



## Masaoka Scholarship Winner Selected to Radcliffe Post



Harvey Aki, president of the New England chapter of the JACL, and Gracia N. Taketa, Radcliffe '53, this year's winner of the Private Ben Masaoka scholarship given through the National JACL, are shown as they met recently on the Radcliffe College campus in Cambridge, Mass.

Miss Taketa of Washington, D. C., who was elected secretary of the freshman class last week, went over her course schedule with Mr. Aki on the steps of Agassiz House, student activities building. Courses at Radcliffe are the same as those given at Harvard University and most of them meet jointly.

Miss Taketa, an honor graduate of Woodrow Wilson high school in Washington and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chiyoto Taketa, was selected for the college scholarship from among applicants sponsored by ten chapters of the JACL.

The scholarship given by Mrs. Haruye Masaoka of Los Angeles in memory of her son who was killed in action with the 2nd Combat Team in France was originally established for war veterans. It was opened this year for the first time to worthy Nisei high school graduates. Applicants were judged by members of the faculty of the University of Utah.

## Court Cases Seeking U. S. Rights Filed for Strandeers

### Nisei Booked as Pedestrian Killed Van Nuys Accident

VAN NUYS, Calif.—Fumio Hanada, 25, a gardener, was booked in Van Nuys jail on a charge of manslaughter after the victim was reportedly driving and killed Lester Allen, 56, a dancing star of the Ziegfeld Follies and George White's Scandals.

The accident occurred in the street in front of Bud Abbott's stage club where Allen was employed.

Allen also toured with Ted Lewis and Sophie Tucker.

### Strandeers Return President Liner

SAN FRANCISCO — Twenty war-stranded Nisei returned to the United States on Nov. 1 aboard the President Cleveland.

On board were 20 Issei and returning from visits to relatives in Japan.

Japanese women who will marry Americans they met in Japan while working for the occupation forces also arrived on the liner. They are Christine Kubo and will marry Charles Kramer

## Nisei Wins \$500 Football Pool for Wrong Guesses

LOS ANGELES—Bob Yabuta, 33, former Belmont high school football player, was announced as the winner of the \$500 first prize in the Los Angeles Examiner's football pool for games played on Oct. 29.

Yabuta, a carpenter, was one of two contestants who selected 19 out of 20 games "wrong." However, Yabuta was declared winner of the first prize money because his entry included the four-game actual score predictions while E. Lee Henderson neglected to make any predictions. Henderson won the \$200 second award.

Yabuta said that this was the first time in his life he had ever won anything and was almost "floored" when advised of his good fortune.

## Mrs. d'Aquino Begins Serving Prison Sentence

SAN FRANCISCO—Denied release on bail by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino began serving her 10-year Federal prison sentence in San Francisco county jail last week.

Mrs. d'Aquino, convicted last month on the charge of treason for wartime "Tokyo Rose" broadcasts from Tokyo, will serve 12 days of her sentence in the county jail. Stay of sentence granted by Federal Judge Michael J. Roche, pending a decision by the appellate court on her request for bail, expired last week.

On Nov. 15 Mrs. d'Aquino will be transferred to the Women's Federal Prison at Alderson, West Virginia, to serve the remainder of her sentence. At the end of three and a third years she will be eligible for parole.

A motion for appeal, filed by her attorneys, is still before the appellate court.

Wayne M. Collins, chief defense attorney, said last week he will contact the U.S. Supreme Court in an effort to obtain bail for Mrs. d'Aquino.

In preparation for Mrs. d'Aquino's removal to West Virginia, final government documents requiring her signature were signed on Nov. 10 at the U.S. marshal's office in the San Francisco Federal building.

While there the marshal permitted Mrs. d'Aquino to enjoy a visit with her father, Jun Toguri of Chicago, and her sister, Mrs. June Hori, who came up from Los Angeles to cheer her up.

## Hawaii Veterans Seek to Register All War Orphans

HONOLULU—The 442nd Veterans Club, undertaking a project to establish a scholarship fund for World War II war orphans in Hawaii, is requesting that all war orphans register with the group.

Earl Finch, Hattiesburg, Miss., businessman and benefactor of the 442nd veterans, recently visited Governor Ingram Stainback with Sandra Sanae Higashi to sell the territorial executive a block of tickets to the University of Hawaii-Fresno State game in Honolulu on Dec. 2 which the 442nd Veterans Club is sponsoring as the first step in the 10-year program to build up the scholarship fund.

Young Miss Higashi is the daughter of Mrs. Vivian T. Higashi and the late Cpl. Bert (Smiles) Higashi who was killed in action with the 100th Battalion in 1943 near Pozzilli, Italy.

A contest also has been instituted for a slogan to be used in the scholarship program, according to George Miki, head of the 442nd club.

## JACL Protests Discriminatory Treatment of Nisei Technicians In Japan by British Forces

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The JACL ADC has formally protested to both the Australian government and U. S. State Department over an "all white" policy of British Commonwealth of Occupation Forces in Japan which permits use of their facilities by Caucasian Americans but denies them to U. S. troops of Japanese ancestry.

In a letter to the Australian government, the JACL ADC said that unless such discriminatory action "is rectified, (this matter) should be brought before the Commission on Human Rights in the United Nations."

The letters were submitted to the Australian government after similar appeals to the United Kingdom to end the discriminatory practices of BCOF forces were answered with the brief observation that BCOF policies in Japan were directed by Australia.

In a note to the Australian government Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative representative, wrote in part:

"It is neither the policy nor desire of this organization to examine into the internal affairs of another nation. However, when (another country's) policies affect American citizens who are members of (the JACL), then, in the name of simple justice and human dignity, we are forced to act.

"The policies of the British Commonwealth of Occupation Forces in Japan, directed by Australia, are such as to deny facilities, open to Caucasian American citizens and soldier occupation personnel, to Americans of Japanese ancestry serving in the same capacity.

"Specifically, in Hiroshima American research workers (of Japanese ancestry) are faced with racial discrimination officially practiced by Australian occupation troops.

"We have been advised of other specific instances in which

## JACL Lays Wreath At Arlington Tomb Of Unknown Soldier

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Japanese American Citizens League laid a wreath Armistice day at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery.

The wreath was placed by Carol Tsuda, member of the Washington JACL chapter.

Because graves of all Nisei soldiers in Arlington were decorated on Nisei Soldier Memorial day, Oct. 30, the individual graves were not redecorated.

## Home Razed by Fire

SACRAMENTO — Eight members of Rituro Horikawa's family escaped without injury when their home in Auburn was destroyed by flames on Oct. 30.

The fire was discovered after the family had retired for the night. Horikawa and members of his family fled the burning house in their night clothes.

## Appellate Court Lauds Ethics Of Los Angeles Nisei Realtor

LOS ANGELES—The business ethics of John T. Saito, realtor, were vindicated Oct. 1 in a decision handed down by the appellate department of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

The decision described Mr. Saito as a real estate man "who is not in the business of collecting forfeited deposits but in the business of selling houses."

The case grew out of the Nisei realtor's refusal to collect a "forfeited" deposit.

It was reported that in February, 1948 Saito negotiated the purchase of a home for a Japanese American family. The owner of the house for sale, in trying to force the prospective buyers to pay a part of the sales commission attempted to raise the price

American personnel of Japanese ancestry have been denied admission to Australian-operated institutions in Japan, although Caucasian Americans are welcome.

"Many of these same American Japanese now so curtly denied facilities by Australia, served with the Allied Translator and Interpreter Service during the war. This is the organization officially commended by King George when he bestowed upon it the Order of the British Empire and stated that the intelligence supplied (by ATIS) from enemy prisoners and documents was of great value to operations in this (the Southwest Pacific area) as well as all other theaters of war.

Now, of course, the bitter war is over. Australia is no longer fighting for her freedom and existence. Thanks, in no small measure, to the gallantry of Americans of Japanese ancestry who served so faithfully with Australia and American units, your government emerged successfully from the war.

"But we feel it is a bitter commentary upon the Australian sense of justice that those who served her in time of need now are the objects of her prejudice and discrimination . . .

"We are calling this matter to the attention of our own State Department. We also feel that unless this situation is rectified, it should be brought before the Commission on Human Rights in the United Nations."

Copies of the letter were delivered through Australian Ambassador Norman J. Oswald Makin, and Prime Minister Joseph B. Chifley, as well as Secretary of State Dean Acheson. At the same time, Secretary Acheson was asked to "use your good offices in urging Australia to rectify this situation, a task we are sure can be accomplished if this nation will take official cognizance of the irrefutable policy has inflicted upon Americanization and humiliation which the can citizens."

All of the letters were signed by Mr. Masaoka.

Mr. Masaoka pointed out that, when this situation first came to the attention of the JACL ADC, it urged that the American army in Japan deny all its facilities to Australian troops until and unless Australia made its army facilities available to all American personnel, without restriction based on color or ancestry. The American army, however, said this was inadvisable.

of the house and altered the contract. The buyers refused to complete the deal.

Saito then found another purchaser and refunded the deposit he had received from the first party. The sellers then sued Saito, declaring that he should have declared the deposit "forfeited" and should have split it with the home owner.

Saito declared that he was not in the business of collecting forfeited deposits.

The Los Angeles Municipal Court, while declaring Saito's motives laudable, ruled that the sellers were entitled to recover. Saito then appealed the case to the appellate division of the Superior Court.

He was represented by Attorney John F. Aiso.



# San Francisco's Supervisors Approve Policy of Non-Bias, Non-Segregation in Housing

SAN FRANCISCO—A policy of nondiscrimination and non-segregation in San Francisco's low-rent public housing program was assured this week in action taken by the city's board of supervisors Nov. 7.

The board approved three amendments to a pending public housing resolution to outlaw racial discrimination.

The anti-segregation amendments were offered by Supervisor George Christopher and actively supported by Edward Mancuso, Chester MacPhee and Marvin Lewis.

Also joining in the vote for the amendments were Supervisors Dan Gallagher, P. J. McMurray, Don Fazackerly and J. Joseph Sullivan.

The amendments were opposed by the San Francisco housing authority.

