

Mike M. Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, is greeted on May 14 on his arrival at Honolulu airport for a lecture and business tour of Hawaii. Mr. Masaoka, who was greeted by large and enthusiastic audiences during his appearances

this week before Hawaiian audiences, is shown being met at the airport by Peter Fukunaga (left), president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce; Rep. Joseph Itagaki and the Rev. Hiro Higuchi.—United Air Lines photo from Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

## FUNDS SOUGHT TO MAINTAIN CAMP CEMETERY

DENVER, Colo.—Following the flooding of the cemetery plot at the Granada relocation center at Amache, Colo., to a committee of former Amache residents, a drive has been initiated to raise funds to erect individual tombstones over graves at the now-abandoned camp.

A project has been launched to insure the permanent maintenance of the cemetery plot, according to Purnio Tani, 1230 20th street, Denver, secretary of the group.

The sponsoring group has selected K. Tsuchiya and B. Matsunaga as co-chairmen.

They intend to carry the drive to former Amache residents in all parts of the country.

## Named Valedictorian

PLATTEVILLE, Colo. — Harry Matsuno gave the valedictory address at graduation exercises on May 19 at Platteville high school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Matsuno.

## Mrs. d'Aquino Denied Citizen Rights, Says Ex-Sugamo Jailer

Army Veteran Says "Tokyo Rose" Suspect Badly Treated

SAN FRANCISCO — Martin B. Pray, a chief jailer at Sugamo prison in Japan while Mrs. d'Aquino was imprisoned there, told newsmen in Syracuse on May 19 that Mrs. d'Aquino was denied basic civil rights and was badly treated after her arrest by the United States military in Japan.

The trial of Mrs. d'Aquino is scheduled to start on July 5 in Judge Michael J. Roche's court in San Francisco.

Pray declared he had promised the woman he would testify regarding her treatment in the prison.

The Californian, a former army sergeant, asserted he was the chief guard at Sugamo in 1946 when the alleged propaganda broadcaster was held there.

"I can make no statement concerning her innocence or guilt," Pray told newsmen in the New York city, "but if she is being prosecuted as an American citizen, she was badly treated."

Defense counsel for Mrs. d'Aquino who was born in California, have told the court they believe she is now a Portuguese citizen as a result of her wartime marriage to Philip d'Aquino, a Portuguese national, in Tokyo. Pray contended that the American-born woman was not allowed

## Issei Naturalization, Statehood Issues Linked, Says Masaoka On Hawaiian Speaking Tour

HONOLULU—The desire of the people of Hawaii for statehood is closely linked to legislation now in Congress which will grant naturalization privileges to the territory's 40,000 resident aliens of Japanese ancestry, Mike M. Masaoka, legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, told an audience of 500 at a public meeting on May 15 at Kawanakoa Intermediate school.

The JACL ADC official, now in Hawaii as part of the campaign of the organization to raise funds for its legislative program in Washington, declared that citizenship rights for Hawaiian residents who are now ineligible for naturalization will help spur Hawaii's drive to become the 49th state.

## Honolulu Grower Names New Orchid For Combat Team

HONOLULU — A new orchid, developed by Masatoshi Miyamoto, Honolulu orchid grower, has been named "the 442nd" in honor of the Japanese American Combat Team.

The dendrobium hybrid was exhibited recently at the Hawaii Orchid Show by Jane Udo and Agnes Awaya.

He noted that legislation to remove race restrictions in naturalization and immigration, introduced by Rep. Walter H. Judd, R., Minn., has been approved by the House and is now under consideration by the Senate Judiciary subcommittee headed by Sen. Pat McCarran, D., Nev.

Large audiences of Nisei and Issei have greeted Masaoka during his Hawaiian visit this week.

He started his speaking tour on May 15 with an appearance before 200 members of the Young Buddhists association at the Honpa Hongani. He spoke for ten minutes on the Nisei Hour over KCMB at noon and then attended a luncheon sponsored by the United Okinawa Relief group.

Masaoka addressed a meeting at the Moiliili YBA before his public meeting on Sunday night at the Kawanakoa school.

On May 16 Masaoka met with Mayor John Wilson and with other Honolulu civic and political leaders and gave a talk over KULA.

He addressed a welcome luncheon sponsored by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce. He met with officers of the 442nd Veterans Club at dinner.

On the evening of May 16 he spoke to an audience of 250 at the Buddhist school auditorium in Waipahu.

Meetings were scheduled later in the week in Hilo and on the islands of Kauai and Maui.

Sam Ishikawa, Pacific Southwest regional director of JACL ADC who is accompanying Masaoka on the tour, reported that the JACL ADC group had received assurances of support for their financial campaign from various Nisei and Issei organizations.

In his talks Masaoka has stressed the JACL ADC's record of accomplishment in its legislative program and has stressed the need for passage of a measure to open the way to citizenship for the 90,000 Issei on the mainland and Hawaii.

It was noted that his welcome has been particularly cordial from groups in Hawaii which are prominent in fostering better racial relations.

## House Judiciary Committee Reports Favorably on Walter Measure for Issei Citizenship

Senators Kilgore, Langer Introduce Naturalization Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The House Judiciary Committee on May 18 reported favorably on HJR 238, introduced by Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.), to give naturalization privileges to all persons regardless of race, creed or national origin.

At the same time, a slightly modified version of the Judd bill was introduced in the Senate by Senators H. M. Kilgore (D., W. Va.), and William Langer (R., N.D.), members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The major difference between the Judd bill and Kilgore-Langer measure is that the latter provides that spouses and unmarried minor children from all countries, including Asia, may enter the United States quota free. This is the same policy now in effect for European countries and the Philippines.

The Judd bill contains a controversial provision which would limit non-quota immigration of spouses and children to countries with an annual immigration quota greater than 200. This has been criticized by Chinese groups and not supported by the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Robert M. Cullum, of the Committee for Equality in Naturalization and advisor to the JACL ADC, said these developments "indicate a considerable level of interest in immigration and naturalization legislation in Congress."

He said the House may vote on Rep. Walter's resolution within the next month.

At the same time, the introduction of the Kilgore-Langer bill seems to point to the fact that a measure liberalizing both immigration and naturalization certainly is far from a lost cause in the current session.

## Meteorite Strikes Home of Nisei In Honolulu

HONOLULU—A five-inch, 23-pound meteorite recently fell through the roof of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Yasuda, narrowly missing the two Yasuda children who were asleep in the house.

Dudley Yasuda, 9, and Robin, 5, were asleep when the meteorite hit the house.

Dr. Harold S. Palmer, geology professor at the University of Hawaii, identified it as a type known as acrolite. He said it was probably the first recovered in Hawaii.

The meteorite also narrowly missed the bedroom of Thelma Sakumoto, a relative.

## Illinois Newspaper Urges Passage Of Judd Measure

CHICAGO, Ill.—Speedy passage of the Judd bill has been urged by another Illinois newspaper, reports the Midwest JACL-ADC office.

Editor Donald L. Breed of the Freepoint Journal Standard, in the issue of May 13, editorially described how the Judd bill eliminates race as a consideration for entry and citizenship, adding that "in the interest of good relations with the peoples of the Orient, a matter of importance for the years ahead, and also out of regard for elementary justice, the Senate judiciary subcommittee should promptly report out the Judd bill, so that its passage can be made possible."

## Pocatello Police Seek Two Suspects in \$5,000 Bunco Game

Edwin So Released On Bail; Will Face Idaho, Utah Charges

POCATELLO, Idaho—Pocatello police authorities announced this week a nationwide dragnet had been set up for the two confederates of Edwin T. So, described as being of Japanese ancestry, who faces district court trial here on the charge of taking \$5,000 from an Idaho Nisei farmer under false pretences.

So, a resident of Denver, was released by Pocatello authorities when he furnished a surety bond for \$2,000. Rearrested after furnishing bond on information from Utah authorities who have lodged a charge against So of robbery of \$2,000 at Clearfield, Utah, So was again released when he furnished another \$1,000 surety bond on the Utah charge.

Five witnesses described how So obtained the \$5,000 from the Idaho Nisei in testimony given at the preliminary hearing on May 12.

In addition to the victim, the witnesses were H. T. Allen, manager of the Benson hotel, Arda Handon and Norma Smith, two cashiers in Walkgreen's drug store, and Chief of Detectives Guy Nelson who traced So to Denver and was responsible for the arrest of the suspect.

The hotel manager produced a registration card showing that So, also known under the alias of Tom Wong, and two confederates had registered at his hotel on April 8 under the names of James Lee, also known as "Montana Joe," Tom Wong and Juan Reyes.

Pocatello authorities predicted this week that "Montana Joe," described as being of Japanese an-

cestry, and Reyes would soon be picked up.

