl, Charleen Naomi, on April 15 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Lee (nee Kiyoko Saito) a boy, Kenneth Wilson, on April 2 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kiyoshi Ito a boy, Thomas Hiroshi, on April 13 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Seiga Watanabe a girl, Ellen Hiroko, on April 10 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Sakuyama a boy on April 13 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Masami Yoshinari a boy, David Alan, on March 26 in Chicago.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Henry Kanbara a girl, Sharon Kimiko, on April 8 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Waichi Kito a girl, Louise Reiko, on April 11 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sadao Kodama a boy, Toshio Gordon, on April 13 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wataru Tsujimoto a girl, Diane Yuri, on April 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Ryoji Yamada a girl, Diane Kaoru, on April 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shigeru Asai a boy, Clifford Tomio, on April 4 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mansaku Fujita, Pasadena, Calif., a boy, Wayne Michinori, on April 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mark Muneyuki Hayashi, East Los Angeles, a boy, Roger Mark, on April 17.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Raymond Kobata twin sons, Stephen Tadashi and Stacey Kiyoshi, on April 13 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Suyekichi Ko-

bata a girl, Vickie Keiko, on April 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yamato Masada a girl, Janie Miwa, on April 14 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Isamu Matsushima a boy, Glenn Dean, on April 16 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoichi Kihara a girl on April 13 in Lodi, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Omura, Maltby, Wash., a boy on April 20.

To Mr. and Mrs. Haruo Yoshimoto, Fowler, Calif., a girl on April 9.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jinx Yamaguchi a boy on April 17 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Isamu Sasaki a boy on April 7 in Lodi, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Seiki a girl, Arlene Toshiko, on April 23 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Kazuo Yamaoka, Santa Clara, Calif., a boy, Larry Kazushige, on April 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Taro Umeda, San Jose, Calif., a girl, Kay Kako, on April 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Raiji Santo, San Jose, Calif., a girl, Rosalyn Reiko, on April 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Okimoto a girl on April 23 in Marysville, Calif.

## DEATHS

Mataichi Sakoda, 75, on April 20 in Los Angeles.

Koshiro Akiyama on April 13 in Chicago.

Minckusu Nakai on April 19 in Hawthorne, Calif.

Mrs. Torano Kimura, 74, on April 19 in Oakland, Calif.

Shingoro Sakurada, 80, on April 21 in Fresno, Calif.

Mrs. Asame Nahara on April 23 in Los Angeles.

Sukeichi Nomoto on April 20 in Oakland, Calif.

## MARRIAGES

Toyoko Harada of Del Rey to Masaichi Abe on April 24 in Fresno.

Mary Shigetome to Tom Hideo Kimura on April 23 in Chicago.

Emiko Saito to Yusei Matayoshi on April 23 in Chicago.

Kay Kawamura to Hisanari Sakamoto on April 24 in Chicago.

Jane Toyo Nakasone to Isao Sato on April 16 in Los Angeles.

Mitsuko Okamoto to Masamori Shinmei on April 17 in Los Angeles.

Fumiko Yamada to Mitsugi Ikkanada on April 18 in Los Angeles.

Laura Ryoko Yamaguchi to

## Portland Rites

PORTLAND, Ore.—Miyuki Miura, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Miura, became the bride of Tex Irinaga, son of Mrs. H. Irinaga, on April 24 at the Centenary Wilbur Methodist church.

The Rev. Francis M. Hayashi performed the double ring ceremony. Helen Kinoshita sang several songs.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Kerry Soejima was the maid of honor. Reiko Miura, sister of the bride, and Sachi Yoshida were bridesmaids.

Tom Sono was the best man and the groom's brothers Fred and Terry Irinaga ushered.

A reception was held in the church parlors. The couple will make their home in Portland after a brief trip to Spokane.

## Bridge

CHICAGO—A beginners' bridge class will be sponsored by the Chicago JACL's special activities group beginning Wednesday, April 27, at 8 p.m. at the Resettlers, 1110 No. LaSalle st.

Riyo Sato and Fred Hashimoto will be in charge and Dr. William Hiura, a national master, will instruct the group. The class will be held in eight sessions. All interested persons are welcome.

Isamu Matsumura on April 24 in Los Angeles.

Tak Yokoyama to Hiroshi Nakashima on April 24 in Seattle.

Kiyoko Morinaga of Long Beach to Takao Kubota of Redondo Beach on April 24 in Los Angeles.

Miyuki Satow of San Francisco to Charles Tadashi Masada of Kingsburg on April 24 in Fresno, Calif.

Margaret Otani of Petaluma to Masao Matsumoto on April 10 in Sacramento.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Michi Haratani, Alameda, and David Kirihaia, Livingston, in Oakland, Calif.

Keiko Iga, 22, and Frank T. Tsuji, 25, in Seattle.

Lillian Joseph, 22, and Francis Nishimoto, 36, in Seattle.

Sakae Rose Tanimura of Aromas and Masao Yuki of Los Gatos in San Jose, Calif.

