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"Tokyo Rose" and Husband



Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino, now on trial as "Tokyo Rose" of Radio Tokyo, chats in Federal Judge Michael Roche's courtroom with her husband, Felipe, after the latter testified in her defense at the treason trial. Mrs. d'Aquino later followed her husband to the witness stand as the ten weeks old trial entered its closing days.—Photo from San Francisco Chronicle.

Report JACL Will Oppose Nomination of Bendetsen to Key Army Department Post

SAN FRANCISCO—The Japanese American Citizens League along with the ADC and numerous other organizations, will go on record shortly in opposition to appointment of Karl R. Bendetsen, who headed the evacuation program, as assistant secretary of the army, according to Joe Grant Masaoka, JACL representative here.

Masaoka said the JACL will be joined by the NAACP, the American Federation of Labor and numerous minority organizations in a move to block the appointment of ex-Col. Bendetsen. Masaoka said that the former colonel, who headed the Wartime Civilian Control Administration, has never publicly renounced state-

ments made during the war which evidenced a "markedly prejudicial attitude" toward Japanese Americans.

Joint Conference Group Meets With Fujii on Alien Land Law

Legislation, Judicial Action Discussed at Los Angeles Confab

LOS ANGELES—The cooperative use of both legislative and judicial means to invalidate the California Alien Land Law was agreed to by Sei Fujii, Los Angeles publisher and sponsor of a test case on the alien land law pending in the appellate courts, and six representatives of the Joint Conference following a meeting in the Southern California JACL Office here on Sept. 2.

Spokesman for the Joint Conference comprised of representatives of the Civil Rights Defense Union of Northern California (CRDU), the Kikaken Kisei Domei (KKD), the JACL Legal Defense Fund of Southern California (LDF), the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), and the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, was S. G. Sakamoto of Fresno.

Other members of the special delegation that was named by the Joint Conference which met in San Francisco last weekend to call on Mr. Fujii were S. Nitta, Orange County; Frank Chuman, Los Angeles; Yoshimi Shibata, Mount Eden, and Mike Masaoka, Washington, D.C.

The unanimous opinion of the group was that every effort should be made to aid in the passage of at least the Walter resolution, providing that the right of naturalization shall not be denied or abridged because of race in this session of Congress.

Congressional passage of either the Judd bill or the Walter resolu-

tion would eliminate the classification of "aliens ineligible to citizenship," which is the legal basis for the alien land laws of California and some ten other western states.

In the meantime, Mr. Fujii will proceed with his case testing the rights of aliens to purchase and own land under the California Alien Land Law while the Joint Conference may sponsor a supplementary case which will present other aspects of the California statute, including the rights of citizens, to both the justice of the California and the United States Supreme Courts.

The Joint Conference felt that while the Fujii case was an unequivocal attack on the discriminatory features of the Alien Land Law as far as the rights of "ineligible" aliens are concerned, the justices should be presented with supplementary litigation that would involve the rights of citizens and factual situations different from those challenged by the present test, such as those presented by the Namba case in Oregon in which the Supreme Court of that state ruled its alien land law unconstitutional.

The Joint Conference also offered to file a "friend of the Court" brief to support the Fujii case in the event that that litigation was heard by the California Supreme Court before a new case can be readied for a hearing.

On Sept. 3 a special committee of 12 appointed by the San Francisco meeting of the five cooperating organizations met to investigate the possibilities of other test cases.

Mrs. d'Aquino Tells Own Story at Trial for Treason

"Tokyo Rose" Denies Activity Against U. S., Kept American Citizenship Despite Pressures

By MARION TAJIRI

SAN FRANCISCO—Iva Toguri d'Aquino took the stand in her own defense this week and denied that she had ever been a traitor to the United States.

The 33-year old Nisei who stands trial in federal court here as "Tokyo Rose" maintained stoutly that throughout her war years in Japan she never acted against the interests of her country and that she maintained her American citizenship despite constant threat and pressure from the Japanese.

For the first time since the 10-week old trial began the court heard the voice and the story of the defendant herself.

Much of her story had been told before, from one view or another, by the numerous prosecution and defense witnesses who have preceded her to the stand.

This week she told her own story.

Her face was pale, almost haggard, and she looked older than when she first appeared in court on July 5, the day the trial began.

She wore the same pale grey suit she has worn so much during the past weeks, with a high-necked white blouse with a ruffle at the throat.

Her appearance on the stand was clearly a surprise to most of the courtroom, which jerked into action when, at 2:20 p.m. on Wednesday her attorney called her to the stand. She moved forward quickly, head slightly bent.

Her father, Jun Toguri, her sister June Toguri Horii, and her husband, Felipe J. d'Aquino, sat together on the bench directly behind the defense table.

D'Aquino, who had been the preceding witness, watched her anxiously.

The defendant's voice, subject of so much testimony during the last nine and one-half weeks, was harsh and jerky as she gave her name to the court, but under questioning by attorney Wayne Collins it calmed into a flat, husky voice. She enunciated her words clearly and her voice carried throughout the courtroom.

Her mouth worked nervously as she began the story of her life.

She was born July 4, 1916 in Los Angeles, she said, the daughter of Jun and Fumi Toguri. Her father was a naturalized British subject of Canada. Her mother had died in 1942 in the Gila river relocation center.

She had a brother Fred and two sisters, June and Inez.

She had had a child, it was now dead. Prosecutor Tom De Wolfe's objections prevented further questioning on this line. The English language was spoken in her home. Her father spoke it always, and her mother, she added with a smile, spoke "broken English."

A third of the way down the courtroom her sister wept quietly and Jun Toguri dabbed at his nose with a handkerchief.

The story of Iva Toguri d'Aquino went on.

Much of it had been told before by other witnesses. Now Mrs. d'Aquino told it in her own way.

The Toguri family had lived in Los Angeles, Calexico, San Diego, and Compton.

In Compton she went to a Japanese language school, but she gave it up after 5 or 6 months "because I was a very poor student."

