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Japan Supreme Court Rules On Nisei Case

Upsets Ruling Which Permitted Divestiture Of Japan Citizenship

TOKYO — Overruling a lower court verdict in a case involving an American of Japanese ancestry, the Japanese Supreme Court recently ruled that Asayuki Okuma, a native of Hawaii, cannot divest himself of his Japanese citizenship.

The Supreme Court ordered the case back to the Tokyo District Court for closer investigation.

The Japanese high tribunal questioned the lower court's verdict upholding Okuma's contention that he had taken Japanese citizenship in 1942 under duress.

The tribunal ruled that under the conditions of war prevailing at the time in 1942 the advice of Japanese police authorities in recommending to Okuma that he acquire Japanese nationality was a friendly act and was not an act of duress.

In March, 1948 Okuma filed suit in Tokyo District Court against the Attorney General of Japan, demanding the cancelling of his action in acquiring Japanese citizenship.

The court rendered a decision favorable to Okuma under Paragraph 2, Article 22 of the Japanese Constitution.

The case was taken to the Supreme Court on the appeal of the Attorney General.

Mary Ban to Teach at Private School in Arizona Mountains

SEDONA, Ariz. — Mary Ban, former teacher at the Sunny Ridge school in Idaho, will teach mathematics next term at Verde Valley, a college prep school located in the scenic wonderland of Arizona.

The school has an enrollment of students from all parts of the United States as well as Canada. The faculty includes teachers of Swiss, English and German backgrounds.

Pupil Wins First Prize, Teacher Second at Fresno Exhibition

FRESNO, Calif. — Sueo Serisawa, Los Angeles artist, took the second prize award in the Fresno Art League's first statewide exhibit with his oil painting, "Family Portrait."

One of Serisawa's pupils at Scripps college, Nancy Stableford of Claremont, won the \$200 first prize award with her "Still Life."

L. A. JACL Chapters Give Free Services to Claimants

Report \$750,000 In Small Claims Filed by Evacuees

LOS ANGELES — Evacuation claims totaling more than \$50,000 have been filed through three Los Angeles chapters of the JACL during the first three nights of the free stenographic service rendered to approximately 400 applicants last week, according to Ishikawa, Pacific Southwest director of JACL ADC.

Ishikawa said that the services rendered in Los Angeles by the Pacific Southwest, Downtown and Eastside JACL chapters have assisted many evacuees in filing forms which might not have been filled because these evacuees were "not sure about the procedures."

Ishikawa gave credit to the 70 Nisei girls who volunteered their services in the stenographic divisions at the three JACL chapters.

He also noted that eight Los

20th Century-Fox May Film Documentary Story of Nisei

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — The 20th Century-Fox studio has registered an idea with the Johnston office for a semi-documentary motion picture concerning the Nisei, the Pacific Citizen was informed this week.

The proposed production is still "just an idea" of Darryl M. Zanuck, producer in charge at 20th-Fox, and probably will not be scheduled for a year at least.

Mr. Zanuck, producer of "Gentlemen's Agreement," one of the first Hollywood films on anti-Semitism and winner of the 1948 Academy Award, has made another film on American race problems, "Pinky," his personal production for 1949. "Pinky," starring Jeanne Crain as a Negro girl, is expected to be one of the most important pictures of the coming season. William Lundigan is co-starred in the film which is directed by Elia Kazan, director of "Gentlemen's Agreement."

Mr. Zanuck also was the producer of a 1947 film, "Daisy Kenyon," which was the first Hollywood production to mention West Coast discrimination against the Nisei. The film, written by David Hertz, included a sequence which did not appear in the original novel by Elizabeth Janeway and concerned the attempts of a New York attorney to save the farm of a California Nisei GI, presumably in a case involving the California Alien Land Law.

Although Jimmie Fidler declared on his June 12 broadcast that the film would result in "fireworks" on the Pacific coast, an official at 20th-Fox declared this week that no plans had been made on the film. He indicated that the project was still in the idea stage and that there was no assurance that a film would be made. Mr. Zanuck, it was reported, is leaving for Europe next week.

It was recalled that one of Darryl Zanuck's most successful films was "The Grapes of Wrath," from the John Steinbeck novel of the mass migration of dust bowl evacuees in the 1930s.

Court Denies Defense Demand For Data on Government's "Tokyo Rose" Trial Witnesses

SAN FRANCISCO — A defense demand for information on the identity of prosecution witnesses for the forthcoming "Tokyo Rose" treason trial of Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino was rejected by Federal Judge Michael J. Roche on June 20.

Judge Roche, however, directed government attorneys to supply defense counsel with a list of witnesses three days before the trial, in accordance with established custom.

Court Denies Access to Nisei Arrest Records

SAN FRANCISCO — Defense counsel for Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino on June 22 lost another round in their battle to obtain access to certain communications between Army, Justice Department and the State Department involving the arrests and releases of California-born Nisei after the Army's occupation of Japan.

Federal Judge Michael J. Roche denied the motion which would have forced the government to reveal all communications dealing with such cases.

Tom De Wolfe, special assistant to Attorney General Tom Clark, argued successfully that it would require weeks to get all the communications sought by the defense and that then they would have no bearing on the case.

The trial is scheduled to start July 5.

Meanwhile, 19 Japanese who are scheduled to testify at the "Tokyo Rose" trial as witnesses for the prosecution arrived in San Francisco by air on June 19 under the escort of Sidney Browne of the Army's criminal investigation detachment in Tokyo.

The group which arrived from Tokyo is believed to include several American-born Japanese residents of Tokyo who were employed by Radio Tokyo.

It is also reported that two Nisei who returned from Japan last fall as government witnesses when Mrs. d'Aquino originally was scheduled to go on trial will also be called to testify.

Commenting on the arrival of the government witnesses from Japan, defense counsel for Mrs. d'Aquino said that the government would not permit them to bring defense witnesses from Japan. Instead, Theodore Tamba, San Francisco attorney, spent several months in Japan obtaining depositions for use by the defense.

Judge Roche also ruled on two other defense motions last Monday. He refused to compel the government to produce certain documents for inspection by the defense and granted a request for an additional \$300 to defray costs of additional depositions in Japan from prospective defense witnesses.

Assistant Attorney General Tom De Wolf, who will present the government's case, arrived this week from Washington, D.C. and immediately started questioning the 19 witnesses from Japan.

Other government witnesses from Australia and various sections of the United States also are expected to arrive shortly.

Although defense counsel have been unable to obtain permission to bring defense witnesses from Japan, 17 persons now in the United States are being subpoenaed to testify for the defense at the forthcoming trial. The 17 witnesses include five Nisei. They have been identified as follows: Chiyeiko Ito, Los Angeles; Frank Fujita, Electra, Tex.; Shigemi Masawa, Chicago; Mrs. Albert Kan-saki, New York City; and Amy Masuda, Los Angeles.

A list of 110 prospective jurors (Continued on page 2).

JACL ADC Urges Civil Rights Laws as Bulwark Against Mass Evacuation in Future

Masaoka Tells House Committee Mass Evacuation Of Nisei in 1942 Would Not Have Occurred If Civil Rights Laws Had Existed Before War

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Speaking as "the victims of the greatest violation of civil rights in American history," the Japanese American Citizens League Anti-Discrimination Committee on June 22 strongly urged the adoption of civil rights laws by Congress.

Testifying before a House Committee holding hearings on a civil rights act, Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, asserted that "if such an act had existed before the war, the evacuation would not have occurred."

Subsequently, Mr. Masaoka filed formal statements with both Senate and House Subcommittees studying civil rights legislation.

Identical bills, H. R. 4682 and S. 1725, call for establishment of an Executive Commission on Civil Rights, reorganization of the civil rights activities in the Department of Justice, creation of a Joint Congressional Committee on Civil Rights, protection of right to political participation, prohibition of segregation in interstate commerce, and strengthening of civil rights statutes.

Statements submitted by the JACL ADC said, in part:

"Because of our wartime experiences, we are well aware of the great implications in this legislation."

"We know the problem is no longer one of mere local significance, or even concern to a region, but that the question of civil rights within this nation has an international implication."

"Of course . . . you cannot legislate a change in human nature, but this argument is only a half-truth. Human nature may not be changed by law, but human behavior certainly can be controlled."

"The mere existence of a Commission on Civil Rights in the Federal Government would go far towards giving minorities — those who often view government as a force to fear rather than look towards for protection — at least a sympathetic ear within the framework of the Federal Government."

"There is little evidence that States have made either a vigorous or continuing effort to develop sound legal programs for the full and adequate protection of civil rights."

Following a discussion of the evacuation, the statement continues with:

"It is our considered judgment that had (this act) been in effect, 110,000 of us would not have been arbitrarily made wards of the government because of our alleged 'affinity' to the enemy."

"Had there been a Presidential Commission on Civil Rights . . . the Executive departments could have received first-hand information concerning persons of Japanese ancestry."

"Had there been a working Civil Rights Section in the Department of Justice, this section would have been able to release information gathered after careful investigation of the Japanese Americans and the myths of Pearl Harbor."

"Had there been a joint Congressional Committee to visit California, Oregon and Washington before the evacuation orders were announced, Congress would not have accepted the alleged necessity for enabling legislation."

"This assumes, of course, the members of the Presidential Commission, Civil Rights Section and Joint Committee would be honest and sincere advocates of civil rights for all."

"Moreover, it is our belief that had there been such a law as the 'Civil Rights Act of 1949' before the war . . . those who selfishly

fomented hate and prejudice against persons of Japanese ancestry would certainly have been restrained in the fear that their nefarious activities would be exposed and condemned by official federal intervention."

"We are interested in legislation protecting our person and property without discrimination by reason of race, color, religion or national origin. For we know, too, the fear of threatened mob violence and vigilantism."

"Must as we believe all immigrants should be permitted to become naturalized citizens, so we contend that all citizens should be privileged to cast their ballot."

"Out of our recent experiences, we have learned what it means to be a second class citizen, a suspect individual because of an accident of birth. We learned by bitter experience that much of what we underwent has been the tragic lot and life of many Negroes for decades in the south. We learned that Mexican Americans, Jewish Americans, Chinese Americans and American Indians, among others, have faced discrimination because of their race, color, religion or national origin."

"That is why we join today with all Americans of goodwill in urging the early and favorable consideration of legislation of this kind, for we know now that until every American can enjoy all the rights, privileges and immunities of our heritage, none can share fully in our way of life."

Masaoka termed the civil rights bills a "positive answer" to the free peoples of the world who look to the United States for leadership; "its enactment," he averred, "will demonstrate that we mean what we say and say what we mean when we speak of equality in and under the law for all people, irrespective of race, color, creed or national origin."

Masaoka filed the statement with the Senate Subcommittee on Civil Rights, headed by J. Howard McGrath, (D., R.I.), and including James O. Eastland, (D., Miss.) and Alexander Wiley, (R., Wisc.).

Later in the day he filed a statement in the House and testified before the subcommittee about the statement.

House subcommittee members attending the session included: William T. Byrne, (D., N.Y.), chairman; Thomas J. Lane, (D., Mass.), Winfield K. Denton, (D., Ind.), James B. Frazier, (D., Tenn.), John Jennings Jr., (R., Tenn.), and Kenneth B. Keating, (R., N.Y.).

Nisei Girl Heads Stewardesses on Hawaii Air Line

HONOLULU — Jean S. Sumida of Honolulu recently was named chief stewardess for Trans-Pacific Airlines, a passenger and cargo transportation line which serves the major islands of the Hawaiian group.