"Montana Joe" is said to have represented himself to the victim as Joe Nakamura and was known to the Idaho Nisei, as he was employed for a time as a cook at the Porters and Waiters club.

The two cashiers testified that they had sold So \$3.20 worth of candy bars which were placed in a sealed package and left with the Nisei farmer as "security" for a \$5,000 loan. The farmer was told the package contained valuable watches and gems which had been brought from overseas by one of the trio.

According to the victim, So did not do much talking when he was being built up as a "prospect" for the \$5,000 "loan." It was "Montana Joe," he said, who told him the "valuables" would be sold within a few days for \$50,000 and they would "treat him right."

The three confidence men said a friend employed on a ship who was acquainted with its captain had arranged the shipment here. They implied the loot was smuggled into this country.

When the Nisei farmer became suspicious two days later and opened the package he found the candy bars instead of the valuables. He notified police and Chief of Detectives Nelson picked up the trail. So was arrested in Denver and extradited here.

County Attorney Henry McQuade, assisted by Walter H. Anderson, are conducting the prosecution while Attorney Clarence R. Jeffrey represents the defendant.

A detainer was lodged in Pocatello last week with Sheriff Alma Marley by authorities in Clearfield, Utah, where Feliciano G. Belleza charges he was robbed of \$2,000 by Edwin So.



### Cleveland JACL Will Sponsor Nisei Workshop

CLEVELAND, O.—A new and different project will be launched by the Cleveland JACL when it holds its workshop conference on Sunday, June 5, to probe various phases of Nisei activity.

The workshop will center its discussions on the theme, "Which Way, Nisei?"

Jack G. Day, attorney and professor of political science at Cleveland college, will be the keynote speaker. Mr. Day was a candidate for Congress in the last November elections. He has taught at several Ohio colleges and was vice chairman of the national wage stabilization board named by Pres. Truman.

After the opening address by Mr. Day the group will hold four discussion groups covering the following subjects: east vs. west coast, segregation, the future generation and the situation of Nisei in Cleveland as transients or members of the community.

Bob Takiguchi will head the discussion on the advantages of living in the east, as compared to living in the west. Discussion will consider occupational advantages, discrimination, security, financial security and social reasons. The psychological and other reasons for the return of Nisei to the west coast will also be considered.

Segregation will be discussed under the direction of Henry Tanaka. Participants will consider such problems as, "Is there segregation," "Are we segregating ourselves in community life?" and "Reasons for segregation."

Mrs. Tom Sashihara will lead the discussion on "Our Future Generation." The advantages of living in Cleveland, the physical, mental, educational and spiritual needs of children, integration, intermarriage and Japanese culture will be among topics discussed by this group.

Mrs. Goldie Yasunaga will be chairman for the four discussion groups on the subject, "Clevelanders or Transients."

Integration into Cleveland community life will be discussed, as well as participation and contributions by Nisei in the life of the community.

The sessions will be held at the Calvary Presbyterian church at East 79th and Euclid. The conference will begin promptly at 2 p.m. with registration and continue till 7 p.m.

Registration will be \$1 per person.

A nursery will be organized to care for children of parents wishing to attend the sessions.

A buffet supper will follow the discussions and the conference will be concluded with a plenary session to summarize the day's work.

The Nisei public is urged to attend the conference by Chairman Hoshi Miyake, who will be assisting by the following committee: Aiee Morihoro, assistant; George Chida, Yoshi Hase, Gene Takahashi and John Matsushima, committee members; and Frank Shiba, advisor.

### Move to California

HONOLULU—Mr. and Mrs. Satoru Nakamura of Lihue, Kauai left Honolulu recently to make their home in Thermal, Calif., birth place of Mrs. Nakamura.

Mr. Nakamura has been legal secretary to Judge Philip L. Rice of the 5th Circuit Court in Lihue for the past nine years.

The Nakamuras were married in California in 1946 while Mr. Nakamura was serving in the army.

### Chicago Nisei Pastor Calls for Revision of Naturalization Law

CHICAGO—A Japanese American pastor used the occasion of "I Am an American Day" on May 15 for a sharp criticism of American naturalization laws.

The Rev. George N. Nishimoto, minister of the Ellis Community Center of the Evangelical and Reformed church, told his congregation Sunday that even though his own mother had resided in this country for 48 years she couldn't become an American citizen.

"Though I may shout joyously and proudly I am an American," declared the young minister, "it sounds blasphemous and disrespectful in the face of my parents who

### Recall McCloy Letter Giving Tribute to Wartime Behavior Of Japanese American Group

New U.S. Commissioner for Germany Expresses Pride in Personal Role as War Department Official in Formation of Nisei Combat Units

WASHINGTON, D. C.—John J. McCloy, new U.S. civilian high commissioner in Germany, is on record in support of legislation to remove race restrictions from naturalization and immigration and to permit 90,000 resident aliens of Japanese ancestry in the United States and Hawaii to become citizens.

A letter from Mr. McCloy, then head of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, to Rep. Walter Judd, sponsor of the equality in naturalization and immigration bill, was introduced at the House hearings on the measure on April 19, 1948.

Mr. McCloy declared that the Judd bill "is only an appropriate form of recognition for the loyalty which Japanese Americans as a whole evidenced to this country during the war."

"As a member of an international agency I suppose it is somewhat inappropriate for me to be commenting on national legislation," Mr. McCloy said, "but I had such intimate contact with the Japanese American population in Hawaii and on the mainland during the war period that I cannot refrain from writing to you.

"As you perhaps know, I was very much involved in the movement of the Japanese American population from the west coast in the early days of the war. The measure which was taken was harsh and very difficult to carry out. It was done, I believe, in the best interests of the country and of the Japanese Americans themselves. Every effort was made that could be made to soften the impact on that population of this forced movement but, with all of the precautions, all of the considerations that were given, at best it

was an unfortunate necessity and worked many hardships.

"During this difficult period I came in contact with the leaders of that population and visited the camps on several occasions. The behavior of these people made it possible to carry out the measure without, I should say, any serious incident. They were cooperative and their conduct, barring a very few who I believe would not be involved in the benefits of this legislation, was exemplary and provoked my admiration as it did many others who came in contact with them.

"Subsequently I took an active part in urging the Army to form the Japanese American battalions and followed their organization very closely. There is nothing I did in my service in the War Department in which I took greater satisfaction than this. The record of the Nisei battalions is one of the most spectacular of all our military units. They endured many hard and even bitter campaigns. Their record shows that they won at least as many, if not more, decorations for bravery as any units of the same size in the entire Army.

"In every respect they performed their fullest duty to the country. Their casualties were heavy and I think that their conduct and the conduct of the Japanese Americans in Hawaii and elsewhere throughout the United States is the strongest evidence one could ask for of their full loyalty to the country.

"As I have said at the beginning, it would seem to me that your proposed legislation would be a most fitting acknowledgement of the service and conduct of the Japanese Americans during the recent war."

### California Agency Maintains Ban on Permits for Issei Group

Equalization Board Contends Japanese Still "Enemy Aliens"

LOS ANGELES—The California State Board of Equalization is maintaining its policy of refusing to issue liquor sale permits to resident aliens of Japanese ancestry on the ground that they are "enemy aliens," it was reported here this week.

Meanwhile, a Nisei businessman in San Jose, Calif., has instituted a suit against the Board of Equalization to force the issuance of an off-sale liquor permit which was revoked by the state agency at the time of wholesale cancellation of licenses issued to persons of Japanese ancestry following the outbreak of the war against Japan.

T. T. Taketoshi, Los Angeles business counselor, told the Rifu Shimpo last week that approximately 500 persons of Japanese ancestry, 70 percent of whom were Issei, had off-sale and on-sale hard liquor, beer and wine licenses in Southern California before the war.

Taketoshi noted that only two Nisei today possess off-sale hard

liquor permits in California. These permits which cost \$350 to \$500 before Pearl Harbor now cost about \$4,000 to \$5,000, he said.

About 100 Nisei have been issued on-sale, off-sale beer and wine licenses in the Los Angeles area but none have been issued to Issei.

Taketoshi declared that the action of the board in cancelling the licenses during the war and refusing to reissue them to Issei was inspired by a policy of racial discrimination.

It was recalled that the State Board of Equalization issued a directive on March 2, 1942 ordering all enforcement officers in the state to take away permits from persons of Japanese ancestry.

The order alleged that California was in danger of being invaded by the "Japanese Imperial army" and that the loyalty of residents of Japanese ancestry in this country was not established.

The Board of Equalization intimated that liquor resorts would be likely places for "spies and saboteurs" to gather.

### JACL Queen Takes Part in Chicago Citizenship Fete

CHICAGO—"I Am An American Day," May 15, observed in Chicago through city-wide programs sponsored by the Chicago Herald American, was participated in by the Chicago JACL, reports Shig Wakamatsu, chapter president.