"We very seldom lived among Japanese," Mrs. d'Aquino said.

She also studied piano for 8 years and in 1935 or '36 graduated from the Cosmopolitan school of music in Los Angeles. She attended the Methodist church.

From this point Mrs. d'Aquino moved directly to the circumstances which led to her broadcast activities on Radio Tokyo's Zero

Hour, the activities which led to her trial today as "Tokyo Rose."

About three weeks before she sailed for Japan on July 5, 1941, she said, her family heard from her uncle, Hajime Hattori in Japan, that his wife, sister of the defendant's mother, was ill with diabetes and high blood pressure, the same illnesses from which Mrs. Toguri suffered.

It was decided that Iva Toguri would go to Japan to be with her aunt.

Her father, she said, made arrangements for the trip. She had no passport, but she sailed with a certificate of identification. She had with her \$300 in cash, passage for her return home.

She arrived in Japan on July 24. Almost immediately she applied for a passport at the American consulate, but, she added, "I never knew what became of that."

The war was coming on. Mrs. d'Aquino worried at news accounts of the Kurusu-Hull talks in Washington, and she phoned her father in Los Angeles, asking if she should return home. He told her the papers here "indicated no serious trouble."

But on Dec. 1 she received a cable from her father. It told her to get passage on the NYK liner the Tatsuta Maru sailing from Japan the following day.

Her uncle contacted the NYK line, but was told the defendant needed a certificate of identification from the American consulate, and a statement from the school she then attended that she had never been employed there. She obtained these and then learned she needed clearance papers from the finance ministry which required three or four days to check her records.

She did not sail on the Tatsuta Maru. Later, however, it developed that the ship never reached the United States. On the Pacific when the war began, it returned to Japan.

She could not speak much Japanese at this time, Mrs. d'Aquino said, nor could she read or write it. She attended the School of Japanese Language and Culture, living with her uncle's family until June of 1942.

The war began, but it was two or three days before she believed the news said Mrs. d'Aquino. The day after it started she was visited by the police.

"They told me it was a good idea to take out Japanese citizenship," she told the court. "I said, 'never.'"

There were three of four visits by a Mr. Fujiwara, a police agent.

He told the Nisei it would be "very, very inconvenient" if she retained her American citizenship, Mrs. d'Aquino said. He told her she had "Japanese blood."

"I said I would never become a Japanese citizen," Mrs. d'Aquino continued. "I just said I couldn't because I couldn't change my citizenship by a piece of white paper. I told him I was born and raised in the United States, my father raised me as a United States citizen, I could never become a Japanese."

She spoke rapidly, as though she had wanted to say these things for a long time.

In February of 1942, Mrs. (Continued on page 2)

Senator Kefauver Named to Senate Judiciary Committee

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Sen. Estes Kefauver, (D., Tenn.), a southern liberal Congressman, has been named to succeed ex-Senator J. Howard McGrath, (D., R.I.) on the highly important Senate Judiciary Committee, the JACL ADC was advised this week.

Mr. McGrath resigned recently to accept the post of Attorney General.

The Judiciary Committee, headed by Sen. Pat McCarran, (D., Nev.), is concerned, among other measures, with legislation dealing with naturalization and immigration.

A Subcommittee of the Judiciary now has under study both the Judd bill and Walter resolution.

Sen. Kefauver already has indicated his support of laws liberalizing America's immigration and naturalization regulations.

Masaoka Will Attend Reunion Of Famed 34th

Returns to Capital After Coast Trip to Discuss Land Laws

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Mike Masaoka, national JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee legislative director, returned on Sept. 7 from a ten day trip to the West Coast made chiefly to discuss a court test on the constitutionality of California's alien land laws.

Mr. Masaoka said the question was discussed thoroughly at a series of conferences, and added a report on possible action will be announced soon.

At the same time he reported plans to attend the annual reunion of the 34th Infantry Division, Sept. 9-11, in Minneapolis. During the war, the all-Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team was attached to the 34th for a number of months during the campaigns in Italy.

Mr. Masaoka said he will ask the 34th to memorialize Congress for action on laws for equality in immigration and naturalization.

Assign Nisei Teacher At Oakland School

OAKLAND, Calif.—Mrs. Masaya Nakamura has been assigned to a permanent teaching post at Herbert Hoover junior high school in Oakland.

Mrs. Nakamura will teach English. She is a graduate of Park College in Missouri and holds a master's degree from Columbia University.

She formerly taught at McKinley high school in Honolulu.

Two Nisei-Driven Cars Involved in Highway Accident

STOCKTON, Calif.—Two Nisei driven cars were involved in a collision on Highway 99 on Sept. 5.

Noboru Shintake, 25, Sacramento, was cited for failing to stop for a through highway when he reportedly pulled into the highway from a side road, causing two oncoming autos to swerve out of their lanes and one to lose control.

Katanji Inouye, 24, told officers he was driving south and was passing another auto when Shintake drove into the highway, causing the other car to swerve, and in turn forcing Inouye over to the left shoulder where he lost control, skidding into Shintake's car.

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From Capitol Hill: Quiet Time in Washington

By I. H. GORDON

Washington D. C.
This is a quiet time of the year in Washington. Summer is ending; fall has not yet begun. Instead of a bright sparkle in the air; a touch of glorious fall color, and those long, lazy Indian Summer days of the high mountain country, the season is changing slowly and sullenly. There is something almost soggy about fall's approach in the low, humid climate of the middle Atlantic.

Perhaps this weary spirit of the air has had its affect upon Congress.

Senators snap and snarl at each other. In the House, Representatives have simply called it quits for a while, and once every three days a handful make a mock ceremony out of meeting then recess for another three days.

Even the monumental meeting of British and American leaders to solve the economic snarl of England has had virtually no effect upon the general atmosphere and prevailing sense of irritability.