Miss Sumida, who started out with TPA in 1947 as an operations clerk, now supervises the line's eight stewardesses.

After a training period Miss Sumida flew on charter flights for TPA. She is a graduate of McKinley high school in Honolulu.

Wins UC Scholarship

BERKELEY, Calif. — Richard Isamu Tanaka of Richmond, a senior student in electrical engineering, is the winner of the Arthur Gould Tashira scholarship at the University of California, it was announced here last week.

Japanese Canadians Take Part In British Columbia Elections For First Time in History

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Several thousand Canadian citizens of Japanese, Chinese and Indian ancestry voted for the first time in their lives in a provincial election when British Columbia voters went to the polls on June 15.

British Columbia's Chinese Canadians got the vote last year but Japanese Canadians were not given the franchise until the recent spring session of the provincial legislature.

The June 15th provincial balloting, in which the 48 seats in the legislature were involved, marked the day when Japanese Canadians in British Columbia were able to exercise the rights of first class citizens for the first time in history, according to officials of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association whose activity on behalf of the franchise campaign was instrumental in the passage of the legislation this year.

JCCA officials also noted that the right of franchise also has opened up various professional and occupational fields to Canadians of Japanese ancestry which were hitherto closed to members of the group because of the disfranchised status.

It was noted that British Columbia is the only Canadian province which has excluded Japanese Canadians from the ballot.

Vancouver officials estimated this week that 3,000 to 4,000 persons of Japanese ancestry in British Columbia were of voting age, while 8,000 to 10,000 Chinese Canadians and 18,000 Indians also were permitted the right to vote for the first time in a provincial election.

The impact of 30,000 minority group citizens, voting in a provincial election for the first time, resulted in appeals from the CCF, Coalition and Liberal parties for the votes of these citizens of Japanese, Chinese and Indian ancestry.

During the past month the pages of the New Canadian, Japanese Canadian weekly published in Toronto but circulating among the evacuee population in the interior of British Columbia where most of the Japanese Canadians in the province still reside, have been filled with political advertising.

The Cooperative Commonwealth Federation (CCF), Canada's socialist party and long-time advocate of Japanese Canadian rights, has conducted an intensive drive for the new voters. Meanwhile, candidates of British Columbia's coalition government have countered with the argument that it was the administration which introduced the legislation which gave voting rights to the Asiatic and Indian minorities.

In its final issue before the election, the New Canadian published instructions on voting procedures for Japanese Canadians.

Because Japanese Canadian evacuees in the interior areas of British Columbia were relocated in districts which were only sparsely populated, the votes of these evacuees were expected to have a considerable effect on local elections.

With nearly 10,000 Japanese Canadians in Toronto and other urban areas in Ontario, the Liberal

and CCF parties were appealing for the votes of these Canadian Nisei. The CCF stressed the party's program which has consistently opposed race discrimination and has sought to win the right of Japanese Canadians to return to the evacuated zone on the Pacific coast.

Toyo Takata, editor of the New Canadian, noted that the newspaper had carried advertisements for the three major Canadian political parties, the Liberals, Progressive-Conservatives and the CCF.

"It's obvious that the Japanese Canadians are a factor in the political makeup of the next Parliament in Ottawa as well as in Victoria where the Coalition government has been reelected," Takata said this week. "It does give us a good feeling inside to realize that St. Laurent, Drew and Coldwell, leaders of the three major Canadian parties, are hustling for our support."

Takata noted that the Japanese Canadian vote, untested until this election, held the margin of victory in several closely contested ridings.

The New Canadian also noted that Andrew Brewin, Toronto attorney who has been active in the Cooperative Committee for Japanese Canadians and who carried the test case on the legality of the Ottawa orders-in-council on the evacuation and exclusion of Japanese Canadians during the war to the Privy Council in London, is a CCF candidate for Parliament from the St. Paul (Toronto) riding.

The British Columbia elections on June 15 returned the coalition government to power and general interest is now focused on the federal elections on June 27 at which time 262 seats in Parliament will be filled.

The New Canadian estimated the total Japanese Canadian vote at 9,000. The riding with the largest number of Japanese Canadian voters listed is believed to be Toronto's Spadina with 300. St. Paul riding, in which Andrew Brewin, long an advocate of Japanese Canadian rights is the CCF candidate for Parliament, lists 201 voters of Japanese descent.

The New Canadian also reported that many "Nisei are actively connected with the campaign of some of the candidates."

The newspaper noted that the June 27 federal balloting will provide the first time in Canadian history that Japanese Canadians across Canada "will have the opportunity to vote for their individual choice to represent them in Ottawa."

The JACL Credit Union:

Nisei Widow Told \$2500 Loan To Be Marked "Paid in Full"

A Nisei widow, whose husband died ten days after taking out a \$2500 loan on his home, this week was told that the loan had been marked "paid in full" by the JACL credit union, which advanced the original loan.

Action in settling the loan was in accordance with credit union policy, according to Hito Okada, treasurer.

Okada, who did not reveal the

name of the Nisei couple, said that the husband, a resident of Denver, joined the credit union on Nov. 8 of last year. On Nov. 19 he borrowed \$2500, offering his home as security.

Ten days later, on Nov. 29, he died of uremic poisoning.

He left a wife and two children. This week the wife was notified that the loan was marked "paid" by the credit union.

All loans from the credit union, Okada said, are insured for the full amount of the balance due. Should death occur before a person finishes payments, he said, the balance of the loan is cancelled.

He likened the case to another occurring a year ago, in which a JACL member in California died after taking out a \$990 loan on his car. He passed away a month later after paying but one installment.

The widow was given the promissory note marked "paid in full." In addition she received \$1,000, which represented life insurance proceeds against her husband's credit union share account of \$1,000.

Okada said that the Salt Lake JACL credit union now has a total of 330 members with approximately \$73,000 in shares.

Since October, 1943, the local credit union has loaned out \$190,000.

Four credit unions are operated by JACL organizations, he noted, with Salt Lake's being the largest. Others are operated by the Chicago JACL, the San Francisco JACL and the JACL Southern district council in Los Angeles.

Ken Matsumoto Will Talk at Conference Of Display Experts

CINCINNATI, O.—Ken Matsumoto, window display specialist, will participate with other nationally known authorities in a symposium: "Store Window Promotions," at the annual jewelers fair at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago, from July 25 to 28, where Matsumoto will also exhibit his products. Among Matsumoto's numerous distinctions is an appointment as Display Counsellor for the Indiana Retail Jewelers Association. He will also conduct a series of five clinics sponsored by the Michigan Retail Jewelers Association in October. He addressed this latter group at its convention in Grand Rapids in March of this year.

In his 20th year in the display business, Matsumoto firmly believes that an excellent future for Nisei lies in the midwest where opportunities in all fields are almost unlimited.

Eight Nisei Graduate From Northwestern's Commerce School

EVANSTON, Ill. — Eight Nisei are among the 541 members of Northwestern University's Chicago Campus School of Commerce who received their degrees and diplomas on June 13 at the commencement ceremonies in Deering Meadow.

Shigeji Takeda was awarded a master's degree in business administration.

Bachelor of science graduates included Takashi Higuchi, Masao Igasaki, Jr., M. R. Imon, George Kosaka, Kay Tamada and Nagashi E. Yamamoto.

Ray Morita received a diploma in commerce.

Masaoka Will Attend Midwest JACL Council Meeting in Chicago

CHICAGO—Mike Masaoka, national director of the ADC, will attend the Midwest District JACL Council meeting to be held at Sherman Hotel on June 25 and 26, it was announced by Noboru Honda, chairman. Masaoka will also confer with the national convention board during his visit here.

Representatives of the seven chapters in the Midwest District Council, namely, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, Detroit, St. Louis and Twin Cities will meet with Chicagoans to discuss plans for the biennial district council conferences to be held in Cleveland over the Labor Day holidays as well as the national convention.

Student Is Named Senior of the Year At Hollister High

HOLLISTER, Calif. — The outstanding senior girl of the year at Hollister high school is Namie Yamanishi, who was given that title recently for her leadership, efficiency and personality.

Namie, who graduated from grammar school at the Poston relocation center, came to Hollister in the fall of 1945, but stayed only until November, when she moved to Watsonville.

In November, 1946, she returned to Hollister high.

She has been active in local organizations, including the band, orchestra, the Girls League, the CSF and the Business Educators' Club. She was assistant editor of El Chapitel this year and was the April girl of the month, an honor sponsored by the Hollister Women's Club.

Witnesses Arrive For Tokyo Rose Trial

(Continued from page 1). has been drawn by the Federal District court clerk in preparation for the trial. Twelve of this number will be chosen as jurors after the trial opens on July 5.

It was reported that the jury panel, which is unusually large, indicated that some difficulty is expected in choosing a jury satisfactory to both the government and the defense.

The witnesses flown from Tokyo, all of whom were employed by Radio Tokyo during the war, were identified as follows:

George H. Mitsushio, director; Kenkichi Oki, Shigetatsu Tsuneshi, Kenneth Ishii, Seizo Hyuga, Shinjiro Igarashi, Kiwamu Momotaka, Motomu Yamazaki, Mary Higuchi, Yukio Ikeda, Shigeru Okamoto, Yoshitoshi Tanabe, Ed Yoshio Kuroishi, Sugiyami Harris, Hisashi Moriyama, Satoshi Nakamura, Shinichi Oshidari, Chujo Watanabe, and Motomu Nii.

Nisei Stranded Will Return On Court Test

Tomio Ito Seeks Restoration of U.S. Citizenship Rights

LOS ANGELES—Federal Judge William C. Mathes ordered the State department on June 22 to permit Tomio Ito, Nisei stranded in Japan, to return to the United States immediately in order to testify in his own case.

Ito has asked for restoration of his American citizenship.

Judge Mathes ruled that the State department had made no necessary and inexcusable delay in failing to issue Ito a certificate of identity, which would have permitted his return.

He ordered that the certificate be issued immediately.

Ito's case is expected to come up for trial early in July.

He is represented by A. L. Wins and Fred Okrand.

170 Attend EDC Convention of JACL

NEW YORK CITY—Total registration for the three-day JACL Eastern district council convention in New York June 10 to 12 was 170, according to Alice Miyazawa, recording secretary.

A record delegation of 35 attended from Philadelphia.

Other cities and their delegates were Boston, 6, Seabrook, 5, and the District of Columbia, 15.

The first EDC convention was planned and executed under direction of Ina Sugihara, outgoing chairman. Her committee consisted of Sachi Tasaka, Joe Oyama, Gerald Kubo, Mary Date, Del Akagi, Mary Furutani, Mitty Mura, Jim Starr and Miss Miyazawa.

Morton Grodzins Will Speak Before

CHICAGO—In the final meeting before summer vacation, the Chicago JACL chapter will have an interesting speaker in Dr. Morton Grodzins of the University of Chicago. The meeting will be held in the Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan Ave. on Wednesday, June 29, at 8 o'clock.

The author of "Americans Betrayed," a book on evacuation which is to be released in July, Dr. Grodzins will speak on his work and research that went into the preparation of this book which reveals the political pressures behind evacuation.

This will mark the final meeting until the fall. During July and August the social committee headed by Mas Nakagawa, has planned several outdoor activities for the members. Notices will be sent through the mail during the summer months.

