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SEATTLE, Wash.—Among the hundreds of Gold Star parents and wives of Japanese ancestry throughout the United States who participated in Memorial day rites honoring their war dead were Sentaro Ikeda and Mrs. Masao Ikeda, the father and widow of Pfc. Masao Ikeda, who are shown reading the inscription on the Nisei war

memorial unveiled Monday in Lake View cemetery.

Pfc. Ikeda's father carries a flag presented during the Seattle Nisei Memorial day ceremonies. The Nisei soldier was the only one from this area whose body was never found.

—Photo by Elmer Ogawa

## JACL Honors Arlington Nisei In Memorial Day Ceremony

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Before the massed flags of the armed services and veterans' organizations, under a clean, blue sky, wreaths were placed on the tomb of America's war dead and in special honor of Hawaii war dead by the Japanese American Citizens League on Memorial day.

Sada Onoye, whose brother, Lloyd, was killed in combat with the 442nd regimental combat team, placed a wreath on the tomb in behalf of the JACL. She was accompanied to the marble tomb

by Jack Hirose, chairman of the national JACL Arlington cemetery committee, and an honor guard of the American Legion, VFW, DAV and G.A.R. The wreath was placed next to that of the president's.

A second wreath honoring Hawaiian war dead was placed on the tomb by Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director.

Immediately after wreath laying services, JACL members placed wreaths and cut flowers on the graves of all Nisei servicemen buried in Arlington.

Nisei servicemen buried in the national cemetery, and the home of next-of-kin, are:

Pfc. Fumitake Nagato, Arlington, Va.; Pfc. Saburo Tanamachi, San Benito, Texas; Cpl. Jimmie T. Kakubu, Chicago; Pfc. John Tanaka, Denver; Pvt. Raito Nakashima and Sgt. Wataru Nakashima, Pocatello; Pvt. Hiroshi Nagano, Pingree, Idaho; Pfc. Shichizo Toyota, Cleveland; Pfc. Victor K. Hada, San Benito; Pfc. Roy T. Morihiro, Cleveland; Pfc. Kiyoshi Murakami, Pocatello; T/Sgt. Jimmy T. Shimizu, Seattle; Pvt. Stanley Takeshi Oba, Portland; Sgt. Haruo Ishida, Milwaukee, Wis.; Pfc. Tamotsu Thomas Kuge, Chicago; Pfc. Lloyd Mitsuru Onoye and Ben Frank Masaoka, Los Angeles.

## Poison Oak Saves Nisei Trying to Commit Suicide

PASADENA, Calif.—A young Nisei girl who tried to take her life here last week was saved by a poison oak thicket, which broke her leap from Loma bridge.

The 24-year-old girl jumped 55 feet from the bridge.

Officers said the suicide attempt was due to an unhappy love affair. The girl refused to name the boy for whom she made the leap from Loma bridge.

## House Committee Stalls Hawaii Statehood Bill

Washington Post Notes "Obvious Reluctance" To Act on Measure

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The House rules committee appears to be using delaying tactics on bills to grant statehood to Hawaii and Alaska, the Washington Post said editorially on May 26.

The Post pointed out that the House committee on public lands had approved the statehood bills two and one half months ago. The bills were then committed to the House and referred to the rules committee for assignment.

"For two months nothing happened," the Post said in its editorial. "Then by unanimous vote the public lands committee authorized its chairman, Rep. Peterson, to introduce resolutions discharging both bills from the rules committee. Under House procedure these cannot come up for consideration on the floor until June 13.

"In the meantime, apparently spurred by the discharge resolution, the rules committee has given the Alaska bill a hearing and may do so for the Hawaii bill. The long delay in rules committee action, and its obvious reluctance to act now is puzzling, to say the least. The explanation apparently lies in behind-the-scenes political shenanigans. Certainly the merits of statehood for either of the sup-

Arlington committee and JACL chapter members who assisted in the Memorial day program included Hank Goshu, Ira Shimasaki, Ken Iscri, Lorraine Yamasaki, Rose Matsuda, Jane Kubota, Eva Kim, Jean Goshu, Lily Yasuda, Gladys Shimasaki, Toshi Inokida, Jim Ashida, Jack and Betty Murata, Miss Onoye, Mike and Etsu Masaoka and James Shizuoka.

## Claims Clinic

ST LOUIS, Mo.—A clinic on evacuation claims was held May 20 by the St. Louis JACL at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ryugo.

pliant territories is not in question."

The Post said that Hawaii "has been beating on the door of statehood for at least 15 years, Alaska for a shorter time."

Arguments in favor of their admission are "equally conclusive," the Post said, and added that "they ought not to be denied equal status in the United States any longer."

## Colorado Officials Endorse Judd Citizenship Measure

DENVER—Gov. Lee Knous and Mayor Quigg Newton of Denver are among the latest Colorado officials to endorse the Judd bill, according to the JACL ADC Mt. Plains regional office.

Gov. Knous, who left for Washington last week, has offered to call on Sen. Pat McCarran of Nevada, chairman of the Senate judiciary committee, where the bill now stands.

The governor will preside over sessions of the western division of the National Safety Conference while in Washington.

It was recalled here that the Denver Post, in endorsing the Judd measure, urged Gov. Knous to memorialize Congress to give the bill early approval.

Roy Takano, JACL ADC representative in this area, noted this week the active work of JACL members in presenting the Judd measure to their Congressional representatives.

Takano said that JACL officials throughout the Mt. Plains area had written to and conferred with their representatives on the bill. He noted that assurances of support have been given by many of the Congressmen.

## Chicago Suicide Is Identified

CHICAGO—The body of a man found hanging in Elmwood Park recently has been identified as that of Shizuo Kasai, 61.

Funeral rites were conducted on May 20.

## Pacific Citizen Editor Travels East for Publicity Conferences

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Larry Tajiri, editor of the Japanese American Citizens League national newspaper, the Pacific Citizen, arrived in Washington last week for conferences on JACL activities in both the nation's capital and New York City.

He met with Congressional leaders in Washington and will confer with newspaper publishers and radio editors in New York City, returning to Washington for a series of staff conferences with the JACL ADC office.

## First Nisei to Be Ordained as Catholic Priest

MARYKNOLL, N.Y.—The first Nisei to become a Catholic priest in the United States will be ordained a priest of the Catholic Foreign Missionary Society of America on June 11.

He is the Rev. James S. Tokuhisa of Los Angeles.

He has been assigned to work in the Kyoto prefecture in Japan.

He was born in 1915 at Port Blakely, Wash. His parents returned to Japan shortly after his birth and he lived in Japan for 15 years.

## Nisei Nurse Chosen For Mexico Trip

SEATTLE, Wash.—Mary Matsuda, Seattle nurse, will be one of seven young people from the northwest who will spend the summer in Mexico under sponsorship of the Methodist Youth Fellowship of the Pacific northwest.

The young nurse will serve without salary while in Mexico and her work will be primarily in the field of nursing.

## Senator Announces Approval of Issei Citizenship Bill

CHICAGO—Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill.) prominent freshman member of the upper house in Congress, last week told of his support for the Judd bill.

"I want to liberalize our immigration laws in an effort to remove artificial barriers such as those of race and religion," he said in a letter to Tats Kushida, JACL ADC representative. "You may be sure that I will do everything possible in this direction."

## Nisei Presides at Opening Session of Technologists' Meet

DENVER — Pauline Kurachi, medical technologist at Pueblo, Colo., State hospital, presided at the opening session of the Colorado State Society of Medical Technologists at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs.

Miss Kurachi holds B.S. and M.S. degrees in biochemistry from the University of Colorado at Boulder.

## Canada Nisei Leaves For Europe News Job

QUEBEC, Que.—Margaret Inouye, 1949 graduate from McMaster university in Hamilton, left here recently for London, where she is to take a newspaper job.

Miss Inouye majored in political economy and was editor-in-chief of the McMaster board of publication.

## Two Stanford Nisei Win School Honors

PALO ALTO—Two Nisei, Yuriko Ito of Los Angeles and Tom T. Hikido of Campbell, were elected into Phi Beta Kappa last week.

## Masaoka Declines Invitation To Attend Rearmament Meet

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The selection of Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, to the 15-man American delegation to the World Association for Moral Rearmament conference in Switzerland was announced today, but he was forced to decline because of the press of legislative duties.

The conference is scheduled June 4-14 at Coux Sur Montreux, Switzerland. It is sponsored by the French government.

The American delegation will be composed of Congressional, government, industrial and labor leaders. Hito Okada, national JACL pres-

ident, said he felt the selection of Mr. Masaoka was a tribute to the Nisei in America.

Mr. Masaoka said he "deeply regretted his inability to attend."

He was selected at the suggestion of Senators Elbert D. Thomas, (D., Utah), and Harry P. Cain, (R., Wash.), both of whom attended last year. Both Kensuke Horinouchi, former ambassador from Japan to the United States, and Toyohiko Kagawa, distinguished Christian Japanese leader, who will represent their nation at the conference, also suggested Mr. Masaoka as an American delegate.

## Nisei Business: Visit to a Miso Factory Two-War History Marks Story Of Salt Lake City Company

THE LAST WAR brought into being a flurry of Japanese food manufacturing companies which attempted to supply Issei and Nisei demands for soy sauce, Japanese seasonings, pickles and other foods which were cut off from world markets by the advent of war.

Many of these companies are solidly established today, and their excellent products indicate they will not be forced out of the market if and when Japanese products are again available.

But it was World War I, not World War II, which led to the forming of the company which today supplies the greater part of the miso used in the United States today. And unlike other food companies, which grew out of the evacuation, it was temporarily forced out of business when the army decreed the removal of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the coast.

The company took a three-year enforced vacation from the spring of 1942 to the spring of '45, when it resumed operations in Salt Lake City, where it appears to be well established for another goodly length of time.

Miso is, like soy sauce, an indispensable item in Japanese cookery. It is a soy bean and rice product, so highly nutritious it contains all but one of the known vitamins. It is used primarily for soup, but it is also used in the preparation of almost every other food. It is, as Nisei knows, a rich, thick, golden-tan product which makes a rich soup with the addition of water, or a superb dressing for vegetables and a tangy, exotic sauce for crab and other foods.

Japanese residents of the west coast and Hawaii, prior to 1918, imported their miso from Japan. But the importation of this food stopped when World War I began.

In that year, then, Edward Kanta Fujimoto of San Francisco, with the help of his parents, opened a miso manufacturing company in a small basement store on Stockton between Washington and Jackson.