Julia Yoshioka, Chicago's JACL queen for 1948, and Haruko and Tomoko Uyeda in Japanese kimonos, lent color to the celebration at Washington park. The chairman of the program pointed out that Japanese aliens, though long residents of this country, were still denied the opportunity of celebrating this day with their American born citizen children.

The recently chartered all-Nisei Rome-Arno post of the American Legion took part in a parade which was the feature of the Jackson park observance.

### San Francisco Supervisors Pass Resolution Barring Racial Bias In City Redevelopment Program

SAN FRANCISCO—An anti-discrimination resolution affecting San Francisco's community redevelopment program was passed unanimously by the Board of Supervisors on May 16.

The resolution, sponsored by the Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco, recommends that all plans and contracts for future redevelopment projects include covenants against discrimination or segregation by reason of race, color, creed, national origin or ancestry.

The city's Redevelopment Agency, which had opposed the Council-sponsored measures, has committed itself to abide by the recommendations of the Supervisors.

This action by the city's legislators followed a unanimous favorable recommendation of their Committee on City Planning last Thursday at a four-hour City Hall hearing attended by some 300 people.

The San Francisco JACL announced on May 6 that it would oppose the Western Addition redevelopment plan if the city's Board of Supervisors failed to pass ordinances prohibiting racial discrimination on redevelopment projects.

The stand was taken by JACL chapter officials on May 5 at an executive meeting at the Buddhist church and a formal resolution, drawn up by Yori Wada, was presented at the meeting of the city planning committee of the Board of Supervisors on May 12.

JACL officials indicated that "several thousand" returned evacuees of Japanese ancestry would be affected by the city's redevelopment program.

Still pending in committee is a "companion" ordinance, also sponsored by the Council for Civic Unity, which would make discrimination in redevelopment projects a misdemeanor subject to the usual fine and imprisonment penalties. The ordinance was held up at last Thursday's committee hearing when City Attorney Dion Holm presented a "surprise" opinion attacking the measure's validity.

Two months earlier the city attorney had ruled both the ordinance and the resolution legal and valid. No notice had been given to the committee or to the Council for Civic Unity that any new legal questions had arisen concerning the ordinance. Council attorneys requested two weeks in which to study the new opinion, and discussion on the main questions at issue with respect to both the ordinance and resolution proceeded.

The hearing was marked by a special statement by New York attorney and housing authority Charles Abrams, who cited New York City experience in challenging the view of the Redevelopment Agency that potential private investment in redevelopment will be frightened away by nondiscrimination requirements. Edward Howden, executive of the civic unity council, criticized the Redevelopment Agency's proposed "substitute" resolution as "self-defeating" and "totally inadequate." He also presented findings of a recent nationwide survey by the Bureau of Public Administration at the University of California on factors affecting investment in urban redevelopment. Of various factors said to be deterring investment in redevelopment, non-discrimination requirements, actual or anticipated, were ranked low—in sixth place—by respondents to the Bureau's questionnaire. Fifty-two out of 57 respondents among planning and housing experts and

### Housing Agency Adopts Policy Barring Prejudice

SAN FRANCISCO—The San Francisco Redevelopment agency, which recently turned down a non-discrimination policy for the city's slum clearance plan, said on May 18 it would follow the anti-discrimination resolution passed by the board of supervisors two days before.

The agency was unanimous in voting for the non-discrimination policy, according to James Lash, director.

The agency will be responsible for directing the clearing of the city's slum areas and is empowered to buy lands with public funds and resell it to private companies for new housing.

### McCarran Bill Will Admit Spouses of GIs

Companion Measure To Chelf, Farrington Proposals Introduced

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Sen. Pat McCarran, (D., Nev.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, on May 16 introduced a bill (S 1858) to admit into the United States all alien spouses and minor children of veterans and GIs.

A like measure was introduced in the House last week by Rep. Frank L. Chelf, (D., Ky.), and Del. Joseph R. Farrington, (R., Hawaii.)

The McCarran bill provides that all citizens who served in, or have an honorable discharge certificate during World War II may bring spouses or unmarried minor children to this country without regard to race providing they meet all other immigration requirements such as health and education.

investors replied that they knew of no evidence of investors withholding from the redevelopment field because of actual or anticipated nondiscrimination policies.

The central issue from the standpoint of public policy is whether discrimination could be sanctioned in a program of city rebuilding which depends on public funds and powers as well as on private investment. The issue is sharply posed for many American cities as a result of the avowedly discriminatory policies of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in its New York City Stuyvesant Town project. San Francisco is the second U.S. city—New York the first—to take definite steps to prevent racial or religious discrimination in slowly unfolding programs of "urban redevelopment."

### Chicago JACL Chapter Names Officials for 1950 Convention

CHICAGO—The Chicago JACL National Convention Board met on May 9th, and announced the appointment of additional people to work on the nation-wide JACL confab to be held in Chicago in 1950.

Harry Mayeda, chairman of the Chicago Resettlers' Committee, and a prominent figure in community affairs, will serve as associate chairman along with Noboru Honda. Mr. Mayeda is a member of the legal department of the Curtiss Candy Company, and is now studying for his doctor of law degree at De Paul University. It will be the task of Mr. Mayeda and Mr. Honda to help Dr. Randy Sakada in his position as chairman of the national convention.

The editor of the official program booklet will be Togo Tanaka,

well-known editorial writer for the Colorado Times and senior editor of the American Technical Society. Mr. Tanaka is familiar to West Coast Nisei as the pre-war English editor of the Rifu Shimpo.

Business manager for the booklet is Ken Yoshihara of the Business Associates, an insurance and accounting firm. Hailing from Seattle, where he graduated from the University of Washington, Mr. Yoshihara is active in local organizations. He is at present the treasurer of the JACL Credit Union.

Mrs. Chizu Iiyama, former editor of the New York JACD Newsletter, will handle the job of publicity for the convention. She is the JACL representative to the Chicago Council Against Discrimination and is active in Nisei and liberal circles.

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## EDITORIALS:

### Victory in San Francisco

The people of San Francisco have won a courageous fight to protect the rights of its minority citizens.

Adoption of a non-discriminatory policy for the city's urban redevelopment program is surely the most forward step yet taken by a city. It guarantees that its citizens, regardless of race or creed, shall not suffer when the city clears down its slum areas to bring modern housing into an area that has long been decried as a source of mental and physical disease.

The Council for Civic Unity, which led the long fight to get the city's board of supervisors to pass the anti-discrimination resolution, is to be congratulated for its foresight, its courage and persistency.

The danger in the slum clearance project was recognized by the council soon after the project was announced.

The council and others who worked with it realized that the very first area to be touched by the program, the Western Addition, was the area in which the city's minority groups lived. They recognized the fact that unless these groups were protected by an anti-discrimination policy, they might be evicted from the region under the slum clearance project and not be allowed to return.

The situation posed a very real problem to these minority groups. If they were to be evicted forever from the area, they would be pushed again into other slum areas, which would be made even worse by the overcrowding caused by the incoming of the ousted residents.

For such people as these, the question was: Is slum clearance, under these conditions, a gain or a loss?

Months of discussion, of community meetings and planning meetings followed. Opposition to the desired resolution was great, but the reason for the opposition—fear that the private investor would be discouraged by a policy of equality of treatment for all minority groups—was the greatest proof that such a policy was necessary.

It must have seemed, many times, that it would not be possible to push for and get the policy passed. Victory came this week as the board of supervisors and then the redevelopment agency approved the anti-discrimination policy.

The lives of thousands of persons in the vast Western Addition has been vitally affected by the fight of those persons, led by the CCU, to guarantee their rights.

### Minorities and Auto Insurance

One of the areas of discrimination for persons of minority ancestry is insurance.

In California individuals of minority ancestry, particularly Negroes, have difficulty in obtaining automobile insurance. This, according to the San Francisco Chronicle, in the face of insistence by insurance companies that they draw no color line as such.

The problem is intensified now by the fact that automobile insurance is required by California law.

Members of minority groups not only have difficulty in getting this insurance but in addition they are sometimes charged 10 and 15 per cent over the regular rate.

There are, the Chronicle discovered, four places in which a member of a minority group can buy insurance.

He can, of course, go to a regular insurance company, which may turn him down.

He can go to the California Automobile Assigned Risk Plan, which is composed of all the companies, which under the law must grant policies to everyone who is entitled to insurance "in good faith" but who cannot get it by going directly to the companies. Under this plan, however, a 15 per cent handling charge is required of passenger car owners.

Sometimes the minority group member can get insurance from a broker with a large volume of business, who can persuade a company to take an "unwanted" policy.