Declare Fear Prevents Many Evacuees from Filing Claims

LOS ANGELES—The majority of the victims of the wartime mass evacuation of 115,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast in 1942 "now fear to file claims for fear of further molestation," the Open Forum, bi-weekly publication of the Southern California branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, declared on June 11.

The ACLU organ said that this fear "is the explanation of the relatively few claims filed" to date and said that this was the explanation given by "some competent workers with years of experience with the group."

(It is believed that only approximately 5,000 claims have been filed to date by evacuees of Japanese ancestry for losses under the evacuee claims law which was passed in 1948. The deadline for claims is January 2, 1950).

"That such fear should exist is not strange not only because of the violations of human rights in the evacuation itself but as a result of much harassment while in our concentration camps," the Open Forum, edited by Aaron Allen Heist, declared.

"It is reported that some evacuees were subjected to as many as 21 'loyalty tests,' hearings and investigations."

The ACLU publication added:

"Property losses in farms, homes and business ventures as a result of the short notice evacuation are estimated at around \$100,000,000. To this must be added a loss of \$250,000,000 in income, not to mention savings which evacuees were compelled to use up because the government allowed only \$13, \$16 or \$19 per month for monthly wages for full eight hour days.

"Congress has appropriated one million dollars to be paid on claims up to \$2,500. Even some who have lost a hundred times that sum are afraid to file claims. It is difficult to offer proof of exact losses and claimants fear that a government which has treated them unjustly in the past may now pounce on any error as a basis of perjury charges.

"We urge our readers in sections in which returned evacuees reside to urge them to file claims. Competent advisers are available who will be able to prove their fears to be groundless."

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Changes Made in Masaoka Scholarship

Memorial Award Will Be Open to Any Nisei High School Graduate

Changes in the selecting of the annual winner of the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial scholarship were announced this week by the National JACL, administrator of the scholarship.

It will now be open to any Nisei high school graduate of the current year who is planning to go to college. Until 1948 the scholarship had been limited to former Nisei GIs. Last year the award was given to Joe Tanaka of St. Louis, winner of the JACL national oratorical contest.

Under new arrangements, candidates for the memorial scholarship will be named by JACL chapters, which will make their selections from among the top Nisei high school graduates of their area. Scholastic and extracurricular achievements will be noted in making the selection.

Pvt. Masaoka was with Company 2 of the 442nd combat team. He was killed in action on Oct. 30, 1944, during the rescue of the "Lost Battalion" in the Vosges mountains of France. The scholarship bearing his name was established in his memory by his mother, Mrs. Haruye Masaoka.

All correspondence concerning the scholarship should be addressed to the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship Committee, c/o JACL, 413 Beason bldg., Salt Lake City.

All applications must be sent in by July 27, which was the birthday of the fallen Nisei soldier.

Tom Yego Named As State Inspector in Placer County

PENRYN, Calif. — Appointment of Tom Yego as a state inspector of fruits and grains was reported here this week.

Yego will be the first Nisei to hold such a position in Northern California.

He recently took the California Department of Agriculture tests for the position and was one of the three successful candidates.

Yego will be the state inspector for Loomis, Penryn and Lincoln districts in Placer County.

Yego also served recently on a jury panel.

Detroit JACL Will Give Subscriptions To June Graduates

DETROIT, Mich. — The Detroit JACL will honor local June graduates by giving them one-year subscriptions to the Readers Digest.

Those who will be honored are Matsuya Inouye, Mae Miyagawa, Frank Sawai, Toshihiko Sakow, Albert Miyama, George Yasuhiro, Teruko Wada, Kazuo Matsumoto, Takeshi Matsui, Marion Miyaya and Amy Yoshida.

Plans for National Convention Outlined by Chicago Chapter

CHICAGO — En route home from New York City where they attended the Eastern District Council meeting earlier this month, Hito Okada, national JACL president, and Masao Satow, national director, conferred with the Chicago JACL cabinet and members of the National Convention Board at a dinner meeting held at the Old Chatham Restaurant on June 15.

Okada gave a resume of the eastern conference and related his experiences in Washington, D. C. where he met various congressmen. He thanked the Chicago chapter for its outstanding work in the current ADC drive in which they went over the top in an effort to raise \$12,000.

Satow, who has the job of visiting the 76 chapters throughout the country, gave interesting highlights on activities going on in the various chapters. He spoke of some of the plans the national body has made to strengthen the local chapters and district councils and to develop leaders for a stronger national organization.

Some of the plans made by the

Nisei, Negro Families May Try "Yardville" Project in Seattle

SEATTLE — Nisei and Negro families may participate in Seattle's first "Yardville" project, if plans of the Jackson Street Community Council are approved by the 16 families living between 18th and 17th avenues and East Fir and East Spruce streets.

The council, an interracial community group of which James M. Matsuoka is president, recently selected the block for the first "Yardville" project.

The proposal, which is being tried out in many communities in the United States, would have the residents turn all their back yards into one big yard and make it a playground for children and a meeting place for the grownups. Advocates of "Yardville" in Seattle said that similar projects have successfully developed neighborliness in the east.

The 16 families on the block include persons of many races, including Negroes and Nisei.

Residents of the block were still divided this week whether they wanted to try out the "Yardville" plan.

One of those in favor of the project was Mrs. Phyllis Watts who is of Negro descent.

"I hope we can do it," Mrs. Watts said. "I can see many

possibilities in the plan. So far I don't know my neighbors by their names."

Mrs. Watts talked over the plan with Mrs. Frank Tomota as the two met at a back fence which separates their properties. Each house is blocked off from the others by fences or buildings.

"Dr. Terrance M. Toda of the community council told me about the plan the other day," said Mrs. Tomota, "but I have to talk about it with my husband and my grandpa. He is my husband's father and he likes to garden. I am not sure yet how they will like it."

Students of the University of Washington have drawn several plans of how the block might be developed. The plans will be presented to the residents, according to Mrs. Ruth Manca, executive director of the council.

Some of the residents didn't want to talk about the proposed project, while others were enthusiastic. Some were worried about the money it might require.

The "Yardville" idea was developed by Mrs. Mary Davis Gillies, interior and architectural editor for McCall's magazine. She is now visiting in Seattle on a tour to promote the plan on a nationwide scale.

Nisei Killed in Car Crash on Night of School Graduation

Congress Passes Bill for Evacuee Claims Expenses

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Congress on June 22 passed the so-called Second Deficiency Appropriation Act containing a sum of approximately \$35,000 to compensate the Department of Justice for funds previously spent in preparing to make evacuation claims payments.

This is the first money directly appropriated by Congress to cover any part of the evacuation claims program.

Another sum of \$1,200,000 is contained in a budget measure now in conference between the House and Senate. This will allow the Department of Justice to begin making payments to claimants who suffered real or personal losses in the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast.

Chicago Nisei Wins Scholarship

CHICAGO — William J. Takei, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moriji Takei of 5206 North Winthrop Ave., was one of 13 Chicago and suburban Cook County high school graduates to receive scholarships this summer. He is a graduate of Senn high school.

The awards, made possible by the William J. Cook Scholarship Fund, were given on the basis of scholastic ability, participation in school activities and qualities of leadership.

SAN PEDRO, Calif. — Frank Kamiya, 18, was killed in a three-car collision on June 16 on the main boulevard near Channel Heights a few hours after he had received his diploma along with 294 other graduates at the commencement exercises at San Pedro high school.

Kamiya's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yoshitsura Kamiya, said that he had asked for the use of the family car right after the graduation ceremony.

"I refused, telling him that it was dangerous to drive, especially on a graduation night when the fellows were excited."

The youth went to the home of a classmate and they went out to celebrate their graduation.

The accident occurred some minutes later.

Kamiya, one of several youths injured in the crash, was rushed to San Pedro Receiving hospital where he died without regaining consciousness.

A coroner's inquest is scheduled this week.

The youth is survived by his parents, two sisters and a brother. He was one of five Nisei to graduate this year from San Pedro high.

Report Condition Of School Gunshot Victim Improved

LOS ANGELES — The condition of Ken Hirai, 17-year old honor student, who was accidentally shot at a graduation rehearsal at Belmont high school on June 13, was described as "somewhat improved" but "still serious" at the General Hospital on June 18.

Attendants indicated that Hirai may be discharged soon if he continues to improve.

Hirai was shot when a gun held by a classmate was discharged accidentally.

Cortez JACL Fetes School Graduates

CORTEZ, Calif. — The Cortez JACL sponsored an outing on June 18 at Lake Yosemite in honor of 1949 graduates of this area.

Ninety-five persons enjoyed the afternoon of swimming and boating and a weenie bake.

Kaoru Masuda was general chairman with Joe Nishihara and George Yuge as assistants. Frank Yoshida was in charge of the grounds; Harry Kajioka, Tsutomu Sugiura and Fred Miyamoto, collection; Mir Yuge, Kazumi Kajioka and Mae Taniguchi, food.

Graduates honored were Michi Baba, Hiromi Kajiwaru, Kiyomi Yoneyama, Eileen Yamaguchi and Jack Nishihara, grammar school.

Yoko Kajiwaru, Keiko Sakaguchi, Mary Tagami, Isamu Sugiura and Bill Taniguchi, high school.

Mark Kamiya, University of California.

U. S. Governors Conference Recommends Passage of Bill For Equality in Naturalization

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee's drive to obtain legislation to open the road to citizenship for America's 90,000 resident aliens of Japanese ancestry received the support of the governors of the 48 states this week.

The 41st governors conference, meeting at the Broadmoor hotel, recommended at its closing session on June 23 that "no properly qualified resident of the United States be forbidden naturalization because of race or color."

The statement from the governors conference was interpreted as an expression of support for the Walter resolution on equality in naturalization which was passed by the House of Representatives on June 6 and is now in the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on immigration and naturalization.

Recently Gov. W. Lee Knous of Colorado, host to the conference, endorsed the principles of the Judd bill on naturalization and immigration.

Twenty-one Nisei Attend Asilomar YWCA Conference

ASILOMAR, Calif. — Twenty-one Nisei were among 141 delegates to the second annual YWCA western region business, professional and industrial summer conference for young adults held June 12 to 18.

Yoshiye Otani of Boise, Idaho, finance chairman of the national business and professional council and treasurer of the national employed women's coordinating council of the YWCA, was chairman of the conference.

Caryl Okuma of San Francisco, who is chairman of the midwinter northern California business, professional and industrial conference, was elected western area nominating chairman for a two-year term.

Myo Sandy Sunago of Los Angeles was elected western area finance chairman for a one-year term.

The Nisei delegates were from California, Arizona, Colorado, Idaho and Hawaii. Two guests from the national YW staff in Japan also attended.

The California delegates were Haruko Imamura of Pasadena, Fumi Kondo, San Francisco, Yoshie Miyamoto, Pasadena, Miss Okuma, San Francisco, and Miss Sunago, Los Angeles.

Arizona: Jayne N. Ariyasu and Akiko Kuhara of Phoenix and Sally Takesuye, Glendale.

Colorado: Terry Harada, Denver.

Idaho, Miss Otani, Boise.

Hawaii: Ruth Fujimoto, Hilo;

Betty Keiko Kayakawa, Oahu;

Takayo Iguchi, Oahu; Marion Kawata, Honolulu; Aiko Harriet Matsui, Honolulu; Mitsuo Niimoto, Honolulu; Kay Nishida, Honolulu; Sakiko Okada, Kauai; Toshiko Muriel Shigemura, Honolulu;

Grace Miyako Watanabe, Oahu;

and Jeanette Yoshinobu, Kauai.