Speaking through Counsel William O'Brien, the housing authority said that the policy set forth was "diametrically opposed to the policy of the authority."

Principal sponsor of the amendments was the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity, supported by the San Francisco Planning and Housing Association, the San Francisco Urban League, the Interracial Commission of the Council of Churches, Friends Service Committee, the JACL and other community groups.

The housing resolution, when passed, will set in motion the city's new low-rent public housing program.

The resolution was held over two weeks pending clarification of certain questions not related to the discrimination issue.

The nondiscriminatory amendments adopted by the board of supervisors are as follows:

1. "Whereas, it is the policy of the city and county of San Francisco that there shall be no discrimination or segregation in any form by reason of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry in expenditure of public funds, in exercise of public powers, or in development or administration of any program entailing such funds or powers, through tax exemption

or other forms of public contribution or cooperation."

2. "That the board of supervisors of the city and county of San Francisco declares that the best interests of the community will be served by an administration of all low-cost housing projects or developments which results in integrated or nonsegregated occupancy by families, otherwise eligible, of all groups comprising the city's population, and that in the development and/or administration of each and all housing projects or developments under the jurisdiction of the housing authority of the city and county of San Francisco said housing authority shall avoid or refrain from any policy or practice which results, directly or indirectly, in discrimination or any form of segregation by reason of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, provided that nothing herein shall require the authority to relocate any tenant presently occupying a dwelling unit."

3. "In respect to the development and/or administration of each project the local authority shall avoid or refrain from any policy or practice which results, directly or indirectly, in discrimination or any form of segregation by reason of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry."

## Wins School Election

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — Yosh Hirai was elected vice-president of the boys' federation at Idaho Falls high school last week.

## Silk Stocking Drive Initiated to Aid Destitute in Japan

LOS ANGELES—A campaign to collect old silk stockings to aid destitute war families in Japan has been started here by the Womens Welfare Service, a newly-formed organization of Nisei and Issei women in Los Angeles.

The campaign has been organized specifically to aid war widows and orphans.

The stockings will be unraveled and rewoven into new material, providing work for the war widows.

Through donations from Sessue Hayakawa, motion picture star, and other persons, two tons of old stockings have already been sent to Japan.

The stockings are being received in Japan by the Brotherhood Aid Society.

The organization has been promised the support of the Los Angeles and Southern California Council of Christian Women.

## Tokyo Girl Weds Minnesota Youth In Farm Ceremony

MORA, Minn.—A shy young girl from Tokyo was married on Nov. 6 to the Minnesota farm boy she met in Japan when Orren Lucht, 22, took Toshie Okutomi, also 22, in marriage in a ceremony performed on a wooded farm near Mora.

Lucht, a member of the U. S. occupation force in Japan, and his Japanese sweetheart had planned the ceremony for more than two years but immigration laws kept Toshie from joining Orren in Minnesota until the recent session of Congress passed a special bill which was signed by President Truman.

## Will Sing Butterfly

SACRAMENTO—Tomiko Kanazawa, soprano, will sing the title role in the Pacific Opera Company's production of "Madame Butterfly" on Dec. 11 in Memorial Auditorium.



Word from Hollywood is that Sessue Hayakawa, famous silent screen star who is now making a comeback in Hollywood, may be nominated for a "best supporting actor" award by 20th Century Fox for his performance

as Col. Suga in "Three Came Home," the story of a Japanese internment camp in North Borneo which stars Claudette Colbert. In the above photo, Hayakawa is seen in a scene from the new picture.

## Sessue Hayakawa May Be Candidate for Acting "Oscar"

HOLLYWOOD—The national release of Darryl Zanuck's 20th Century Fox production, "Three Came Home," may be put off until 1950 because of the producer's belief that the picture may be a contender for Academy awards in 1951.

Sheilah Graham, Hollywood columnist, predicted last week that Sessue Hayakawa, playing the role of a Japanese military officer who is in command of a civilian internment camp in North Borneo, will win the supporting actor award. Claudette Colbert is the star of the film which is taken from the Agnes Newton Keith book.

Miss Graham said "Three Came Home" was taken off this year's release calendar because Producer Zanuck already has a candidate for this year's Oscar in "Pinky," the Negro problem film which stars Jeanne Crain. It is also reported in Hollywood that Zanuck's "Twelve O'clock High," a drama of the U.S. Eighth Air Force starring Gregory Peck, may also win some Oscars.

Hayakawa, who has a featured role in "Tokyo Joe" which is now being released, is one of 100 actors of Japanese ancestry who appear in "Three Came Home."

## Beatrice Griffith Speaks on Minorities In California Tour

SAN FRANCISCO — Beatrice Griffith, young Los Angeles author, will speak in Berkeley Sunday, Nov. 13, on the third stop of her state-wide lecture tour on the subject, "California's Minorities—Our Undiscovered Wealth."

She is sponsored by the California Federation for Civic Unity.

After her Berkeley stop she is scheduled to make seven more appearances in California communities. Her first talk was given in San Luis Obispo Nov. 8, followed by a talk in Los Altos on Nov. 10.

Miss Griffith is presently writing a group of articles on Japanese Americans. She has been a frequent and popular lecturer before civic and fraternal organizations in Southern California.

She is the author of "American Me," a book on Mexican Americans living in California. The book was given the Houghton Mifflin literary fellowship award. Her short story, "In the Flow of Time," was selected for the Martha Foley collection, "Best Short Stories of 1949."

The remainder of her speaking schedule and the sponsoring organizations will be as follows:

Nov. 13, Berkeley, Berkeley Interracial Committee; Nov. 14, Santa Clara Civic Unity Committee; Nov. 15, San Francisco, San Francisco CCU; Nov. 16, Sacramento International Fellowship; Nov. 17, Modesto, Modesto International Fellowship; Nov. 18, Stockton, Stockton CCU; Nov. 19, Vallejo, Vallejo CCU; and Nov. 21, Fresno, Fresno Intercultural Fellowship.

## Western Pioneer Insurance Company

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### OPEN LETTER

This spirit of cooperation from the public to build Western Pioneer Insurance Company was very encouraging to all of us. With this support we sincerely believe this Company will prosper and grow. Our plans are to build up an institution the Japanese Americans can point to and call their own.

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There are certain companies who offer reduced premium plans in regards to automobile insurance, but they do not afford the personalized service and interest that is a fundamental part of this Company as evidenced by its very organization. This Company alone exists and operates for the best interest of the Japanese Americans and improvement of their insurance problems.

With your support, the Company will be able to branch into other lines of insurance, expand into other states,

### WHAT—

- A California stock company authorized to transact automobile and general liability insurance.
- A corporation owned and controlled by Japanese Americans and specializing in their insurance needs.

### WHY:

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### WHEN:

In the fall of 1947, the founding of WESTERN PIONEER INSURANCE COMPANY was motivated by the above-mentioned situation.

### WHO:

The organizers who helped to form this Company include: Dave Nitake, Kiyo Yamato, Hughes Tsuneishi, Joe Minato, Kay Kamiya and Luis Aihara of Los Angeles; Yoshio B. Mamiya of San Diego; Mike Iwatsubo and Tom Shirakawa of Fresno; Tim Sasabuchi and Ho-

and develop other endeavors for the benefit of the Japanese Americans as a whole.

We trust we may be of service to all communities through our accredited agents and brokers, and earnestly invite your consideration of this Japanese American owned and controlled institution. This is the first time the Nisei are entering into an enterprise as large as this in America. LET'S MAKE IT GO!

Sincerely yours,

**Ralph L. Jensen**

President

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### WHERE:

The home office is located at 4101 Broadway, Oakland 9, California.

### HOW:

It was tough going to get through all the red tape and pressure to obtain a franchise. In all fairness to the public, the organizers decided to pay for organizational expenses only; no commission whatsoever was paid for selling of the stock, thus guaranteeing the subscribers that every cent invested would be returned in full if the necessary capital was not realized. The fellows sacrificed time and money to get the job done. The selling of the stock issue took approximately one year. This was accomplished with the full support of the public. The wholehearted cooperation of Mr. Keisaburo Koda, Mr. Kihei Ikeda, other endorsers, and the successful organization of this Company, and their unselfish assistance is more than appreciated.



## Central California District Council of JACL Urged at Convention in San Francisco

Speedy Adjudication of Evacuation Claims,  
Location of Evacuation Claims Field Office  
In Northern California Favored at Meeting

By SETSU ASANO

SAN FRANCISCO—More than 125 official delegates and boosters, representing 22 chapters, attended the first postwar Northern California-Western Nevada district council convention here on Nov. 5 and 6, according to Dr. Tokuji Hedani, convention chairman.

With "The JACL Plans Ahead" as the theme, the boosters and delegates spent two profitable days "gazing into the crystal ball" and pledging to concert all efforts towards the realization

of the naturalization bill next year.

Bob Takahashi of French Camp was chosen to succeed Tad Hirota as head of the NCWN district council for the next two years.

Other officers elected were:

James Miyano, Sonoma County, v.p.; Mits Nishio, Sacramento, v.p.; Kiyomi Kato, Warm Springs, rec. sec.; Frank Nakamura, Marysville, treas.

At the business sessions, the formation of a separate Central California JACL district council was considered, following the presentation of a petition signed by the residents of five Central valley chapters.

Mike Masaoka, national ADC director, spoke of his recent trip to Canada where he studied the evacuation claims problems of the Japanese there, and answered many of the questions directed by the local claimants.

Following the talk, the district council passed resolutions urging the Department of Justice to establish a claims office in San Francisco, urging speedy adjudication of claims, and proposing appointment of a JACL claims officer to be an "observer" at the Los Angeles Department of Justice field office.

Saburo Kido, former national JACL proxy and, at present, an attorney in Los Angeles, spoke of processing of claims in the Los Angeles area.

The social highlight of the convention was a dinner-dance held on Saturday, Nov. 5, at the Hotel Alhambra here.

Over 200 persons attended the dinner which was held in the spacious Crystal Room of the hotel, and many others came for the dance in the adjoining Mirror Room.

Toastmaster Yori Wada set the mood of the dinner with a timely joke—and all other speakers followed suit, much to the enjoyment of the crowd.