A few companies, including the two British firms of Lloyd's and the Royal Insurance Co., will accept non-white policies on the same basis as others if they consider the applicants are "good risks." Here, of course, the applicant must persuade the company that he is a good risk.

The insurance companies, according to the Chronicle, say this discrimination is necessary because members of minority groups are poor drivers and also because, in damage suits, a prejudiced jury might refuse to bring in verdicts for non-whites.

The California assembly has made an effort to correct this situation. Last month it passed two bills which would punish the companies which turned down applicants from racial minorities or charged them prices above the regular rates.

The bills, however, were shelved in committee in the Senate. Insurance discrimination, compared to discrimination in housing and employment, is a minor one, but it is a significant one for persons who carry the handicap of color.

# Nisei USA

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## A Change in Public Opinion

It had to come sometime and last week a political candidate, in this instance Mayor Fletcher Bowron of Los Angeles, was attacked by an opponent because he had advocated the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry in 1942.

The attack is frankly political in nature since it was made by Lloyd Aldrich who opposes Mayor Bowron in the runoff election on May 31 for the right to occupy the City Hall for the next four years. Mr. Aldrich, who has occupied the position of City Engineer for the past 16 years, is given little chance of unseating the incumbent and is apparently using whatever ammunition that may be available. He realizes that Mayor Bowron's record of advocating mass evacuation and exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry in 1942 is one of the mayor's political liabilities. As far as anyone may know, Mr. Aldrich may similarly have favored mass evacuation but his views on the matter are not on public record while Mayor Bowron's shrill and hysterical demands for evacuation are available to anyone who cares to check into the files of the city's newspapers.

The point is that anti-Nisei racism is no longer in fashion in California politics. All of the personalities who tried to make political capital of the Nisei issue back in the early days of the war, such as Governor Earl Warren, Lieutenant Governor Goodwin Knight, Judge Frederick Houser, Attorney General Fred N. Houser, Mayor Bowron and even State Senator Jack B. Tenney, would be happy if the public forgot that they ever considered the Nisei and their Issei parents to be anything but loyal and law-abiding residents of the commonwealth.

Mayor Bowron, perhaps, is not as vulnerable as some of the others in public office, having had the decency to admit that he had been wrong and had misjudged the Nisei. The mayor made such an

admission at a public banquet honoring Nisei GIs back in 1946.

A man's political opponents are often unwilling to let sleeping statements lie and this is the case with Mayor Bowron in the Los Angeles mayoralty campaign. Supporters of Mr. Aldrich have formed a group called the "American Japanese Veterans Committee for Lloyd Aldrich" and this group is trying to refresh the memory of the thousands of Nisei voters in Los Angeles about the shameful statements which the mayor made back in 1942. They have dug up a Lincoln's Birthday speech by the mayor in which Mr. Bowron invoked and attempted to pervert the memory of the Great Emancipator by declaring that "there isn't a shadow of a doubt that Lincoln would make short work of rounding up the Japanese and putting them where they could do no harm." The mayor has indicated that he is sorry he ever thought ill of the Nisei but his opponents are not letting him forget he once made the remark.

Of course, the subject of the Nisei is no issue at all in the mayoralty campaign, which is a good thing. The evacuation issue has been raised only as a sideshow for the benefit of the city's Nisei voters.

There was a time when the Japanese issue, however artificial, was a question of major import in California politics. An anti-Japanese stand used to be pretty much in the nature of standard equipment for the politically ambitious and most candidates came equipped with it, F.O.B.

Today the tides of public opinion run against the racist and the hate-monger and men in public office who once inveighed against the Yellow Peril are anxious to forget they ever had such thoughts. Even State Senator Tenney, who played the racist game to the hilt against the evacuees during the war, has had the effrontery to declare in Hawaii that he had not engaged in such bigoted practices.

## Debut of a Nisei Actress

A new Nisei actress, Michiko Okamoto, recently played her first major dramatic role in a new play, "Wedding in Japan," which was given for seven performances at the President theater on 48th street, just off Broadway in New York.

Miss Okamoto is a member of the Dramatic Workshop group at the New School in New York City, a training ground which has produced many of Broadway's talented young actors and playwrights.

She had the leading feminine role in the Ted Pollock drama which concerns race prejudice among members of the occupation troops in Japan. The Variety review noted that she was "properly naive" in the part of the "well-bred Japanese girl." She and a Negro GI who is confronted with a bigoted white lieutenant are the major characters in the play. Carl Canegata played the part of the Negro soldier while Joseph Sargent portrayed the lieutenant.

Miss Okamoto who intends to make a career of the stage has also appeared in the Dramatic Workshop's production of "Twelfth Night," which had a two-week run at the President, the Broadway showcase for the group. She has also appeared in the Workshop's production of the hit revue, "Meet the People," and in "Princess Turandot" and in a version of existentialist Jean Paul Sartre's "The Flies."

The problem which Miss Okamoto and any other Nisei who plans a career in acting, particularly on the legitimate stage, will face will be the lack of dramatic material. There are few enough roles of any consequence in the whole body of dramatic literature for actresses of Oriental ancestry. Singers of Japanese ancestry have had a similar problem, except that they do have that popular and hardy operatic perennial, Puccini's "Madame Butterfly" which has been played in America by Tamaki Miura, Hizi Koyke, Mme. Sugi Machi, Tomi Kanazawa and others.

The problem, in fact, is a two-fold one. The lack of material acts as a deterrent to Nisei talent.

On the other hand playwrights are hesitant to write featured and major roles for actors and actresses of Oriental ancestry, fearing there will be no one able to play the parts.

"Madame Butterfly," of course, was originally a Broadway play which was adapted to operatic form by Puccini. There have been a number of other plays, such as Rita Weiman's "String of the Samisen," which the Provincetown Players produced at their historic little playhouse on MacDougal street in Greenwich Village with the help of a young dancer named Michio Ito back before 1920. The Provincetown group, which was to enrich the American drama with such names as Eugene O'Neill, Susan Glaspell and other now-famous playwrights, did a number of other plays with Japanese and Chinese backgrounds. The nearby Washington Square Players also produced a play called "Bushido," which introduced Katherine Cornell, then a young girl from Buffalo, to New York audiences in the role of a Japanese maiden.

The period immediately following World War I saw a number of other plays with Japanese themes, some like "Uptown West" which told a story of interracial marriage with a New York background, while others were rich with the exotic themes and settings of the Orient. It was a time when Michio Ito was dancing throughout America and Sessue Hayakawa was one of the great stars of the cinema. It was a time when Japan was regarded as a fairytale in miniature, filled with people in colorful kimonos who danced with parasols under the cherry blossoms. The rattling of the sabers of the warlords was heard but faintly.

All of this material, of course, is outdated. Only a few plays with roles specifically calling for actors of Japanese ancestry have been written in recent years. One is an anti-war play called, "The Soldier Tanaka," which is now kicking around Hollywood. Another is one of the few plays written with a Nisei role, Joseph

## Vagaries

### Butterfly . . .

Hizi Koyke has sung more than 1,000 times in "Madame Butterfly" and "The Mikado." . . . A photo of Tomoya Kawakita, convicted of treason by a Los Angeles court last year, has won the "show of show" honor in the annual petition for great U.S. newspapers sponsored jointly by the Encyclopedia Britannica and the University of Missouri's school of journalism. The photo was taken during the trial of Kawakita by Mrs. Helen Bush of the Los Angeles Daily News. Titled "Kawakita Traitor," it will be included in the publication, "The Great Figures of 1948."

Mitsuko Miura who was a Japanese screen star before she married a Nisei GI in Tokyo in 1944, appeared on the float entered in the Pacific Far East Lines Maritime Day parade in San Francisco on May 21. Miss Miura is the wife of Lieut. George O'Neil.

### Pride . . .

Although many honors have come his way, John J. McCloy this week was appointed U.S. civilian high commissioner in Germany. Many has said that he is proud of his part in the formation of the Japanese American Combat Team. Mr. McCloy, who resigned as president of the World Bank to take over the post in Germany, which he succeeds to the responsibilities of Gen. Lucius Clay, Under Secretary of War during World War II and played an important role in determining Department policies affecting Japan. Mr. McCloy sent a letter on behalf of the JAACL and the Committee for Equality in Naturalization to the House hearings on the bill in 1948, expressing his support of the measure.

Carl Iwasaki's photos made the Time and Life last week. Denver Nisei photog had a column shot in Time's religion section and had a couple of pages in Life's education section with senior day at the School Mines in Golden, Colo.

### AVC Action . . .

The May, 1949 issue of the Bulletin, official publication of the American Veterans Committee, calls the action of its Yuba-Sutter chapter in California in 1946 restoring the names of Japanese American GIs to the main body of the county honor roll. Before AVC group protested, the names of Nisei GIs were placed on a separate list. On the Fourth of July, 1946, members of the Yuba-Sutter AVC, headed by Bob W. Sargent, rearranged the names on the county honor roll in alphabetical order in one group.