Also present were Reiko Matsuo of Tokyo, national business and professional secretary of the Japan YWCA, and Kikuye Takeuchi, also of Tokyo, who is on the national staff of health education of the Japan YWCA.

Colorado: Terry Harada, Denver. Idaho, Miss Otani, Boise. Hawaii: Ruth Fujimoto, Hilo; Betty Keiko Kayakawa, Oahu; Takayo Iguchi, Oahu; Marion Kawata, Honolulu; Aiko Harriet Matsui, Honolulu; Mitsuo Niimoto, Honolulu; Kay Nishida, Honolulu; Sakiko Okada, Kauai; Toshiko Muriel Shigemura, Honolulu; Grace Miyako Watanabe, Oahu; and Jeanette Yoshinobu, Kauai.

Co-op Paints Hall

MADERA, Calif. — The Madera Japanese hall recently received a new coat of paint, both exterior and interior, as a project of the Madera Co-op organization.

Plan Survey on Public Attitude Toward Nisei, Others in Seattle

SEATTLE, Wash. — A comparison survey of attitudes in Seattle toward persons of Chinese, Japanese, Negro and white ancestry will be conducted soon by the Washington Public Opinion laboratory.

Gordon Hirabayashi, University of Washington sociologist, will co-direct the survey with Keith Griffiths.

They will direct 50 public opinion investigators who will interview several thousand residents in this area to determine prevailing attitudes on race.

Also under investigation will be Seattle's attitudes on religious groups. Views regarding Protestants, Catholics and Jews will be sampled.

Nisei Strandeas Ask Recognition Of U. S. Status

Initiate Court Case For Right to Return To Homes in America

LOS ANGELES — Two Nisei strandeas, still in Japan, this week asked the United States to recognize their American citizenship and allow them to return to this country.

They are Emy Yamamoto and Emi Yasuda, both of whom were considered to have lost their citizenship when they voted in the Japanese general elections of 1946 and 1947.

Both cases will be based upon the recent citizenship ruling by Federal Judge Charles C. Cavanah, who ruled that voting in the general elections did not result in loss of citizenship since Japan was under rule of the U.S. and therefore was not a "foreign state."

Mrs. Yasuda's case was filed in the federal court in Seattle.

According to the complaint Mrs. Yasuda left Japan to return to the United States on Dec. 2, 1941 on the S. S. Tatsutamaru, but the ship turned around and returned to Japan while in midocean on Dec. 7.

The complaint says further that she fled to Manchuria during the war in order to avoid being drafted for war work in Japan.

She explained her voting in the general elections by saying that she was advised to do so by a United States officer when she was employed by the United States army in Japan.

The Emy Yamamoto case was filed in federal court in Arizona.

Both strandeas are represented by A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand of Los Angeles. Attorneys William Y. Mimbu of Seattle and Thomas T. Hayashi of New York City are associated with Wirin and Okrand in the cases.

Both the Nisei are seeking the right to return to the United States to testify in their trials.

The Cavanah decision, on which these cases are based, is expected to be appealed by the government. The appeal will be heard by the ninth circuit court of appeals in San Francisco.

Address Wanted

SAN FRANCISCO — Present address of Shunichiro Koshibe is being sought by an eastern life insurance company for payment of endowment proceeds. Mr. Koshibe was born in Wakayama-ken, Japan, and would be over fifty-five years of age, according to the enquiry. His last known address was in Los Angeles.

Anyone knowing Mr. Koshibe's present address is asked to notify the JACL office, 2031 Bush st., San Francisco 15.

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EDITORIALS:

U. S. Services Ban Jim Crow

Recent moves by the country's defense units to eliminate discrimination and segregation will be heartily applauded by all proponents of racial democracy.

During the last war members of minority groups were subjected to discrimination in many instances, and Nisei Americans will remember that it was not till very recent date that the navy and air force were generally open to persons of Japanese ancestry. The fact of discrimination within the ranks of our armed forces was a galling one for Americans of many minority groups.

Early in April of this year Louis Johnson, secretary of defense, handed down a directive asking that the air force, navy and army put into effect a policy of equality of treatment and opportunity without regard to race, color, religion or national origin.

That Sec. Johnson meant to put the directive into effect as stated is indicated in action taken since that time. The army, navy and air force were asked to reply to the directive, setting down their proposed plans for ridding their services of discrimination and segregation.

The replies of Kenneth C. Royall, secretary of the army at that time, and Dan A. Kimball, assistant secretary of the navy, were rejected by Sec. Johnson as being too general. They were asked to submit new plans.

The navy's new proposals were approved on June 7.

These new plans call for disbanding of the separate Negro recruit training facility in the marine corps and the integration of training of white and Negro recruits; exertion of greater effort to attract qualified Negro students to participate in the navy ROTC program enlistment, appointment and advancement without regard to race, color or religion; and utilization of housing, mess and other facilities without special or unusual accommodations for minority groups.

The air force plan, approved upon its first submission, includes disbanding of the all-Negro 332nd fighting wing at Lockbourne air force base at Columbus, O., and distribution of its 2,000 men and officers throughout the service in nonsegregated units. The air force also announced that Negro personnel will be assigned upon the basis of ability, rather than race.

These are indications that the country's armed forces may soon attain that complete racial democracy so necessary in the units that defend a democratic nation.

American Nationality Groups

Do organizations and agencies formed by American nationality groups hinder or help assimilation?

Many organizations like the JACL have themselves considered this question, since they face a two-fold problem: to aid the welfare of their group and to hasten the integration of that group into the larger total community. Many persons have observed that there is a real or apparent contradiction in these two aims, one of which seems to strengthen the nationality group organization, while the other tends to weaken it.

A recent study by the Common Council for American Unity gives some answers to this question as well as interesting facts on the organizations and agencies formed by nationality groups in the United States.

It is a common fault on the part of many Americans to think of these organizations as "foreign." However, many of them actually are purely and peculiarly "American," for they came into being as a result of conditions and circumstances existent here. Fraternal and benefit organizations, for example, have no counterpart in many foreign countries. Yet here they are the mainstay of many nationality group activities and are a purely "American" product.

The oldest and most enduring of existing organizations, aside from religious groups, are fraternal benefit organizations. They were originally founded "to assure the immigrant a decent burial." Of these there are 150 national organizations with more than three million members and more than 31,000 lodges and branches throughout the country.

Whether or not these groups help or hinder assimilation, says the Common Council for American Unity, is largely an academic question, for these agencies are the "inevitable" result of large-scale immigration.

To some extent, the council says, they tend to increase group consciousness as contrasted with emotional identification with America. However, it must be remembered, the council adds, that most of these agencies were founded to meet the immigrants needs in a new country. They are, therefore, instruments of his adjustment and have a profound influence in furthering his assimilation. They facilitate his participation in such general American activities as trade unions and political parties and in local community affairs.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

The Saga of Hachiro Ohnick

Some weeks ago we did a column on Issei celebrities, naming some of the more famous among the Japanese immigrants who came to these shores to make their homes.

One of the most celebrated of these Issei is one who was not mentioned in that column. We heard his story some time ago from A. T. Hansen, sociologist at Michigan State college and former community analyst at Heart Mountain.

His story is one which would make an amazing biography.

Hachiro Ohnick (Onuki) arrived in Philadelphia 73 years ago from Japan. He studied and worked at many jobs and married a woman of Caucasian ancestry. In Phoenix, Arizona he established the electric light and gas company of the community and was an owner of the first street car company in that city. He became a citizen of the United States 60 years ago. In 1900 he moved to Seattle where he established the Oriental American and Specie Banks.

Hachiro Ohnick was a 32nd degree Mason, probably the first Oriental to be taken into the Masonic order.

His son, Benjamin Ohnick, became one of Seattle's leading businessmen. He was in the Philippines on business at the time of the

outbreak of war and was interned by the Japanese. The story is told that one of his daughters, Helen Ohnick, declined to be evacuated from the West Coast in 1942. She informed army officials that her brother had been interned by the Japanese and that she did not choose to submit to internment in her own country. She was not forced to evacuate. Instead she worked during the evacuation period in a responsible position in a Pacific coast war plant and later took a government job at the Tooele Ordnance Depot in Utah. Another daughter, Haru, won fame as an opera singer, particularly in the role of Puccini's Madame Butterfly.

There is a paragraph about Hachiro Ohnick in Bradford Smith's "Americans from Japan."

"Hachiro Onuki, forgotten today, once nearly had a statue erected to his memory in Phoenix, Arizona, because he had done so much for the city. He seems to have made his start there by the sale of drinking water. He married a Caucasian, succeeded at farming, and was instrumental in bringing gas, electricity and street cars to the city."

Someday that paragraph should be enlarged into a full-length biography.

Politics and Kuniyoshi's Art

Yasuo Kuniyoshi, who will teach at Mills College in California this summer, is one of a group of noted American artists (among them Alexander Brook, Max Weber, Reginald Marsh and Ben Shahn) who have been singled out for criticism in Congress by Rep. George A. Dondero, R., Mich., who apparently sees a Marxist plot in modern trends in American art.

How anyone can see a political motif in Kuniyoshi's portraits of beautiful women (unless one of them was a redhead) or in his still life compositions will remain a mystery to us. Rep. Dondero, however, saw a subversive plot in a traveling show of American art, sponsored by no less an agency than the State Department, which included some examples of work by outstanding American artists. This show, which won the approval of most American art critics, was shown at a U.S. Naval Hospital before being sent overseas on a sort of an artistic Marshall Plan. Criticism in Congress and in the Hearst press resulted in Secretary Marshall's recalling the show and selling the 28 paintings at a loss as war surplus. It might be noted that the paintings in question were grabbed off by universities and art museums who were grateful to pay

the "war surplus" prices.

The Kuniyoshi painting in this show was that of a circus girl which was cited in a Hearst press criticism as "grotesque." The Hearst press was afraid that the fat circus girl in the picture might be taken by European art lovers to symbolize American womanhood.

In his remarks in the Congressional Record of March 25 Rep. Dondero sought to characterize the Artists Equity Association, of which Kuniyoshi is president, as a Communist front organization by citing that some of the artists active in that group are connected to leftist organizations. This is a sort of guilt by association test which seems to be increasingly popular in these days of the cold war.

Actually there appears to be no substantiation of the charge that Artists Equity has subversive influences, any more than Actors Equity, the organization on which it is patterned.

Kuniyoshi, long a leader in artists' movements, helped organize Artists Equity to better the bread and butter potential of American artists. His organization has fought sham and censorship but there seems to be no reason for any charge of political motivation.

Jack Tenney Steps Down

The news from California this week is that Jack B. Tenney, the erstwhile sliphorn player and race-baiting opportunist, has quit as chairman of the State Senate's Committee on un-American Activities.

The word from Sacramento for some time has been that Tenney has been on the skids as far as the chairmanship of the "Little Dies" committee was concerned. So the senator from Los Angeles who spent a good deal of the war years fighting the Nisei seems to have gotten off the hook as gracefully as possible.

Senator Tenney's career, from a sliphorn player with a card in the AFL Musicians Union (although labor is almost solidly opposed to him) to California's one-man arbiter of Americanism and loyalty, is an amazing chronicle of political opportunism. He started out as a Democrat, hanging on to FDR's coattails, and wound up as a GOP superpatriot who must make most Republicans a little uneasy.