Marian Mitsunaga and Herbert Yamate in San Francisco.

Sue Moriyama, 21, and Shoji Watanabe, 27, Brigham City, in Salt Lake City.

Mary Toshiko Yamada, 22, San Jose, Calif., and Noboru Tabata, 31, in Salt Lake City.

Ruth Arai, 26, and Shoji Suzuki, 31, in San Francisco.

Kay Kunitura, 25, Gilroy, and Tadashi Ota, 22, Los Angeles, in San Jose.

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# Opera Star, Dancer Honored At Tea by Chicago Chapter

CHICAGO, Ill.—One of the outstanding social events of mid-spring was the tea sponsored by the Chicago JACL chapter in honor of Hizi Koyke, prima donna of the San Carlo Opera Company at the International House on April 24. More than 100 persons person-

ally greeted and chatted with the soprano whose name has become synonymous with "Madame Butterfly."

Miss Koyke, who is interested in boosting Nisei artists, brought as her guest, Dorothy Maruki, a member of the ballet corps of the San Carlo Company. Both were presented with corsages. Miss Koyke showed great interest in the activities of the Japanese American Music Club of Chicago. She expressed her willingness to appear as a soloist at a concert which they might sponsor in the future.

Miss Maruki, a former resident of Florin, California, has been interested in ballet since she was a child. In spite of many hardships, she managed to study ballet in California. It was not until after evacuation that she was able to continue her studies in New York City where she eventually joined the San Carlo Company. Miss Maruki has solo dances in practically every opera in which she appears. This is her third season with the company.

Greetings on behalf of the chapter were extended by Shig Wakamatsu, president. Mesdames T. T. Yatabe, Thomas Masuda and Edwin Kitow poured tea. Arrangements for the tea were made by Mari Sabusawa, public relations chairman of the chapter.

## Chicago Meeting Recreates Congress Debate on Judd Bill

CHICAGO, Ill. — Two features were presented at the recent April meeting of the Chicago JACL chapter.

The first was the presentation of the text (in condensed form) of the debate on H.R. 199, the Evacuation Claims Bill introduced by Rep. Walter H. Judd of Minnesota, as it was held in the House on March 1, 1949. Various members portrayed the different Congressmen as they discussed the bill. Harold Gordon and his Legislative Information Committee was in charge.

The second half of the meeting was devoted to the discussion on the Brody Bill, the bill pertaining to Communism, which is being discussed in the State Legislature of Illinois. The speakers for the bill included Franklin Chino, Louise Suski and Dan Takeoka while the opponents were Mike Hagiwara, Haruh Tani and Harold Gordon. Chizu Iiyama, the moderator, summarized the points brought out by the two sides.

The early part of the evening was devoted to announcements and business. Dr. T. T. Yatabe was announced as the new chairman of the Chicago area for the 100 Club while Harold Gordon is chairman for the mid-west area. Mari Sabusawa announced plans for the tea which the chapter planned for Hizi Koyke. She also reported that a reduction of \$2 was being made for tickets to "Madame Butterfly."

## Fellowship Cabinet

CHICAGO—Mas Miyaji, president of the Young Peoples Fellowship of the First Baptist church, and his cabinet were installed in office in ceremonies held under the direction of Zip Toyama, chairman.

Miyaji's cabinet consists of Kats Okuno, Kay Kudo, Asako Takusagawa, Rose Fujimoto, Shiro Mori, Sumi Yamada, Kats Okuno, Rose Niuro, Akira Kikuchi, Shorty Fujita and Fred Tatsie Ogino.

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## Nisei Will Aid Drive for Funds By Stiles Hall

BERKELEY, Calif.—Nisei graduates of the University of California made plans here recently to raise \$2,000 for a memorial to Nisei war dead in the new Stiles hall building, YMCA building, on the U.C. campus.

The \$2,000 quota is expected to provide a library alcove, which will be dedicated to Nisei who were killed in the late war.

A number of Nisei UC graduates met recently to plan the fund campaign. The planning committee will be expanded to at least 50 members, it was announced, and the committee will attempt to contact the hundreds of past students and graduates for donations.

The planning committee pointed out that Stiles hall was active in the fight to aid Nisei throughout the war and relocation period. Many Nisei have served in important staff positions at Stiles hall.

Present at the planning meeting were George Yasukochi, Yosh Takakuwa, Ben Sanematsu, Yori Wada, Fred Hoshiyama, Eiichi Tsuchida and Dr. Henry Takahashi.

## Wedding

The wedding of Kimiko Saka, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tisagoro Saka, to George Mochizuki, prominent member of the Salt Lake City JACL, will take place Saturday, May 7, at 2:15 at the Japanese Church of Christ in Salt Lake City.

## VFW Queen

SACRAMENTO—Helen Tsuda of the Sacramento Nisei VFW auxiliary will represent the post in the VFW district queen contest which is being held in conjunction with the second annual joint installation ceremonies of the VFW's 17th district.