Founding of this company is credited by Mr. Fujimoto to his mother, who, he says, was the guiding light behind the enterprise. The company grew rapidly. Only two years after its founding it was moved to larger quarters on Jackson between Battery and Front streets, and then again in 1934 to Front street, where it remained until the evacuation.

The company was going along well in the years before 1942. It supplied miso to every Japanese community in the west and also sold an enormous amount to Hawaii.

But the blow fell in 1942. In February of that year Edward Fujimoto was interned by the U.S. government, along with hundreds of prominent Issei on the coast, on suspicion of being a "dangerous" alien.

Mr. Fujimoto, who is the most gentle of men, hardly looks the type to be a dangerous spy, but some people in the government in

those days were in an excitable mood. Mr. Fujimoto was sent to Bismarck, North Dakota, then to Camp Livingston in Louisiana and finally to Santa Fe. It was not until the following year that he was finally cleared and allowed to join his family, by that time settled in Topaz, Utah, the WRA camp.

One rather happy outcome of his stay in internment camps, however, is his dexterity in the use of irons. Internees in camp induced him to try golf. There was, however, only one drawback. There was not sufficient room for the golfers to practice their drives. They were restricted to putting.

So now Mr. Fujimoto, who learned golf in an internment camp, is a whiz with his irons, but, he says, a duffer with his woods.

Meanwhile, back in San Francisco, his wife Rae was left with a manufacturing company on her hands, many orders and stocks of miso. As Mr. Fujimoto gives his mother full credit for the founding of the company, he also credits his wife for the manner in which she finally cleaned up the company's business in San Francisco and later aided in the reestablishment of the company in Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Fujimoto, left in San Francisco with a lot of unfinished business, began the first of her many visits to officials, officers and other persons who might be able to help her.

She visited first the office of the provost marshal, who was both obliging and helpful and suggested that some of the miso in her stocks might be sold to the War department.

Another visit, this time to the federal reserve bank, brought one of those well-intentioned but "bad" guesses which threw Mrs. Fujimoto on the wrong track for some time.

An official with the bank was horrified at the thought, put forth by Mrs. Fujimoto, that the Nisei might be evacuated.

"But of course they wouldn't do that," his reply came. "Why, you're a citizen. You can't be evacuated."

Mrs. Fujimoto, proceeding innocently on his word, decided to go ahead with the manufacturing of miso. She purchased more stocks of rice and soy beans, opened up the plant. And in a short time the actual news came out—all persons of Japanese ancestry, regardless of their citizenship, would be evacuated.

This time the plant had to be



Ingrid Bergman, shown with the Japanese CARE food package, holds a two-pound package of miso made in Salt Lake City. This miso is now a staple in the CARE package for Japan.

closed. Mrs. Fujimoto and her employees were handicapped by the travel and curfew restrictions laid down in those days. Nisei will remember them. All persons of Japanese descent were required to be in their homes by an early hour, and their travel was severely limited. Mrs. Fujimoto was not allowed to go from her home on Bush street to the plant.

She secured permits for herself and her employees to allow them time and freedom of movement needed to shut up the shop for the duration. She managed to sell much of her stock to purchasing agents for assembly centers and internment camps. The rest was stored in warehouses and eventually disposed of by Mrs. Fujimoto, who maintained a sort of agency from her home in the Topaz relocation center.

During those last hectic days, however, most anything done by a Nisei was suspect. She recalls that once, during a visit to the Oakland port purchasing agent, she was pounced upon by MPs who thought her presence at the port was highly suspicious. She managed to sell her product, nonetheless, to the army, which included miso in the diet at the assembly centers.

There was little manufacturing of miso throughout the evacuation period. The residents at Manzanar, Calif., tried for a while to produce it, and they did, for a time, make enough for their own consumption and for some of the other camps. The project was eventually discontinued, however. By the latter part of 1944 the

Fujimotos decided to resume manufacture as soon as possible in Salt Lake City. A determining factor was the city's central location, which they deemed a highly important factor, with the Nisei so widely dispersed throughout the nation.

Salt Lake City, at that time, was a "closed area," a figure of speech which meant that theoretically the city was so full of persons of Japanese descent that no more would be permitted to go there. It was part of WRA policy, and no doubt it was useful in its way. The Fujimotos, to circumvent the ruling, moved first to Kemmerer, Wyo., and then to Utah.

They found an old macaroni factory in Salt Lake City and felt fortunate in finding a satisfactory plant in those days when almost every available building in the city was in use. The plant contained a number of large rooms suitable for conversion for their purposes.

The plant began to hum with activity. Manufacture began in March, 1945, and in June the first miso was ready for sale.

A year after manufacture was started the Fujimotos were temporarily jarred by the news of the freezing of all sales of rice. Since that time the company has purchased all its needs for a year—amounting to 2 or 3 carloads—at the beginning of each year.

The other major product, soy beans, is purchased, a carload at a time, from Virginia.

The manufacture of miso calls for a long and painstaking process,

## Mayor Bowron Pays Tribute To Nisei Dead

LOS ANGELES—Mayor Fletcher Bowron, who was reelected to office this week in one of the hottest elections in recent years, paid tribute to Japanese American who died of World War II in a special message on May 27.

"With reverence and gratitude," his message said, "we honor our veterans resting in the Evergreen cemetery. Thousands of their patriotic fellow Nisei GIs fortunately have been spared and have returned to us to join with our community in making Los Angeles more worthy of the sacrifice offered to preserve our way of living."

"The ultimate test of loyalty was passed honorably in war; the enduring fruits of such loyalty benefit us all in peace. We must pledge ourselves to keep the peace they won for us and to apply in peace those ideals for which our Nisei GI defenders gave their lives."

albeit a relatively simple one. Exact standards of work, cleanliness and care are required. The entire Fujimoto plant is kept clean with a Dutch-housewife cleanliness. Even the huge storage barrels are scrubbed until they appear newly made of raw wood.

The process itself is simple. Soy beans and rice, the major ingredients, are soaked, separately, overnight. In the morning they are cooked, still separately. The rice is then processed in the "boiling room."

The secret in making the miso is in the "koji-no-moto," a rice product which acts as a sort of starter for the fermentation of the miso. Its making requires skill and extreme care, but its precise and delicate preparation determines the quality of the miso. In 1919 the Fujimotos called an expert from Japan to the United States. He stayed with them for a year and taught them the process.

Mr. Fujimoto is the expert for his company. "Koji-no-moto" itself requires a week for preparation and fermentation. It is laid out in flat wooden boxes, covered by straw mats, and ripened in a warm room until ready for use.

The soy beans and rice are ground together just preparatory to their packaging in 500-lb barrels. These barrels are then allowed to stand in the company storeroom three to four months, when the fermentation process takes place. There are at all times from 150 to 200 of these 500-lb. barrels of miso in the storeroom.

Like wine, the miso improves with aging, and any additional storing, above the required three months, is all to the good.

Biggest boost in recent years for the Fujimotos was the introduction of the Japanese CARE food package, which has, among its many items, a two-pound package of their miso. Orders from CARE call for 20,000 pounds at a time, an order which is repeated two or three times yearly. The amount suggests the large number of CARE orders received for distribution of this food package in Japan.

While miso sales today go primarily to the west coast, and such Nisei population centers as Salt Lake City, Chicago, New York and other cities, some of it also finds its way to Hawaii, Mexico, and even, in one instance, to Switzerland. The Fujimotos do not handle retail orders from their plant, but letters from their jobbers indicate the widespread distribution of their product.

In packaging of their miso, the Fujimotos have kept up with modern trends, partly out of necessity and partly out of good business practice. The traditional small wooden barrels in which miso used to be packaged has now given way to heavy cardboard cartons which serve the purpose as well and perhaps better than the barrels. The barrels, once obtainable for 40 cents each, went up in cost to \$1.40 each, and the Fujimotos at that point looked around for a good substitute. Miso is sold in 2, 5 and 10 pound packages, all put in the cardboard carton. One-pound packages of the miso are sold in paper cartons which are much like the containers in which cottage cheese is sold.

The ten-pound size has an additional modern feature—a plastic liner, which housewives find useful, once the miso is used, as a refrigerator bag.



Paul Okawa, left, and K. Hori put the rice-soy bean mixture into food grinders, one of the final steps in making miso. The ground mixture, which is the completed miso product except for the final "ripening" process, is shown being poured from the grinder into huge barrels which go into the storage room.



The Fujimotos compare the new cartons in which miso is packaged for delivery to all parts of the United States. Left is Edward Fujimoto, who founded the company with his parents in 1918. Seated is his wife, Rae, while daughter Grace looks on. —Photos by Larry Tajiri.

**Stanford Student Wins Trophy, Cash Prize In Essay Competition**

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Calif. — Katsumi Hikido was awarded first prize in the 1949 Mary A. Earl McKinney essay contest, conducted yearly for undergraduate students in the Stanford school of engineering. He was awarded a trophy and a \$100 cash prize.

**Idaho Schools Name Three Nisei as Class Valedictorians**

PAYETTE, Ida. — Snake River valley high schools this year named three Nisei as valedictorians of their respective graduating classes. They are Helen Emiko Kondo, Yoko Okano, and Roy Toshio Kaku. Miss Kondo, with a scholastic average of 1.26, was valedictorian at Vale high school. She is treasurer of the girls' league, vice president of Future Homemakers of America, a three-year letterman and has had four years of choral work.

Miss Okano, who made top grades to become valedictorian of Nyssa high with a grade average of 3.8, is president of the girls' athletic association, editor of the "Bulldog," school newspaper, and member of the girls' league.

Roy Kaku, who received straight A's during his four years at Weiser high to become valedictorian of his graduating class, is a member of the annual staff, the Pep Club, track team, senior counsellor in De Molay, and was junior class vice president. His brother Mich was valedictorian of the '48 graduating class.

**Nisei Student Wins Winner of Coro Award**

SAN FRANCISCO—Tad Masaoka, University of California senior, is one of twelve students selected from several hundred applicants to receive a \$900 Coro foundation scholarship for field study in public relations, it was announced by the foundation.

Masaoka will graduate in June from the university as a foreign trade major. He has been actively connected with cooperatives and debating at UC.

With the other eleven recipients, Masaoka will receive \$100 per month from October, 1949, through June, 1950, for an "internship" in any desired field of public affairs in San Francisco.

He is the only Nisei to receive the Coro foundation scholarship since it was initiated in 1942. The only other minority member recipient has been a Negro student, who received it in the first year.

Applications are received each year from college and university students throughout California as well as from out of state, from which twelve winners are selected by a board of examiners of the foundation composed of a representative each from education, business, labor and civil service.