Jack Tenney rode roughshod over the California Nisei during the early war years when he thought that he had public opinion on his side. He shouted for mass evacuation and he screamed for the exclusion of the evacuees from California. He had probably as much to do with arousing public tempers against Japanese Americans as any man in California.

Now that the war is over and the heat is off the Nisei, Jack Tenney seems to have mellowed some-

what as far as the evacuees are concerned. He indignantly denied in Hawaii last February that he had been anti-Nisei during the war.

"The Japanese Americans in California know my record," he said ambiguously when he was questioned in Hawaii.

The Nisei knew his record and some of it was published in Hawaii and Jack Tenney's mission to Honolulu as an authority on Americanism and loyalty wasn't quite the success it was supposed to be.

Just before the evacuation Jack Tenney and his "Little Dies" committee investigated a group of Japanese Americans who had the temerity to oppose the demands for mass evacuation and they even sent a citizen, not a Nisei, to prison because he refused to divulge the source of funds used to pay for radio broadcasts in Los Angeles opposing evacuation, before mass evacuation became military policy.

During the war years the Tenney Committee exploited wartime prejudices and directed them against the Japanese American group. It became a forum for the spite and bias of all sorts of racist crackpots who used the committee as a propaganda medium for demands for total exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from California.

Jack Tenney sought to wreck the WRA resettlement program and intimidate WRA officials. The latter, led by Director Dillon S. Myer, refused to be intimidated and the Tenney Committee missed its objective. When a Nisei offered to

Vagaries

Ozaki's Whodunit . . .

Milton K. Ozaki's mystery story, "Case of the Deadly Dance," is being serialized in the Chicago Herald American . . . A photo by Shigetozawa was awarded first prize this week in the Chicago Sun-Times Blossomtime Festival photo contest. Mazawa won \$50 for the best black-and-white entry. His photo showed a Nisei girl posing against a background of tree blossoms . . . Post-war note: One to 13 years of age and clad in kimono, performed Japanese dances at the annual festival sponsored last Saturday by the New York City Park department in Central Park. The girls, none of whom were of Japanese ancestry, used 100 parasols sent to the children of New York by the children of Gifu city in Japan. The New York children, in turn, contributed pennies for candy and cookies which were flown to Gifu.

Semanticist . . .

S. I. Hayakawa, author of a semantics book which became a best-seller, "Language in Action," is the author of a new book, "Language, Thought, and Action," which he has written in consultation with Basil H. Pillard. The publisher is Harcourt, Brace . . . Mr. Hayakawa is the editor of Etc., the quarterly review of general semantics, which is published in Chicago.

Canneries . . .

One hundred Nisei are expected to work in Alaska salmon canneries this year. In pre-war years approximately 800 Nisei and Issei were employed each summer in the canneries . . . Transcribed reports on the progress of the JACL AIC legislative campaign by Mike M. Masaoka are being broadcast over KULA, Honolulu.

Evacuation Book . . .

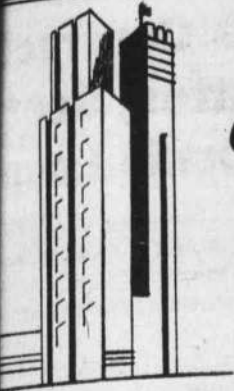
A new book on the Japanese American mass evacuation will be published soon by the University of California Press. It is Leonard Bloom's "Removal and Return," a study of the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the Los Angeles area with especial stress on the financial losses sustained by the evacuees as a result of the evacuation. Dr. Bloom is a sociologist at UCLA and has followed the evacuation story from the beginning in 1942. He testified regarding evacuee losses at a congressional hearing on evacuee claims legislation in 1947.

return to California to appear before the committee to answer charges made before it by anti-evacuee witnesses, Senator Tenney was not interested.

In addition to his official activity as State Senator from Los Angeles, Jack Tenney also operated privately in his campaign against the evacuees as executive director of the Americanism Educational League, John Lechner's outfit which sought to whip up organizational opposition to the return of the evacuees. In 1944 Tenney also organized a committee of his own called the Council on Alien Relations which promised to give Californians the facts on persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

It is of no great credit to the public conscience that Tenney's long campaign against a racial minority has been tolerated in California. It was not until this session that he ran into serious opposition when he introduced several "loyalty" bills in the legislature. In the course of pushing his "loyalty" program Tenney reportedly hired the editor of an anti-Communist newsletter at a salary and expenses figure of \$220 a week. The newsletter in question informed that a lot of Californians, including a number of members of the legislature, were Communist dupes. The persons in question included some solid citizens of the state, including businessmen and public officials and resulted in a resolution by Senator Gerald O'Gara calling for the investigation of some of Jack Tenney's activities.

It may be Jack Tenney has outlived his political usefulness for the reactionary causes he represents. He made a dismal showing when he ran for mayor of Los Angeles recently, finishing a poor fourth. He faces a ding-dong battle if he tries to keep his Senate seat next year.



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

Interlude in Mississippi

So far as I know, there are no Nisei in Mississippi at the present time. Perhaps the influence of such men as the late Senator Bilbo and his crowd of race-baiters discouraged the Nisei from even thinking about settling down there.

Yet, during the war years, there were more young stalwart Nisei concentrated in that State than anywhere else in the Union. I think that Camp Shelby housed more than 7500 Nisei from all parts of this country and Hawaii, at one time during 1943, when the first elements of the famed 442nd were being trained and activated.

Mississippi is a land that is reliant mainly upon one commodity: cotton. Also, it is a state that has a Negro population that is more than twice that of the whites. It is a land of extremes: from the poverty-stricken cotton share-cropper to the luxurious mansions of the plantation owners. Deep and moody run the strains of racial intolerance from the rolling pine-covered hills near Jackson to the pellicking surf along the Gulf of Mexico.

During the war I looked into the possibility of Nisei entering into the fishing and shrimping business at Biloxi and Gulfport, right on the Gulf, but that brooding persistent undercurrent of racial hatred in the minds and eyes of all the natives stymied all my efforts.

Driving along the four-lane concrete highway from Bay St. Louis to Pascagoula is very much like the California coast. There are the bounding breakers, the white sand, the crisp, salt air, the avalanche of friendly sunshine, and the neat new homes that add up to a very congenial surrounding.

The Tolmans of Picayune

This brings me to the Tolmans who reside in a little town, near Picayune, called Nicholson.

Amy and Mayo Tolman, a middle-aged couple from New England, came down to Mississippi to settle during the early years of the war. Like their fellow townsman of several generations ago, Henry David Thoreau, from Concord, Massachusetts, they wished to explore the possibilities of becoming self-sufficient on the land and also to get away from the din and disturbance of the city.

Knowing of the plight of the Nisei, evacuating from the West Coast and then forming a combat unit at nearby Camp Shelby, they decided to invite a few Nisei to their home every week-end. Many week-ends did not pass before the neighbors in the countryside were aroused and up in arms because the Tolmans invited Nisei to their home. Violence was threatened but Amy and Mayo Tolman stood their ground. They knew it couldn't be wrong to offer some hospitality, kindness, and remembrances of home to these home-sick, weary Nisei army trainees who were being readied to be hurled against the enemy overseas.

Happily, the threats never became reality. I guess close to a hundred Nisei came to spend a few hours of rest, friendship, and calm in the hospitable home and farm of the Tolmans. The chickens, the horses, the cows, the rows of garden vegetables, and the entire atmosphere of this country retreat reminded more than a few of their own homes from which they were evacuated.

Mike Masaoka wrote in the Tolmans' guest book this following sentence which is quite apropos: "the kind of Americans for which we are fighting this war."

Visit the Tolmans

A short time ago, I had the occasion and the pleasure to visit with this Mississippi couple on their 30-acre farm.

I think they are doing a swell job of proving the thesis of Thoreau: that many of man's happiest and fullest moments can be realized thru close communion with nature in all its various forms. Almost all the food that is consumed is raised by themselves, everything from the milk, meat, and eggs to the fruits and vegetables.

Self-sufficiency on a farm is something we all would like to enjoy someday. I might say it cannot be achieved by sitting on the porch all day, but requires a lot of hard work and conscientious effort. I think Thoreau lived at Walden Lake for about a year at a cost of less than \$30.00 for the year and spent a large portion of his time just watching and admiring the handiwork of nature. He would spend hours just following the movements of a chickadee or a squirrel which would give him much inwardly joy. I don't think the modern independent farmer could spend so much time bird and animal-watching, but the Thoreau theory has a wide appeal to many people.

The Tolmans tell me that they frequently receive letters and cards from the many Nisei who spent several happy week-ends with them during the war. A few have come to visit them after the war and recount some of their experiences overseas.

I have always felt that the great strength, salvation, and hope of this country can be found in such level-headed, fair-minded Americans as these people. Though they live deep in the zone of race intolerance and occasional lynchings, they believe in being judicious and tolerant toward their fellow man. It takes a lot of courage and gumption to hold fast to such principles and the Nisei can well be thankful for such friends as the Tolmans of Mississippi.

Thoreau's Philosophy

Many people have been deeply affected by the writings of Henry David Thoreau. His masterpiece, "Walden," has induced many an individual to depart from the city in search of the rustic quiet and solitude of the rural areas.

There once was a time, at the turn of the century, when devotees of Thoreau used to hold regular discussion meetings in Japan.

The simplicity and self-sufficiency of the country life has some appeal to me, but I am afraid that my training and background would work against me. Life on the farm has become a specialized and technical way of life that requires a lot of study and also ample funds to get started. If and when some one devises a system or formula wherein self-sufficiency can be attained with small capital and limited knowledge of the outdoors, then, I am sure, we will see a steady procession leaving the city for the more pleasant countryside of the rural areas.

Strange as it seems, the ambition of many New Yorkers is to make enough money to retire in some quiet place in the country wherein they can derive some income to meet some of their operating expenses.

I guess the simple life is not for me. The noise, the lights, the whirling pace of the city have a strange lingering appeal. They must be the demand of impetuous compelling youth that knows not for reasons why.

Bill Hosokawa:

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Conversation Piece

Denver, Colo.

The man never had been to a large gathering of Negroes, and he was just a little uncertain as to how he should act. What was expected of him? What should he talk about? Should he chat about how Jackie Robinson and Larry Doby were going great guns in the big leagues? Or the Jersey Joe Walcott-Ezzard Charles scrap? Should he bring up the marriage of Paul Robeson Jr., to the girl of his choice who happened to be white-skinned, and the elder Robeson's outburst against the press and Americans in general?

Or should he carefully avoid comment and confine his remarks to, "My, isn't it warm today," and "The sun certainly feels good after all that rain we've been having."

He was still a bit ill at ease when he entered the dining hall, but he was struck immediately by everyone's casual informality. He found himself seated next to a charming young woman who turned out to be the wife of the president of a large Negro university. At first they exchanged the usual pleasantries about the weather and what a nice gathering it was.

And then before he knew it—and he could never figure out how it happened—they were talking about racial segregation in southern schools. "Outside of the obvious moral wrong," he heard himself say, "look at the tremendous economic loss involved when you deny equal opportunity of education to all Americans, or when you have to provide duplicate facilities."

Then the young woman told him about plans in the south for regional schools, the end result of which would be top-notch schools in certain subjects for a whole region rather than a number of medi-

ocre schools, one to a state. "There'd be regional schools for whites as well as Negroes," she said. "It would elevate the standards of the schools, but unfortunately it's still segregation." And she laughed philosophically.