Mike Masaoka gave the keynote speech at the dinner. He lauded the accomplishments of the Nisei soldiers and the many friends of the JACL. He expressed his hopes for the passage of the Walter's resolution next year. He warned that although much has been accomplished, "we must not rest on our laurels."

Professional entertainers who performed following the dinner were introduced by Bob Kinoshita, director of the Los Angeles production of "On Stage, Nisei" and one of the few Nisei to have made commercial recordings.

Among the featured entertainers were Willie Tsang, the Chinese Frankie Laine, and impersonator Phil Ford. Sunny Lowe, a singer at the famous Japanese Sky Room in San Francisco, also sang.

New district council officers were installed during intermission of the dance, which featured Sam Stern and his orchestra and vocalist Marie Koga.

On Sunday morning, a special excursion of the San Francisco Bay was conducted for interested out-of-towners. Although the weather was chilly and foggy, the visitors expressed great enjoyment. The convention came to an official close late Sunday afternoon, at many conferees remained for the 1000 Club "Whooperoo."

A new device initiated at this convention was the "Buzz Session," in which the large assembly was broken into small discussion groups to permit more active participation by the conferees. A summarizer, who presented a summary at the end of each business session, and an evaluator, who studied the positive and negative aspects of this convention in order

to present recommendations for future conventions, also made their debut at this parley.

These added features, together with the enthusiasm of the conferees, made for successful and profitable meetings.

Despite thoughts of "work, tomorrow" many out-of-town boosters and delegates stayed on for the 1000 Club "Whooperoo" on Sunday evening at the famous Chinese Sky room here.

The entire night club, including the floorshow and dancing was secured for the occasion and Sunny Lowe, master-of-ceremonies at the Sky room, officiated.

With all serious thoughts of evacuation claims and the naturalization bill tucked away, this gathering strove to attain the goal of maximum fun and wisecracking for all those present.

A period of hushed silence descended upon the rollicking crowd, as Purple Hearts were presented to two "victims" of JACL wars. T7 Sam Ishikawa, who attended on crutches, and T/6 Saburo Kido, who walked with the aid of a cane, were honored at this time.

Joe Masaoka's garters were raffled off, as was Dr. Harry Kita's bow tie. George Yuge of Cortez, on the other hand, was fined for not wearing a tie.

True to previous announcements, however, no fine exceeding one dollar was levied upon participants at any one time during the period of festivities.

Mas Horiuchi, Hito Okada and Masao Satow sang for the appreciative group.

The floorshow featured a singer, an acrobat, an orchestra with a novelty trio, and a chorus of five girls.

Over 80 people attended the "Whooperoo" and enjoyed themselves in the true "1000 Club manner," according to Dr. Harry Kita, chairman for the affair.

Convention committee men were: General chairman, Dr. Tokuji Hedani; convention bades, Victor Abe; dinner-dance chairman, Kaye Uyeda; entertainment chairman, Tak Kusano; general arrangements, William Hoshiyama; housing chairman, Ich Sugiyama; hostesses chairman, Mrs. Irene Hoshiyama; luncheon chairman, Dale Morioka; orchestra, Yukio Wada; publicity, Setsu Asano; registration chairman, Tetsuko Hideshima; registration committee members, Miyuki Aoyama, Rose Ichikawa, Yulie Kiyasu, Viola Nakano; treasurers, Tom T. Sakai and Takako Suzuki.

The JACL delegates in attendance at the convention were: ALAMEDA: Susumu Togasaki; CORTAZ: George Yuge, Ernest Yoshida and Joe Nishihara; EAST-BAY: Tad Hirota, Masuji Fuji, Toshi Aways, Meriko Maida, Michi Kajiwarra, Sachi Kajiwarra, Heizo Oshima, Sally Seiji; EDEN TOWNSHIP: Min Shinoda, Giichi Yoshioka and Kimi Suji; FLORIN: Woodrow Ishikawa, Masao Umeda, Alfred Tsukamoto, Mrs. Mary Tsukamoto; FRENCH CAMP: Bob Takahashi, Harry Itaya, Haru Yagi, Yoshiko Takahashi, Yo Tanaka, Fujie Tsugawa, Tamako Yagi, Yo Yonemoto and Kaye Nojiri; FRESNO AMERICAN LOYALTY LEAGUE: Seichi Mikami, Johnson Kebo, Takashi Morita, Herkey Kawahara, Caroline Matsuyama; LIVINGSTON MERCED: David Kiriara, Mrs. Mary Kiriara, Frank Suzuki; MARYSVILLE: Frank Nakamura, Bill Tsuji, Mas Uchida, James Nakagawa; PARLIER: Byrd Kumataka; PLACER COUNTY: Howard Nakae, Tom Yego, Eugene Nodohara, James Makimoto, George

## Mountain Plains JACL Regional Meet Opens in Denver

DENVER, Colo.—Delegates and boosters from eight chapters of the Mountain Plains JACL district are attending the first regional convention this weekend at the Cosmopolitan hotel in Denver.

Chapters represented include Omaha, Montana, Northern Wyoming, San Luis Valley, Albuquerque and Rio Grande. Fort Lupton and Denver are co-sponsors of the meeting.

Mike M. Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, will be the main speaker at the convention.

National President Hito Okada and Masao W. Satow, national director, also will attend the meeting. Mr. Satow will present charters to the Montana, Wyoming and Albuquerque chapters.

## G. E. Promotes Nisei to New Product Post

NEWARK, N. J.—G. K. Iwashita, East Orange, N. J., was appointed as manager of product planning of the General Electric Corporation's air conditioning department last week, according to H. B. Donley, manager of marketing.

Iwashita was formerly manager of product research of the Seeger Sunbeam Corp. in Evansville, Ind. During the war he served as a major in the intelligence service of the U.S. Army from 1942 to 1947.

He is a graduate of Ohio State University and later obtained an LL.B. from the University of Michigan and a J. D. from the University of Dayton.

## Sacramento JACL Holds Claims Clinic

SACRAMENTO—The local JACL chapter this week completed a series of evacuation claims clinics at which free secretarial assistance was provided in filling out claims forms and free consultation was offered.

The next general meeting of the Sacramento JACL will be held on Nov. 22 at the JACL office in the Lincoln Theater building.

Makabe, Teki Okusu, Roy Yoshida; NEEDLEY: Marshall Hirose, Fred Nishida, Sonny Teranishi, Doc Sakamoto, Joyce Hashimoto, Michi Ikeda, Eva Kai; SACRAMENTO: Mits Nishio, Ginji Mizutani, Kiyosato, Elbert Mitchell, Shiz Oto, Kazuo Kimura; SALINAS VALLEY: Roy Sakasegawa, Henry Tanda, Dr. Harry Kita, Mrs. Harry Kita, Sam Sakoda, Tom Miyanaaga; SAN BENITO COUNTY: Richard Nishimoto, Isaac Shingai, Kay Kamimoto, Thomas Shimonishi; SAN FRANCISCO: Tak Yoshihashi, Dr. Tokuji Hedani, Lily Muramatsu, William Hoshiyama, Ich Sugiyama, Fumi Takeuchi, Fred Hoshiyama, Irene Hoshiyama, Frank Itaya, Dale Morioka, Nao Tamaki, Rose Ichikawa, Yulie Kiyasu, Viola Nakano, Tetsuko Hideshima, Tom T. Sakai, Yuri Yamashita, Yukio Wada, Kaye Uyeda, Lucy Adachi, Fusae Fujii; SAN MATEO COUNTY: Howard Imada, Robert Yatabe, Alice Uchida, Tomiko Suto; SANTA CLARA UCL: Esau Shimizu; Mrs. Ruth Hashimoto; SONOMA COUNTY: James Miyano, Frank Kawaoka; SO. ALAMEDA COUNTY: Kaz Shikano, Yutaka Handa, Kiyomi Kato; STOCKTON: Jack Matsumoto; TULARE COUNTY: Hiyoshi Imoto, Tom Shimaji, Edward Nagata, Tom Shimasaki; WATSONVILLE: Bill Fukuba, Kenzo Yoshida, Y. Nishihara; RENO, NEVADA: Fred Yamagishi, Ida Fukui, Bessie Nishiguchi; MONTEREY: Mickey Ichiji.

Visitor: Clarence Matsumura. National Staff and National Officers: Hito Okada, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Masaoka, Mas Satow, Mas Horiuchi, Sam Ishikawa, Toru Ikeda, Joe Grant Masaoka, Frank Chuman, Bill Enomoto, Dr. and Mrs. Roy Nishikawa, Saburo Kido, Ken Uchida.



The "melting pot" theme of the annual Aloha Week celebration in Hawaii was shown to brilliant advantage by the colorful costumes worn by the participants. These Hawaiian girls of Japanese ancestry donned the costumes of their ancestors during the festival.—Photo by Photo Hawaii, Honolulu.

## Hawaii's Japanese Americans Participate in Aloha Festival

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—Aloha Week, which annually demonstrates Hawaii's multi-racial cultures in lavish style, will be remembered by more mainlanders than ever before.

In addition to hundreds of tourists, 32,000 service men who participated in "Miki" maneuvers witnessed the week-long extravaganza.

Since its inception three years ago, Aloha Week has boomed into one of the island's biggest publicity enterprises. It is primarily promoted to "sell" Hawaiian hospitality and tradition, but along with it has grown the idea of inter-racial participation.

Thus, again this year, the polyglot population poured out its enthusiasm wholeheartedly, in parades, pageants and festivals.

For a solid week, October 30 to November 6, visitors and residents alike were treated to more than 30 events, with emphasis on ancient Polynesian rituals, dances, sports and festivals.

While the tradition and culture of old Hawaii takes the limelight, the mixture of the East and West is just as impressive.

As it did last year, the Japanese community contributed much to the gaiety and mass proportions of Aloha Week activities. Particularly eye-catching were floats and costumed dancers and marchers entered by Japanese organizations in several big parades that drew crowds of more than 90,000.

The Japanese entries in the lantern parade the night of November 2 were generally acclaimed as the most colorful of the long line of racial pageants—Hawaiian, Chinese, Filipino, Puerto Rican, Samoan, Korean.