Everyone seems to be waiting—waiting for a change of pace, a change of climate, perhaps, to restore to the nation's capital a new sense that much of the world's destiny rests, so snappishly these days, here.

The Peekskill riots have had a sobering affect in Washington where, in a certain, large sense, they have had their genesis.

There are some who question whether or not our long and, as it has been characterized, hysterical anti-Red drive, has not degenerated to the status of a Salem witch hunt. Because suddenly, like a ghostly warning of the Salem hunts, the accusers have turned out to be juveniles perverted by an over-dose of adult fears and hates which now is manifesting itself in our modern boys and girls pointing the finger and screaming crazily at "Commies" instead of "witches."

Legislatively, the Anti-Discrimination Committee's work in Washington again may be nearing one of its peak moments. Each such moment, in the past, has been characterized by passage of a piece of legislation of major importance to persons of Japanese ancestry.

There are two major bills before the Senate today dealing with problems of immigration or naturalization, the Judd bill and Walter resolution, both so completely familiar to the Nisei and Issei of America.

In the last few weeks, the prime efforts of the ADC have swung somewhat away from the Judd bill and focused more and more upon the Walter resolution,

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

Little Tokyo's Underworld

There was a time when Little Tokyo had an underworld.

In the records of the Los Angeles police and of the police of several other coast communities are murder cases which are yet to be closed. The records tell of bullet-ridden bodies found on a lonely beach, of shots fired from moving cars, of men killed in the night.

Some months ago a man was arrested in Los Angeles and charged with a murder committed 25 years before, in 1924. This Issei was a businessman, a church-goer. Investigation soon disclosed that someone had blundered. The suspect's name was the same as that of a man wanted for questioning at the time the bodies of two gamblers were found. The mistake was regrettable and its innocent victim spent two uncomfortable days in prison before he could convince the police of the error. The incident also showed that the police have long memories and cases of a quarter-century ago have not been forgotten.

Actually the acts of violence were only sporadic and occurred at times when there was a contest for power within the underworld organization. It is probably true that there was less resort to acts of violence in this Little Tokyo underworld than in other comparable areas, since Department of Justice records show the resident population of Japanese ancestry to be one of the most law-abiding of racial groups in the United States, in spite of the existence of an underworld organization. In the last year before the evacuation there were 570 criminal offenses

which would grant citizenship to all legal immigrants.

There is little doubt that, despite fast and favorable House action on the Judd bill as well as the Walter resolution early in the year, it will not be permitted to come up for a vote in the Senate. It has been blocked by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

But the Walter resolution has been receiving increasingly favorable attention.

It is possible that action on this particular measure may come sooner than many would suspect.

Sen. Pat McCarran, the Democrat from Nevada who heads the Judiciary Committee, has indicated to several friends recently he is favorably disposed towards the Walter resolution. Those friends have been mostly among his constituents, where, naturally, they are of significant importance to any Senator. This very fact gives the Senator's words increased weight.

charged against the 126,500 persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States, or an annual crime rate of only 4.5 per 1000 persons. Of the total of 570 offenses charged, nearly one-half were for gambling and drunkenness. There were only 5 cases of criminal homicide, 5 of robbery and 35 sex offenses, making the Japanese American community one of the best behaved in the nation.

This Little Tokyo underworld which existed before war and evacuation was dominated by the Tokyo Club, a coastwise organization which dealt in both legitimate and illegitimate activities. In Los Angeles its focal activity was the operation of a gambling club but its agents, particularly in the prohibition era in the 1920s, also acted as fixers and liaison men with corrupt police and civic officials. Thus the Tokyo Club had a vested interest in the maintenance of a corrupt city administration and in this regard it supported the candidacies of men who would not tamper with the status quo.

The Tokyo Club dealt in booze and vice (which is the polite journalistic euphemism for prostitution) but its main interest was in gambling. It was active wherever money flowed freely—in the fishing towns after the boats had come in and the men had been paid, in harvest camps and in farming communities like Guadalupe or Walnut Grove.

Tokyo Club money also sponsored a number of legitimate business enterprises and its influence was strong enough to intimidate most of the Japanese vernacular newspapers. Rare was the editor who would raise his pen against the Tokyo Club.

The Tokyo Club thus was a factor in community affairs. Its leaders often gave freely to worthy causes and, during the bleak days of the depression in the early 1930s, it maintained a nightly breadline.

Because it thrived on reaction and corruption, the Tokyo Club opposed progress and reform, both within and outside the Japanese community. Its activities and influence diminished in Los Angeles following the defeat of the Shaw machine and the election of Mayor Fletcher Bowron in the late 1930s. The advent of the reformers in Los Angeles politics had its reverberations in Little Tokyo and was followed by the arrest and trial of some Tokyo Club leaders on a kidnapping charge, featuring violence and bribery and the involvement of at least two police officers in a plot which was reminiscent of a Hollywood scenario.

It may be that the Tokyo Club and similar groups would have eventually died of economic malnutrition. The war and evacuation, of course, destroyed their network of illegitimate activities. There is no evidence that any such underworld organization, with the scope and activities of the Tokyo Club, has been organized since the war.

The Tokyo Club operated within the West Coast Japanese community in much the way that the Mickey Cohens are accused of doing on a larger scale. In each case the connivance of some corrupt public officials was a necessary factor. There was always the need for a fix.

There were frequent contests for power within the Tokyo Club and some of these struggles erupted into violence. The murder of a Tokyo Club official in San Francisco in 1934, never officially solved, may be attributed to one of these periodic scrambles for the spoils. One of the sieges of violence occurred in the mid-1930s when an east coast group attempted to move in on the organization.

There is an ironic sidelight in that a number of the Tokyo Club's leaders were arrested following Pearl Harbor and interned as "dangerous enemy aliens." Because they had been reactionary in their political attitudes, they had established some contact with Japanese super-nationalist elements in Japan. It was on this ground that these men were interned. It was something like sending Capone to Alcatraz for an income tax infraction. It is believed that several of these men repatriated to Japan at their first opportunity.