Later he thought about the conversation and he said: "When we got to talking I never noticed her color. Why, we were just a couple of folks who had been introduced, who had found something of common interest to discuss. And so we talked, and the matter of racial difference didn't even enter the picture. It was great."

The speaker of the evening was William Henry Hastie, Negro governor of the Virgin Islands and one of the most able of Americans regardless of racial extraction. Governor Hastie chatted informally about the Virgin Islands, and he emphasized that race rarely was made an issue in his territory.

"Once someone asked me how many members of our legislature were white and how many colored," Governor Hastie said. "I knew there were 7 members altogether, but I never have had the occasion to think of them in terms of black or white. I had to sit down and reflect a bit before I could answer the question."

Then Governor Hastie went on to express the hope that we in the continental United States soon would become less conscious of the color line; that we would learn to accept a man for his ability and worth rather than what his ancestry might have been. Native whites and Negroes work in complete harmony with continental whites and Negroes in the government of the Virgin Islands, Governor Hastie declared.

Our man went home from that meeting deeply impressed, and somewhat more confident about his next experience in inter-racial relations.

Postscript

Togo Tanaka

Tongue-Tied Midwesterners . . .

CHICAGO — How's your Japanese? Your Nihongo, that is. Back on the West Coast, during our years in Little Tokyo, we used to take hopeful pride in trying to improve the sad state of our speech in the Japanese language.

Not that we ever had anything to toot a horn about, but at least we found scores of occasions each day to employ our own quaint version of the tongue.

We worked with Issei, saw them all day, every day, ate with them, did business with them.

With outrageous lack of proper humility, we reached the point where we thought we could rattle along in high gear with literate Issei company.

What if we pulled a linguistic boner? The average Issei ear had been calloused by assaults from Nisei mangling of Nihongo for so long that it didn't matter much anyway.

And besides, we could always work for improvement.

Sure Can Happen Out Here . . .

It wasn't until the other night when we picked up the telephone to call a certain party that we suddenly realized that something had happened to our anemic Nihongo these past six years.

If it ever had any red corpuscles, they're all gone. We ain't got no Nihongo left in our speaking vocabulary, to use an ungrammatical but descriptive statement.

The sweet old lady who answered the line was undeniably an Issei.

Our English seemed a little fast for her, so we switched after our first paragraph, into Japanese.

We just gaped into the mouthpiece, befuddled for an answer.

Bless the Lady's Big Heart . . .

For the next five minutes, the lady with infinite patience, perfect composure, and approved telephone manners went through the tedious task of translating our Japanese into something she could comprehend.

We shuttled back and forth between pronouns in English and verbs in Japanese. Then a big dangling participle and three anone's and five soodesuka's.

The lady's Japanese was immaculate. We may have forgotten how to use the language, but our hearing vocabulary is still in fair shape.

Our conversational partner (courtesy Illinois Bell Telephone Company) came back at us each time with beautifully constructed Japanese sentences.

Then, do you know how she ended it all?

She said, "Okay." Not one of those awesome, flourishing Japanese endings. Just "Okay."

Bless the little lady's big heart, we said to ourselves, that little touch made us forget our bumbling. Deplorable but True . . .

Alas, it seems we have for-

California Civic Unity Official Raps Legislature's Refusal To Pass Fair Employment Bill

SAN FRANCISCO—"A backward group of men in the State Assembly has ignored the needs of our racial, religious and national minorities and has again shoved California to the tail-end of the parade of states who are guaranteeing equal job opportunity for all."

This was the charge made here on June 19 by Richard Dettering, executive director of the California Federation for Civic Unity following the refusal of the State Assembly after three votes to give floor consideration to fair employment practices legislation.

Lettering's organization represents over 50 local non-partisan groups throughout the State dedicated to fighting racial and religious discrimination.

"In the light of the Assembly's action," Dettering declared, "the California Federation for Civic Unity is calling a Northern California conference within the next sixty days to lay plans for an intensive, home-town campaign designed to insure passage of fair employment legislation in the 1951 session of the State Legislature."

"Oregon, Washington, New Mexico, New Jersey are among the states who have adopted FEPC measures in recent months, while still other states already have similar laws on their books or are considering them in current sessions of their legislatures," Dettering said.

"It is difficult to understand how members of both parties, committed in their state and national platforms to fair employment legislation, can so completely break faith with the racial, religious and national minorities who had looked forward confidently to passage of such legislation in the present session."

"In the light of the majority's attitude, however, the Federation is moving immediately to bring together representatives of inter-racial, civic unity, minority group organizations throughout the state to formulate plans for an extended and intensive campaign to press

gotten what little Japanese we once knew. And if you live in the Midwest or East and no longer work among the Issei, that's probably what's happening to you too.

In our domicile there doesn't seem much occasion for Japanese speech. The old folks are in Salt Lake City and Los Angeles.

The few times we use Nihongo, it seems, are to send code messages not intended for the hearing of the small fry.

It has suddenly dawned on us that we are losing what little facility we once sought to acquire in the speech of our parents, and we think this is a deplorable state of affairs. Don't you?

If that little old lady isn't laughing too hard, we'll bet she feels sorry for us.—From the Colorado Times.

for FEPC in the next session of the Legislature.

"With every member of the Assembly given at least three opportunities to live up to their pre-election pledges, the Federation will be able to point accurately at those who are responsible for the refusal even to consider the proposed legislation."

"Unemployment is falling with disproportionate weight on the members of minority groups who are denied equal opportunity for jobs because of their race, creed, color or national origin. And with unemployment on the increase, the job situation among racial and religious minorities is becoming increasingly serious and the need for relief correspondingly urgent."

"The Federation's Administrative Committee will announce shortly the time and place for the FEPC conference which will give interested groups the opportunity to join the state-wide drive," Dettering concluded.

USAT Munemori Aids in Evacuation Of Troops in Korea

The U.S. Army's transport, Sadao Munemori, named for the first American soldier of Japanese ancestry to win the Congressional Medal of Honor, is now in service in the Pacific, according to an International News Service report this week from Korea.

The report declared that the USAT Munemori is now en route to Honolulu and San Francisco with 900 American soldiers who boarded the ship at Inchon, Korea in the final phase of the withdrawal of U.S. Occupation personnel from South Korea.

Eight hundred of the troops aboard the Munemori will debark at Honolulu on July 14, while the remainder who are on the sick list will continue on to San Francisco.

The Munemori, formerly the Wilson Victory and the transport which returned the men of the 442nd Combat Team from Italy in July, 1946, was renamed in honor of the Nisei hero at ceremonies at New York harbor in 1948.

Pvt. Sadao Munemori, a native of Los Angeles, was killed in action with the 442nd Combat Team in April, 1945 in Italy.

PC SPORTS

Yonamine Seen as Pro Ball Prospect

Wally Yonamine, the pro football star, has the ability to make a career for himself in pro baseball, in the belief of Wilfred Rhinelander, columnist for the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Two years ago Rhinelander took a team of Hawaii all-stars, composed mainly of Nisei players, to Wichita, Kans., for the national amateur tourney, in which the Hawaiians placed sixth and was the most popular team in the tournament.

Rhinelander believes that Yonamine is probably the best Nisei prospect yet developed for pro baseball.

"He is very fast, has a good arm and a real knack for playing the outfield plus being a better than average hitter," says Rhinelander.

It was a baseball injury to his hand last year which prevented Yonamine from working out with the San Francisco 49ers of the All-America football conference during the pre-season training period. As a result of the injury, Yonamine got his release from the 49ers and later signed with the Honolulu Warriors of the Pacific Coast football league. He was the backfield star of the Warriors and he sparkled in games against the Los Angeles Rams of the National Football league. Yonamine's performance last year for the Warriors won him an invitation from the 49ers to try out again this year for the team.

However, Wilfred Rhinelander believes Yonamine might be wiser to forego a possible pro football career and try out with a Pacific Coast League baseball team.

"We think he has a very good chance of making the grade," says the Honolulu sports expert.

Yonamine hit something like .440 in the Hawaii Winter League and is considered one of the top hitters in the present Hawaii Baseball League play. He is presently in the uniform of the Honolulu Athletics, the all-Nisei team managed by Charley Yoda.

Yonamine is scheduled to arrive in San Francisco on July 20 to join the 49ers squad. The San Francisco team, one of the strongest pro football aggregations in the country, will open training at Menlo Junior College on July 25 under Coach Buck Shaw.

Nisei GI Hero Was College Swimmer

Ken Imamura of this year's Denver University swimming team is not the first mainland Nisei to win a varsity letter in the aquatic sport. Back around 1937 and 1938 George Sawada was a member of the University of Washington swimming team, winning his "W". Sawada was killed in action with the 442nd Combat Team in Italy, one of the first mainland Nisei to die in action. . . . Halo Hirose and Kiyoshi and Bunmei Nakama who

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Matsubu Is First Nisei to Play Pro Baseball Since Early '30s

Hank Matsubu, the young catcher who signed a contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization last week, is the first Nisei to play in organized baseball in 15 years.

Only a handful of players of Japanese ancestry have appeared in pro ball and the first is believed to be an Issei who played for the Seattle Indians of the Pacific Coast League more than 40 years ago. The name of this pioneer is lost in the yellowed records of the Coast League but it may have been George Shimizu, still a resident of Seattle, who was a baseball star in Seattle shortly after the turn of the century.

Cy Shimada caught for the Tacoma Tigers of the old Northwest League before World War I, while Sammy Takahashi, a hard-hitting shortstop, played with Tacoma in the Western International in the late 1920s. Takahashi later played with the L.A. Nippons and then went to Japan to play professional baseball with the Nagoya Dolphins.

The depression, accompanied by sparse attendance, is believed largely responsible for the fact that the Sacramento Senators of the Pacific Coast League signed two Nisei players in the early 1930s. The Solons sought to ap-

helped make swimming history for Ohio State Buckeyes, along with Bill Smith, another of Coach Soichi Sakamoto's proteges, were all members of the famous Alexander House, Maui swimming team, coached by Sakamoto, which won the National AAU title back about 1940. Herbert Kobayashi, one of the newest of the Hawaiian Nisei stars, has enrolled at Ohio State.

Nisei Sports Across the Border

There's been a renewal of athletic competition between U. S. and Canadian Nisei during the past year. In addition to the visit of the Toronto team to the annual Midwest Nisei tourney in Chicago, the Nisei Bears of New York and the Boston Nisei team took part in a Japanese Canadian Citizens Association tourney in Montreal earlier this year. The Montreal team was the winner. . . . A Canadian Nisei team is now interested in coming to New York for softball games against the champions of the New York Nisei league.

Golden Boy Loses Mainland Chance

Although the wire report on the Robert Takeshita-Terry Young fight in Honolulu last week was sketchy and continued only the information that Sad Sam Ichinose's ace had lost to the New Yorker by a TKO in the seventh round, the fact that the Nisei boxer was defeated will probably deter him from making his projected foray of mainland rings. Manager Ichinose had hoped that a victory over Young would give Takeshita the necessary national publicity to assure a bout in Madison Square Garden, when and if boxing returns to Manhattan. . . . Terry Young is a Garden favorite and has fought some of the best in his division, including two bouts with Beau Jack.