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## Winifred Ishimoto Heads Co-ed Group At Hawaii University

HONOLULU—Winifred Ishimoto recently was elected president of the associated women of the University of Hawaii.

Other officials of the women students organization are Dori Obata, vice-president; Grace Kumashiro, treasurer, and Helen Matsui, secretary.

## Bostonians Hear Folk Arts Talk

BOSTON, Mass. — Professor Priscilla L. Rabethge, University of New Hampshire recreation specialist, spoke to the New England JACL on the significance of fine arts, community recreation and their contribution toward civic unity at a meeting at the home of the Rev. Dwight Smith.

Many young people of immigrant parentage seem almost ashamed of the "old country" culture, Prof. Rabethge said, and are inclined to accept American living without contributing their cultural heritage, which would build a richer community life.

Prof. Rabethge said the vitality of the nation lies in the unique "unity without uniformity" of different cultural patterns which have a common denominator — people and their desire for understanding and brotherhood.

Following her talk Prof. Rabethge led the group in songs and, after brief instruction, in Lithuanian and Serbian folk dances and American square dancing.

## Consultant

DENVER — Min Yasui, former regional representative of the JACL, will be a consultant for the University of Denver school of education workshop in intergroup education June 20 to July 22.

The workshop is being held in cooperation with the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Anti-Defamation League.

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## Discuss Plan For Challenge On Land Law

SAN FRANCISCO—Possibility of litigation to challenge the California Alien Land law, following the decision of the Oregon State Supreme Court which recently invalidated the Oregon land law, was seen here this week by Keisaburo Koda and Kihei Ikeda, members of the advisory board of the Northern California Civil Rights Defense Union.

The CRDU officials said that a meeting of the directors of the group was planned to determine the organization's course as a result of the Oregon decision. It was noted that the invalidated Oregon statute was a copy of the California law.

CRDU officials also are expected to discuss the group's stand on the Hawkins proposal in the California assembly which will call for a referendum on the Alien Land law.

## JACL Members to Take Part in Observance

WASHINGTON, April 27—While their alien parents look on, thousands of members of Japanese American Citizens League in the 80 chapters and committees throughout this nation will observe "I Am An American Day" May 15.

Observations will stress the pride that Nisei take in their citizenship, yet also point up the fact that their immigrant parents cannot share this citizenship with their children.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, said observances will vary from programs in cooperation with church, communities and veterans groups to brief chapter events.

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## NISEI STUDENT NAMED IN NAVY RESERVE GROUP

SAN MATEO, Calif.—Ronell M. Takawa is one of 47 pre-college students from Northern California who have been selected for entry in the naval reserve officers' training corps program this fall.

A total of 1,800 youth throughout the nation were chosen as candidates from approximately 31,000 high school seniors and graduates who took the U.S. navy's tests last December.

Those participating in the navy's ROTC program will receive a subsidized four-year college education. Upon graduation they must accept a commission in the regular navy or marine corps for 15 to 24 months of active duty.

## Music Club Plans Program With Leading Artists

CHICAGO—A number of noted artists will be presented by the Japanese American Music Club of Chicago Sunday afternoon, May 1, at the group's spring musicale and tea.

The affair will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. at the McCormick YMCA.

Artists will include June Arakawa, Lily Hoshiga, Katherine Kido, Robert Nakazawa and Haruko Sato.

Miss Arakawa is a contralto majoring in voice at the American Conservatory of Music. She has appeared in a number of musical programs in Chicago.

Miss Hoshiga, soprano, is a graduate of Westminster Choir college. Miss Kido, violinist, is a student at Chicago Musical college, while Nakazawa, tenor, is a member of the famous Swedish Choral Club. Miss Sato, pianist, is a graduate of Northwestern university school of music and at present working for her master's degree at the graduate school.

Accompanists for the program will be Alyce and Helen Mayeda and Hisako Ito. Miss Ito is an exchange student from Japan who is attending Chicago Musical college.

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## Senate Extends Time Limit on Property Suits

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Senate late last week passed a bill extending the time within which claims may be filed for the return of property vested by the United States government on or after December 18, 1941, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee was advised.

Designated S. 729, the bill amends the Trading with the Enemy Act in cases where persons have claims to recover their own property which has been vested by the Office of Alien Property. The time for filing claims, under the bill, is extended from April 30, 1949 to April 30, 1950.

The legislation is now before the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

S. 729 is not to be confused with S. 1017, the JACL ADC sponsored bill which would permit internees to file claims for the return of their debt claims and would extend the period for filing claims to all for the return of such items as yen deposits in the Yokohama and Sumitomo banks.

Introduced by Senator Warren G. Magnuson, Democrat, Washington, last month, this bill is now pending in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

## Seek Addresses

SACRAMENTO—The local Red Cross chapter has been requested by the Japanese Red Cross Society to help locate the family of Sosuke Chno whose pre-war address was Rt. 1, Box 2701 in Sacramento.

The last-known address for the Ohno family, consisting of Mr. Ohno, his wife, Fujie, and their son, Seiichi, was the Tule Lake WRA center.

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