EDITORIALS:

Action on the Walter Resolution

Prospects for the completion of congressional action on legislation for equality in naturalization brightened considerably this week with the advice that the Walter resolution will be on the agenda of the full Senate Judiciary Committee which meets on Monday, Sept. 12.

The Walter resolution, introduced by Rep. Francis Walter, D., Pa., when it appeared that the more extensive Judd bill, with its controversial clauses affecting West Indian immigration and the entry of Chinese and Filipino wives, might get snarled in the Senate, was passed by the House on June 6. Since that time it has been caught in the legislative log-jam created in the Judiciary Committee by the refusal of its chairman, Sen. Pat McCarran, to act on the pending displaced persons bill.

It is quite possible that both the Judd bill and the Walter resolution may have been stymied as far as this session of the 81st Congress is concerned had it not been for recent activity by the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee in impressing upon senators and upon influential private citizens the imperative necessity of granting to the resident aliens of Japanese ancestry in the United States and Hawaii the same rights and privileges enjoyed by other residents of this country.

The Walter resolution, which will have the effect of law once it is passed by the Senate and signed by the President, provides simply that the right of naturalization shall not be denied, or abridged because of race.

With Congress already restless in its anxiety to adjourn, there is little possibility that the Judd bill can be reported out of committee in time for Senate action. On the other hand some action on the Walter resolution seems assured and there is some hope that it will be placed on the Senate calendar this week, provided that committee action is completed in time.

The wholesale support accorded the provisions of the Walter resolution, both in Congress and out, seems to assure that there would be no difficulty in obtaining passage provided that it was put to a vote. However, because of the lateness of the session the only hope for passage at this time appears to be through the consent calendar. Under the rules governing the passage of legislation on the consent calendar a single objection will be enough to delay passage of the resolution.

Whatever the immediate outcome of legislative activity on the Walter resolution, it is clear today that America's foreign-born residents of Japanese ancestry are on the threshold of achieving the equal status which has been their dream since their arrival in the United States.

Effects of the Denman Decision

The blistering denunciation of the mass evacuation of Americans of Japanese ancestry in 1942 from the Pacific coast by Judge William Denman, chief justice of the U. S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, has raised the possibility of a new test case on the evacuation itself.

Such a test case already has been suggested by such legal authorities as Yale's Prof. Eugene V. Rostow who considers the Supreme Court's wartime decision validating racial mass evacuation as establishing a dangerous precedent and who has recommended the initiation of a new case to provide the nation's highest court with an opportunity to reverse its findings.

From a practical standpoint, however, it would seem that it would be difficult to find a case which would be a direct test of the evacuation itself, since it is now seven years and more since Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt issued his proclamation for mass evacuation. Gen. DeWitt's order, according to Judge Denman, reflected a "Nazi-like doctrine of inherited racial enmity."

Judge Denman's condemnation of the mass evacuation policy was delivered as the appellate court affirmed a lower court decision which restored the rights of citizenship to three Los Angeles housewives who had renounced their United States nationality while confined at the Tule Lake segregation center in 1945. Judge Denman's decision affirmed the findings of the lower court that the renunciations were a direct result of the mass evacuation policy.

The San Francisco *Chronicle*, which devoted its lead page to the Denman decision on Sept. 4 recalled that Judge Louis Goodman of the U. S. district court in San Francisco had stated in a similar case last year: "It is shocking to the conscience that an American citizen be confined without authority and then, while so under duress and restraint, for his Government to accept from a surrender of his constitutional heritage."

It was also a question this week whether the Government would appeal the renunciants' case to the Supreme Court. Although the Government is anxious to have the status of the renunciants, whose claim to American citizenship has been upheld in the Federal district and appellate courts, settled once and for all, there was also the possibility that the Supreme Court would use the cases, as Judge Denman did, to comment on the legality and morality of racial mass evacuation.

JAPANESE AMERICAN

By IWAO KAWAKAMI

(behold this fragment: the obscure beginnings on the western shore)
lets play bing bang
—when I heard your voice on the phone
(where are the hell-diggers? gone with the gold gouged from Placer hills)
no milk no cookie
—and the night is kind to those in love
(the green hounds running through Livingston, Sacramento and Fresno)
see new shoe see
—the empty room warm with your presence
(lamps geaming on Issei working at nights in a tomato patch)
monkey saw moo moo
—an earring is lost somewhere in this garden
(flowing water and the scarred hands of cannery workers)
three little kittens have lost their mittens
—say you love me always always say it
(cold sweetness of grapes on frosty mornings— the tall vines of Lodi)
round round the top goes
—and where does one meet love? where?
(Laughter in a Florin store—phonograph music from a barber shop)
night night kiss mommy
—the only heaven of being together
(and these are walkers and riders in the dust—these have washed their eyes with backs to the sunset)

PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

Yonamine Scores as Hawaiians Defeat Wilmington Clippers

WILMINGTON, Del. — Wally Yonamine and Henry Abreau sparked the Honolulu Warriors to the first victory of their mainland barnstorming tour as the Hawaiians defeated the Wilmington Clippers of the American League, 21 to 0, on Sept. 1.

Yonamine, recovering from a slight concussion received in the Warriors opening game on Aug. 27 with the Jersey City Giants, scored the first Hawaiian touchdown on a 72-yard pass play from Lou Castro. Abreau scored the other two Honolulu touchdowns as the Warriors had little trouble

keeping the Clippers away from the goal line.

The injury to Yonamine was regarded as a major factor in the 28 to 14 defeat sustained by the Warriors at the hands of the Jersey City Giants of the American League. Yonamine was injured in the first half and was unable to continue. His substitute was responsible for three costly fumbles which led to Jersey City touchdowns.

The Warriors opened the season in Honolulu on Aug. 19 with a 7 to 0 victory over the Honolulu All-Stars.