Takeshita, who is still young and has a long future ahead in the prize ring, has had some tough luck since he turned pro after winning the National AAU welterweight crown at Boston in 1946. In 1947 he went to Scotland to fight on the Dado Marino-Jackie Paterson card but was denied the right to appear by the dogmatic British Boxing Board of Control on the ground that he did not have an international reputation, although his stablemate, Tsuneshi Maruo, was permitted to fight and defeated Stan Rowan, the Empire featherweight titlist. . . . Takeshita missed a chance to appear in the Garden in 1947 and in 1948. He appeared to be on his way again this year until the Rudy Cruz fiasco on Feb. 1 when both he and Cruz were suspended. Takeshita had knocked Cruz down five times in the first seven rounds when the fight was halted. . . . His latest comeback was going along fine until Terry Young lowered the boom on him last week.

Shig Takahashi of French Camp, Calif., guided another of Sam Ichinose's fighters, Johnny Ephan, to his first mainland victory, a 7th round knockout of Tony Beccera,

peal to the Oriental American fans of the Sacramento Valley when they signed Jimmy Horio, an outfielder, and Kenso Nushida, shortstop turned pitcher. Horio and Nushida, both of whom are now in Hawaii, are the only Nisei to play in Class AAA baseball. Horio played in the Hawaii Baseball League until a few years ago, while Nushida reportedly has a sporting goods store in Honolulu.

A number of Nisei in Hawaii have been touted for pro baseball contracts. Pro baseball scouts have lauded the abilities of such players as Jimmy Wasa, second baseman; Harry Kitamura, sensational young southpaw; and Jun Muramoto and Wally Yonamine, outfielders.

Last year it was reported that Jim Tsukamoto, left-handed hurler who pitched Sacramento JC to the conference championship, was offered a contract by the St. Louis Cardinals organization but turned it down. Subsequently, Tsukamoto's battery-mate, Dan Dalio, signed with the Cincinnati Reds.—L.S.T.

Aihara Wins Broad Jump For Coast Squad

BERKELEY, Calif. — Henry Aihara, USC's Pacific Coast Conference champion, won the broad jump at 25 feet 1 1/2 inch as the coast athletes lost to the Big Ten Conference all-stars, 62 to 70, in the ninth dual meet between the two college athletic circuits.

Aihara outleaped Jim Holland of Northwestern whose best jump was 23 feet 11 and Gay Bryan of Stanford whose best was 23 feet 10 inches.

USC NISEI STAR ENTERS HOP, STEP JUMP AT FRESNO

FRESNO, Calif.—With an eye toward the 1952 Olympic Games, Henry Aihara, Pacific Coast Conference broad jump champion from USC, is entered in the hop, step and jump at the National AAU track and field championships at Ratcliffe Stadium on June 25.

Aihara, who is also entered in the broad jump, will be competing for the strong Los Angeles Athletic Club squad which is the pre-meet favorite for team laurels.

The Trojan Nisei is believed to be the first Japanese American athlete to compete under the colors of a major athletic club on the Pacific Coast in an AAU event.

Aihara Takes Third In NCAA Broad Jump

LOS ANGELES—Henry Aihara helped the University of Southern California win the NCAA track and field team title here on June 18 when he placed third in the broad jump with a leap of 24 feet 1/4 inch.

Aihara was in second place behind Fred Johnson of Michigan State after Friday's preliminaries but lost second place to Jerome Biffle of Denver who jumped 24 feet 3 1/4 inches on Saturday. Johnson won the event with a jump of 25 feet 2 1/2 inches.

Aihara won the 1945 NCAA championship when he was competing for the University of Illinois.

on June 15 at Stockton, Calif. Ephan is now matched against Frankie Sequiera, twice national amateur featherweight champion, in his second bout.

Sports Notes

Notes: Duke Keomuka (Hisao Tanaka of Los Angeles) has become quite a favorite with Inter-mountain wrestling fans during the past months. Tanaka has appeared on every card at the Salt Lake Coliseum during the past four weeks and last week disposed of the "Atomic Blond," the poor man's Gorgeous George, in the main event. This Thursday Keomuka is scheduled to meet Kostas Devalis in the main bout. . . . Toyo Shirai was one of two Hawaiian entries in the U.S. Open golf tournament at the Medinah, Ill., country club which was won by Cary Middlecoff. Shirai is the pro at Wailua, Kauai, one of two Nisei golf pros in Hawaii.

Hank Matsubu Signs Contract With Pittsburgh Pirates; Sent To Modesto in California Loop

MODESTO, Calif. — Henry (Hank) Matsubu of Payette, Idaho, hard-hitting catcher for this year's strong College of Idaho team, became the first Nisei to sign a major league baseball contract when he joined the Pittsburgh Pirates organization this week.

He was assigned to the Modesto Reds, the Pittsburgh farm club in the Class C California State League and reported last week.

He was put to work immediately by Manager Max Macon of the Modesto team.

Matsubu started the first game of the June 19 doubleheader with the Fresno Cards, which Modesto, now in sixth place, won by a score of 3 to 2.

Matsubu got a single in three official trips to the plate. He had eight putouts and two assists.

Manager Macon used Matsubu, who came to Modesto with the reputation of a solid hitter, as a pinch-batter in the nightcap. John Romonosky, pitching for the league-leading Fresno team sent Matsubu down swinging to end the game which the Cards won, 6 to 1.

On June 20 Matsubu came in as a pinch-hitter for Pitcher Garman and walked as Modesto was defeated, 8 to 0.

Hank Matsubu first made a baseball reputation as the catcher on the powerful Hunt high school baseball team at the Minidoka relocation center which made a shambles of high school competition in the south central Idaho area in 1944 and 1945.

He was the first-string catcher for the College of Idaho, defending champions of the Northwest Conference, this season. His work behind the plate for the collegians caught the eye of major-league scouts this spring when the Idaho

team toured California, playing games with USF, San Jose State, St. Mary's and the University of California. Also on the College of Idaho squad this year was Johnny Kuroda, an outfielder who was one of the top hitters in the conference.

Matsubu received numerous offers from the time he appeared in Jaycee park in Twin Falls, Idaho, home of the Twin Falls Cro-boys of the Pioneer League, a member of the Hunt team.

Last year Matsubu signed with the Payette Packers, one of the state's strongest semi-pro teams.

Nisei Catcher Had String of Ten Hits

PAYETTE, Idaho — Hank Matsubu, Nisei catcher for the semi-pro Payette Packers, had run up a string of ten straight hits just before he left last week to join the Modesto Reds of the California State League, a Pittsburgh Pirates farm.

Meanwhile, Manager Sad Shimizu of Ontario, Ore., reported that he had been counting on Matsubu to anchor the Ontario entry in the annual Northwest Nisei baseball tournament over the Fourth of July in Seattle.

Matsubu, 5 feet 11 inches in height, weighs 185 pounds.

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BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Norito, a girl, Cynthia Anne, on June 5 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Iwaoka, a girl, Elynn Jeanne, on May 31 in Chicago.

To Mr. and Mrs. Junji Shirogama, a boy on June 3 in Selma, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ota, a boy on June 3 in Selma.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masayuki Honda, a girl on June 16 in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom T. Nakagawa, a boy, Tim-Benson, on June 16 in Chicago, Ill.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ted Masaji Kato, a girl, Jolene Mitsuko, on May 30 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yutaka Takagawa, a boy, Douglas Kenshi, on May 31 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Victor Maria Ritchie (nee Catherine Aiko Imamura), a boy, Robert Vincent, on June 2 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenzo Hiroya, a boy, Robert Shigeru, on June 3 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Isamu Matsumoto, Venice, Calif., a boy, Glen Kuo, on May 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hitoshi Yoneda, Pasadena, Calif., a boy, Dennis Koichi, on June 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tsuyoshi Fujii, a girl, Reiko Mary Ann, on June 3 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Umeo Fujimoto, a girl, Peggy Chizuko, on June 5 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takayuki Goto, Montebello, Calif., a girl, Gail Lee, on June 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mitani, Norwalk, Calif., a girl, Joyce Kay, on June 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. James M. Matsumoto, Acampo, Calif., a boy on May 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Nakamura, a girl in Berkeley.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ogino, a girl on June 19 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tokuchi No-

guchi, Victor, Calif., a girl on June 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kanjitsu Iijima, Pasadena, Calif., a boy on June 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Sasaki, Walnut Grove, Calif., a girl on June 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Imamura, a girl on June 22 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Miyamoto, Cortez, Calif., a girl on June 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alto Higashiuchi, Los Altos, Calif., a girl on June 9.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Nakayama, Berkeley, Calif., a girl on June 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tamaki Matsuno, a girl on June 10 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ginzo Morino, a boy on June 14 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Watanabe, a boy, Tyler, on May 29 in San Jose.

DEATHS

Itsusaku Oshita on June 17 in Salt Lake City.

Tomotaka Taira, 77, on June 22 in Fresno.

Matsujiro Kanzaki, 69, on June 15 in Ogden, Utah.

Masajiro Takata on June 14 in Los Angeles.

Suekichi Nakagawa, 70, on June 18 in Salt Lake City.

Yasuzo Hirai on June 13 at Port Hueneme, Calif.

Komasaki Fujita, East Lake, Colo., on June 19.

Mrs. Miyo Koga, 68, on June 17 in Seattle.

Shuntaro Sakaoka, 57, on June 16 in Florin, Calif.

MARRIAGES

Edna Dowke to Mizuho Sekijima, Spokane, on June 19 in San Francisco.

Yuri Miyamoto to William Maveda in Chicago.

Edna Yamada to Akira Kuga in Chicago.

Kikuye Tomooka to Hiroshi

Chicago JACL Group Okada Gets Check

CHICAGO—Hito Okada, national JACL president, was presented with a check for \$100 from the Chicago chapter during his recent visit in Chicago. This sum was pledged to the national treasury by the two official delegates to the 1948 national convention. Other chapters followed suit with similar pledges.

Sessue Hayakawa Enters Golf Tourney

SAN FRANCISCO—Sessue Hayakawa, Hollywood film star, is one of 20 top Southern California golfers of Japanese ancestry, who have entered the Northern California Nisei golf championship tourney which will begin on July 3 on the Mira Vista course at Richmond.

Yuji Imai of the Golden Gate golf club of San Francisco, the host organization, reported that 124 entries had been received to date.

Iwami Named for Utah Boys State

TOOELE, Utah—Noboru Iwami, baseball and basketball star at Tooele high school, will be a delegate from the Tooele Ordinance Depot to the Utah boys' state which will be held next month at Camp Williams.

Matsumoto on June 5 in Phoenix, Ariz.

Fusako Miyazaki to Masa Yamamoto in Chicago.

Mary Ozawa to Henry Fukui in Chicago.

Amy Matsuoka to Edward N. Yamamoto on June 11 in Chicago.

Augustine Takeuchi to Shuko Terao on June 12 in Chicago.

Kaoru Hori to Shunpei Fugami in Chicago.

Frances Osaki to Joe Mizumoto on June 12 in Seattle.

Midori Matsushita to George Sunayama, Martinez, on June 18 in San Francisco.

Rose Osawa to Harry Kataoka on June 12 in Seattle.

Mary H. Shigio to Shig Kosugi on May 13 in Seattle.

Sai Kosuge to Sam Ushio, Alliance, Neb., on June 18 in Denver.

Toshiye Nishida to Yutaka Ohigashi on June 12 in Los Angeles.

Misako Okano to Toshiharu Shiba on June 18 in Los Angeles.

Alice Akiko Inouye of Sun Valley to James Tatsumi Mizushima on June 18 in Los Angeles.

Doris Tsujisaki to Jack Uyeda of Sacramento on June 19 in San Francisco.