Anthony's "Some of the Sky" which Larney Goodkind tried to produce on Broadway in 1946.

In these days of high production costs, it takes at least \$50,000 to produce a Broadway production with backing in the provinces. The financial backing necessary was not available and Joseph Anthony's play which is about a GI who brought home a Nisei bride from Hawaii to a small town in the Midwest was not produced.

The major roles are the GI Nisei girl and her brother, a sergeant of the 442nd Combat Central Postal Directory.

The producer sought to cast a Nisei actress for the role of a girl of Japanese ancestry who is considered for the part due to a denial of illness. Before the casting was attempted, the play was shelved.

Joseph Anthony had some anti-Nisei prejudice. The play may have been more popular when the play was written in 1946, when acts of hoodlumism were reported against returning evacuees in California, but the personal drama of the GI and Nisei bride from Hawaii remained unchanged. The reviews of "Some of the Sky" indicate a personality which the producer sought for his Nisei heroine. "Some of the Sky." Perhaps because of the multitude of summer plays being produced in the east or the experimental workshop nature of this play since a Broadway production appears to be out of the question.

# MINORITY WEEK

## This Week's Quote

"We have pointed out before that the Klan is certainly un-Christian. It certainly denies the teachings of Christ and it delights to profess and prostitute the cross upon which Christ died. It also is un-American in that it denies rights to fellow Americans. It also opposes many guarantees of the Constitution of this country. The city of Atlanta, it seems to us, as well as the state of Georgia, has a moral obligation to put itself officially on record as opposing any such un-American subversive organization."—The Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution.

## Discrimination Restricted

That song that goes, "We'll make the San Fernando valley our home," will, perhaps, have a new meaning for some folks in a short while.

A new subdivision is going up in the up-to-now highly restricted San Fernando valley which will have a new kind of covenant—it will be covenanted against race restrictions, probably the first such covenant of its kind.

It may be the answer to racially restrictive covenants which are now crowding out Americans of many racial ancestries from new homes and new subdivisions and it may disprove the racist's assumption that only a "white" neighbor can be a good neighbor.

## Quickie

"I cannot subscribe to an all-Negro outfit any longer."—James C. Evans, advisor to the Secretary of Defense.

## Old Story

There's nothing new about this bit of news from Washington. The Daughters of the American Revolution have again barred Hazel Scott, noted Negro pianist, from Constitution hall.

Our only wish would be that the DAR, so frankly discriminatory in renting its hall, would change the name of its hall to one more in keeping with the organization's unconstitutional policy.

## The Journey

Last year a Pittsburgh newspaperman took a memorable journey through Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. As any other newspaperman looking for a story in the south, he might have come back with an ordinary story of race relations, perhaps.

But Ray Sprigle is not an ordinary newspaperman. He is, for one thing, a Pulitzer prizewinner. And the story he got from four weeks in the south is an extraordinary one indeed, and it appears now in bookform (it originally ran serially in newspapers) as "In the Land of Jim Crow."

Before Sprigle started on his journey, he darkened his skin sufficiently so that he might pass as a Negro. There are, of course, thousands of "Negroes" who are as fair as any Aryan, and since Sprigle assumed the role of a Negro, he was always accepted as one.

The harder preparation for his journey was training in the ways of a Negro, in training himself to accept the traditional pattern of behavior imposed upon the Negro group.

While in the south Sprigle played his role well. He lived in Negro homes, conformed to the "Jim Crow" pattern on streetcars and buses, talked to hundreds of Negroes everywhere.

In becoming a Negro, he knew, far more than the onlooker in race relations, the actual problems and heartaches and indignities of discrimination. And what he felt, learned and came to know is passed on to the reader of "In the Land of Jim Crow." The volume is published by Simon and Schuster, New York. Its price is \$2.50.

## The Water's Fine

The water's fine at the Blue Moon swimming pool in Tulare, Calif., but Tulare Union high school swim classes won't be going in any more.

There's nothing wrong with the pool, but much with the management, which likes to pick out its patrons by race and color.

So the school board, in a strongly worded statement, announced the school wouldn't hold its classes there any longer.

The board said that though the pool can discriminate against persons of certain ancestries, the school would be sponsoring the discrimination if it used the pool, used school transportation and gave credits for the activity.

## The Bookshelf

"Peoples of the Earth," by Edwin R. Embree. Hinds, Hayden & Eldridge, Inc. Paper cover. \$75.

This is a book for children and their parents, too, for people with prejudices and for those without them.

It's the story of man, told in letters to a nephew and a niece. It tells how man, beginning as one family, spread throughout the earth and lived as separate tribes and races and built many civilizations. It tells, then, how men are now come back together again to live as one close family.

This story of man, enlivened by 48 drawings and 18 photographs, brings the whole fascinating story of mankind into one readable, enlightening and entertaining volume.

Copies can be ordered from the publishers at 105 Fifth ave., New York 3.

## The Guy Without Hands

Harold Russel, of course, is the guy without hands who played the emotion-shocking role of the handicapped veteran in "The Best Years of Our Life."

As on the screen, Russel in real life has conquered his personal disaster. Because Russel, who fought the handicap of being crippled, is now fighting the battle of other persons who are crippled by color.

Russel has been making a tour of Colorado, Wyoming and New Mexico to fight discrimination, particularly, in these areas, against Latin-Americans and Indians.

"A guy learns a lot if he's been through a war," he said recently in Denver. "He learns that people have to be accepted as people—that's all—simple, but so difficult. And any community that doesn't accept any part of its people equally with the rest has something rotten in it, something that will make it a community of fear and hate. We can't have such communities in America."

## From Ralphe J. Bunche

"I cannot avoid reminding fellow Americans that all of us who have a sense of justice and fair play must contribute to the solution of a problem on our doorstep which is perhaps more complex and baffling than the Palestine problem if our country is to be enabled fully to live up to the principles of the charter to which all of the United Nations are solemnly pledged.

"This we clearly cannot do so long as 14,000,000 Negroes are deprived of their fundamental rights and are denied political, economic and social equality.

"I believe you will agree with me that racial bigotry makes mockery of both the Constitution and the charter."—Dr. Ralphe J. Bunche, acting United States mediator for Palestine.

## Bill Hosokawa:

# FROM THE FRYING PAN

## Cemetery Clamor Blows Over

Denver, Colo.

To all outward appearances the stinko raised in Denver about the Crown Hill cemetery situation has blown over. If you recall, the family of a Nisei serviceman killed in action sought to have his remains interred at Crown Hill. The request was turned down on the grounds that regulations prohibited the burial of non-whites.

Then the Rocky Mountain News, a Scripps-Howard paper, got on the ball and discovered that there were in truth several Orientals buried at Crown Hill. Cemetery officials explained that the persons in question had been close friends of the caretaker, or somebody, and special dispensation had been made, or something. A lot of folks became indignant about discriminating against the dead, but the matter seemed to end right there.

Then, the other day, a local photographer of some repute telephoned Harry Luckenback, president of the Crown Hill cemetery association, for permission to take his picture. Who wants it, Luckenback wanted to know. He was told the Chicago Publishing company. Luckenback turned down the request with little of the suave courtesy one expects of those associated with mortuaries and cemeteries. Apparently the good Mr. Luckenback has no hankering for publicity until the furor dies down.

Ira Quiat, attorney for the cemetery, was somewhat less reluctant. He agreed to pose provided the photographer took a smiling picture. Quiat apparently is serving as a not entirely willing spokesman for the cemetery people. His son was one of the state legislators who recently staged a courageous but unsuccessful fight in the Colorado assembly for a fair employment practices bill, and

it would seem Ira Quiat doesn't relish the job of defending race prejudice.

"Why do you represent an outfit like that cemetery," the elder Quiat was asked recently by a fellow attorney.

"Well, it's a client," Quiat is reported to have replied.

"You can always quit, you know," the attorney said. Quiat, it is said, made no reply.

## News from the Home Town

Seattle is my home town and I enjoy getting the news from up in the evergreen but somewhat moist Northwest. Seattleites have just wound up a fund drive for the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee and, at this writing, the collections are approaching the \$7,000 mark.

The way the drive was handled ought to be an object lesson to other communities. Chairman Bill Mambu, an attorney, headed a crew that divided the city into districts and then conducted a door-to-door solicitation campaign.

There were big donations, of course, running into \$100 and more each but the bulk of the fund was raised in \$5, \$3 and \$1 contributions. That's an indication that members of the community, and not just a wealthy few, participated in a program affecting all of them.