'1000' Club Golfers Will Meet Visiting Hawaii Divot-diggers

LOS ANGELES—Golfing members of the Los Angeles JAC '1000' club will play host to members of the Honolulu 10-10 Golf Club in Los Angeles from Sept. 28 to Oct. 2.

A match has been scheduled for the afternoon of Sept. 29 at the Balwin Hills course, starting at 12:30 p. m. Immediately before

teeoff time a buffet lunch will be served and a steak dinner is planned after the match.

On Oct. 2 the Honolulu golfers will be the guests of the Top-Notch and Top-Flight golf clubs, splitting up for play at the Rio Hondo and Fox Hills courses.

The visitors will spend Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 in sightseeing, including a football game at the Coliseum, with a possible match scheduled at the Hillcrest Country club.

Honolulu club members making the trip include Akira Misawa, Sueki Misawa, George Morishige, Paul Morihara, Yoriso Shigemura, D. Orita, Dr. A. Masuda, Harry Okada, Masa Katagiri, Richard Machida, Edwin Kawaguchi, Shizuichi Mizuha, K. Takitani, Clarence Yoshikane, K. Morishige, W. J. Senda, Minoru Kanda, K. Chijimatsu, Hajime Kira, Kenneth Sato, William Whaley and Yetsuo Higa.

The 10-10 Club's itinerary includes matches in Seattle, Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

While in Los Angeles the Honolulu visitors will stay at the Biltmore hotel and will make their headquarters at Joseph's Men's Wear on East First street.

Lieut. Kuwabara Attends Army Meet On Interpreters

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN OSAKA, JAPAN: 1st Lt. Harry H. Kuwabara, 1g4 W. 1st South St., Salt Lake City, Utah of the 25th Division Language Section has just returned from a two-day meeting of language officers held both in Yokohama and Tckyoo.

Discussed at the meeting was the very critical problem of obtaining sufficient competent language personnel, the problem of linguist classification and training, and the problem of utilizing to the fullest extent the presently available Japanese language personnel.

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High Praise Given Citizen Encampment

DENVER, Colo. — High praise for the Encampment for Citizenship in New York was given by Douglas Taguchi of Rocky Ford on his return to Colorado recently.

Taguchi attended the annual encampment under a National JACL scholarship.

"I only wish more Nisei could have attended the encampment," Taguchi said.

He noted that six Nisei were registered, the majority attending on JACL scholarship.

Designed to help prepare young people for responsible, informed leadership and effective citizenship the encampment is sponsored by the American Ethical Society of New York.

Mainland Team Places Third In Isle Bowling

HONOLULU—The H & F Produce team of Los Angeles, composed of bowlers who won the 1949 National JACL championship under the banner of Robertson's, took third place in the 18-game AJA championships held over the Labor Day weekend at Honolulu Bowl.

The Los Angeles team, first mainland bowling squad to visit Hawaii, averaged 892 per game for 18 games and had a total pinfall of 16,063.

The Ebesu Florists of Hilo, Hawaii averaged 905 pins per game and had a total of 16,297 to win the championship.

George Kobo of the Angelenos had the highest individual average over the 18 games with 193. Kobo finished fifth in the singles with 759. The winner was D. Sanchez of Hilo with 783.

Kobo and Yoi Nomura paired for 1085 in the doubles, good for third place.

San Jose Zebras Take Two-Game Series from San Fernando Aces

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The San Jose Zebras, runnersup in the Northern California Nisei baseball league to the Fresno team, made it a clean sweep for the year over Southern California opposition as they swept a two-game series from the San Fernando Aces at Municipal Stadium on Sept. 4 and 5.

In the first game the Zebras pounded John Endow and Herb

Sports Shorts:

Nisei Bowling Biggest Team Sport

As it is with other Americans, bowling is the biggest team sport among the Nisei. There are approximately 300 Nisei bowling teams in the continental United States in about 40 leagues none of which are sanctioned because of the racially discriminatory policy of the American Bowling Congress. As has been pointed out on numerous occasions, bowling today is the only major sport which draws a race or color line in its national championships. The biggest Nisei bowling event is the annual National JACL tourney which will be held in San Francisco next year after three years in Salt Lake City.

None of the JACL leagues and most of the other Nisei leagues do not discriminate. In fact, there is only one reported instance of a Nisei bowling league refusing to accept a player because he was not a Nisei.

Umpire Decides Nakamura Is Irish

Jiro Nakamura, the Modesto Reds' southpaw hurler already has earned the sobriquet of "Gabby" from newsmen covering the California State league because of his disinclination toward conversation. Now they may be calling Nakamura "Irish" because Umpire Elmer Manarkey got his signals crossed in last Sunday's game between the Reds and the Stockton Ports. When Nakamura went in to pitch for Modesto in the fourth inning, Manarkey came over to the press box and announced: "McNamara now pitching for Modesto." . . . John Peri observed in the Stockton Record that if Umpire Manarkey really felt the situation required an Irish touch he should have called the Nisei hurler "Glockamura."

Two Nisei Finish First Pro Season

Nakamura and Hank Matsubu, the first Nisei in pro baseball for a long while, finished their seasons this week as the California State League, one of the fastest Class C organizations in the country, wound up its regular season. Modesto, incidentally, finished in seventh place, just about where the team was when Matsubu and Nakamura joined them.

The jury is still out whether Nakamura can make the grade. Streaks of wildness plagued the young southpaw this season. Nakamura, who once struck out 21 men in a single game while pitching for San Mateo JC two years ago, showed he could wing it by the batters and had a comparatively large number of "K's" for the innings he pitched since joining Modesto.

Matsubu undoubtedly will be back next season. The versatile backstop, who also played outfield and second base for Modesto during the season started slowly with the willow but but was starting to meet the ball during the last weeks of the season and brought his average up near the .250 mark.

Both Nakamura and Matsubu came in cold in mid-season from amateur and semi-pro ball and probably will benefit with a chance at spring training and a full season.