The foundation maintains its offices in San Francisco with Donald Fletcher as executive director. Van Deyn Dodge is chairman of the board of trustees.

Masaoka is the youngest of the five Masaoka brothers who served with the 442nd combat team in Europe. His brothers include Mike Masaoka of Washington and Joe Grant Masaoka of San Francisco.

He is married to the former Sachi Kawahara of San Leandro, who is employed at the Blue Cross in Oakland. The couple reside in Berkeley.

**Phi Betes**

DAVIS, Calif.—Three Nisei students at the University of California college of agriculture at Davis have been named to Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic society.

They are Frank Ogasawara of Salt Lake City, Kay Ryugo of Sacramento and Kiyoto Uriu of Sunnyvale.

**Elected**

Hideo Mori has been named vice president of the University of Utah chapter of Tau Beta Pi, national honorary engineering society.

**Prejudice Still Handicaps Chicago Nisei Home Buyers**

**New Interracial Housing Project Stirs Interest Among Minority Groups; Opposition Raise Cry Of Lowered Real Estate Values, Asks Segregation**

CHICAGO — This Midwest metropolis, postwar home of 20,000 evacuees of Japanese ancestry, has less race prejudice in housing than most of the West Coast areas in which the Japanese Americans formerly resided but discrimination is still a factor for Nisei couples who seek to rent or purchase homes.

The housing picture for Nisei in Chicago is not unlike that in other major cities. Although the United States Supreme Court ruled in 1948 that race restrictive covenants in housing were unenforceable by court action, discrimination still is levied against many of Chicago's racial and religious groups, including Jews, Negroes and Japanese Americans.

Recently in Chicago a Nisei war veteran saw an advertisement for homes which were being placed on sale in a new subdivision in one of the city's suburbs. The Nisei telephoned the company selling the home and was told that the houses were available. When he personally visited the subdivision, however, he was informed that the houses had all been sold. Later the Nisei ex-GI called the company again on the phone, without giving a hint as to his race or identity, and was told that the houses were available and was invited to visit the subdivision.

The Nisei veteran has told his story to Chicago groups which are fighting discrimination in housing and is now considering court action.

This week the fact that an interracial, cooperative community of new homes is under construction in the Chicago area in DuPage county made news in the Sun-Times.

The unincorporated community is called York Center. Some of its homes already have been built and occupied. Others are under construction on a 65-acre tract.

According to Larry Kelly in the Sun-Times, "Negro families will live beside white; the homes of Nisei will adjoin those of Swedish or Italian ancestry; members of the Jewish faith will shake hands with Christian Protestants and Catholics."

Two Nisei, Dixie Ishida and George Nishimoto, already have homes in the York Center housing cooperative, while several other Japanese American families are interested in building homes in the project.

As houses go up in the interracial, cooperative community, neighbor works for neighbor in the plastering, painting and plumbing.

The Sun-Times article indicated that the York Center Community Cooperative Inc. was facing "stern opposition."

Its proponents, like Jesse H. Ziegler, secretary of the coop, consider it to be practical democracy in working form.

Angry residents of other parts of York Center, many of whom openly oppose the interracial project, claim that it is communism coming to America.

"They say they don't want their children associating with children of other races and creeds," Kelly reported. "They maintain that real estate values will be torn down by the co-op's existence."

"Several families have put up their houses for sale rather than live with the co-op's ideals."

Japanese Americans, like many others of Chicago's millions, are watching the progress of the interracial project at York Center. Most of the evacuees came to Chicago from the barrack housing of the war relocation camps. They found a crowded metropolis, busy with the tasks of war production. The Nisei and their families took what housing they could find. As they became established in new jobs and businesses, they moved out of the marginal housing which they had been forced to accept by circumstances and bought their own homes.

With every evidence that Chicago's relocated evacuee population is a permanent one, more Japanese American families are looking for better housing. Many would like to live in the suburb districts which are less crowded. Many have met with subtle displays of discrimination in their search for housing.

Most new housing in newly developed subdivisions is denied them on one pretext or another, just as it is denied non-Caucasian groups in most other American communities.

The idea of new residential projects with covenants guaranteeing freedom from discrimination is of great interest to these Nisei home-seekers. Several such projects have been reported recently, one in California's San Fernando valley, and another near Philadelphia.

The idea for the interracial project at York Center was conceived in 1944 among a group of young married couples, most of them members of the Church of the Brethren, one of the church groups which played an active part in the relocation of Japanese American evacuees in Chicago.

These couples longed for suburban homes but couldn't afford them.

According to the Sun-Times article, 75-year old John Heckman, a pastor of the Church of the Brethren, said to them:

"All of you have a little money. All of you have some talent. Why don't you pool it? Then you can all have homes."

Following the idea the co-op was incorporated and, in 1945, it purchased the Golterman farm in DuPage County for \$30,000.

Under the co-op's by-laws, the Sun-Times reported, nobody holds actual title to the land on which his home is built. He has a lease for the life-span of himself and his spouse.

The race question popped up in 1947 when two Negro families applied for membership in the co-op.

After some debate it was decided no bars of race or creed would be raised. A few members withdrew as a result of this decision, according to Ziegler, but many more applicants appeared who praised the interracial stand by saying:

"That's the kind of a community we want to live in."

So far eight families have moved into the subdivision and eleven homes are under construction. Eventually there will be 60 families in the community, each with about an acre of land apiece.

There are no money restrictions on the homes, which range from \$7,000 to \$30,000, but all plans must be approved by the co-op's board of directors.

The president of the co-op today is Theodore T. Robinson, a Negro attorney and an adviser to the Illinois Department of Labor. Ziegler is a pastor and an instructor at Bethany Biblical Seminary. The board also includes Arthur Cavender, a Catholic, and A. E. Rosenbloom, of the Jewish faith.

"Our association accepts or rejects a person to membership on the basis of such things as moral stability and personality, but not according to his color or beliefs," Ziegler said.

Meanwhile, the opposition to the interracial community was intensified this week when other residents of York Center petitioned to have their school children segregated from those of the cooperative community families.

The petition, as well as one from the co-op community, is now pending before the York Township school board.

The Sun-Times reported that some of the older residents of York Center are highly distressed by the fact that there is no ban on race, color or creed in the community.

The situation was brought into the open last December when a panel meeting was called, with three representatives from the co-op and three from the "old-timers" of York Center.

The idea was to thrash out the race situation, according to the Sun-Times. At this time Jesse H. Ziegler, representing the co-op insisted that there would be no ban against Negroes, Japanese Americans, or any other racial or religious group, if the individuals themselves were acceptable.

Following this meeting, accord-

**Japanese Americans Honor War Dead Throughout Nation**

Thousands of Japanese Americans, including hundreds of Gold Star Issei parents, paused with the nation on Memorial day to honor the dead of World War II.

With private and public services in every community in the country, Japanese Americans remembered the Nisei war heroes for whom death came in action in Europe and Asia.

In Los Angeles, more than 5,000 persons gathered at Evergreen cemetery to watch the unveiling by Mrs. Nawa Munemori, mother of Congressional Medal of Honor winner Pfc. Sadao Munemori, of a gleaming white shaft, a memorial to the Japanese Americans who were killed in the war.

**Issei-Nisei Themes In Plays Given at University of Hawaii**

HONOLULU, T. H.—Issei-Nisei themes characterized two of the four original one-act prize plays presented here last month by the University of Hawaii Theater Guild.

Robert Suyeoka's "The Return" and Masae Kashiwamura's "The River Sai" won first and second prizes respectively in the guild's undergraduate playwriting contest.

"The Return" concerned the refusal of an Issei mother, played by Tamae Fujii, to acknowledge the death of her soldier son, even though the coffin containing his remains has been returned and lies, during the play's action, in her parlor.

The Issei mother, who insists that her son is somewhere "playing his harmonica and making everybody happy" comes to realize he is dead when she finds his harmonica among his belongings.

"The River Sai" shows the conflict between the Issei and Nisei generations. Leading roles were played by Irene Yamato, Tetsuko Fujita and Makoto Nakamura.

**Kaneko Elected JACL President By Seattle Chapter**

SEATTLE, Wash.—Mac Kaneko was elected president of the Seattle chapter, according to Frank Hattori, chairman of the election committee.

Other cabinet members are Stanley Y. Karikomi, Mary Ikeda, Mrs. Kiyo Sakahara and Ted A. Sakahara.

**Four Nisei Win Scholarships Dedicated to UCLA War Dead**

LOS ANGELES—Recipients of four scholarships dedicated to Nisei who died in World War II were announced here by the Nisei Bruin Alumni, who established the "living memorials" in honor of their former UCLA classmates.

The recipients are Tom Shikari, winner of the Kei Tanahashi award; Henry Yoshimoto, given the Hiroshi Yonemura award; Robert Watanabe, winner of the Yoshiharu Aoyama award; and Katsumi Tawa, who received the John Tanaka award.

Recipients were chosen on the basis of leadership, character and scholarship, qualities which were said to be most representative of

ing to Mrs. William Meskan, secretary of York Center Mutual, the organization of the "old-timers" at York Center, the anti-co-op residents made out a petition with 200 names.

They offered to raise a fund and buy out all the co-op property held by "non-Caucasians."

The co-op promptly refused the offer.

Mrs. Meskan, whose husband is president of the school district, was outspoken in her denunciation of the interracial community, the Sun-Times reported.

"The presence of non-Caucasian families is deteriorating the value of our real estate," she said. "We don't want to live with them, and we don't want our children going to school with theirs. But there is nothing we can do legally."

Mrs. Meskan said that her group had petitioned to have their part of York Center transferred to an adjoining school district so their children would be segregated from the co-op children.

But the co-op got there first. Learning of the petition, they also filed a petition, pointing out that if one part of York Center is transferred, all of York Center should be transferred.

Some 50 Gold Star mothers wept quietly during the unveiling of the 20-ton, 32-ft shaft, which was built in Carrara, Italy, a city which was rescued by the famous 442nd Japanese American combat team.

Brig. Gen. Henry K. Kellogg, who represented Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the 6th army in San Francisco, said:

"I know what our boys did in the Italian campaign for I was with them in the front lines, fighting side by side. They deserve the nation's recognition as they already have for their highest courage, valor and heroism."

He extended greetings from Gen. Clark, along with Gen. Clark's regrets that he was unable to attend the service.

A Nisei Veterans Association squad fired a volley before the impressive shaft, directly over the white markers designating the veterans' graves.

In San Bruno, Calif., members of the San Mateo County JACL visited the graves of Nisei soldier dead at the Golden Gate national cemetery and decorated them with flowers.