Spectators along the parade route applauded the float by the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, probably the most elaborate in the Japanese, as well as all other sections.

Japanese girls, looking like tiny Oriental dolls, danced "ondo" dances to the tune of recorded music on a float gaily decorated with paper lanterns.

Even "kamaainas" (oldtimers) were impressed with the lavishness of the floats, followed by scorest held recently.

of kimono-clad girl marchers. Above all, however, the men of the armed forces enjoyed the Aloha Week festivals most. Fresh from the mainland, the 32,000 service men of "Exercise Miki" had never seen anything like the inter-racial demonstration of Aloha Week, where each group participated in friendly competition to put on a community project.

Aloha Week furnished proof—if it was needed—to the visiting service men that Hawaii's "melting pot" was more than a coined phrase.

The "Miki" exercise was happily timed to occur just before Aloha Week festivities began. The servicemen engaged in realistic beach landing maneuvers, then were "rewarded" with liberty to see all that Aloha Week could offer.

"The 'Miki' fleet left Sunday. Hawaii's population, including the Japanese, had apparently 'sold' the 'Miki men' the idea that racial harmony is a living, breathing reality in the territory.

## Hawaii Nisei Girl To Attend 4-H Meet

HONOLULU—Jane Kamisato of Kaneohe, Oahu will be Hawaii's first delegate in ten years to the National 4-H Congress which will be held this year in Chicago from Nov. 27 to Dec. 1.

Jane, a sophomore at Benjamin Parker high school, was the territorial winner in a 4-H clothing contest recently.

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## EDITORIALS:

### Deadlines Near on Evacuee Claims

Less than two months remain before the deadline on Jan. 2, 1950 for filing of claims by evacuees of Japanese ancestry for losses sustained as a direct result of the west coast mass evacuation of 1942.

To date it is reported that approximately 9,000 claims, totaling \$46,000,000 have been received by the Justice Department. Since it is believed that many of the larger claims have not yet been filed, it is estimated that the final figure may be more than \$100,000,000.

The number of claims filed to date has been far below the total expected since more than 115,000 persons were involved in the mass evacuation. Mike M. Masaoka, national legislative director of JACL ADC, last week ascribed the relatively small number of claims to the hesitancy of many of the evacuees to file claims because of the technicalities involved in determining value or proof of property loss. He advised that those in doubt should file their claims to learn whether their claims are recoverable under the present law. "If one does not file, this may mean that in the event that he did have a claim it may be impossible to receive compensation," Mr. Masaoka declared.

Since the deadline for claims was set by Congress, there appears to be no possibility for an extension of the period in which the claims may be filed. Just as the racial mass evacuation of 1942 was an event unprecedented in our national history, there are no precedents for the payment of evacuation loss claims. This fact probably accounts for the sluggishness of the evacuation claims program to date.

The claims program was instituted nearly seven years after the evacuation itself and most of the individuals and families involved have few records and receipts of the type necessary to establish direct proof of loss of household goods, furnishings and personal property. Because of this situation the JACL has made several recommendations that the processing and payment of "pots and pans" claims involving nominal sums for the loss or damage to household property be expedited. It is hoped that processing procedures can be clarified to provide for the early payment of claims of this type which involve the large majority of the claims filed to date.

The evacuation claims situation was discussed last week at the JACL district convention in San Francisco at which time a resolution was passed asking for the opening of a Northern California field office for evacuation claims in San Francisco. The only Justice Department field office to date is in Los Angeles and processing procedures developed in that office are expected to set the pattern for the processing of claims in other areas. In this regard the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL district council has recommended that a special JACL claims officer be named to act as an observer in connection with the Los Angeles field office of the Justice Department.

It is reported in Washington that payments will be made on some of the early claims in the near future. These payments are expected to disclose the scope of the Justice Department's interpretations of the evacuation claims law which was passed by the 80th Congress. Until that time, however, evacuees who believe they have a right to claim for losses under the present law have no alternative but to file their claims to determine whether they can qualify for compensation.

### Roger Baldwin and Civil Liberties

Roger N. Baldwin, who has directed the American Civil Liberties for the past 30 years, will resign his office on Jan. 1 after a near-generation of service in the field of civil rights.

Baldwin became director of the ACLU at the time of its organization in 1920. Since then he has led it through numerous legal battles, many of which have resulted in clear-cut recognition of the individual's constitutional rights. Many of these, perhaps most of these, have required the ACLU to uphold a position opposed to popular sentiment. In 1942 the ACLU was one of the loudest opponents of the mass evacuation of Japanese Americans and the many infringements of civil rights contained therein.

There is no gainsaying that within the three brief decades constituting the entire life of the ACLU that this organization has led the way in gaining recognition of individual liberties. Baldwin's leadership in this work has been a prime factor in the success of the ACLU.

Baldwin resigns his office this year's end, but not to go into retirement. He will enter the larger field of international civil rights, where his qualities of leadership and vision and strength of purpose can be put to fullest advantage.

He carries with him the good will of not only those persons whose rights he has directly protected but the good will of all Americans who recognize that the protection of the rights of America's political and racial and religious minorities is the only safeguard for the whole of America.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Hollywood Looks at the Nisei

The other day in Hollywood, 20th Century Fox withdrew the title, "I Am a Nisei," from registration with the Motion Picture Association of America.

The title was filed with the MPAA earlier this year when Darryl Zanuck, producer of "Gentleman's Agreement" and "Pinky," was considering an idea for a semi-documentary film based on the wartime experiences of the Nisei. The project may have been hot at the time but today it is colder than yesterday's oatmeal.

The major reason for the studio's decision to drop the proposed film is that the Nisei no longer are a subject of controversy. Since 18 months to two years generally elapse between the time of conception of a picture to the time the completed film is released, studio officials undoubtedly reasoned that the Nisei will be an even less controversial figure in 1951. The evacuation was a long, long time ago.

The fact that 20th-Fox was interested at all in a Nisei film bespeaks the industry's present affirmative attitude toward Japanese Americans. This attitude is in direct contrast to the film industry's outlook on Nisei in 1942 when a number of pictures were produced which showed Japanese Americans as spies and saboteurs. Warner Brothers, it may be recalled, was the worst offender in its films, "Air Force," and "Across the Pacific." Universal made "Little Tokyo, USA" while RKO filmed "Betrayal from the East" in which the traitor was a yell leader of Japanese ancestry in a California university. The only Nisei yell leader in the war was Moe Yonemura at UCLA who died in action in Italy with the 442nd Combat Team.

An illustration of the present Hollywood attitude toward Nisei is provided by Harry Sherman Productions which is preparing a film story based on Peter B. Kayne's violently anti-Japanese novel, "Pride of Polomar." When the JACL learned that a picture was being made from this book—it was originally filmed in 1922 by William Randolph Hearst as part of the Yellow Peril campaign—the question arose whether the proposed film should be made the subject of a vigorous protest to the Johnston office. It was decided that the JACL would first contact the producers of the film.

Harry Sherman and his associate producer, Vernon Clarke, both assured Sam Ishikawa of the JACL's regional office in Los Angeles that they had no intention of circulating Peter B. Kayne's racist attacks on persons of Japanese ancestry in California. The farmer, Okada, one of the novel's main characters, was dropped from the script and all references to persons of Japanese ancestry were deleted. The producers assured the JACL in writing that they will show the finished script to a JACL representative before starting actual production. The producers, incidentally, expressed interest in making a picture about the Nisei.

"I went in to get them to stop making a film and wound up urging them to make another one," Sam Ishikawa recalls.

Darryl Zanuck, incidentally, produced a fine wartime film about the Doolittle fliers in Japan, "The Purple Heart," in which there were several unfortunate references which tended to identify persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States to the warmakers in Japan. It is not known whether the matter was brought to Mr. Zanuck's attention but a later Zanuck production, "Daisy Kenyon," pictured Dana Andrews as a New York attorney who endangers his important law practice to go to California to represent a Nisei veteran of the 442nd Combat Team in a case involving land belonging to the Nisei. Since there is no reference to such a case in the Elizabeth Janeway story from which the picture was adapted, it can be assumed that the late David Hertz who wrote the screen play changed the plot of the film to include the case of the Nisei GI at the suggestion of Producer Zanuck.

It is obvious that Hollywood, faced with parlous times, has little interest in a topical film about a Nisei. Should a book be written about a Nisei which becomes a best-seller, Hollywood's interest

undoubtedly would revive. Otherwise, it will take another Sessue Hayakawa—although the present one is doing well in his comeback—to send the studios scurrying for stories with an Oriental or a Japanese American background.

Although Hayakawa was starred in a score and more Hollywood films, nearly all of them had foreign backgrounds. Except for the Yellow Peril literature of the hate-mongers, there was nothing in our writing of the period which treated of the Japanese immigrant in America. Anyway, there was nothing exotic about a Japanese in America. The films which were made starring Hayakawa must have taxed the ingenuity of Hollywood's script writers.

The film industry which discovered its social conscience late in life is still interested in pictures about race and religious problems. The cycle touched off by Zanuck's "Gentlemen's Agreement" and Dore Schary's "Crossfire," both about anti-Semitism, switched over to the Negro problem with "Home of the Brave," "Lost Boundaries," "Pinky," "Intruder in the Dust," and Zanuck's newest, "No Way Out," which is now in production. The focus now is on Mexican Americans. One of the first of these pictures is the recent "Border Incident," a wild and woolly melodrama about Mexican farm workers which stars MGM's Ricardo Montalban. Now shooting are at least three other Mexican American films, including one called "Pachucco" written by Irving Schulman who wrote "The Amboy Dukes."

The fear that there is a lack of national interest regarding the Nisei, which could be true from a box-office standpoint, probably accounts for the demise of Dore Schary's idea for a story of the Nisei GI in the proposed "Honored Glory." Mr. Schary's new picture, "Battleground," probably the best of the World War II films according to preview reports, started out as "Honored Glory." Somewhere along the way, however, the basic idea of the film which was to present the stories of a number of GIs killed in World War II, one of them to be a West Coast Nisei, was changed to that of a story based on the experience of a single squad in the Battle of the Bulge. It is to be hoped that Mr. Schary, now head of production at MGM, gets around to his original idea one of these days. One of his latest projects is a picture to be called "Big Country," consisting of seven or eight episodes about Americans of various racial and nationality groups and based on famous short stories. It will be something like Somerset Maugham's "Quartet," only bigger.