Two Pitchers May Be Pro Ball Prospects

Two Nisei pitchers who may get into play-for-pay baseball next year are George Goto of Placer and Junius Sakuma of Suisun. Both have GI baseball backgrounds and it was while pitching overseas that both caught the eyes of baseball experts. Goto pitched his team to the Far Eastern regimental championship, while Sakuma was a star in the U. S. Army league in Japan. Sakuma incidentally, is reported to have the promise of a tryout with the Brooklyn organization.

Isono of San Fernando for ten hits to win, 10 to 7, behind the pitching of John Horio.

On Labor Day Mas Kinoshita, the Zebras' stylish southpaw, gave up only six hits as the San Jose team won, 13 to 5.

Previously the Zebras have taken four straight from the Harbor Skippers.

San Joaquin Nisei, Issei Win Awards at California State Fair

SACRAMENTO — With the entries of Issei and Nisei farmers winning a large share of the blue ribbons, the San Joaquin County exhibit won the first place prize as the best and most complete agricultural and horticultural entry at the State Fair in Sacramento last week.

The San Joaquin County entry also won the special award as the most outstanding exhibit in the buildings.

The exhibit was built and super-commissioned. The root and plant vegetable division, in which farmers of Japanese ancestry won most of their prizes, was displayed by Harry Itaya of French Camp.

The prize-winning growers of vegetables included: Green asparagus, T. Shima, Delta, 1st; white asparagus, T. Shima, Delta, 1st; Broccoli, Y. Itaya, French Camp, 1st; flat cabbage, Kaneishi, Linden, 1st; round cabbage, S. Watanabe, Stockton, 1st; Swiss chard, K. Hamamoto, French Camp, 1st;

green cucumber, J. Masuda, Linden, 2nd; lemon cucumber, S. Tanaka, French Camp, 2nd; gherkins, Engle, Escalon, 1st; beets, T. Shimo moto, French Camp, 1st; half-crown carrots, T. Tanaka, French Camp, 2nd; long carrots, B. Watanabe, French Camp, 3rd; short carrots, F. Soliven, French Camp, 2nd; green onions, K. Yamasaki, French Camp, 1st; parsnips, H. Nonaka, French Camp, 1st; Dikon, K. Yamasaki, French Camp, 1st; red radishes, K. Hamamoto, French Camp, 1st; flat turnip, I. Hisatomi, French Camp, 1st; globe turnip, T. Sato, French Camp, 1st; Japanese egg plant, Y. Hisatomi, French Camp, 1st.

San Joaquin county entries won a total of 37 1st place awards, 11 2nd awards and 6 3rd prizes. The county also won 11 sweepstakes trophies for cling peaches, fre peaches, plums, prunes, wine and table grapes, plant vegetables, root vegetables, seeds, tomatoes, walnuts and almonds.

JACL Coordinating Council Urges Nisei Voters to Register

LOS ANGELES—Registration of Nisei voters by the September 15th deadline was urged by the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council which met Sept. 1 in the JACL office.

Voters were reminded that if they did not vote in the last election, they need to register again for the coming elections which will be held on November 8. In this election there will be a number of important items such as bond

issues and constitutional amendments which will be on the ballot.

Nisei voters should register at their nearest registration booth the Council advised. Information as to the nearest office can be obtained by calling the Registrar of Voters at Mutual 9211, Ext. 2000.

The Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council elected Bill Takei as Chairman of the Coordinating Council. He pledged to strengthen the Coordinating Council to better serve the Los Angeles Japanese community needs.

The Coordinating Council was given up-to-the-minute news from Washington on JACL legislative efforts and progress on evacuation claims.

Elmer Uchida and Larry Nitta represented the West Los Angeles JACL Chapter; Dr. Roy Nishikawa and Miki Miyamoto, South west Los Angeles JACL; Bill Takei, East Los Angeles JACL; Eiji Tanabe, Downtown Los Angeles Business and Professional Men's JACL; Mike Masuda, Washington JACL Office, and Sakai Ishikawa, Southern California Regional Office.

Nisei Florists Named to Board Of State Group

SAN FRANCISCO—Four Nisei are members of the board of directors of the newly-organized California State Florists Association which held its first annual convention in San Francisco on Aug. 29 and 30 at the KNBC studios.

The organization has a membership of 400 flower growers, wholesalers and retailers. Approximately 75 of the members are Nisei.

The board of directors includes Sam Sakai, president of the California Market, San Francisco; William Enomoto, national treasurer of the JACL and prominent peninsula nurseryman; Frank Kuwahara, manager of the Golden Gate Wholesale Florists, Los Angeles, and George Inagaki, national chairman of the JACL '1000' Club and Southern California gardenia specialist.

Among those attending the convention were Yoshimi Shibata of the Mt. Eden Nurseries and George Nakano, chrysanthemum grower.

New Nisei Firm Loads Food for Hawaii Firms

Foodstuffs Sent Under Separate Agreement With Longshorem

SAN FRANCISCO — A newly organized Nisei firm, Taiyo Trading Corp., has handled the loading of a barge with a 4,000-ton cargo of foodstuffs for strikebound Hawaii the Nichi-Bei Times disclosed this week.

The barge was loaded here by members of the ILWU-CIO and was reported that striking Honolulu longshoremen have agreed to unload the cargo under an agreement with independent Honolulu firms which have agreed to pay the rate of \$1.72 cents an hour which has been demanded by the strikers.

The barge, towed by the tug Monarch, left on Sept. 4 for Honolulu and is reported to carry the largest shipment of food since the start of the five-months old strike.

The cargo will go to small Hawaiian business firms, many of which are nearly exhausted of food stocks. The shipment includes 10,000 sacks of rice, 7,000 sacks of potatoes, 5,000 sacks of onions, 10,000 sacks of feed, 20,000 cases of groceries and supplies of liquor, oranges, fruits and miscellaneous goods.