Joint memorial rites by Christians and Buddhists of Japanese ancestry were held in many communities, including Fresno and Colma. A mass choir with singers from Christian and Buddhist churches participated in the Fresno service.

Japanese Americans in Colorado marked the day of remembrance with a series of services, as did Nisei and Issei in all the western states.

The JACL-Cathay Post held a service at the Tri-State Buddhist church.

Seattle Japanese Americans unveiled a granite monument bearing the names of 55 Nisei dead.

the Gold Star Bruins in whose names the awards were given.

Shikari is a UCLA junior, majoring in mechanical engineering. He is a member of the Student Unity committee, the Engineering society and the Nisei Bruin club.

Yoshimoto, sophomore, holds membership in the frosh and sophomore councils, executive committee of the sophomore council, faculty survey board, the campus chest drive committee, the Nisei Bruin club, intramural sports, the Ephebian society branch and the Pacific Southwest YM-YWCA. He was president of the freshmen club of the YMCA, secretary of the University YMCA and was the first Nisei to be elected into the Yeomen, highest honor for lower division men.

Watanabe, sophomore in the premedical division, is a member of the Nisei Bruin club and plays in intramural football.

Tawa, a freshman, was 1948 student body president at Roosevelt high school. He is the recipient of an UCLA alumni association freshman scholarship and is prominent in school athletics.

**Honored**

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—George Uchiyama of Weiser, Ida., was one of three St. Louis university seniors in the school of dentistry who were named to Omicron Kappa Upsilon, national scholastic honor fraternity on May 19.

Appointment to the fraternity is the highest scholastic honor obtainable by a dental student.

**Batter**

AUBURN, Calif.—James Yokota, Placer Union high school short-stop, has a big .421 batting average, putting him in a first place tie with teammate Dick Alvari in the Sierra Foothill league.

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## EDITORIALS:

### Delay on the Judd Bill

The question asked by so many Nisei, "Why the delay on the Judd bill?" was voiced this week by the Denver Post in an editorial.

Last March, the editorial said, the House of Representatives gave the bill an overwhelming vote of approval. Since then, the editorial continued, the bill has been pigeonholed in a Senate judiciary subcommittee, though its chairman, Sen. Pat McCarran of Nevada, has announced his approval of the measure.

"The delay, which at this writing appears likely to drag on indefinitely, apparently is caused by the subcommittee's continuing study of the over-all immigration picture," the editorial says. "Meanwhile, the 90,000 Japanese in this country, who would be the principal beneficiaries of the naturalization portion of the measure, continue to be denied the citizenship which they so thoroughly deserve."

The editorial suggests that the Walters bill, introduced by the chairman of the House subcommittee on immigration and naturalization, might provide a partial—and speedier—answer to the problem.

"The measure is specifically designed to benefit Japanese aliens, most of whom have been in the United States for thirty years and more, and many of whom are parents of American servicemen," the editorial says.

"There is no controversy over the justice of the Walters proposal. The Judd bill should be passed to clean our slate in regard to discrimination in naturalization and immigration. But if delay is inevitable, the next best thing is press the Walters bill as quickly as possible. The Japan-born portion of the population—a tiny minority—has waited long for the well-earned privilege of becoming Americans."

Nisei will agree with this position.

There is a wide range of public support for the Judd bill, which is reflected in the editorial pages of the nation's press. There is, therefore, still an outside possibility that it may be considered as an urgent measure and will be reported out by the committee in time for floor action before the summer recess.

But the major legislative goal for the JAACL ADC is citizenship for America's resident aliens of Japanese ancestry. The Walters resolution does not call for basic change in our immigration and naturalization codes. It is a simple plan to extend naturalization rights to legally resident aliens who are now ineligible. For this reason it might be able to gain speedier Congressional consideration than the Judd bill.

### Just the First Step

This week the Powell subcommittee on education and labor in the House of Representatives gave unanimous approval to a bill that would establish fair employment practices and create an FEP commission to eliminate job discrimination in all commerce subject to federal regulation.

It was less than a month ago that the JAACL ADC submitted testimony in support of the bill before the Powell committee.

Mike Masaoka, reporting for the ADC, told the committee salient facts about discrimination against Japanese Americans in employment. The committee was told the story of prejudice and how it affects Nisei in industry and in labor unions, a story well known to the Nisei. The ADC representative pointed out that this pattern of discrimination has consistently kept the minority groups in marginal employment.

He pointed out, by way of contrast, the situation in New York, where a state FEPC has been established and has functioned efficiently and without arousing antagonism or violence.

The ADC representative pointed out that the pattern of discrimination, as seen on the west coast, "might be followed in other areas as employment continues to decline from wartime highs."

He characterized the ADC position thusly:

"We know of no other legislation that will have more far-reaching consequences for good than this.

"The right to enjoy a standard of living commensurate with one's ability and experience should not be dictated by color lines," he said.

The Powell subcommittee's unanimous approval of this bill is heartening, but it would be a mistake indeed to expect Congress to act as quickly—and as favorably—upon this measure.

The bill goes now to the full labor committee, and the road toward enactment by Congress will be a stormy one. Delaying tactics, politics—and possibly sudden death in committee—are possible delays that cannot be discounted.

The FEP bill, so needed by all of America, is unfortunately far too controversial a measure to be considered upon its merits alone.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Story of the Betrayed

The mass evacuation of 115,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in 1942 from the Pacific coast was the result of a "disastrous political decision."

This will be the thesis of Morton Grodzins' important new book, "Americans Betrayed," which is being published by the University of Chicago Press.

Although the publication date of "Americans Betrayed" has been advanced to July 1, we got a preview of the book's jacket this week. It summarizes some of the points which Grodzins makes in his books and backs up with documentation.

Those who have seen galley proofs of the book say that it will give most Americans an entirely different view of the whole evacuation story. The book will make clear the effect of the pressures exerted by racist groups and by competitive commercial interests upon the military treatment of the west coast Japanese American population after Pearl Harbor.

Wartime mass evacuation has been described as "our worst wartime mistake."

In his book Morton Grodzins will tell how the military and the government came to make that mistake.

The author's title for his book, "Americans Betrayed," is a two-word simile for mass evacuation.

The story told by Morton Grodzins in "Americans Betrayed" is synopsized in a few short paragraphs on the book's jacket:

"Citizens driven out of their homes and herded into barbed-wire pens, their places of business searched, their personal possessions seized, their reputations publicly maligned—could this happen here?"

"These were the results of a disastrous political decision. This book is a closeup of the pressure politics that led to that decision.

"Here are the facts. Here are the mayors, chambers of commerce, governors, and congressmen stirring up public opinion against Japanese Americans. Here are Army generals responding to public and political pressures and later attempting to justify their 'a Jap's a Jap' policy by the denial of undeniable facts. Here is Congress carrying out the War Department's wishes without investigation. Here is the United States Supreme Court upholding as constitutional a policy that subverts the basic tenets of democracy.

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

This book is one which the Nisei obviously could not write. Morton Grodzins did the research work which resulted in the writing of "Americans Betrayed" on the west coast at a time when Japanese Americans were excluded from the area. He met the men who helped formulate the mass evacuation decision. He talked with the professional native sons and the vendors of hate and prejudice who helped to influence the policies of evacuation and relocation. He also found men in government who opposed the evacuation policy and who were not afraid to say so.

We first met Morton Grodzins back in 1942 when he was doing research on the political pressures behind the evacuation decision. At that time he impressed us as more a student of contemporary politics than the fighting partisan which the ugly facts he uncovered have made him on behalf of the evacuees and democracy itself.

If the statements on the jacket are a correct description of the book's contents, and we are assured that they are, "Americans Betrayed" is political dynamite. It can be noted here that there was considerable opposition from some quarters against publication of Grodzins' book, undeniably on the theory that it is best to let well enough alone. Such opposition undoubtedly accounts for the fact that the book is coming out in 1949, instead of 1945 when

it was ready and when its impact upon the national political scene would have been more telling. But it is extremely important that it is being published and the University of Chicago Press is to be congratulated. The contents of the book probably will have great effect on history's evaluation of the mass evacuation policy. It adds facts and documentation to Prof. Eugene Rostow's statements that evacuation was "our worst wartime mistake."

Philip M. Glick, the brilliant attorney who was the solicitor of the War Relocation Authority, has read the proofs of "Americans Betrayed" and he declares "the argument is coherent and persuasive."

"On each major point," says Mr. Glick, "enough evidence is presented to satisfy the hard-to-convince."

Many Japanese Americans in 1942, living behind the fences of war relocation camps, wondered how they got there. Some of the embittered ones sought scapegoats and found them. Togo Tanaka commented on this recently after reading "Americans Betrayed."

"To those of us who have attacked and defended Japanese American organizations (notably the JAACL) for the part they allegedly had, or didn't have, in bringing about the mass evacuation, this book will offer some sobering reflections," he said. "For the first time in any report we have seen, the Grodzins piece provides an overview of the whole business."

"It tells how the government arrived at the decision to give the American Japanese the unprecedented bum's rush out of California, Washington, Oregon and parts of Arizona," Mr. Tanaka adds.

"'Americans Betrayed' is the kind of a report on the whole mess of mass evacuation that we used to hope somebody would do. We wished for it the most when we were holed up in that barbed-wire enclosure called Manzanar."

It is apparent that Morton Grodzins' book will make uncomfortable some men who now sit in high places. At the same time it should serve to clarify the thinking of a lot of Americans, including the evacuees themselves, on the causes of the evacuation decision. The publication of this book should do much to insure that mass evacuation on the basis of race or ancestry does not happen again in the United States.

The author, who is now assistant professor of political science at the University of Chicago, is one of the few men in America who could have written this story. He had personal contact with the men closest to evacuation policy, as well as to the political and economic interests which benefited by it. He later had access to government documents relating to evacuation.

Perhaps no one will ever be able to say for certain who pushed the button which brought the whole machinery of mass evacuation into motion but Morton Grodzins tells in "Americans Betrayed" how evacuation came about.

The publication of this book is, in itself, a victory for democracy.

It is only a democratic nation which can review and remedy its own mistakes.

As Robert Redfield says in a comment on "Americans Betrayed":

"So long as we can review in a spirit of just inquiry what we have wrongly done, and publish the result, we are not lost."

### Cabinet

PETALUMA, Calif.—James T. Miyano of Petaluma has been named president of the Sonoma county JAACL.

Vice presidents for the chapter will be Mrs. D. K. Nakamura, also of Petaluma, Kanami Ono, Sebastopol, and George Hamamoto of Santa Rosa.