One sidelight of the Seattle campaign is the number of Issei that served as solicitors, and were included among the donors. The Issei apparently know what they have to gain through the ADC. And, despite their years and dwindling numbers, they still control the pursestrings. How many Nisei, for instance, nonchalantly could write out a \$100 donation check for JACL-ADC.

## My Homecoming Was a Lonely Clambake:

# BACK HOME IN SACRAMENTO

## Old Issei Bachelors Stand in Front Of the Pool Room Under the Hot Sun

By JOBO NAKAMURA

AFTER seven years I was back in my home town, and in nostalgic mood, I walked up and down the familiar streets—the scenes of my boyhood lived again, as though I had never left. All the doubts, all the insecurities of pre-war life came back to me in nameless feelings. But I knew that they would never come back to defeat me again.

Japanese evacuees have returned to Sacramento to pick up life where they left off. Although the Nihonmachi (Japanese district) has lost a great deal of the color and the atmosphere that made it distinctive before the war, the basic pattern of the community is essentially the same.

On Saturday mornings the Japanese truck farmers come into town to shop at Yorozu or at Aoki's and exchange crop news with other farmers, then join their families at Wakanoura chop suey house for cha shu, pakkai, and ham-yu. They weep over a Japanese movie drama at the Kaikan hall next to the Buddhist church.

Nostalgic songs such as "Tsumagoi dochu" and "Shino-no-yoru" emanate from Nishijima's P.A. system in loud, lilting melody and compete with the protesting noise of the chickens at Funahashi's poultry market.

Old Issei bachelors stand in front of a Fourth street pool room under a hot sun, staring forlornly at the young gay blades passing by. They look tired and their eyes are beady. I am told that the asparagus crop was not too good this year because of the rain, and the migrant workers loafed in town with not too much money to spend in the Nihonmachi. Young high school boys loiter in the soda fountain, discussing plans for summer work. They will invariably wrap up their fathers' blankets and toss them onto a truck bound for the dusty orchards and vineyards.

Although dingy wooden frame houses and stores have been replaced by trim, plastered buildings, the socio-economic pattern of the Japanese town assumes the same form that I knew before the evacuation; that is, the Nihonmachi is an economic entity isolated from the total economy of the city. However, the trend of economic integration looks promising as more and more Nisei are finding jobs in private industries and offices. The insurance offices and pharmaceutical houses were the first to hire Japanese. The gate is slowly opening to a position Nisei have long been denied in California.

Some 400 Nisei—by conservative estimate—are on the active state civil service list. The state personnel board told me that it did not classify their employees by racial extraction and thereby they could not give me an actual count. The Japanese fruit stand operators in the suburban supermarkets are a common sight, and the Japanese gardeners have figuratively found a gold mine in the growing suburban districts of the city.

Sacramento is still a sleepy little farming center with 52 per cent of the California agricultural activity being centered within a 100-mile radius of the city. Data was not available at the state agriculture office but chief statistician George Scott told me that there were far fewer Japanese farm operators in California than there were prior to 1942. I asked him if the evacuation of the Japanese had affected the agricultural economy of the state during the war years. During the years 1942-1945, there was no significant change in the vegetable production at which Japanese specialized. Conspicuously the strawberry production dwindled as much as 95 per cent during 1942-1945. Whether this decrease can be attributed to the

departure of the Japanese farmers or to the conversion of the strawberry lands to more useful vegetable crops, Scott did not know.

When the Japanese left Sacramento in 1942, the Nihonmachi was quickly populated in turn by Mexicans and Negroes. Today there are some honky-tonks and tortilla houses firmly entrenched in the "Japanese town" to which the Japanese react with patient resignation.

The return of the evacuees to Sacramento, almost wholly from Tule Lake, was undisturbed by physical or emotional violence. A group of Nisei headed by barrister Henry Taketa, acting as WRA liaison, laid the groundwork for the return of some 5000 evacuees. Temporary hostels, employment and housing bureaus were set up. The hostel is still operating. Taketa said that the city officials and Negro and Mexican residents were extremely cooperative in facilitating the return of the evacuees.

There is a conspicuous absence of Nisei in the age group between 25-30. Consequently, my homecoming was a lonely clambake in that I realized I have more Sacramento acquaintances in Chicago than in Sacramento itself.

The spacious YBA hall, the community center, provides a recreational outlet for more than 500 Nisei youths. During the basketball season, Nisei kids from 12-35 participate in one way or another in league games. It is peculiar that Nisei indulge in basketball activity so intently after they reach an age where most other youth find other organized expressions.

A strong manifestation of community spirit is the casaba team known as the "Stags" which is comprised of select players from various rival teams in Sacramento.

Tom Fujii, the "man behind the men," as he is referred to in Sacramento, is a public-spirited human dynamo who initiates and conducts sports and recreational activities in the community. Plump and jovial Toko finds time from his hotel business to form bowling and basketball leagues, plan bazaars, and has his head and hands full in every form of youth activities. He is himself the father of two children.

The life in the relocation camps had a serious effect on the young kids who grew up under custody of the federal government. Toko realized more than anyone else the dire need of assisting the kids not only to find wholesome recreational outlets but instill in them a sense of responsibility and individual initiative. The leadership does not come readily from the younger Nisei themselves and the older Nisei are simply too absorbed in their daily livelihood to give their time to community planning.

For a period after the evacuation, the Nisei citizens of the Sacramento community were leery about the JACL and its personalities. Misconception had it that the JACL officials were instrumental in causing the War Department to move them out of their homes and farms and that the JACL leaders capitalized on the exodus. This bitterness was apparent throughout their residence in Tule Lake. The reactivation of the JACL program bogged in each attempt in the face of silent and determined opposition. Yet it became evident that the Sacramento Nisei citizens' participation in the national JACL program was a moral obligation which exceeded and overcame an emotional hang-over which could have become instilled among them as a deep-seated prejudice. Mits Nishio, local chapter head, reported that the financial support given to the JACL-ADC by the local community usually goes over the quota mark.

The local Nisei post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, consisting of 150 men, was founded by Dr. K. Harada and it works hand-in-hand

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### Stranded Nisei Return Home Aboard Wilson

SAN FRANCISCO—Thirty-two persons of Japanese ancestry, the majority of whom are war-stranded Nisei returning from Japan, arrived in San Francisco on May 12 aboard the President Wilson.

The Nichi-Bei Times reported that the following were among the passengers aboard the Wilson from Yokohama and Kobe:

Takanobu Kitajima, 18, Oakland; Yoshiko Hisoka, 20, Alvarado; Miyoko Tatsuguchi, 21, San Mateo; Hajime Hayashi, 24, Palo Alto; Hideharu Tonai, 21, Acampo; Morio Kawamoto, 25, Lodi; Louie Matsuda, 16, Salinas; Shinji Nakamura, 15, Vacaville; Hajime Tatsumura, 16, Fresno; Sumiye Hasuie, 21, Tazuko Hasegawa, Yasuo Higaki, Miyuko Kajitani, 20, Atsuko Komatsu, Mrs. Shio Nakagawa, Kazuhiko Shigemoto, 20, Los Angeles; Toshiye Nishida, 24, West Los Angeles; Yoshio Kozono, 17, Yoko Yamaji, 21, Venice; Kazumi Hayashi, 22, and Misa Kawato, San Diego; Hatsuyo Kawanami, 25, Encino; and Yoshiaki Honbo, 19, Torrance.

#### OTHER STATES

Shizuye Yamashita, 26, Seattle; Shozo Yamasaki, 20, Chicago; Shizuko Sonoda, Crowley, Colo.; Noriko Kiyono, 20, Arvada, Colo.; Michiko Kashimoto, Hobbs, N. M.; Mitsuo, 20, and Teruo Imabori, 19, Homedale, Idaho.

Fujiye Hayashi, 21, and Toshiko Miyashita, 25, Canada.

### Reach Finals

Amy Toda, erstwhile Utah University ski star, and her partner, Nancy Vadner, reached the finals of intercollegiate doubles event in the Rowland Hall state tennis tournament in Salt Lake City on May 14.

They defeated Kay Christophoulas and Shirley Williams 7-5, 7-5, and are scheduled to meet Diane Hunsaker and Joyce Bradley in the finals.

### Two Nisei Play In Coast Conference

Heat Heyamoto, scrappy veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, is one of two Nisei playing Coast Conference baseball this year. Heyamoto has been on the reserves for the early part of the season but finally got to start a game last week and came up with a single and triple in four trips to the plate. He scored three times, stole a base and handled ten chances at shortstop without an error. . . . The other Nisei in the Coast Conference is USC's Mas Kinoshita. The Trojans have a pitching staff which arouses the envy of pro managers and Kinoshita, who was a star at Los Angeles City College, hasn't had much chance to pitch in conference competition. For example, three members of the Trojan pitching staff of last year are in pro ball, all on Triple A teams.