Although the studios appear disinterested, there are at least two Nisei scripts under preparation with an eye toward film production. Neither, at the moment, is a project of a major studio as was 20th's "I Am a Nisei."

The Nisei story, if it could be told on the screen, would be moving and dramatic. It would provide, in itself, an affirmation of democracy.

There is probably no other instance in recent years in which Hollywood films deliberately set out to create suspicion and foment hatred against an American racial group as Warners did in "Air Force" and "Across the Pacific," since there is not factual basis for the sabotage referred to in the former or the Nisei spy in the

## Vagaries

### Movie Vets . . .

A number of Nisei veterans of the 442nd Combat Team appear as Japanese soldiers in 20th Century Fox's "Three Came Home" and recently played Japanese soldier roles in Republic's "Sons of Iwo Jima." . . . A Nisei committee supported the candidacy of Jack Shelley, California State Assemblyman, who was elected last Tuesday as California's new congressman from the 5th (San Francisco) district.

Oscar Chapman, named by President Truman to become Secretary of the Interior following the resignation of Julius A. Krug last week, was a vigorous supporter of the WRA program during the war and was outspoken in support of the civil rights of Japanese Americans. Mr. Chapman, a native Colorado, was one of the administration's hardest workers for the Truman cause in the 1948 elections.

### Screen Star . . .

Kinuyo Tanaka, Japanese actress now making personal appearances in the Hawaiian Islands, is said that about 18 years ago she acted with Sessue Hayakawa in a Japanese film version of "Seven Heavens." The petite screen star will go to Hollywood on Nov. 15, after completing a three week visit in Hawaii. Overflow crowds are turning out for her night stage appearances at the International Theater in Honolulu.

### Dancer . . .

Jack Shimada, who relocated in Chicago from Sacramento, Calif. after the evacuation, is back in the Windy City this week, dancing the tabloid version of "High School Shoes" at the Oriental Theater. . . . Wonder what's happened to Joe (Koike) Fullert who used to sing folk songs in Los Angeles night clubs in the early 1940s? Kyoko Kamo who gets her new break in "Tokyo Joe" and recently top billing among the Nisei females in the picture is a Los Angeles girl who relocated to Utah during the war and attended West Valley school in Salt Lake City.

Some of the best Nisei who published these days may be found in the Bandwagon, the attractive multilithed magazine published monthly by the Nisei Progress in New York City. Members of the editorial board are Gai Harada, Toru Kanazawa, Miyagawa, Chiye Mori and Shimano. . . . Incidentally, a group of Nisei artists in New York producing hand-printed greeting cards for the holiday trade.

### Sioux Visit . . .

When Clarence Matsumura, Minneapolis, a member of JACL's Twin Cities chapter, stepped in at the Sioux Indian reservation at Fort Thompson, S. D., the other day, he was greeted by Sioux officials as the first Nisei to visit the reservation. A special talent show was staged for the benefit of the Nisei visitor. The latter found the Sioux Indians descendants of the Indians who defeated Gen. Custer in the valley of the Little Big Horn, interesting stories of his WRA relocation center experiences.

latter film. As a result of the and other films, Hollywood has an obligation to the Nisei. obligation incurred as a result of its false and misleading presentation of the Nisei in its wartime productions.

## CROSS-CUT

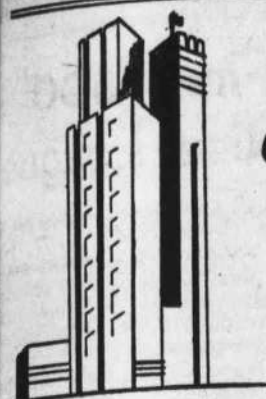
By IWAO KAWAKAMI

So easy to follow the mob  
and repeat its hate  
so easy to hasten to judgment  
than to watch and wait.

Easy to ignore the individual—  
the understanding few—  
easy to feast on fury  
than to cast off rue.

Easy to corner the hounded  
and cow with whip and gun,  
blind to the escaping heart—  
the eagle in the sun.





# A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

## Visitors from Japan

New Orleans, La. We are perched high on precarious stools at the marble-topped counters of the historic French coffee shop, fast within the narrow confines of the ancient Vieux Carre.

I am seated between Abbot Kocho Otani and his charming wife, Satoko. I told them it was a traditional American custom for all visitors to New Orleans to come here. It is said that once you drink the chicory-flavored coffee here, you will someday return to New Orleans.

This coffee was a little "ni-gai" for Mrs. Otani, but she managed to finish the entire cup of the heady, heavy, black liquid. She just couldn't get over the huge sugar-bowls with their cavernous silver mouths filled with the gleaming white crystals extracted from Louisiana cane. She told me that sugar was a very scarce and severely rationed item in Japan.

But, because it was an American custom, the sister of the Empress of Japan wanted to stop by for coffee. Mrs. Otani is a serious student of American ways and scenes. She made copious notes during her two-month travel through the States.

Thin, silent, serious Abbot Otani liked the traditional angle to this coffee-drinking ceremony. This spiritual leader of millions of Buddhists in Japan I found to be a benign scholarly person who aptly characterized his religious role.

To me, this famed couple represented what might be the new Japan. The husband wanted the old traditions upheld, maintained and preserved. The wife was interested in seeking out that which was progressive, different from the old scheme of things, and trying to comprehend the American way.

## Democracy Comes to Japan

Time works strange wonders in a decade.

In the prewar era, a Nisei could not be entrusted with delicate matters of protocol. We were usually left out of the picture.

In those old days a visit of royalty meant the long white carpet, formal dress suits, and a long series of practice sessions on how to behave in the presence of titled dignitaries.

Now that royalty is no more in Japan, the Abbot and his wife are just another couple visiting from Japan. They made no pretense of their former high positions and greeted everyone cordially.

In talking to the Abbot's wife, I gathered that the Japanese people were deeply interested in the meaning of American democracy. They want to find out how it operates and what it is composed of. She is making it part of her job to present a formal report of her findings when she returns to Japan.

One of the greatest changes to come to Japan since the ending of the war, she stated, was the emancipation of the women of Japan. Legally, they are the equal of men, being allowed to vote and participate on an equal footing in the field of business and politics.

In addition to an interest in democracy, the people in Japan are developing a "peace psychology," the Abbot declared. With all thought of and interest in war put aside, the masses of the population are interested in building for this new era of peace.

They believe that the evolution from a strict monarchy to a democracy will take time but that the emancipation of the masses from the rigid reins of the dictators is a welcome change to the people of Japan.

## The Negro Problem

Both the Abbot and his wife were deeply interested in the problem of the American Negro, especially in the application of American democracy in relation to the Negro.

We spent a lot of time looking at the old slave auction exchange and viewing other grim reminders of another era. However, it was also pointed out to them that great strides forward have been made by the Negro in the last few generations.

It is difficult to explain segregation and why it is still practiced in the south today.

I tried to explain that democracy is a dynamic and changing institution; that its application and meaning varies with the times and circumstances; and that its flexibility and adaptability makes it a strong and vital instrument in this country.

However, I did point out, that the barriers against the Negro in the south are gradually being lowered and that in the course of a few decades, segregation will most likely be completely eliminated down here.

## Favorably Impressed With America

I am sure that Mr. and Mrs. Otani will return to Japan with a very optimistic report. They stated that they did not encounter any inconveniences or unpleasanties anywhere. There were no anti-Japanese demonstrations during the entire trip or any sign of discrimination.

They were particularly impressed by the "old world atmosphere" of New Orleans, with the beautiful parks of Washington, D. C., the tall buildings of New York, and the warm hospitality of the people everywhere.

The Abbot and his wife were especially interested in the plight of the Nisei during the war years and pleased with the fine record they have established in the subsequent years.

The view of the Mississippi river from the Huey Long bridge was the bright spot of their sight-seeing tour of the Crescent City. They thought the Mississippi would be much wider than the actual half-mile width and that the mud-colored waters were unlike the beautiful blue they anticipated.

Speaking of future foreign trade with Japan, this religious leader felt that American-Japanese trade relations will continue to grow in the coming years and that we are now entering into a period of peaceful understanding. The Abbot felt that part of America's great strength rested in the ability of the American people to quickly cast aside their hatred for a wartime enemy and be graciously magnanimous to assist a defeated and broken Japan.

The old bromide about the Nisei being the bridge-gap between this country and Japan may eventually become a reality in the next decade or two.

## Bill Hosokawa:

# FROM THE FRYING PAN

## Rich in Anecdote and Drama

Denver, Colo.

In the course of making a living, we have occasion to delve deep into the history of the west. In a week's time we read many a manuscript from amateur historians who write, and try to get published, tales of the old west and the men, good and bad, who make that era notable.

All in all, we've found a tremendous interest in historical matter among the people of the west. Perhaps this is because this country is so young. Colorado didn't become a state until 1876—the gold strike that brought adventurers into this area took place in 1859—a decade after the gold discovery at Sutter's Mill. Indian battles and the raw, rough frontier life are within the memory of many a living pioneer.

On the other hand, most Nisei seem to be peculiarly uninterested in the history of their own people, of even the part that their own parents played in the development of the west. That part, as anyone can plainly see, has been considerable.

A few interested researchers have uncovered some fascinating stories about colorful early day Japanese in this country. Joseph Heco, for instance, the rescued castaway; Miss Okei, the first Japanese woman to reach the United States; Ju Wada, the Japanese who carried Uncle Sam's mail by dog-sled in Alaska and who was so tough he survived one predicament by chewing his leather pants; Harry Hokasono, the diminutive Colorado construction genius.

A small but encouraging start in recording some of the history of the Issei was made in the Pacific Citizen's last holiday issue, but there is so much more that should be done on this project before the last living links with the past are gone.