Other cabinet members have been announced as follows: Mrs. Alice Shimazu, corr. sec.; Kaz Ito, corr. sec.; Minoru Matsuda, rec. sec.; Frank E. Kawaoka, treas.; Takashi Koga, past president, advisory board; Roy E. Yamamoto and I. Hamamoto, Issei advisory board; and Charles Yamamoto, advisory board.

## Vagaries

### Senator . . .

Senator Wilfred Tsukiyama, president of the Hawaii territorial senate, is now on the mainland to receive an honorary doctorate from Coe college in Iowa . . . There is a possibility the Walters resolution which will extend naturalization to the Issei and other resident aliens now ineligible to citizenship will come up on the House calendar this week . . . Torao Tabashi, central figure in the successful test case which resulted in the Supreme Court decision invalidating the California anti-Issei fishing law, is now sailing his own tuna clipper out of Los Angeles harbor.

### Tidbits . . .

Jack Hirose is responsible for the clever station identification signs which are telecast by WJLA the CBS television affiliate in Washington, D.C. Hirose formerly worked in the art department of the Washington Post . . . Dan Takeuchi is a copy reader at the Chicago Sun-Times . . . Earle Yamamoto, former editor-publisher of Chicago's Nisei Courier, is now in the offset printing business in the Midwest city . . . One of the Chicago Publishing Company's forthcoming publications will be a photo book on Chicago's evacuee population with pictures by Ken Mazawa and text by Jobo Nakamura. The latter, who will be remembered for his "Masao" sketches in the Pacific Citizen, has been an instructor in biochemistry at the University of Illinois.

### D. C. Items . . .

Anne Kurimoto, formerly of Seattle, is now on the editorial staff of U.S. News & World Report, a weekly newsmagazine published by David Lawrence . . . Don Komaki of Los Angeles is in television and radio engineering in Washington . . . Henry (Horizontal Hair) Gosho, a veteran of Merrill Marauders in Burma, is still with the State Department . . . Col. James M. Hanley, former commander of the 2nd Battalion and executive officer of the 442nd Central Postal Directory, is now in the judge-advocate general's department of the army with offices in the Pentagon . . . Oland D. Russell, former PI officer of the 442nd at Camp Shelby, is now night editor with Scripps Howard in Washington. He is also the author of "House of Mitsui," a book on one of Japan's biggest Zaibatsu families . . . Beatrice Takeuchi Aaron is co-director of the King-Smith School of Creative Arts in Washington and is an instructor in modern design.

Jack Murata of Marysville is a spectrographer with the U.S. Geological Survey . . . Margaret Shiozawa, formerly of St. Louis, is associated with a large Washington law firm, specializing in Indian claims. Mrs. Shiozawa is the only Nisei attorney in the nation's capital . . . Hide Noguchi, formerly of Sacramento, is an engineer with the Federal Communications Commission and recently went to Mexico on an FCC mission . . . Ben Yoshioka, formerly of Los Angeles, is a budget analyst with Office of the House Expediter.

### Sculptor . . .

It's reported that the great Picasso, no less, has praised the work of Shinkichi George Tajiri, Nisei sculptor and former GI who is now studying in Paris under the GI bill. Tajiri recently had work exhibited in the immortal city of a show that included the works of Picasso, Matisse and other artistic greats. The ex-GI studied in the United States with Donald Hanley while still in his teen and later with Isamu Noguchi.

The Los Angeles Times, which is around to reviewing Toshio Miyano now controversial "Yokohama, California," reports that "it is apparent that anyone who can make people read despite towering grammatical blunders is a writer of great promise." Critic Don Gorman, who reviews the book, writes "What remains, after you've looked (or even enjoyed) the book, is a gentle, persuasive, appealing prose of quite remarkable freshness and a strange rhythm." Incidentally, Albert Saijo, who touched off the Mori controversy when he refused to go along with critics who liked the book, is represented in Crossroads, May, with a short story, "An Old Animate Issei Man."

# MINORITY WEEK

## Campus Talk

Four Swarthmore college fraternities have declared war—on prejudice. Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Sigma Kappa announced recently they were launching a campaign to end racial and religious discrimination in their national organizations. They said they would oppose any clause in the charters or by-laws of any fraternities which has a chapter on Swarthmore college campus which discriminates on racial or religious grounds... Rutgers, which recently named Negro Bucky Hackett president of its student body named another Negro student, Henry Pryor, captain of Scabbard and Blade. He was also elected to the student council three weeks ago with 1,000 votes... Out Berkeley way, the University of California student body elected Richard Jiu, 20, one of its four representatives. Jiu, first Chinese American named to this position had the largest number of votes of the eight students running for the four offices. Jiu is a popular campus figure. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, Eta Kappa Nu, the UC Engineers Council, the Interfraternity Scholastic Council, Pi Alpha Phi and the UC Chinese Students Club.

## Quick Quote

"Inevitably there is a tendency in the (Illinois) legislature to look on the (FEP) bill as a privilege which may or not be extended to the minority groups which suffer from racial or religious discrimination.

"It's far from that. The right of every man to equal treatment regardless of his creed, color or the origin of his grandfather is an implicit American right, basic to the whole conception of our democracy. In passing this bill the state of Illinois will not be doing a favor for Negroes and Jews; it will be discharging a duty which all American citizens owe to themselves—the duty to live as well as talk democracy."—The Chicago Sun-Times.

## Our Latin Americans

As many Nisei have already learned, discrimination is often a matter of geography.

A Mexican American in Michigan probably wouldn't run into any discrimination. But if he moved to Texas, he'd find life pretty hard to take. His child might be segregated in school, he'd find it hard to get any kind of job of any higher order than manual labor, and he'd be discriminated against in theaters, hotels and restaurants.

Two and a half million Americans of Latin American descent today find their lives dogged by prejudice. They live in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and California.

Texas has officially banned discrimination against Latin Americans in public schools, but there are still scores of shabby "Mexican schools." Mexican Americans are confined to menial jobs. They live in slum areas. They are subject to disease. According to Dr. Hector Garcia, one of the Mexican Americans most vocal in their welfare, there are 7,000 active cases of tuberculosis in Corpus Christi. Ninety-eight per cent of the victims are Latin-Americans.

Recently the nation was aroused when a Texas funeral home refused to bury the remains of a veteran because he was of Mexican ancestry. But to Mexican Americans, this was an old story. They know that many restaurants refuse to serve them, many recreation spots refuse to admit them.

Until recent date, this group of Americans had no organization to fight for their rights. Only the Mexican government, which was concerned because thousands of Mexican citizens entered the United States each year for seasonal labor, protested in their behalf.

But today there is a new kind of revolution in the ranks of Americans of Latin American ancestry. They're organizing to win recognition of their rights.

Recently the Colorado legislature defeated a move for FEPC. But the Mexican Americans, who had organized to back fair employment legislation, decided to keep their new-found unity and organize formally, this time to fight for the general welfare of their group, as the Council of Latin-American organizations. Another new national group is the National Association of Mexican Americans. And in Texas there are 25 veterans' groups, led by Dr. Garcia, who have organized to fight discrimination in education, employment, recreational facilities and service facilities.

## Quick Quote

"If I were asked to mention one outstanding problem that weighs most heavily upon our Latin-American people, I would say it is the burden of undeserved poverty."—Catholic Archbishop Robert E. Lucey.

## "It's Wonderful"

"In Europe I was an American entertainer like Danny Kaye and Sophie Tucker. I wasn't just a good-looking Negro. It was wonderful."—Lena Horne.

## Trial Run

The policy of nonsegregation is going to have a trial run this summer in Washington, D. C.

Two playgrounds, the Rose Park playground and the Garfield Park grounds, will be open to white and Negro children without restriction or segregation, from June 16 to Sept. 1.

They will be operated by the district recreation board and the Friends Meeting of Washington (Quakers), which will provide 10 to 12 volunteer workers and a paid director for each.

It's plainly a trial run, but we venture to say the experiment will be a success. Nonsegregation, a great mental bugaboo in the southern mind, always seems to work out pretty well, once it's given a chance.

The Washington recreation picture is complicated by the fact that four public agencies are concerned in the operation of the district's recreation facilities. They are the national capital park and planning commission, the recreation board, the board of education and the Department of Interior.

All are in different stages of evolution on the matter of segregation vs. nonsegregation. The Department of Interior, bless its heart, is way out in front, leading the parade.

## Good News Tonight

The city of Chattanooga, Tenn., is quietly but effectively instituting some new practices.

Several years ago it equalized teachers' salaries for whites and Negroes. Some months ago it called up Negro jurors for local courts. Now it has opened the main public library to adult Negroes on the same basis as whites.

These are issues in which some southern states have become embroiled in legal cases, in loud wrangling and in aroused feelings. Chattanooga has shown that these issues can be instituted without causing violence.

## New Angle

Corp. Lorenzo Gamba, the American war veteran who was barred from rejoining his wife and two children in Australia because of his Filipino ancestry, has a new angle in his fight with the government of Australia.

Corp. Gamba has announced he will apply to the U. S. Veterans Administration to attend a vocational college in Australia under the GI bill.

# Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

## Smells, Salmon, Memories

Denver, Colo.

The chops ran out the other night so we opened a can of salmon. The punctured can emitted a familiar and not unpleasant aroma, and suddenly we remembered back 20 years. Twenty years? Where have the years gone?

It was just about this time back in 1929 that we first headed for the salmon canneries in southeastern Alaska and learned what it was to work a 72-hour week, with anything over 12 hours a day paying off in overtime—at two bits an hour. Those were the days of eternal hunger: breakfast was rice and salmon and bean soup; lunch was rice and salmon and a vegetable; supper was rice and salmon and vegetable, too. Once in a while they slaughtered a pig that had grown fat off our garbage, and then we had meat. In between meals when we got hungry—and that was frequent—we swiped a can of salmon out of the warehouse, chopped it open with a hatchet, and ate the stuff with relish.

The lot of the salmon cannery worker has been improved vastly since those days. In the upsurge of unionism that swept the country in the thirties, the cannery workers battled the well-entrenched contractors and their stooges, public hostility, general apathy and suspicion in the rank and file. Nisei who stepped to the movement's forefront were virtually ostracized. But gradually the unions gained power, ousted the labor contractors, negotiated for and won decent wages and working and living conditions.

Japanese Americans no longer dominate the salmon cannery labor market as they used to. They lost a lot of ground during the war years when they were barred from Alaska and the coast. But their dominance was broken earlier when they hes-

itated to go with the unions. That was an early object lesson in labor organization. And all this because we ran out of chops.