Masako Yoshimura to Takeo Sakahara on June 18 in Fresno.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Mitsue Hiraga, 33, Monterey, and Hideo Sasano, 32, Vacaville, in Sacramento.

Aiko Matsune, 22, and Fumio Yoshikawa, 26, in Stockton.

Grace Okida, 26, and Tadao Kogura, 26, in San Jose.

Bettie Urta Kodama, 27, and Terry T. Togami, 33, both of Mountain View, Calif., in San Jose.

Connie T. Tamura, 24, and John Asaka, 26, in Seattle.

Rosalie Nishima, Acampo, Calif., and George Kido, Berkeley, in Oakland.

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Dance

CHICAGO—The spacious downstairs hall at Promontory point has been selected as the locale of a benefit "School's Out" dance on Saturday, July 2. Cochairmen for this event, which will be the last big social under the present Workcampers' cabinet, will be James Matsumoto and Ben Toba.

Special intermission numbers are being prepared.

Tickets are being sold by the Workcampers at sixty-five cents each. The affair will be open to the public and the proceeds will be used to help furnish the Workcampers' clubrooms.

Wedding

DENVER, Colo. — Miss Rose Hanawa and Floyd Tanaka were united in marriage recently in a ceremony at the University Methodist church with the Rev. Dr. Clair A. Perrigo officiating.

The bride's sister Machiko Hanawa of San Benito, Tex., was maid of honor, while Yas Aochi was best man.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shintaro Hanawa, who came here to attend the wedding with their daughter and son, Henry. The groom is the son of Mrs. T. Tanaka and is a student at the University of Denver.

Others assisting at the service were Yoch, Nebo and Shun Nakayama, Jack Kanegaye, Hide Noda, Carol Tanaka, Yuki Tanaka, Virginia Fox, Gerry Moeller, Sue Maruyama, Yosh Mameda and Betty and Yo Kanegaye.

Heads Student Body

SUN VALLEY, Calif. — Yukio Mashiko was elected president of the student body of Verdugo Hills high school at the school elections held last week.

Honored

CHICAGO — Noboru Honda and Henry Suzukida, members of the Freeman J. Wood agency of the Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. were presented national quality awards during a luncheon given by the National Association of Life Underwriters on June 15.

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Tom Tomihiro Joins Student Delegation On Washington Trip

SAN FRANCISCO—Tom Tomihiro, a student at Stanford University, is one of 11 San Francisco area members of United World Federalists who left this week for Washington, D. C. to see President Truman.

The four-car caravan started from the San Francisco War Memorial Opera House where the United Nations charter was drafted in 1945. The delegation will present a petition to President Truman and the 81st Congress signed by approximately 3,000 members of the UWF in 15 California colleges and high schools.

Marriage

NEW YORK CITY—Miss Sachiyama, corresponding secretary for the New York JACL, was married at the home of her parents in Los Angeles on June 12 to Masato Doi of Hawaii.

The bride is a private secretary for Hunt Hill and Betz of New York. Mr. Doi graduated from Columbia university and is now attending Columbia law school.

Two UCLA Nisei Make Phi Beta Kappa

WESTWOOD VILLAGE, Calif. —Two Nisei are among the UCLA honor students who were recently elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

They are Midori Oura, 22, industrial bacteriology major, and Katsumi Tanetomo, 26, an ex-GI who is a zoology major.

Miss Oura transferred to UCLA from De Pauw University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yonetaro Oura of Gardena.

Mr. Tanetomo is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Tanetomo of Watsonville. He transferred to UCLA from Salinas JC.

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Nisei Artists Exhibit Work At Philadelphia JACL Art Fair

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — A "Greenwich village fair," featuring the work of local Nisei and Issei artists, delighted members of the Philadelphia JACL who attended the June 17 meeting of the organization at the International Institute of Philadelphia.

Under the able chairmanship of Hiroshi Uyehara, three speakers, each a leader in his field, gave interesting talks on their special subjects.

Mrs. Fuku Thurn spoke on "ikebana," flower arrangement, and also showed a number of old Japanese colored woodcut prints.

Shojiro Horikawa described the fine points of scroll painting and pointed out the basic differences between the Chinese and Japanese styles.

Bill Sasagawa, an architect with the Philadelphia city planning board, gave an interesting talk on various methods of architecture and commercial art employed by the board.

Artists exhibiting their work for the fair were Sumi Kobayashi, still life and life studies in charcoal and watercolor; Tets Uyehara, cartoon sketches in India ink; Don Itoga, commercial art in pastel and

air brush techniques; Isamu Kashiwagi, cover designs and studies in charcoal and watercolor; Ruby Kaneda, studies in color and designs in show card colors; Tom Takashima, matchstick handicraft; and George and Kazuye Oye, ceramics.

An art I.Q. contest was held to climax the evening. Ten reproductions of famous art works were shown for identification. Sachi Tanaka proved the winner.

The evening's turnout of some 50 members and a number of guests was the largest ever recorded by the Philadelphia JACL for a meeting.

Thousand Club Drive Planned for Chicago

CHICAGO—As Midwest district chairman of the 1000 Club, Harold Gordon announced that a campaign would be conducted among Chicagoans soon.

To date there are only 12 Chicago members signed up. The membership is comprised of persons who have pledged \$25 per year to the support of the national treasury. A campaign in the Chicago area will be directed by Dr. T. T. Yatabe, Chicago's chairman for the 1000 Club.

Salt Lake JACL Sponsors Recital By Lily Nakai



Lily Nakai, young Salt Lake City pianist, will be presented in a recital June 28 by her teacher, Mrs. Florence Lilliendahl, and the Salt Lake JACL.

The public is invited to the recital, which will be held at the Eighteenth ward chapel, 101 A street, from 8:30 p.m. The doors will open at 8.

Miss Nakai has chosen the following numbers for her program:

Prelude and Fugue in C Minor by Bach; Ballade in B Minor, No. 3, by Brahms; Lullaby by Ilyjinsky; Bolero by Moszkowski; Kramer with Miss Ann McAlister at second piano; 1st Movement of Sonata, Op. 53, by Beethoven; Jardins Sous La Pluie by Debussy; May Night by Palmgreen; The Night Winds by Griffes; and Warsaw Concerto by Addinsell.

Veterans Project Realized in Denver

DENVER, Colo. — A project which a Nisei ex-GI, George Sunada, helped to initiate was crowned with success this week when it was announced that the Sunset Ridge Veterans Inc. had completed arrangements for ownership of a 50-unit former wartime housing project adjoining Fort Logan.

The veterans group obtained a loan of \$110,000 from the Title Guaranty company which enabled them to buy the project where all but eight of the fifty members now live.

Sunada took an active part in initiating the project but since has moved from Fort Logan to Salt Lake City. He is a native of Rock Springs, Wyo.

He edited the veterans' community newspaper while in Fort Logan.

Honored

PORTLAND, Ore.—College and high school graduates of this city were honored at a turkey dinner given by the Epworth Methodist church on Saturday, June 11.

Clarence E. Oliver, principal of Couch school, was the guest speaker.

Ted Takaya was toastmaster and Kim Yumibe was in charge of arrangements.

The tables were decorated with cap-and gown doll favors and spring blossoms.

Among the guests of honor were Janet Goshi, Kazuko Inuzuka, Sato Hashizume, Frances Sono, Martha Kondo, Akiko Shiraishi, Mary Nakata Betty Nakashimada, Akira Makino, Joe Namba, Tom Takeoka, Tom Sadanaga, Shigeo Oka and Eugene Hayashi.

Engagements Told

FRESNO, Calif. — Fresno Elle girls gave a surprise garden party recently for Fuji Jitsumyo and her fiancé, George Yamamoto, at the Okawara home. The garden was beautifully decorated in a Mexican theme.

Another surprise was given the Elles when the hostess, Enid Okawara, distributed walnuts which cleverly revealed her betrothal to Beck Saiki. Miss Okawara is planning a summer wedding, while Miss Jitsumyo's wedding date has not yet been set.

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Expect Two Thousand To Attend Carnival

CHICAGO — Two thousand Chicagoans are expected to celebrate the Fourth of July weekend at the fifth annual carnival of the Chicago Buddhist church.

Prizes valued at over \$1,000, including a television set, will be given away, according to Tom Ito and Jim Kumaki, co-chairmen.

The carnival will begin the evening of July 2 with a dance at Shotwell hall, 55th and Blackstone, from 9 p.m. Admission will be \$1 per couple, 75c for stags and 50c for stagettes.

Carnival activities will go on from 1 to 11 p.m. July 3 and 4 at the church, 6487 So. Dorchester ave.

Haruko Uyeda and Tad Sasamoto will be in charge of games, while Doris Ito and Lois Uyeda will take charge of refreshments.

Graduates Honored At Ogden Dance

OGDEN, Utah—Under the co-sponsorship of the Ogden JACL, Syracuse YBA, Davis Comets and the Honeyville PYP, the 1949 graduates of northern Utah were honored at a semiformal graduation ball held on June 17 at the North Davis junior high school gymnasium.

Corsages and boutonniers were presented to the graduates.

Emi Miya, valedictorian of the Davis high school responded to the greetings given by Mits Endo, who represented the four organizations. Gene Moriama of Box Elder high school sang two selections.

Graduates from the Salt Lake City area also attended as guests of the sponsoring organizations.

Yoshiko Takasugi was in charge of the refreshments. Cho Yamaguchi and Edith Oda and their partners led the grand march at the beginning of the ball. The hall was decorated by the Davis Comets club. George Turnquist's orchestra played for the occasion. This was the third annual graduation ball.

Jack Oda was in charge of the ticket sales. Jimmy Kusuda was in charge of presenting the corsages to the ladies and boutonniers to the men. The center floral piece was donated by Jimmy's Flower Shop of Ogden.

Elect Yamaguchi

ONTARIO, Calif. — Tad Yamaguchi was elected recently as president of the student body at Chaffey Union high school for the 1949-50 term.

21 Nisei Among Passengers on President Liner

YOKOHAMA — Twenty-one Nisei, returning to American homes after being stranded in Japan by the outbreak of war in 1941, were among the passengers who sailed for the United States on June 19 on the American President Line's President Wilson.

Sixteen other persons of Japanese ancestry, including the children of atomic scientist, Hideki Yukawa, were also on board. Harumi and Takaaki Yukawa, 16 and 14 years of age, are en route to join their parents in New York City where Dr. Yukawa is now on the faculty of Columbia University.

The Nisei on board the Wilson were identified as follows:

Toshitaka Abe, 20; Kazumi Abe, 17; Teruko Date, 25; Tomi Fukuda, 21; George Fukuda, 18; Toshiko Ide, 24; Mrs. Elsie Fujiko Kama, 36; Nobue Kano, 5; Nobuko Kama, 11; Iwao Serizawa, 22; Namiko Hanaki, 33; Michiko Hanaki, 18; Fusako Hatanaka, 22; James Kawashima, 18; Tsunehiko Sato, 27; Chiyoko Sato, 24; Toshi Sawada, 20; Keiko Tomatani, 13; Hideo Tomatani, 13; Satoshi Uchiyama, 20, and Mrs. Mikiye Uchiyama, 29.

Correction

The photo of Nisei queen candidate Aiko Ota of Los Angeles printed in the June 18 issue, was taken by Roy Hoshizaki, instead of Toyo Miyatake, who was given photo credit. We regret the error.

Wins School Award

STOCKTON, Calif. — Ritsko Ricky Ito is one of six students to receive the Gold Seal Award of the California Scholarship Federation at Stockton College this year.

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