We remember, as a child, sitting around and

listening to Pop spin yarns about his youth in America. His was the familiar story of the contract laborer—lonely, confused, baffled by language difficulties, exploited, perpetually hungry, but ambitious and persevering. Perhaps he embellished his tales a bit, injecting humor here and there among the tears, for he was and is a great natural storyteller. We wish we had the time and means now to go over those tales with him so that the story of his life and that of his friends could be put down on paper.

## The Story of the Issei

Actually, it would seem that the Nisei unconsciously have shied away from their history because of their determined efforts to become Americanized. They well realized the close sentimental links between their parents and the old country; they became more and more aware of their hybrid-culture home lives as they went to school, saw movies, grew up.

Discovering they were "different," and seeing its disadvantages, they were quick to disclaim the past. The result? a denying of their cultural heritage and disinterest in a fascinating facet of western history.

It now stands to reason that few persons are going to interest themselves in the history of the Japanese in the United States if the Nisei do not. On the other hand, the Nisei can add much to their cultural richness and more firmly establish their link with the earlier west by digging into the historical role of their parents. The west is young and their fathers had a large part in its growth.

The small samples available now indicate that the Issei story is rich with anecdote, drama, pathos and romance. For its story value, if for nothing more significant, it deserves looking into.

# The Man Who Met Lincoln

Joseph Heco Was First U. S. Citizen of Japanese Ancestry

Tokyo

One of the largest cemeteries in Tokyo is called Aoyama and here sleeps many a soul whose lifetime experiences were filled with thrills and adventures. But none more interesting and fascinating than the life of Joseph Heco. He was born a Japanese but died an American.

A section of this well-known cemetery is set aside for foreigners who have passed away in an alien land while performing their service to Japan and her people. A simple moss-covered tombstone rarely visited by any one stands in one obscure corner. On the face of it is the name Joseph Heco inscribed in English. Underneath this are six Japanese characters in a vertical line meaning—the tombstone of Joseph Heco.

This, it is claimed, was the first tombstone with an English epitaph in Japan.

Among the many firsts claimed by this remarkable man are, first to become an American citizen; author of the first English language book by a Japanese; founder of the first Japanese language newspaper in Japan; and inventor of the word "Shimbun" to designate newspaper.

His real name was Hikoza Hamada and he was born in Western Japan in the vicinity of Kobe, one of the largest seaport cities. To Americans he was known as Joseph Heco. To the Japanese "America Heco." It is said that he was the only Japanese to shake hands with three Presidents of America, including Abraham Lincoln.

His career was more colorful and fascinating than any other outstanding character in Japanese history during the epoch-making restoration period but he was not known to as many Japanese as he should have been due to his American citizenship as well as his lack of Japanese education inasmuch as he spent his youth in America.

In this respect he may be likened to Townsend Harris, the first American Minister to Japan. Harris despite his outstanding contribution in establishing diplomatic relation between Japan and America, is comparatively little known among his countrymen.

How Joseph Heco drifted to America is a story in itself. When but a young lad of 13 years, he boarded a freighter on his way to Tokyo, then known as Yedo, the Shogun's capital. His ship became disabled and drifted for 52 days on the Pacific Ocean before being picked up by an American vessel near the Sandwich Islands. Subsequently he arrived in San Francisco on February 3, 1851.

There were 17 of them that were taken to the United States. Most of them found their way back to the homeland but Heco alone decided to remain and finally wound up in eastern United States. That was in 1853 when Commodore

Perry presented President Fillmore's letter to the Japanese commissioner in Japan.

Evidently Heco was keen on educating himself in America and became a firm believer in the Roman Catholic faith. Arrangements were made for him to go to a mission school in Baltimore and there he was baptized. It was then that he was given the Christian name Joseph. It was also in Baltimore that he became naturalized as the first Japanese to pledge allegiance to the United States in February, 1858.

From then on Joseph Heco's life was that of a regular American of those early pioneer days. He became confidential secretary to Senator William Gwin, the pioneer from Tennessee who played so dramatic a role in the early history of California. He followed Senator Gwin to Washington and later received a commission as a United States naval officer on the USS Fenimore Cooper and sailed for Shanghai.

It was in Shanghai that Heco first met Townsend Harris and later followed him to his native land. But somehow the thing did not go smoothly and before long he was once more in the United States in 1861. Strangely enough civil war was still going on in America, and while en route to New York he was mistaken for a Union spy by the Confederate Army and he was then arrested. He was released only after having been able to prove his Japanese birth.

Soon after this episode, he was appointed as an official interpreter by the Secretary of State and while in this office it is said that he was presented to President Lincoln. This was on March 12, 1861. Lincoln was keenly interested to hear about the Orient and he was so deeply impressed by Heco that he presented him to his Cabinet members.

The same year Heco decided to return to his homeland. At Yokohama he resumed his former position with the United States Consulate. A year later he resigned to write a book, the first ever to be written in English by a Japanese.

He then went into the newspaper publishing business. Here again he must be credited with having published the first Japanese language newspaper in Japanese, in-

troducing the technique of American journalism. This was in May, 1866. His paper was a book-sized bimonthly affair and contained mostly translations of foreign news which appeared in papers of other countries. He called it the "Kaigai Shimbun." Incidentally the word Shimbun was created for the first time again by Heco. It literally means new and hear.

His journalistic venture was not successful. He had to abandon it largely due to the lack of subscribers in view of the rising anti-foreign sentiments.

However, it was Heco's Kaigai Shimbun that gave birth to modern Japanese journalism which has today increased to thousands of publications. Heco started many features, among them what might be considered the first commercial monthly, wrote the first poem in English by a Japanese and started many industries going.

In his diary he once wrote: In the course of this year, I had innumerable native visitors—all eager after foreign news, more especially the local authorities. So, as already mentioned, I began publication of the Kaigai Shimbun, a newspaper translated from foreign papers whenever the mails arrived, and giving the local prices current for imports and exports, for the benefit of natives.

He also played an important part behind the scene in drafting the Japanese Constitution. He was consulted on various matters by the late Prince Hirobuni Ito and by the late Baron Eiichi Shibusawa. He had been prominently associated with the leaders of the Meiji Restoration such as Marquis Kono Kido, Marquis Kaoru Inouye, and many others, and his knowledge of foreign nations must have been very beneficial to the early leaders.

His life in later years is not widely known even among historians. But it is certain that he did not die a rich man. His was a life rich in experience but not in money. He died Dec. 12, 1897, at the age of 61 in Tokyo. Though born a Japanese, he was buried in the foreigners' section of the Aoyama Cemetery, next to Dr. Simmon who had been a great contributor to Japanese medical science. From his later writing one can see that he had mastered his native language and wrote and spoke well in both English and Japanese. Thus he was able to rest peacefully among the cherished surroundings of his native land. —From the Nippon Times.

## Two Nisei Names Will Be Placed on Auburn Memorial

AUBURN, Wash.—The names of two Nisei veterans of the 442nd Combat Team, Mike Iseri and Tetsuo Shigaya, will be among those which will be placed in the cornerstone of the proposed war memorial in Auburn.

The memorial is now being planned by the local War Memorial Foundation to honor World War II dead from this city.



# PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

As far as national recognition goes, the two Nisei football players who have achieved more than local renown are probably Arizona State's Bill Kajikawa and William and Mary's Art Matsu.

Both were backfield men. Kajikawa of the Tempe Sun Devils of the late 1930's was noted as a pinpoint passer, while Matsu was a triple-threat quarterback in the late 1920's before the days of the T-formation. Both became coaches.

Kajikawa, an all-state back for Phoenix high before he enrolled at Tempe, is coaching the ends for the strong Arizona State team this year. Last year he was head coach of the undefeated frosh team. Next month Coach Kajikawa, chief mentor of the Sun Devil basketball team, will lead the Arizona State cagers on the first eastern invasion in the school's history.

Matsu, a prep star in Cleveland where he was rated as the equal of Benny Friedman who later became one of the great football names of history at Michigan, starred for William and Mary for three years and has coached at Rutgers university for most of the years since then.

## Karasawa Has Good Passing Record

Dick Karasawa, the Caltech halfback who runs, passes and kicks, is third in passing in the latest statistics of the Southern California Intercollegiate Conference. Karasawa has been the main offensive threat for Coach Bert LaBrucherie's Engineers this year. In three conference games Karasawa has completed 23 passes in 55 attempts for an average of 42 per cent. If he continues his present rate of accuracy, the Nisei star may wind up the season as the conference's leading passer. At the present time Karasawa's net gain of 312 yards from passing leads the conference. In addition, Karasawa is fourth in scoring with two touchdowns and two conversions.

## Nisei Prepsters Star on Gridirons

Incidental intelligence: ... George Abo, one of the leading batters in the California Collegiate conference last season, is playing left field currently for Pele Beiden's All-Stars, a team made up mainly of Fresno State college players ... Tommy Umeda, the Seattle bantamweight, decided Spider Renaud of Portland on Nov. 4 at Seattle in a four-rounder ... Ken Maeshiro and Carl Arakaki, two fast-punching Nisei from Hawaii, are popular favorites at the Hollywood Legion Stadium and the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles respectively ... Jim Yokota, erstwhile halfback on the Placer high football team is one of two Nisei returning to Placer's basketball team this year. The other is Vic Nakamoto. Yokota was honored as the "most outstanding player" of the Placer invitational tourney in Auburn, Calif., last season. Yokota, incidentally, scored one touchdown and passed to two others last week as Placer defeated Nevada City high school, 33 to 11, in a Sierra Foothill league game.

Gridiron notes: Okamura started in the backfield as Wells lost 0 to 6 to Marshall in a Chicago prep league contest last week ... Richie Kishimoto was the ground-gaining star as Santa Clara high defeated Bellarmine, 14 to 6, in their annual traditional game before an overflow crowd in Santa Clara, Calif. Besides running passes and kicks, Kishimoto averaged 5.7 yards on 13 carries. Kishimoto scored Santa Clara's second TD from the two-yard line ... Tambara was at halfback and Sumino at center as Lincoln high of Portland, Ore., defeated Cleveland high, 13 to 6, last week ... Charley Chihara will start at halfback at O'Dea high of Seattle, unbeaten this season in six games, closes its season against Seattle Prep at Civic Memorial Stadium on Nov. 13 ... Ted Handa at guard and Tom Yagi at center are regulars on a strong Livingston, Calif., team this year.