## We Fall for Salesmanship

Prophetic of the tightening times is the increasing number of door-to-door salesmen ringing bells these days. The latest to come our way was a young, smooth-mannered peddler of aluminum wares. His firm specializes in holding demonstrations before a group of housewives—usually friends or neighbors—cooking up a meal in his utensils for them, and then dishing out the vittles well garnished with well-prepared sales talk.

Mass hysteria, herd instinct or something must go into operation when a bunch of women collectively are subjected to this sort of attention. Everyone waxes enthusiastic, and before a woman knows it, she's bought two or three pots and pans that she very well could do without.

That's the way this family acquired three new utensils last week plus a new interest in waterless cooking. Now we're getting our vegetables boiled in their own juices with promise of new vigor and nutrition from the unwasted vitamins thereof.

Years ago, following a period of heavy reading on nutrition, we suggested waterless cooking. At that time the half of the family that makes the decisions scoffed the idea off as a fad; besides spinach cooked in that manner would be too bitter to eat. So until this last week we always had spinach boiled up in a couple of quarts of water, said water being poured down the drain and said spinach being rinsed out several more times before reaching the table.

Well, it's different now, thanks entirely to a convincing young salesman. It's strange how men can influence the thinking of women, especially those who are outside the family.

## Homecoming, Part II:

# A LOOK AT THE EASTBAY

*His Heart Skipped a Beat  
When He Saw the Campanile*

By JOBO NAKAMURA

The San Francisco bay region is only about two hours away from Sacramento but in the old days it seemed like a long, long journey.

Anybody who has spent some time on the Berkeley campus of the University of California and has been away from its cloistered halls for seven years would certainly feel his heart skip a beat to see the Campanile tower still standing stately among the rolling green hills.

I remember the "carefree" days when we wore jeans and T shirts to class and lived on peanut butter sandwiches and canned sardines. The garret in which we lived for five dollars a month on Blake street is no more. The ice company next door razed the old house and now only the echoes of laughter and the memory of late midnight oil remain.

The outlook of the 400 Nisei students on the campus is refreshing and enthusiastic. They look forward to the future optimistically with no illusion. Many of them plan to go east to find jobs suitable to their training. This attitude is a far cry from the old days when we were almost resigned to work in Kobayashi's laundry house.

I was glad to see Jimmy Sakoda whom I knew on the campus before the evacuation. Over a cup of coffee on Telegraph avenue, we exchanged news about mutual friends. Jimmy is taking up a position as an assistant professor at Brooklyn college this summer. He has just completed his Ph D work in psychology.

Conspicuous are the Chinese American students on the campus. They are there in greater number than there were before the war. No longer do Chinese girls wear their traditional costume, long dresses slit at the ankles, but they have on collegiate skirts and sweaters which make them look more frivolous. The Chinese student club was sponsoring a big all-campus musical show called "Showboat to China" with the proceeds going to China relief. They seemed much more spirited than their Japanese counterparts.

Their story of the silent rebellion of the young Chinese Americans from their identification with the old world customs of Chinatown demands a more exhaustive treatment than these cursory notes allow. Behind the color and picturesqueness of the San Francisco Chinatown, there is a growing unrest among the younger inhabitants who want to tear down the pagodas and secure homes in less crowded communities and, in short, to break away from the virtual Chinese ghetto in which they were restricted.

The Japanese residents in Berk-

eley are principally engaged in gardening and they live comfortably in attractive, low-cost houses in a large residential area below Shattuck avenue. Many former residents of Oakland are now living in Berkeley because they have returned to find their old communities over-crowded. There is no such thing as a "Nihonmachi" in Berkeley. The Japanese grocery stores and cleaners cater to the people in the main community.

One of the leading citizens of Berkeley is Henry Takahashi, optometrist. He has a neat, modern shop on Shattuck avenue and is active in the Dwight-Shattuck association. He is extremely confident that Nisei in the bay area, "if given 5 years more, will be far ahead of their pre-war economic level."

Dr. Takahashi has 11 brothers and sisters, ten of whom have gone to the University of California, and of whom five are optometrists.

His father, Chiyikichi Takahashi, is well known in these parts for his Lilliputian forest; he cultivates dwarf trees. During the evacuation, father Takahashi rented his home to war workers with the understanding that they should take care of this miniature forest as part payment. The Takahashis came back to Berkeley and found most of the 2000 trees had perished due to neglect. The father, who was well in his 70's, with heavy heart reforested his backyard with utmost patience. Chiyikichi Takahashi's dwarf trees took first place in the Hall of Flowers at the 1939 Treasure Island exposition.

In sharp contrast to the exquisite homes of the Japanese in Berkeley, I was distressed to learn that over 500 Japanese were still living in the nearby Richmond Housing project. Many Japanese are living in barrack-type dwelling units on a semi-permanent basis, over-crowded in the hurriedly constructed wooden buildings. They live day-to-day not knowing when the sink will fall apart.

The housing situation in the California cities, generally, has been made acute by the migration of not only minority people but of veterans who tasted the milder and pleasant climate during their army sojourn, with the

result that the problem is one of desperation.

Gentlemen's agreements among real estate men can easily be sidestepped by any Japanese family willing to pay an exorbitant amount of money for houses in the more desirable neighborhoods.

The ride on the Keysystem train over the Bay Bridge to the San Francisco peninsula is still an awe-inspiring, a pit-in-the-stomach thrill. The panoramic view of the bay unfolded before my eyes, and I fairly leaped in my seat with joy. The ancient street cars, dear to the hearts of San Franciscans, crawl up the hill along Sutter street to the Japanese town in the Fillmore district.

The San Francisco's Nihonmachi back in the hey-days of 1939 when I was last there, was a lovely community bedecked with all the gaiety of a Ginza-esque feeling. With the Asama maru and Tatsuta maru coming in with loads and loads of Tokyo merchandise and Treasure Island honking a large tourist trade into the Japanese section of the town, the Nihonmachi vied with Chinatown in the splendor of its Oriental atmosphere.

Today that Japanese town is simply not there. It appears that the Nisei and Issei there and on Grant avenue, are waiting for the Japanese trade to be restored to pre-war levels. While the Japanese towns of the inland valley depended on the economic conditions of the Japanese farmers before the war, the life of the San Francisco Japanese hinged on the import-export trade to Japan.

During my Chicago life I was famished for good, substantial Chinese foods. Michi Inuma and Iwao Shimizu of the Hokubei Mainichi treated me to delicately flavored Chinese-styled chicken and pork dishes which left sighs issuing from my lips. My eyes were half closed with sheer delight. Most discriminating gourmets end up in San Francisco. Tad Hirota and his wife, Hisa—Tad is a one-man Japanese Chamber of Commerce in the East Bay—took me out to an Italian restaurant whose garlicky salad, tasty meat balls, and hot freshly baked bread were the quintessence of epicurean pleasure.

I shall dispense with any discussion about the socio-economic adjustment being made by the Japanese in San Francisco because in one of the recent issues of the Pacific Citizen, Joe Masaoka made a very excellent survey on this subject. However, he felt that the report was slightly on the gloomy side where the over-all picture is that the Nisei are now emerging in a new role unknown to them till the evacuation. They are definitely tearing away from a Grant avenue complex and seeking livelihood outside of the Japanese communities.

## JACL Picnic

IDAHO FALLS, Ida. — The Shelley high grounds will be the scene of the Idaho Falls annual JACL picnic on June 12.

# P C SPORTS

## Return Match

Robert Takeshita, hard-hitting Honolulu protege of Sad Sam Ichinose, may get a return match with Maxie (Little Duke) Docusen at Honolulu Stadium in late June or July. Takeshita has been out of action since the Rudy Cruz fiasco last winter. In this first fight with Docusen, ranked as one of the world's top lightweights, Takeshita dropped a decision in ten rounds. The affair drew 17,634 persons to Honolulu Stadium and a gate of more than \$50,000.

If the match is arranged, Takeshita will be shooting for the works. Although Docusen, who hasn't lost a fight in 58 times at the post, will be heavily favored, Takeshita will be out to win the fight by a knockout. He needs a victory over a "name" boxer like Docusen to win consideration on the mainland.

Takeshita hasn't fought professionally on the mainland, although he won the 1946 National AAU championship in the welterweight division at Boston.

## Ex-Titlist

Speaking of weightlifting champions, a former titlist is Emerick Ishikawa of Hawaii who won the National AAU crown back in 1947 while competing for the York Barbell club of York, Pa. Ishikawa now lives in California.

## Olympics

The first three Nisei to make the Olympic team were weightlifters, Harold Sakata, Emerick Ishikawa and Richard Tomita, all of Honolulu.

Sakata, who had tough luck at the nationals in Cleveland last week, is generally considered as the Joe Louis of the heavyweight division of U. S. weightlifting.

## Accident

Jim Aoki of Salt Lake City, speedboat driver, had to withdraw from the Provo Memorial day boat races when his boat tipped over in a trial run. Aoki believed an extra tin of gasoline was responsible for tipping the speedy craft. The Nisei had hoped to give O. L. Turner, fellow Utahn and recognized holder of the world's record for the measured one mile run in the 225 inboard hydro class, a good run for his money.

## Semifinals

Amy Toda, who has been burning up intermountain ski slopes with the University of Utah ski team, turned to tennis last week, where she did almost as well. Competing for the intercollegiate doubles title in the Rowland hall invitational meet in Salt Lake City, Amy paired with Nancy Vadner and went up to the finals, where

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## Stadium Record Falls As Aihara Places First in PCC Meet

SEATTLE, Wash.—A terrific 24 ft. 9 in. jump by Henry Aihara, USC's broadjump star, broke the stadium record at the University of Washington and also took first place in that event as USC won its ninth straight Pacific coast conference title on May 28.

Aihara's mark bettered by nearly seven inches the stadium record of 24 ft. 2 3/4 inches, set in 1938 by Jim Panton of Washington.

It also broke Aihara's previous high for the season by a full five inches.

The Nisei star finished well ahead of the second place man, G. Bryan of Stanford, who went 24 ft. 4 3/4 in.

## Zebras Wallop Southerners in Double Header

WILMINGTON, Calif.—The San Jose Zebras invaded the southland over Memorial day weekend and went home with the memory of two one-sided victories over the Harbor Skippers.

The San Joseans spanked the Skippers 18-13 and 22-5 in the Sunday and Monday games, which marked the first intersectional ball games since the war.

Hiro Nakamura held the Skippers to two runs in the first six innings of Sunday's game, but weakened to allow 8 runs in the seventh. He fanned 11 Skippers while his teammates connected for 18 hits.