It was reported from Honolulu that employer groups which are now deadlocked with the union over the wage issue are protesting the action of small businessmen in reaching agreements with the union by agreeing to pay the full rate or by agreeing to put the \$1.40 rate and the \$1.72 scale in escrow pending the end of the strike.

The San Francisco longshoremen who loaded the cargo receive the West Coast rate of \$1.72, which is the scale demanded by the Hawaiian dock workers.

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Vital Statistics

BIRTHS
To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tani a girl, Christine Kazuko, on Aug. 29 in St. Louis, Mo.
To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Kotsu a girl on Sept. 5 in Salt Lake City.
To Mr. and Mrs. James N. Tani a boy in Berkeley, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Y. Uchida a girl in Berkeley.
To Mr. and Mrs. Tsutomu Kanaki a boy in Seattle on Sept. 1.
To Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Yanda a boy on Aug. 28 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Jinhichi Hayashida, Florin, Calif., a boy on Aug. 26.
To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Koura, Port Blakely, Wash., a boy on Aug. 31.
To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Asazawa, Lincoln, Calif., a boy on Aug. 25.
To Mr. and Mrs. Peter K. Hasegawa a boy on Aug. 16 in Sanger, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Bob Shintaku a boy, Dennis Jon, on Aug. 3 in Napato, Wash.
To Mr. and Mrs. Don Takashi Kawasawa a boy, Thomas Takashi, on Aug. 13 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Shizuo Kido, Highland, Calif., a girl, Sharon Reiko, on Aug. 12.
To Mr. and Mrs. David Takashi Masuoka a girl, Susan Naomi, on Aug. 14 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Tsugio Nakachi a boy, Toshiaki Dan, on Aug. 14 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Junjiro Shimizu, San Pedro, Calif., a boy, Akira Perry, on Aug. 14.
To Mr. and Mrs. Masaichi Sukiwato a girl, Masako June, on Aug. 14 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Yukio Ben Tokoka a girl, Sharon Nobuko, on Aug. 19 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Yamachi a girl, Cheryl Yoshiye, on Aug. 18.
To Mr. and Mrs. Suyeki Yoshiga, Torrance, Calif., a boy, Gary, on Aug. 18.
To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shuichi

Hiramatsu, Norwalk, Calif., a boy, Steven Akira, on Aug. 22.
To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Setsuo Iwata a girl, Susan Kathleen, on Aug. 17 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ochi, 169 East 21st St., Idaho Falls, Ida., a boy on Sept. 2.
To Mr. and Mrs. Shig Watanabe a girl, Jo Ann, on Aug. 30 in Denver.
To Mr. and Mrs. Kei Yoshida a boy, Steven Yoichi, on Aug. 18 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miyarara a boy, Brent Takashi, on Aug. 24 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Katsumi Mizumoto, Long Beach, Calif., a boy, Stanley Shigekazu, on Aug. 23.
To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Kodama, Chicago, Ill., a boy on Sept. 3.
To Mr. and Mrs. Bill M. Okubo, Brighton, Colo., a boy.
To Mr. and Mrs. James M. Nakamura a girl on Aug. 21 in Stockton, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Nishikawa, Liberty Island, Calif., a boy, David Hiroyuki, on Aug. 26.

DEATHS

Sentaro Sumi, 70, on Sept. 3 in Salt Lake City.
Mrs. Kenkichi Nakajima on Sept. 2 in Denver.
Toshiko Shinagawa on Sept. 3 in Los Angeles.
Wataru Hasegawa, 58, on Sept. 1 in Seattle.
Tyoko Yokozawa on Aug. 30 in Seattle.
Mrs. Shigeyo Fujiki, 51, on Sept. 1 in Syracuse, Utah.
Tomio Hatakeda, 57, on Sept. 4 in Hayward, Calif.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Misae Yanagihara and Toshiyuki Kawate in Denver.
Daisy S. Todo, 23, and Yoshio Tomita, 25, in Seattle.
Betty Y. Kanda, 22, and George S. Shioyama, 24, in Seattle.
Kazuko Akaki, 20, and Charles Ikeda, 25, in Seattle.

Dick Kleeman to Stage Entertainment at Minnisei Social



MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — Coming to Twin Cities Nisei entertainment circles will be the Minnisei Septennial dance social scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17. A barrage of lively personalities, well-known in the Midwest area, will entertain during the dance at the YWCA Benton Hall beginning at 8:30 p.m.

The social is sponsored by the Twin City Nisei organ, Minnisei. Sam Hirabayashi and Esther Tsuboi are co-chairmen of the event. Emceeing the galaxy will be Dick Kleeman, ex-MISLS Pacific veteran and Minneapolis Tribune writer.
Other committees preparing the program include:
Decorations: Tomoko Kawakami, chairman; Margaret Matsushita, Judy Hayano, Myke Kosobayashi and Roy Tsuboi;
Refreshment: Lorraine Hayashi, chairman; and Kenji Yoshino;
Entertainment: Dick Kleeman, chairman;
Publicity: Fumio Hangai, chairman; Judy Sawamura, Min Yoshida and Peter Ohtaki;
Music: Mas Teramoto, chairman.

Chicago Music Club Will Hold Concert

CHICAGO—The Japanese American Music Club of Chicago will hold their annual fall concert on Oct. 22 at Kimball Hall. This will be the second concert since the formation of the club and proceeds will go into the scholarship fund.
Alyce Mayeda is serving as chairman of the concert.

Aki Kawai Wins Chicago Tourney

CHICAGO—Aki Kawai defeated Shig Matsukawa, 6-1, 7-9, 6-2, to win the men's singles championship in the tournament sponsored by the Nisei Midwest Tennis club on Aug. 21.
Notch Onishi won the women's crown by defeating Yuki Tamura, 6-3, 8-6.
Tom Seno and Aki Kawai defeated Jiei Nakama and S. Teshiroge, 6-0, 8-6, to win the men's doubles.