## George Kita Returns to Football

George Kita, star halfback for Drake University several years ago, has joined the Chicago Indians, first all-Nisei team to play football east of the Rockies. The Indians are entered in a Chicago semi-pro league. Kita had a tryout with the New York pro Giants back in 1945 ... Ken Tatsumi, former guard for Weber college, also joined the Indians recently ... Tackle Sam Hattori from Wyoming made his letter this season with the Westminster College Parsons of Salt Lake City ... The ground-gaining ability of Compton high's Ralph Kubota, 135-pound scatback, brought his team a step closer to the Coast league championship last week. Kubota gained 99 yards and scored once as Compton defeated San Diego Hoover high, 26 to 7.

## Hawaii Baseball League Gets Charter

The Hawaii Baseball league was this week granted a charter in the National Baseball association. The action means that the Hawaiian league which includes two all-Nisei teams, the Honolulu Athletics and the Rural Red Sox, will be able to compete in the 16th annual national tournament next August in Wichita, Kan. In 1947 the Hawaiian All-Stars, which included such Nisei stars as Jun Muramoto, Jimmy Wasa and Jyun Hirota, placed fourth in the national tourney. Muramoto was named as one of the outstanding players.

## IDC Bowling Meet Planned At Convention

OGDEN, Utah—Bowlers at the fifth annual JACL ADC convention in Ogden Nov. 25 to 27 will have a chance to compete in the second annual scratch bowling tournament to be held at the Paramount Bowl in conjunction with the convention.

Twenty alleys at the new Paramount Bowl have been reserved. The alleys are equipped with semi-automatic electric pin setters.

The events and entry fees are as follows:

Men's team, \$20 per team; doubles, \$4 per person; and singles, \$4; women's team, \$15 per team; doubles, \$3 per person; singles, \$3; mixed doubles, \$3 per person.

A sweepstake will be held Sunday, Nov. 27, over 10 alleys. Entry fee for this event will be \$5.

All entry fees, minus bowling costs, will be distributed in cash prizes. Squad prizes will be awarded.

Persons desiring to participate should notify Toyse Kato, tournament director, Route 4, Ogden, by Nov. 19. Entry fees should accompany applications. All entrants should indicate their current season average.

Participants must be JACL members and the team must be JACL IDC chapter sponsored.

Kato will be assisted by Bill Honda IDC representative; Dave Aoki and Harry Sugihara, men's co-chairmen; and Lillie Nakahara, women's chairman.

## Chicago Recreation Council Will Drop Northside Activities

CHICAGO — Activities of the Northside recreation committee will be eliminated, the City-Wide Recreation council announced this week, since the need for them no longer exists.

Decision to eliminate the work of the Northside group was made at a meeting held Tuesday of last week by the recreation council.

The council adopted a three-point program for 1950:

1. An education program with a leadership training program.
2. A social recreation program for adult Nisei, college age and older Nisei groups and individuals.
3. Further study to determine recreational needs still existing.

The only district committee now active is the Westside recreation committee. Recreational needs of the Nisei on the westside still warrant continuance of open house activities and other recreation and educational activities, Jimmy Ezaki, chairman, said.

The council voted to hold its annual meeting on Dec. 9. All persons who have served on any of the recreation committees will be invited.

The meeting will honor those volunteer workers for their help in improving the recreational facilities for Nisei in Chicago.

Representatives from recreation agencies who have worked with the Chicago Resettlers Committee in providing facilities and other help will also be invited, according to Harry Hasegawa, chairman of the council.

Newly elected officers will be installed and council committees will report on their activities.

## Arakaki Loses Decision to Bernal

WILMINGTON, Calif. — Carl Arakaki lost a ten-round decision to Lou Bernal in the main event at Wilmington Bowl on Oct. 27.

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## Frank Kebo Rolls First "300" Game in Chicago Nisei League

CHICAGO — The first perfect game rolled by a Nisei in league play in Chicago was celebrated on Nov. 2 as Frank Kebo of the Plaisance Cleaners came through with a "300" in the ninth week of play of the Chicago Nisei Bowling league.

Kebo's twelve straight strikes carried his team to a 3 to 1 victory over Tellone Beauty Salon and lifted the squad to first place in the league.

Kebo also had games of 158 and 193 for a 644 series. Dave Mizuno of Plaisance also had a 554 series, including a 224 game.

Hydc Park Restaurant, who was in first place at the beginning of the night's play, dropped to second when they lost three points to Quality Cleaners.

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The Sakada Optometrists got a tie for third place as they defeated Wah Mee Lo, 31 to 1, behind Kurokawa's hot 626 series, including a 238 game.

The Nisei Vues clung to a tie for third by dividing with Petite Cleaners.

In the closest match of the evening Jan Jan T and Coed Beauty Salon split four points. The pin scores were 2546 to 2534.

S. Tanakatsubo's 574 led Berna Store for Men to a 4 to 0 victory over Mark Twain, while Murakami & Sons blanked O.T. Men's Wear.

Plaisance Cleaners had a total series of 2859, thanks mainly to Kebo's 300.

## National JACL Will Sponsor Women's Bowling Tournament

### MIYASATO STARS AS WEBER WINS FROM FULLERTON

FULLERTON, Calif. — Little Jimmy Miyasato scored all four touchdowns to lead Weber College of Ogden, Utah to a 30 to 26 victory over Fullerton College on Nov. 6.

Quarterback Miyasato, a former star with McKinley high in Honolulu, caught three passes for touchdowns and scored the fourth on a sneak over center. Weber also made two points on a safety.

Miyasato also pitched a 40-yard pass for a fifth touchdown which was nullified because of a penalty.

### Buddhists to Hold Bowling Meet at Sacramento Alley

SACRAMENTO — The Northern California Young Buddhist League's annual bowling tournament will be held on Nov. 13 at Sacramento Bowl from 1:30 p.m. Team and mixed doubles events are scheduled, according to Co-chairmen Rose Morita and Cal Hamai.

Sacramento is expected to enter

SAN FRANCISCO—A national JACL women's bowling tournament will be held with the national men's bowling tournament in San Francisco during the first weekend of March, it was decided here Friday, Nov. 4, at a meeting of the San Francisco Nisei bowling committee.

In previous national JACL bowling tournaments, women's events have been held in conjunction with men's events but under separate sponsorship.

The tournament, to be held at the Downtown Bowl in San Francisco, will be directed by Gish Endo, chairman.

It will be the first National JACL tourney to be held outside of Salt Lake City.

### Nisei Vets Lose

SEATTLE—The Nisei Vets lost by a 6 to 23 score to Yeeler Terrace on the Garfield High gridiron on Nov. 6.

A pass from Rich Tsuji, star Garfield athlete of the past year, to Kay Fukuma was responsible for the only Nisei Vets score.

five or six squads, followed by Stockton with three. Six of the seven chapters are expected to take part.

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## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Nug Ninomiya a girl, Ricki, on Oct. 25 in Portland, Ore.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Takumi Sunada a girl on Oct. 18 in Fresno.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Nakata, Courtland, Calif., a boy on Oct. 27.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Hobi Fujiu a girl, Beverly Jean, on Oct. 18 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. George Kiyoshi Hamayacu a girl, Michiko Aileen, on Oct. 24 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Guy Tadanobu Hatago a boy, Edward Guy, on Oct. 21 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Iwao Hiramoto a boy, Keii, on Oct. 23 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Kubota, Long Beach, Calif., a boy, Glen Akushi, on Oct. 22.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Masuda, Gardena, Calif., a boy Alan Eiji, on Oct. 22.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyosaburo Kay Shimatsu-Utsushigawa a girl, Robin Eiko, on Oct. 19 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raymond Stanley (nee Haruko Kawata) a girl, Zeta Michelle, on Oct. 21 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tadamami Tanabe, Glendale, Calif., a girl, Irene Toshiye, on Oct. 22.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Otsubo a girl on Oct. 23 in San Francisco.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Kanemoto a boy on Oct. 15 in Stockton, Calif.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hada a girl on Nov. 1 in Seattle.  
To Mr. and Mrs. James Takehana, Parlier, Calif., a girl on Oct. 9.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Shizuto Ueyki a boy on Oct. 11 in Fresno.  
To Mr. and Mrs. George W. Nakamura a boy on Oct. 10 in Fresno.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Joji K. Yoshimoto, Parlier, Calif., a boy on Oct. 11.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dean Simmons (nee Edith Akiko Takii) a boy, Ronald Dean, on Oct. 17 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshiharu Kaya

a girl, Shoko Grace, on Oct. 20 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Masaru Kawase a boy, Dennis Hisao, on Oct. 27 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. James Sadahito Masuda a boy, Glenn Hitomi, on Oct. 25 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sadayoshi Iijima a girl, Susan Elaine Akimi, on Oct. 30 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Niro Nakagawa a girl, Susan Junko, on Oct. 16 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshimasa Jimmy Suzuki a girl, Lorraine, on Oct. 20 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Hiromu Bill Wada a girl, Jean Hideko, on Oct. 22 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Yeschi Yasui a boy, Richard Toshi, on Oct. 21 in Watsonville, Calif.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Kozo Kuroda a girl, Susan Rae, on Oct. 20 in Nampa, Idaho.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ogura a girl on Nov. 1 in Salt Lake City.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mori a girl on Nov. 5 in Seattle.  
To Mr. and Mrs. James Sato a girl on Nov. 5 in Idaho Falls, Idaho.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ohashi a boy on Nov. 6 in Seattle.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Khan Kemai a boy, Neil Masaru, on Nov. 8 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyooki Kade, Gilroy, Calif., a boy, Timothy, on Oct. 21.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Endo a boy, Gary Jun, on Oct. 28 in Chicago.