The Zebras opened up again Monday in a hit-happy game that saw three Skipper pitchers trying fruitlessly to stave off the Zebras. Chi Akizuki, Zebra centerfielder, connected for a homer with a runner on first, and John Horio, Zebra pitcher, held the Skippers to seven hits.

The southland team will travel to San Jose in July for another try at the northern team.

## Champion

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—T. Kakimaru won the championship of the Kagera club last week on the city's 18-hole municipal course with a 36-hole gross total of 168. Art Yokota came in second with 175 and T. Kawasaki followed with 177.

Net leaders included Tonk Hara, 137, Dr. M. Harada, 149, and Tin Sasabuchi, 151, T. Miwana won a special cup with a 68 net.

the team lost to Diane Hunsaker and Joyce Bradley.

## Conjecture

Sportswriter Wilbur Adams, remembering that west coast teams once went east for the IC4A, says that Henry Aihara, USC broadjump star, would have taken first place in the IC4A if western teams still competed in that event. Adams listed six first place cinches, including Patton of USC in the 100, Chambers, USC, in the 880, Lewis of UCLA in the discus, Held of Stanford in the javelin, Aihara in the broadjump and Montgomery of USC and Ramussen of Oregon in the pole vault. The writer used the scores made in the Seattle PCA meet last week.

## Auto Converted to Aid Nisei Boxer Injured in War Bombing

HILO, T.H. — Toy Tamanaha can say that he is living on borrowed time.

The former Nisei prize-fighter suffered the loss of both legs on Dec. 7, 1941 when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor.

A Japanese bomb exploded within a few feet of Toy.

In the bombing several of his friends, also Nisei boxers, were killed or maimed.

Toy Tamanaha was recently under doctor's care for nervous tension brought on by long confinement.

"I was a nervous wreck," he said recently. "Cooped up too long..."

Then George Costa, a Hilo mechanic, went to work on Toy's 1948 Dodge sedan. He converted the car so that it can be driven by hands alone, through levers on the dashboard and the steering column.

Now Toy Tamanaha is driving his own car around the Big Island, thanks to the inventiveness of the Hilo mechanic.

## EVELYN KAWAMOTO SETS NEW MARK IN AAU SWIM MEET

HONOLULU, T. H. — Evelyn Kawamoto, sensational McKinley high school swim star, established a new record in the 300-yard individual medley event in the AAU indoor swimming championship on May 19.

She went the 300 yards in the fast time of 3:59.8, shattering the former mark of 4:02.4, which she set earlier this year.

Eunice Kubota took the women's junior 100 yard backstroke in 1:18, clipping the former mark by 1.3 seconds.

## Golfer

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo.—Dr. Takashi Mayeda of Denver took the Colorado state dental association golf championship last week when he went around in 66 to win the class A flight.

## Auxiliary Fetes Mrs. Yaeko Yamamoto

Mrs. Yaeko Yamamoto was honored at a farewell tea by members of the Salt Lake JACL women's auxiliary on Tuesday evening, May 28, at the home of Mrs. Mary Shiozaki.

Mrs. Yamamoto is leaving Salt Lake City for Seattle and she was presented with a blue vase by members of the auxiliary.

The auxiliary announced its June activities will include co-sponsorship with Frederic Dixon of the piano recital of his former student Yoshiko Niiya on June 8 and a family outing on June 26.

Members of the auxiliary will act as hostesses at the Niiya recital, which will be held at the Ladies Literary Club.

The family outing will be organized by Mrs. Shizue Sakai, assisted by Mrs. Chick Terashima and Mrs. Kiyoko Oshiro.

## Editor

Bob Williams, member of the Salt Lake City JACL and the Japanese Christian church youth group, was named editor of the Westminster college newspaper, the Campus Crier, for the next school year.

## Nisei Cited As Outstanding Frosh In Training Corps

WEISER, Ida.—Mich Kaku, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. T. Kaku of Weiser, was awarded a citation as the outstanding freshman in the University of Idaho corps at the annual inspection of air and army officer training units.

He has been initiated by Phi Eta Sigma, national scholastic honorary society for freshmen.

He was elected a state officer of De Molay on May 14 at Nampa, Ida., as approximately 200 young men from all parts of Idaho gathered for a meeting of the organization. He was named grand first preceptor.

## SCHOLARSHIPS WON BY NISEI STUDENTS AT OREGON STATE

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Five OSC students of Japanese ancestry, including one student from Japan, have been given scholarships at Oregon State for the 1949-50 college year.

They are Ruth Komachi of Eugene, Masako Endo of Milwaukee, Kimiko Kusachi of Hood River, Lilly Namba of Hood River and Etsuko Seki of Japan.

## Quick Trick:

## Geese Used as Weeders On Nisei Strawberry Farm

SEATTLE—Mara Mukai, farmer, packer and civic leader in Vashon Island, has found a new solution to the problem of weeding his big 160-acre strawberry farm, according to Frank Lynch in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer on May 18.

Mukai used 100 geese to do the work.

"No great crews of Indians, no weary men and women bent over the rows," Lynch reported. "Just geese. Feathered geese."

The farmer told Lynch that this work-geese business started

in Oregon a few years ago. The way Mukai heard it, an "Okie" from the dustbowl came up with the idea. The dustbowl refugee got to talking how they used to turn the geese into the cotton fields and wondered why it wouldn't work for strawberries.

The farmer in Oregon tried it and the geese worked their heads off for him. Then a man in Lynden tried it with equal success, and that's how Mukai heard about it.

They told Mukai that it would take three geese per acre but he found that too many. Two geese per acre will do nicely, he said.

Lynch reported on Mukai's method:

"You turn the geese loose in the fields first, of course. Man, they can hardly wait to get at their favorite delicacy, the grasses. Quack-grass, bent, orchard, all the bladed grasses, gone into their little tummies, just like that.

"The grass gone, they start in all over again, on the chick-grass. And here's the wonderful thing about it—geese will not eat strawberry plants. Geese would rather starve than eat strawberry plants.

"There are, alas, a few other things that geese will not eat. They won't touch dock or thistle, or the noxious weeds. So there is a little hand-weeding. They are, and Mukai said sadly, strictly vegetarians. Geese will not eat the

many bugs that love strawberry plants.

"Nor could a man get rich selling the geese after the berry harvest. They work themselves right down to the bone, weeding the rows.

"There are some other drawbacks, too. Try to find a flock of geese, for one thing.

"Geese, Mukai said, are not great reproducers. He has them nesting all over the place, but a mere 30 per cent of the eggs prove fertile. He didn't have much luck with his incubator either, until he caught on.

"Mama goose will go for a quick swim, and flop back on the eggs. Mukai decided that his incubator was too dry. He borrowed a gadget his missus had for sprinkling clothes, and he gives the eggs an occasional shower with it. That helps.

"Mukai wouldn't make a guess on the dough he'd save, geese vs. labor.

"These geese are spending a well-earned rest, now, cooped up, and dining on golden grain. They are heavy-footed and it is not safe to turn them loose among the tender fruit stems. After the harvest they will be back, weeding away, until the hot August sun takes care of the problem."

Lynch added that Mukai's big gray geese are known as "Toulouse," while the white ones are known as "Emden."

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**BIRTHS**

To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ono, Seabrook, N.J., a girl, Linda Michiko, on May 10.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Nagahiro, Seabrook, N.J., a boy, Glenn Takeo, on May 9.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Kawasaki, Fife, Wash., a girl on May 4.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. James Imahara, Route 4, Box 3032, Sacramento, a boy on May 20.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Nakamura, Fowler, Calif., a boy on May 13 in Fresno.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Satoru Ikemoto, Reedley, Calif., a boy on May 21 in Fresno.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Takamoto, Palo Alto, a boy, James Toshiyada, on May 1.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Soichi Kukita, Los Angeles, a girl on May 15.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. James Ozawa, Downey, Calif., a boy on May 15.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ota, West Los Angeles, a boy on May 15.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Furusho, Torrance, Calif., a boy on May 16.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miyasaki, Los Angeles, a boy on May 16.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Norimasa Yamahiro, Los Angeles, a girl on May 17.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Nakajima, Los Angeles, a girl on May 15.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kenji Mitsuhashi, Los Angeles, a boy on May 15.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ikemoto, 422 Fourth st., Sacramento, a boy on May 17.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru S. Morishita, Murray, Utah, a girl on May 19.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shimon, Renton, Wash., a boy on May 23.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Yoshinori Nishi, Berkeley, Calif., a girl.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kengo Otogaki, Berkeley, Calif., a boy.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Yasuda, Berkeley, Calif., a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Matsumoto, Acampo, Calif., a boy on May 22.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nagashima, Idaho Falls, Ida., a boy on May 23.

**DEATHS**

Junichi Shinto, 67, on May 26 in Los Angeles.  
 Eitaro Kuramoto on May 26 in Los Angeles.  
 Kazuji Segawa on May 2 in San Diego.  
 Fukuzo Nakahara on May 26 in San Francisco.  
 Mrs. Maki Tashima, 79, in Denver.

**MARRIAGES**

Helen Kinoshita to Mickey Tamiyasu on May 20 in Portland.  
 Florence Fujitaki to Yoshi Nishimura on May 8 in Stockton.  
 Mary Mizufune to George Narita on May 15 in San Francisco.  
 Takeko Mayeda to Archie Miyatake in Los Angeles on May 22.  
 Florence Tsuneishi to Hajime Nakashima on May 29 in Los Angeles.

**MARRIAGE LICENSES**

Tamiko Nakashima and Roger Yasuhara in San Francisco.  
 Yoshiko Nakamura, San Francisco, and Tadashi Kishi, Los Angeles, in Oakland.  
 Michi Kobayashi and Harry Mitani in Salt Lake City.  
 Sumiko Kusuda, Palo Alto, and Robert C. Santo, San Jose.  
 Misako Ruth Kawakami, Los Angeles, and Kunio Fred Tanaka, Sacramento, in Sacramento.

**UC Student Wins Phi Beta Kappa Key**

BERKELEY, Calif. — William Masaru Nakatani, UC senior in international relations, was named to Phi Beta Kappa by the University of California chapter of the national honorary scholastic fraternity.