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Chicago JACL Will Offer Free Evacuation Claims Service

CHICAGO, Ill.—The free evacuation claims filing service soon to be offered the Chicago Japanese community by the local JACL and ADC must have the complete cooperation of the public if it is to succeed, stated Committee Co-chairmen Noboru Honda, Tabei Matsumaga and Jack Nakagawa this week.
The dates and places for this service have been announced for Tuesdays, September 27, October 4 and October 11 at the Ellis Com-

munity Center at 4430 South Ellis, and Thursdays, September 29, October 6 and October 13 at the Chicago Resettlers Committee at 1110 North LaSalle. Registration will begin at 7:30 and end at 9:30 p.m.

Claimants wishing to take advantage of this free service are requested to come prepared with at least the following information: Alien registration card number if Issei; date of birth; WRA or WCCA identification number; addresses on December 7, date of evacuation and/or voluntary departure and all addresses after leaving military area (assembly center, relocation center and addresses after leaving relocation center); an itemized listing of property losses.

According to the official claims form of the Justice Department, "Your claim should contain the description of the property involved and a statement of all circumstances which you believe show that the damage or loss resulted from your evacuation—dates and costs of acquisitions, dates of loss and values at time of loss and all other information that may be helpful in determining your claim should also be included."

Trained personnel of more than thirty Nisei and Issei, including attorneys, interviewers and stenographers will assist the claimant in the following order:

- 1. Reception and registration
2. Interview (fill out claims form and prepare statement of claim)
3. Attorneys review and draft final claim statement
4. Secretarial service (stenographers will type out complete form)

The co-chairmen of the joint JACL-ADC evacuation claims committee emphasized again that this program is limited to small claims of \$2500 or less, and larger claims should be referred to attorneys.

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Final Plans Made for Midwest District Meet in Ohio City

CLEVELAND, O.—It was announced this week by Chairmen Frank Shiba and Howard Tashima that all arrangements for the First Midwest District JACL Convention to be held here on the week-end of Sept. 17 have been completed.

Cleveland's Mayor Thomas A. Burke, Mike Masaoka, Hito Okada, Masao Satow, and Tats Kushiida, Midwest District JACL representative, have definitely agreed to come and address the assembly. Mayor Burke's welcome to the delegates and boosters, ADC Legislative Director Masaoka's speech, and the talks of the other personalities in attendance will be the focal points of the entire program, according to Shiba and Tashima.

With the convention only a few days away, interest in the queen contest is rapidly mounting. Lin Andow, attractive Cleveland miss, is to represent the local chapter. Chicago has announced that Julia Yoshioka, the Windy City's 1948 National JACL Queen contestant, will represent their city. Remaining Midwest chapters have not announced their candidates as yet, but keen competition is expected. After extensive interviewing by the judges, Mike Masaoka, Hito Okada, Masao Satow, Henry Tani, and Mari Sabusawa, selection of the queen will be announced at the

Grand Ball. Miyo Kunitake, 1948 Cleveland JACL queen, will perform the coronation of the first Midwest queen at which time the queen will be awarded a trophy in recognition of her victory.

In announcing the final plans, Chairmen Shiba and Tashima emphasized that the convention will be an elaborate affair. With centrally-located Hotel Carter as headquarters, used regularly for this purpose by other noted national organization conventions, the Cleveland JACL operation will be a gigantic enterprise. The city's choicest facilities have been secured, including the Cleveland Engineering Society's spacious lounge-bar, the Grantwood Country Club's golf course, and the entire Mercury Bowling building. Arrangements have also been made at Shaw Stadium to accommodate the tennis tourney participants, and the Redifer Sightseeing System has offered its services. The festive convention atmosphere will be complete to the last detail, including the provision of large convention badges and a photo-filled souvenir program to all registrants. Maintaining Cleveland's reputation as the "City of Conventions," the local JACL chapter has extended every effort towards the planning of a completely successful affair for all who attend.

Cleveland JACL Prepares for Convention



Nightly meetings are being held by committee leaders who are making final arrangements for the Midwest JACL district council convention which will be held in Cleveland, Ohio on Sept. 17 and 18. Included in this photo are (left to right) Kimbo Yoshitomi, dance master of ceremonies; Harry Kaku, transportation and reception; Heshi Miyake, banquet; Isam Yamakawa,

convention treasurer; Frank Shiba, convention chairman; Jimmy Akiya, sales committee; Gene Takahashi associate chairman; Betty Totsubo, luncheon; Virginia Takahashi, registration; Alice Morihito, program, and Min Iwasaki, pre-convention rally chairman.

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Milwaukee Chapter Enjoys Picnics

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Members of the Milwaukee JACL chapter enjoyed two picnic outings this summer.

The first was held on June 26 at Kern Park and was attended by 125 persons.

The second was held at Jackson Park with an attendance of 88.

Prizes were donated by Schusters, the Boston Store and the Walheim Company, Milwaukee; S & I Co., Chicago, and the Rocky Mountain Pickle Company, Denver.

Ogden Team Wins Denver Tournament

DENVER, Colo. — The Ogden, Utah team won the Rocky Mountain baseball tournament championship on Sept. 5 when they defeated the Denver Merchants, 9 to 4.

Idaho Falls Bowling

IDAHO FALLS, Ida.—The local JACL bowling league will open their season on Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the new Broadway Bowl.

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Harley Kusumoto Wins Singles Title

SAN FRANCISCO — Harley Kusumoto of Los Angeles, 1947 all-events champion of the National JACL tournament, took time off from his Northern California honeymoon to win the singles championship at the first Nisei State Fair bowling classic on Sept. 3 and 4.

Mike Murotsune and James Sakamoto of San Jose teamed to win the men's doubles, while the team title was taken by the unheralded SRC team of the Sacramento Nisei league.

Autumn Nocturne

CHICAGO—An "Autumn Nocturne" dance will be sponsored by the Chicago YBA on Saturday evening, Sept. 21, at the Olivet Institute from 8 p.m.

Proceeds will go towards financing the Eastern Young Buddhist League's traveling minister program.

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