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### JIM AOKI WINS FEATURE RACE AT HAYNES LAKE

HAYNES LAKE, Utah—James Aoki won the feature race in the Salt Lake Power Boat Club's races on May 15 on Haynes Lake in his 135 cubic inch hydroplane when L. O. Turner, the winner in the first heat, broke a rudder and was counted out of the final race.

Aoki stepped up into the 225 cubic inch hydroplane with his 135 and was able to beat out Allison Vanderpool of Chicago, even though he couldn't keep ahead of Turner, world's record holder in the class, for the first heat.

Aoki's time was 4:25.6s.

### Five Nisei Sweep Honolulu Novice Bowling Tourney

HONOLULU, T.H.—Five young Nisei bowlers scored a grand slam in the Honolulu Star Bulletin's junior-novice bowling tournament at the Honolulu Bowling Center recently.

The tournament, with a first place award of \$230, was won by Stanley Soranaka, a 155 average bowler, who had a total pinfall of 4,777 for 24 games.

Don Ishiki was second with 4,712, followed by T. Hirano with 4,710. William Suyama was fourth with 4,708, while M. Kobayashi was fifth with 4,699.

Individual awards went to G. Lee for the high six game series with 1,279, while R. D. Stickney had a 1,245 pin count.

Lincoln Yoshikado's 249 was the high game.

A total of 279 bowlers entered the tournament.

### State Netters Will Compete in JACL Tennis Tournament

Sunday and Monday, July 3 and 4, have been announced as the dates set for the Salt Lake City JACL state Nisei tennis tournament, according to Bill Inouye, chairman.

A number of players have already been registered in all men's and women's divisions, and immediate signup of other players has been urged to allow for arranging of match plays to guarantee fair seeding of entrants.

Signup is now in process at Glamour Photo, Dawn Noodle and the US Cafe with Inouye, Tom Morita and Yosh Kojimoto in charge.

### My Home Coming Was a Lonely Clambake:

#### A NISEI GOES HOME TO SACRAMENTO

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with the JACL in civic matters. The group has distinguished itself in its uphill battle against age-old anti-Oriental laws of the state.

"The VFW post seems like a segregated Nisei post," said Harada, "but we are much more effective as such a group affiliated with the national body. As individual members, Nisei are not too vocal."

The Baptist church of Sacramento, across the street from Lincoln school where I learned my ABCs, has congregations for the Japanese, Mexicans and the Chinese and all of the services are conducted by a young Negro minister.

"How do living costs in Sacramento compare with living in Chicago?" I asked a local business man who spent a few years in the Windy City before returning to Sacramento. Without hesitation he replied that he wouldn't go back to Chicago, not with his family as large as it is now. "In Chicago I have to keep not only myself but my family well-dressed. My clothes bill does not run as high as it

### Four Hawaii Nisei Enter U. S. Weightlifting Championship

Sakata, Tomita Of Olympic Team Among Entrants

HONOLULU, T.H. — The Hawaiian AAU weight lifting champions left Honolulu by Pan American Clipper May 14 for Cleveland where they will compete in the National AAU weightlifting championships to be held May 21-22. They are Donald Uchimura, Harold Sakata, Richard Tomita, and George Yoshioka. Koizumi, chairman for the Hawaiian AAU Committee, will accompany the team as manager.

Uchimura was named the outstanding lifter of the Hawaiian Territorial Tournament held May 10. He broke two Hawaiian records in winning the 165 pound division title. His aggregate of 750 pounds broke the old mark by 20 pounds and he bettered the press record with 234 pounds which was five pounds under the mark. He had a 225 snatch and a 300 clean and jerk.

Sakata, runner-up in the Olympic 181 pound division last year, defended his Hawaiian title with an 840 aggregate in the tournament. Tomita who was also a member of the Olympic team, copped the 132 pound title with 645 pounds, while Yoshioka captured the 123 pound crown with 600 pounds.

### Trout Derby

Salt Lake City fishermen got out their fishing gear this week in anticipation of an all-season trout derby to be sponsored by the Salt Lake City JACL under the direction of Wally Doi and Yosh Kojimoto.

The derby will begin on the opening day of the season, June 11, and will run for the duration of the trout season.

Signup will begin immediately at the Aloha Snack Bar, 130 West 1st South, and the US Cafe, 71 West 1st South.

Rules for the derby have been announced as follows:

1. Fees will be \$1 for JACL members and \$3.50 for nonmembers.
  2. All fees must be paid prior to catching any trout entered in the competition.
  3. All trout must be caught in the state of Utah.
- Trophies will be awarded for the heaviest fish, along with other prizes. Lucky membership cardholders will also win prizes. All proceeds from the derby will be spent for trophies and prizes.

### Nisei Strongmen Plan Show in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO — Hawaii's weight-lifting champions, now on the mainland to participate in the national weightlifting championships at Cleveland, will be featured in an exhibition on May 25 at the Buchanan Street Branch of the YMCA, Fred Hoshiyama reported this week.

The event will be a benefit for the World Service Fund.

The four members of the Hawaii team, all of them Nisei, will perform in their respective weight classes.

Henry Koizumi, coach of the weightlifting team, will introduce the team members.

The members of the Hawaiian team are: Harold Sakata, 181 pounds, member of the 1948 U. S. Olympic team and second place winner in his class at the Olympics in London and the recent winner of the "Mr. Nuuanu YMCA" championship in Honolulu; Donald Uchimura, a veteran of the 100th Infantry Battalion who was wounded three times in Europe and still carries bits of shrapnel in his body, 148 pound class; Richard Tomita, one of the few weightlifters who was a member of the 1948 U. S. Olympic team and eighth place winner at London, 132 pounds; and George Yoshioka, 123 pound class, ranked second nationally in his division and one of the few weightlifters who can press more than double his weight.

In addition to the weightlifting exhibition, a special demonstration of muscle control and coordination will be given by Harold Sakata.

Following the exhibitions, a motion picture, "One Step Nearer Democracy," will be shown.

Hoshiyama said the general public is invited to attend the exhibition. Doors will open at 7 p. m.

### Minamoto Places

FRESNO, Calif. — Tosh Minamoto of Madera high school placed fourth in the broad jump in the high school division of the West Coast Relays on May 14.

Minamoto's best leap was 21 feet 3 3/4 inches.

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### Aihara Consistent

Henry Aihara's consistent performances (he has placed in every important meet this year) made him one of the sure jump getters for Jesse Hill's University of Southern California track and field team. Aihara took third place in the broad jump at the West Coast Relays in Fresno on May 14 with a leap of 23 feet 2 inches. His best competitive mark for the season is 24 feet 4 inches.

### Caveney Case

The news that Ike Caveney, the old Seals star, is seriously ill in San Francisco hospital brings to mind a court case in which Caveney figured way back in 1919. Caveney then one of the top stars of the Seals, was charged with hitting Nakanishi, a poolroom proprietor in a brawl at Third and L streets in Sacramento. Nakanishi striking his head on the sidewalk. He died later in a hospital. Caveney was charged with manslaughter and was represented by a young attorney, Sheridan Downey, now United States senator from California. The charge was dismissed when it was ruled there was no evidence to connect Caveney with the other Seals who were with him at the time, with the death of Nakanishi. . . . The year he was charged in the Nakanishi case Caveney led the Seals in home runs.

### Sports Notes

Honolulu's 442nd Veterans club may sponsor the Dec. 3 football game in Honolulu between the University of Hawaii and Fresno State. . . . It's still unconfirmed whether George Okamura, formerly of the River, Ore., who has been wrestling under the name of Taro (Bull) will meet Gorgeous George in Denver on May 30. Ito is about 5 feet 7 inches, weighs 205 pounds, and is usually cast as the villain.

### Feminine Star

Evelyn Kawamoto, Hawaii young Nisei swimming sensation, will enter the women's national swimming championships this summer in San Antonio, Tex. Evelyn Kawamoto, a student at McKinley high school, showed that she may be one of the nation's coming feminine aquatic stars when she walked away with first places in five events at the recent Hawaii Swimming Club meet. She won the 100 yard backstroke in 1:13.4, the 220-yard backstroke in 2:50.4, the 220-yard breaststroke in 3:20.3s, the 300-yard individual medley in 4:03.4s and the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:19.9s. She also swam on several winning relay teams and was voted the outstanding feminine star at the meet. . . . Charley Oda, the 442nd Combat Team veteran who is the captain of Coach Soichi Sakamoto's University of Hawaii swimming team this year, was cited as the outstanding male swimmer at the meet.

### Ties for Fourth

Rio Yamamoto of the University of Utah tied for fourth place in the pole vault at the western division track and field meet of the Skyline Six conference on May 14 in Salt Lake City. The winning height was 11 feet 9 inches.