## DEATHS

Mrs. Ise Matsu Murahama, 72, Layton, Utah, on Nov. 5 in Ogden.  
K. Y. Matsumoto, 65, on Nov. 5 in Sanger, Calif.  
Sotozo Tanaka, 72, on Oct. 26 in Seattle.  
Mrs. Tomoe Nakanishi on Nov. 3 in Menlo Park, Calif.  
Mrs. Komao Nara, 49, on Oct. 18 in Minneapolis.  
Eijiro Yamamoto, 68, on Nov. 5 in Loomis, Calif.  
Denzaburo Shimizu, 67, on Nov. 6 in Reedley, Calif.

## Harlem AC Slates Dinner Dance at S. L. Ritz Club

The Harlem Athletic Club will sponsor a dinner dance Sunday evening, Nov. 20, at the Ritz Club, 3737 South State, beginning at 9 p.m.  
Ticket sales for the event are reported to be brisk, and all persons wishing to go are urged to purchase theirs immediately. Tickets will not be sold at the gate.  
Highlight of the evening's program will be the coronation ceremony for Miss Nisei Salt Lake City, who will be chosen during the evening. The event is under the direction of Jeri Tsuyuki.  
The orchestra of Bob Gray, popular guitarist and combo leader, has been secured for the evening.  
Chairman for the dinner dance is Lyle Kurisaki, Jr. On his committee are Stormy Mitsui, Fumio Kasai, Yosh Kojimoto, Tsuyuki and members of the Harlem A.C.

## MARRIAGES

Miyeko Hata to Victor Wakano on Nov. 6 in Los Angeles.  
Ayako Grace Okubo to Sam Isami Kanemura on Nov. 5 in Los Angeles.  
Hikeko Lillian Iida to Kazumi Roy Nitta, Lawndale, Calif., on Nov. 5.  
Shizuka Furuto to Frank Iwao Ichimoto on Nov. 6 in Los Angeles.  
Michi Arima and Joe Yamamura on Nov. 6 in Los Angeles.  
Yuriko Sanada to Shuichi Nishisaka on Nov. 6 in Los Angeles.  
Mollie Shirashi, Rocky Ford, Colo., to Donald Yokooji on Nov. 6 in Denver.  
Jane Akimoto to Tada Sato on Oct. 29 in Salt Lake City.  
Rose Yamamoto to Shig Morimune on Oct. 29 in Watsonville, Calif.  
Helen Kazuko Sato of San Martin to Minoru Miyamura on Oct. 9 in San Jose.  
Dorothy Umezawa to David Arakawa on Nov. 5 in Chicago.  
Chizuko Umekubo to Nobuyoshi Nakano on Oct. 20 in Chicago.  
Pat Masako Kato to Rokuro Kubota on Oct. 15 in Minneapolis.  
Marian Takaki to Tom Kosobayashi on Oct. 22 in Minneapolis.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Shizuko Kashwabara, 22, and Kazuto Matsumoto, 28, in Sacramento.  
Fumi Asaki, 23, Hanford, Calif., and Charles M. Inada, 26, Gilroy, in San Jose.  
Lily Y. Kuwahara, 23, Sacramento, and Willy K. Suda, 30, in Fresno.  
Hideko Furuta, 26, San Mateo, and Jim Nehira, 32, Richmond, in San Francisco.  
Eleanor A. Tsuruda and Teruo Okuno in Denver.  
Pauline E. Malestestinie, 27, and Paul Seigi Higa, 31, in Seattle.  
Dolores Sato, 19, and Rod M. Fukui, 21, both of Bryte, Calif., in Seattle.  
Marjorie Yeda, Alamosa, and Shiro Enomoto in Denver, Colo.  
Mabel Itonaga, 27, and Riichi Fuwa, 30, Clarksburg, Calif., in Sacramento.  
Fumi Kinoshita and Yoshiaki Arai in Denver Colo.

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## Chicago JACL Will Sponsor Inaugural Ball on Nov. 19

CHICAGO — The fourth annual inaugural ball of the Chicago Japanese American Citizens League will be held on Nov. 19, at the Upper Tower ballroom of the Stevens hotel, overlooking Lake Michigan.  
Smooth syncopated music will be furnished by Jim Barclay, popular orchestra leader, who is currently playing at the Edgewater Beach hotel. From the Upper Tower ballroom, which accommodates 500 people, one may easily descend to a cozy and elegant lounge, the Lower tower.  
During the intermission, Michael Hagiwara will be master of ceremonies. The evening's entertainment will feature a recording vocalist who starred in the Far Eastern Review and Hal Noguchi, who sings in the inimitable Eckstine style.

Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe will install the officers for 1950, the year of the 11th biennial National JACL convention to be held in Chicago.

Bids have been widely distributed by Toots Nakamura and Smoky Sakurada and their committee. Bids at \$5 per couple are available at the JACL office, 189 W. Madison avenue, Chicago, Illinois, FR-2-5762; and the Chicago Resettlers, Abe Hagiwara, 1110 North La Salle street, DE-7-1076.

"Traditionally the inaugural ball is a semi-formal occasion. However, the committee," according to Mas Nakagawa, inaugural ball chairman, "feels that formal attire is optional. Many girls will attend the ball in street length dresses."

## Los Angeles Issei Wins Right To Remain in United States

LOS ANGELES—Shigeki Robert Nakaguchi, 40, of Los Angeles will be allowed to remain permanently in the United States, despite the fact he entered illegally 25 years ago.

Nakaguchi, who faced deportation because of his illegal entry, was granted the right to remain here under the stay of deportation act, passed July of last year.

He is the first Issei from Southern California to benefit under the measure.

Nakaguchi entered the United States at Seattle, Wash., a quarter of a century ago, when he was 15 years of age. He is now married and has three children.

His right of residence in this country was announced by W. F. Kelly, assistant commission of the

Immigration service, Department of Justice.

He was represented by Frank F. Chuman, Los Angeles attorney.

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## Strandee Cases Move Closer to Trial in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—A special court order, secured by Attorneys A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand in the cases of 21 Nisei strandees in Japan desiring to return to the United States, this week moved the cases closer to trial in the United States district court at Los Angeles.

The order was issued by Federal Judge William C. Mathes this week and ordering the taking of testimony in Yokohama, Japan of the 21 strandees whose cases are pending in the Los Angeles court.

In addition, the court order also directs the taking, before the United States Consul at Yokohama, of the testimony of five expert witnesses pertaining to conditions in war-torn Japan.

These witnesses were identified as: Thomas Blakemore, head of the civil rights section of SCAP; Russell E. Durgin, YMCA officer in Tokyo; George Togasaki, editor of the Nippon Times; and Akira Fukuoka and Ko Ishii, Japanese officials.

These depositions are scheduled to be taken on Dec. 4.

Judge Mathes rejected the government's objection to the issuance of the court order which was based on the ground that the testimony of the expert witnesses was not proper.

## Salt Lake JACL Will Select Queen For Convention

Entries for the Salt Lake JACL queen contest were to be closed Saturday, Nov. 12, according to Jeri Tsuyuki, contest chairman.

Final selection of Miss Nisei Salt Lake City will be made on Sunday, Nov. 20, at the Harlem A.C. dinner dance at the Ritz Club. Contestants will be judged on general appearance, popularity, poise, talent and personality.

Judging will be done by members of the Harlem A.C.

Winner of the Salt Lake contest will represent the local chapter at the JACL Intermountain district council convention in Ogden on Nov. 26 to 28. The district queen will compete in the national contest in Chicago in 1950.

## Honor JACL Official



Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, representing the Pacific Southwest JACL district council, is shown presenting Sam Ishikawa, Southern California JACL regional director, with a gift of luggage at the Hallowe'en dance sponsored last week by the Southwest Los Angeles JACL at the Diana ballroom. Mr. Ishikawa recently announced that he was leaving the JACL staff. A former staff member of the American Friends Service Committee, he joined the JACL staff in 1947 as Eastern regional director in New York. He took over the Los Angeles post in July, 1948.

—Photo from Toyo Miyatake Studio, Los Angeles.

## San Jose Buddhists Observe Temple's Golden Anniversary

SAN JOSE, Calif. — San Jose Buddhists observed the golden anniversary of their church with a three-day celebration that closed Sunday evening, Nov. 6.

A memorial service honoring Nisei war dead and deceased members of the church and a sport dance for the Nisei at the Palo-

mar ballroom brought the festivities to a successful close on Sunday night.

The celebration opened at the Civic auditorium Friday evening with the Rev. Nagatani in charge of a testimonial program honoring Issei and Nisei members who have been active in church work.

A four-hour talent show followed with Masuo Akizuki as chairman and Taiyo Kawaii as guest master of ceremonies. Acts, solos and plays were on the program.

A huge parade in the heart of the Japanese community featured the Saturday celebration. More than 300 persons participated.

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## Three-Day Program Awaits Delegates to IDC Convention

OGDEN, Utah—A three-day convention in Ogden will highlight intermountain JACL activities Nov. 25 to 27, as the district holds its fifth annual convention.

A number of special events, including a farewell dance, queen contest and bowling tournament, have been planned to augment the regular business to be conducted during the weekend.

Winner of the queen contest will be the district's representative at the big Chicago convention in 1950.

The tentative program for the weekend, as announced this week, is as follows:

### Friday, Nov. 25

10 a.m., registration; 11:30 a.m., IDC cabinet luncheon; 1 p.m., bowling tournament begins; 1 p.m., IDC meeting; 3 p.m., committee

sessions: 6 p.m., convention banquet and program; 9:30 p.m., convention mixer and queen contest.

### Saturday, Nov. 26

9 a.m., registration; 9:30 a.m., IDC meeting; 12 noon, convention luncheon and program; 2:30 p.m., IDC meeting; 7 p.m., convention banquet at Canyon Club; 9:30 p.m., farewell ball.

### Sunday, Nov. 27

8 a.m., breakfast meeting of the new IDC cabinet; 9 a.m., bowling sweepstakes.

Housing accommodations can be made by contacting Penny Watanabe, housing chairman, P.O. Box 666, Ogden, Utah, or by calling Ogden 6322. Type of accommodations wanted should be specified. Hotel reservations can be arranged.

## Damage Suit Filed

SACRAMENTO—A damage suit seeking \$82,790 was filed here in Superior court last week against Shigeyoshi T. Taketa by Joseph H. Phegley of West Sacramento as an aftermath to an automobile accident which occurred on Jan. 23.



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