**SATOW IN L.A. ON MEMBERSHIP, CLAIMS BUSINESS**

Masao Satow, national director of the JACL, left Salt Lake City for Los Angeles on Tuesday of this week for a one-week survey of JACL affairs.  
 He will make special inquiry into the downtown Los Angeles evacuation claims survey, scheduled to begin this week. The survey will be conducted by the Downtown JACL chapter.  
 Satow will also aid with organization of the Los Angeles membership drive, in the absence of Sam Ishikawa, Los Angeles area representative, who is now in Hawaii on the JACL ADC financial campaign.  
 Satow will leave Los Angeles on May 7 for San Francisco, where he will confer with Joe Masaoka, San Francisco representative. He is expected to leave directly from San Francisco for New York City on May 9.

**L.A. Plans Forum For Nisei on Jobs, Education**

**Unions, FEPC, Other Related Topics to Be Discussed by Experts**  
 LOS ANGELES—Nisei jobseekers and jobholders are invited to a public forum on the vital subjects of employment, unemployment, union labor and education which will be sponsored by the East Los Angeles chapter of the JACL on June 24.  
 Young adult clubs in the city have been asked to attend the forum and have been invited to assist in the organizing of the meeting, which is expected to probe all facets of the important problem of employment.  
 Among major topics of discussion will be the increase in unemployment, prospects of employment in general and in specific fields, civil service employment, the necessity for fair employment practices, and union labor.  
 Some questions of special interest to Nisei, including business prospects in Little Tokyo and the proper approach for Nisei seeking employment, will be discussed by the panel.  
 Speakers will include a representative of the California state employment service, a trade union representative, an expert on the FEPC bill and a representative Nisei.  
 A clinic on employment and education will be scheduled a week or two following the public forum if public response merits, the JACL reported.  
 A number of Nisei and Issei leaders and representatives of the state employment service will be asked to lead small discussion groups. The clinics will aid young people planning further education in fields as yet unexploited, the JACL announced, and persons seeking employment may pick up ideas as to new jobs in industries as yet untouched by Nisei prospects.  
 Sakae Ishihara was named chairman of the committee organizing the meeting.

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**1000 Club to Be Sponsor Of Big Nisei Week Activity**

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles 1000 Club will sponsor the Nisei week coronation ball, outstanding event of the entire Nisei week program, it was announced this week by George Inagaki, national 1000 Club chairman.  
 Nisei week, which was the major undertaking of the Los Angeles Japanese American community in prewar days, will be held this year for the first time since the war. It was initiated in 1934.

**Nisei Grads Shine In Idaho Falls**

IDAHO FALLS, Ida. — Nisei graduates in Idaho Falls had a perfect record this year, with all of them on school honor rolls and a number holding school and class offices.  
 They are Ted Kuwana, winner of the science scholarship and vice president of his student body, Emmy Yamasaki, honor student; Kou Hasegawa, honor student; Roy Kubosumi, FFA secretary-treasurer, activity leader and honor student; Lena Date, senior class president and honor student; Ken Sato, class president and honor student; and Takashi Mayeda, honor student.  
 Another Nisei, Sho Ueda, has been elected student body president at Roberts high school.

**Ted Kuwana Chosen By American Legion For Boys State**

IDAHO FALLS, -Ida.—Ted Kuwana, popular Idaho Falls youth and former vice president of the Idaho Falls student body, will be a representative at Boy's State in Boise. He will be sponsored by the American Legion.  
 The Idaho Falls JACL will sponsor Richard Corey, former student body president, at the annual meeting of Idaho youth.

**Fellowship**

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — Ruth Watanabe, librarian at Shibley Music Library, is one of 27 American women who have been awarded fellowships by the American Association of University Women.  
 Miss Watanabe will do research work on the Italian madrigal of the last decade of the 16th century.

The coronation ball will be the kickoff event for Nisei week, Inagaki said. It will be held in the famous Biltmore Blue room.

The Nisei week queen will be officially crowned at the ball, after which she will reign over the many social events announced for the seven-day celebration. The queen will be chosen in a southern California-wide contest in which all JACL chapters and many other organizations are participating.

Mrs. Sumi Kashiwagi and Mrs. Chiyo Tayama have been named as cochairmen for the ball.

**Announce Dates For IDC Confab**

OGDEN, Utah.—Dates for the JACL Intermountain district council convention have been announced as Nov. 25-27 by Ken Uchida, chairman.

Reservations for the 3-day meeting have been made at the Ben Lomond hotel in Ogden, Uchida said.

A leadership workshop will be a special feature of the convention, with other events to include a queen contest, oratorical contest and bowling tournament.

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### Schmoe Leaves On Hiroshima House Project

SEATTLE, Wash. — Floyd Schmoe of Seattle will leave for Japan on June 24 to complete the "House for Hiroshima" project, which he initiated upon his earlier trip to war-torn Japan.

Schmoe will go to Hiroshima with four other Americans who will work with a group of Japanese students in building a house to be given to a family that lost its home in the Hiroshima atom bomb attack.

He will be accompanied by the Rev. Emery Andrews of the Japanese Baptist church, Mamoru Takashima of Seattle, Ruth Jenkins of Tucson, Ariz., and Daisy Tibbs, South Carolina teacher.

### Speakers

Teruo Fujii, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daijiro M. Fujii, and Lilly Nakai, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kaneshiro Nakai, were among honor students speaking at the West high school graduation services Thursday night in Salt Lake City.

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SEATTLE, Wash.—Col. James M. Hanley, left, who served overseas with the 442nd combat team, Capt. Jack W. Rodarme of the 2nd infantry division at Fort Lewis, Wash., and Richard Setsuda, chairman of the Nisei Veterans, rode at the head of their column in the Seattle Memorial day parade. Col. Hanley on the same day was the major speaker at the Japanese American community's services for its 55 war dead of World War II. —Photo by Elmer Ogawa.

### Seattle Unveils Monument To Honor 55 War Heroes

SEATTLE, WASH. — Mrs. Hisako Nakamura, Gold Star widow, unveiled on Memorial day a granite column bearing the name of her husband and 54 other Japanese Americans from the Seattle area who gave their lives in battle.

In a beautiful and impressive ceremony the Japanese American community held its services honoring their dead at Lake View cemetery.

Col. James W. Hanley, former executive officer of the 442nd, was the principal speaker at the ceremony.

"Each man," he said, "no matter how young, considered himself a personal representative of his people in the battle against prejudice. That is why they eagerly carried the fight to the enemy and often carried on, though sick or wounded."

He told the Issei gathered before him that they, in their own way, "did as spectacular a job as did your sons."

"The record shows true Americanism and understanding," Col. Hanley said. "It cannot be forgotten that there was not a single case of espionage or sabotage by an alien Japanese resident in this country, before, during or after the war."

One of the most touching moments of the service occurred when Sgt. Frank Matsushima presented an American flag to Sentaro Ikeda, father of Pfc. Masao Ikeda, the

only one of the 55 dead whose body was never found.

Richard Setsuda, chairman of the Nisei veterans committee, told the audience, "This is a dream fulfilled and a pledge kept. Let us carry in our hearts the principles for which these boys died."

After "taps" sounded to end the ceremony, more than 1,000 persons lingered at the cemetery and read the inscription and list of names on the beautiful granite monument.

The monument bears Franklin D. Roosevelt's famous words: "Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart. Americanism is not and never was a matter of race or ancestry."

### Record

AUBURN, Calif.—A new record in the high jump was established this year by Jim Tsuda at Placer Union high, it was announced here as the school closed its 1949 track season. Tsuda jumped 6 ft., 1 in. in establishing one of two new records made at the school this year. The records cover 47 years during which the school has sponsored track teams.

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### GRADUATES FETED AT SNAKE RIVER DINNER DANCE

ONTARIO, Ore.—Approximately 100 persons attended a dinner dance given by the Snake River JACL on May 25 in honor of 22 graduating seniors at the Moore hotel in Ontario.

Robert McConnaha, was the main speaker.

Shig Hironaka served as toastmaster for the occasion. Thomas Itami, JACL president, congratulated the graduates. Three class valedictorians, Helen Kondo of Vale high, Yoko Okano of Nyssa high and Roy Kaku of Weiser high responded for the graduates.

Frankie Sugai gave several vocal numbers, accompanied by Esther Ogura. Intermission numbers were presented by Sugai and Bob Fujiwara of Vale.

### Masaoka Named To Committee On Civil Rights

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The election of Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, to the steering committee of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House, was announced June 1 at a dinner meeting which was sponsored by the organization to highlight the actions of the 81st Congress in the field of civil liberties. Mr. Masaoka was co-chairman of the dinner.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey, (D., Minn.), declared at the dinner that: "Civil rights is increasingly becoming a reality in American life . . . because the American people are rapidly shaping their communities in a manner consistent with the aims of civil rights legislation."

Rep. Jacob Javits, (R., N.Y.), said "there is a clear majority for the enactment of F5PC, anti-poll tax and anti-lynching in the House." However, he pointed out that it is "difficult to get the legislation to the floor before it is emasculated in committee."

"Never in recent history have we been so close to the enactment of (this) legislation and never would failure be as dangerous," he said.

Alice Imamoto, popular young Nisei concert pianist, was the guest artist at the dinner.

Among dinner committee members was Mrs. Etsu Masaoka.

### Given Bronze Star

STOCKTON, Calif.—Sgt. Tom Okura of Stockton, who saw action in France and Germany during the war, was recently awarded a Bronze Star for his service in combat in the Alsace-Lorraine district. He is currently serving at St. Germain.

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### Twin Girls Win Right of Entry To United States

SEATTLE, Wash. — Teiko and Yoshiko Higo, 4-year-old Japanese twins, will soon join their mother in Seattle as the result of Congressional action last week.

Their arrival here will culminate a long battle initiated by their mother and their stepfather, David B. Carpenter, sociology professor at the University of Washington, to give them entry to the United States.

The little girls were born to Mrs. Carpenter and her first husband, a Japanese naval officer, who disappeared in action.

Their mother met Carpenter in Yokohama, where he was serving on General MacArthur's staff.

Although she was allowed to enter the United States as a wife, her daughters were denied entry. They were left in care of their grandmother.

When the Carpenters reached the United States, they immediately sought help in bringing the twin girls to this country. A special bill in their behalf was introduced by Congressman Henry M. Jackson.

Last week Congressman Jackson informed the Carpenters the special bill had passed the House judiciary committee.

Passage by this committee assures the Carpenters the little girls will soon arrive in this country. Further Congressional action is expected to be routine.

Mrs. Carpenter, who wept gratefully upon learning the news, said "I don't know what to do or what to say. I know my plight is a very tiny case. I am very, very grateful."

She expressed her gratitude for the support given by Congressman Jackson, Senator Warren D. Magnuson and Mrs. Mary Fuquaharson, member of the Seattle Civic Unity Council.

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