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Murata, Campbell, Calif., a boy, Mark Toshio, on May 8. To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nagatani, Hanford, Calif., a boy on May 11. To Mr. and Mrs. Morishita, 4470 Brown st., Salt Lake City, a girl on May 19.

DEATHS

Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tobari, Salt Lake City, on May 15. Toshi Hanasaki, 40, on May 12 in San Jose, Calif. Juliane Chomori, Long Beach, Calif., on May 13. Hayao Uyeda, 24, on May 2 in Chicago. Kay Oyabu, 85, on May 16 in Helper, Utah. Torataro Takehara on May 14 in Los Angeles. Mrs. Tsunao Nakagawa on May 10 in Fresno, Calif.

MARRIAGES

Emi Kawaguchi to James Murata on April 23 in Detroit, Mich. Kimiko Inouye to Tamotsu (Babe) Nomura on May 8 in Los Angeles. Yoshiko Kunimura to Tadashi Ota on May 3 in Los Angeles. Setsuko Ito to Seiji Shimomura on May 1 in Chicago. Yoshiko Shinkawa of Bowles to Tom Unade on May 8 in Selma, Calif. Kimiko Saka to George Shintaro Mochizuki on May 7 in Salt Lake City. Hazel Nishimura to Mitsuo Tsujimoto on May 8 in Loomis, Calif. Tazuko Fujisawa to Kats Suzuki on April 24 in Chicago. Mary Fumiyo Kubo to Masaru Sugii on May 16 in Los Angeles. Mary Wada to George Maruyama on May 8 in Chicago. Kikuye Idehara to Masato Miyake on May 8 in Fresno. Alice Kimura to Frank Maruoka on May 8 in Stockton.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Matsuko Ikeuchi, 33, Walnut Grove, and George Sadaichi Suyama, 35, Courtland, in Sacramento. Hisako Fujinami, 24, Oakland, and Masami Sugaya, 29, in San Francisco.

Hawaii "Big Five" Favors Statehood Businessman Says

DENVER—Even Hawaii's "Big Five" companies, which in the past controlled much of the economy of Hawaii, are now in favor of statehood, according to John J. Winn, Jr., former vice president and general manager of the Honolulu Gas Co., Ltd. "Businessmen over there believe they will be much better off if they can gain strong representation in Washington," Winn said. He added that the "Big Five" are "not nearly as powerful as they used to be." "In the old days," he said, "they were very closely held concerns, but their control has been diffused among a large number of stockholders." Winn said that despite the war persons of Japanese ancestry are "highly regarded" by the fellow islanders. Residents of the islands, he said, have high hopes that the territory will soon be admitted to statehood.

Bostonites Hear Japan Professor

BOSTON, Mass.—Prof. Shichiro Matsui of Doshisha university, Japan, met with a section of the JACL New England chapter at a meeting called during his stay in Boston.

Prof. Matsui, who gave several lectures here, gave his single free evening to the JACL, and a meeting was arranged through a few hasty telephone calls to chapter members.

Prof. Matsui told the JACLers he was particularly interested in the TVA project for its democratic social and economic implications as well as its primary functions of flood control, soil erosion, navigation and power.

He told the group of the radical changes in Japan, the "humanization" of the emperor, the agrarian and educational reform and the trade union movement.

He said that while most Americans consider General MacArthur conservative, the Japanese associate him with radical reforms.

Prof. Matsui, graduate of the University of California, received his Ph. D. from the University of Wisconsin. He is an economist interested in labor relations and his one-year stay in the United States has been arranged by the Rockefeller Foundation.

Evelyn Kawamoto May Enter National Swimming Meet

HONOLULU — Evelyn Kawamoto, 15-year old McKinley high school sophomore swimming sensation, is ready for big-time national competition, according to her coach, Soichi Sakamoto.

Miss Kawamoto and Thelma Kalama, a member of the 1948 Olympic team, will be among Hawaii's women swimmers who will go to the National AAU women's swimming championships at San Antonio, Tex., on Aug. 19 to 21, if present plans of the Hawaii Swimming club materialize.

Iseri Wins Race

STOCKTON, Calif.—Tak Iseri led his Sacramento YMCA swimmers to a 44 to 14 victory over Stockton high school on May 12.

Iseri, captain of the Sacramento team, won the 100 yard breast-stroke in 1:09.1s.

Iseri also swam a lap on the winning team in the 150 yard medley event.

Iseri swam the 100 yard breast-stroke in 1:09.7s two weeks ago when he won the event in a triangular meet with the University of San Francisco freshmen and Washington high of San Francisco.

Winner

GILROY, Calif. — Laraine Kuwada was one of four prizewinners in the 13th district of the American Legion auxiliaries contest on Americanism.

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Portland Nisei Will Take Part In Rose Parade

PORTLAND, Ore. — James Tsujimura, vice president of the student body at Benson high school, will be one of the eight young men who will pilot shiny convertibles bearing the Rose queen, her court and civic dignitaries during the famous Portland Rose Festival parade next month.

Tsujimura, shortstop on the varsity baseball team, was selected on the basis of his record in school, attendance and good citizenship, coordinated with his high driving ability.

Engagement

FRESNO, Calif.—The engagement of Clara Honda, president of the Fresno Elle club, to Kaz Ito of Forestville was announced here at a recent meeting of the club.

The engagement was revealed when Miss Honda distributed miniature suitcases with the couple's name inscribed.

Bowling Tourney

FRESNO, Calif.—The second annual California Nisei Mid-State bowling tournament will be held on May 21 and 22 in Fresno.

Teams from all parts of California have entered.

The spotlight will be on Fuzzy Shimada of San Jose and George Kobo of Los Angeles, both of whom have recorded "300" games during the past year.

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Two Renunciants Back to Testify In Court Hearing

Seek Restoration Of Citizenship in U.S. Court Action

LOS ANGELES — Two more Tule Lake renunciants who went to Japan after renouncing their American citizenship have returned to the United States to testify in court cases in which they ask for return of their citizenship.

They are Yukiko Nakanishi and Toshiye Nishida, whose trials are scheduled for May 31. Originally set for May 16 before Judge William C. Mathes, the cases were postponed for two weeks.

They arrived in the United States upon special certificates of identity under provisions of the United States nationality act, which permits those living abroad who claim United States citizenship to file suit and return to testify in their cases.

They are represented by A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand of Los Angeles.

Engagement

The engagement of Miss Merle Akutagawa of Chicago to Roy S. Kaneko, also of Chicago, was announced here this week by the bride-elect's father, Mr. Fred Akutagawa of Salt Lake City.

Mr. Kaneko is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Yagoro Kaneko of Chicago, formerly of Salem, Ore.

The wedding will be held on Sept. 11 in Chicago at the Graham Taylor chapel.

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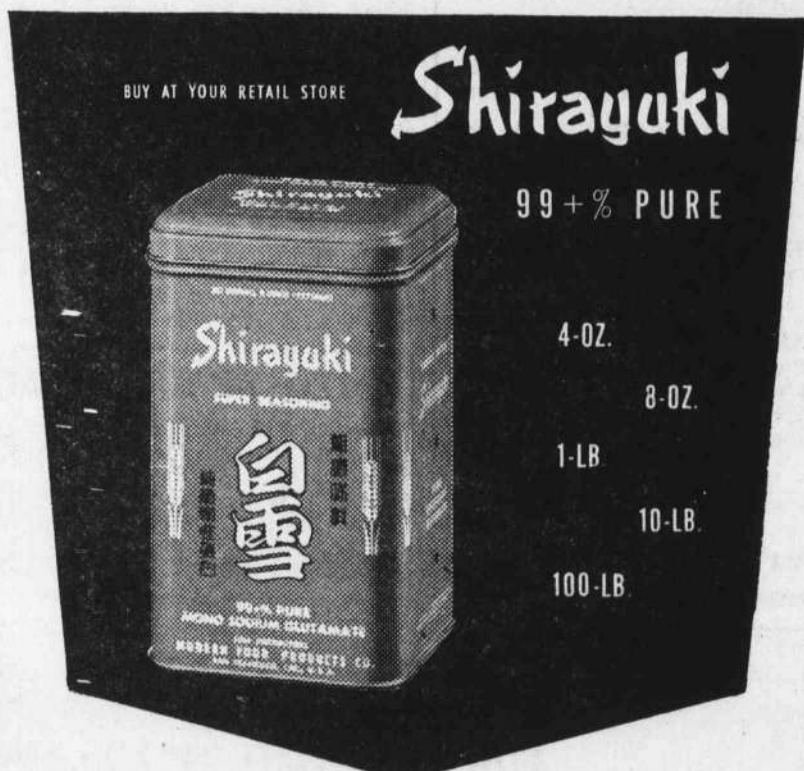
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