



## Tats Kushida Given Scroll



Tats Kushida (center) is shown receiving a scroll from the Chicago JACL chapter at the recent testimonial dinner in Chicago which honored the Midwest JACL ADC regional representative who is leaving for Los Angeles to take over the position of Pacific Southwest regional director for JACL ADC. Harold R. Gordon, vice-president of the Chicago chapter (left) and Shigeo Wakamatsu, chapter president, made the presentation to Mr. Kushida.—Photo by Edgar F. Zobel, Chicago.

## Nisei Mechanic in Mukden Consulate Ordered Deported By Chinese After Hearing

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Shiro Tatsumi of Seattle, Wash., Nisei employe of American Consul General Angus Ward in Mukden, Manchuria, was released by Chinese officials on Nov. 22 with Ward and three other consulate aides. All were ordered to leave the country.

Tatsumi, Consul General Ward and the three other consulate employes were convicted by a Chinese people's court of the charge of beating a Chinese employe. Ward received the stiffest sentence, six months imprisonment and one year parole. Ralph Rosenberg, Rochester, N.Y., and Alfred Kristan, a European, were sentenced to four months imprisonment and one year parole, while Tatsumi and Franco Cicogna received three-month sentences and one year parole.

Immediately after passing sentence on Consul General Ward and his four employes on the charge of beating a Chinese, the court commuted the sentences to deportation and allowed the arrested men to return to their homes in the American consulate compound.

Ward telephoned this information to American Consul O. Edmund Clubb in Peiping and reported that all five, who have been imprisoned since the alleged beating incident on Oct. 11, were "up and about."

The State Department ordered Ward and his aides, including Tatsumi, to leave Mukden "forthwith."

The State Department declared that the Chinese Communists have ordered the American staff at Mukden to house arrest for a full year, preventing their leaving China.

The conviction of Ward and his assistants had the net effect of releasing them from Communist control.

Ward reported that the group was charged not only with assaulting the Chinese worker, but with

## Army Plans Several Nisei Films for Japan Showing

## JAPANESE FILM STAR ENJOYS HOLLYWOOD VISIT

HOLLYWOOD—Kinuyo Tanaka, one of Japan's foremost motion picture actresses, was enjoying her first visit to Hollywood this week.

Miss Tanaka started her Hollywood tour with a call at MGM studios where she presented Esther Williams with a kimono.

The next night she dined at Ciro's with Ginger Rogers, Gene Kelly and the Victor Matures.

The Hollywood visit of the petite Japanese star will conclude on Nov. 27 when Joe Pasternak, MGM producer, will be her host at a party at the Mocambo.

Miss Tanaka will then go to New York where she has tickets to "South Pacific."

## Mrs. d'Aquino Checks In at Federal Prison

## Will Be Treated as Ordinary Prisoner, Declares Warden

ALDERSON, W. Va.—Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino, celebrated as the "Tokyo Rose" of Radio Tokyo, entered the Federal women's reformatory here last week to start a 10-year prisoned term imposed on her as a result of her conviction in San Francisco Federal court in October on the charge of broadcasting wartime enemy propaganda.

Warden Nina Kinsella said the new inmate, whom she refused to consider as a "celebrated prisoner" would be treated just like any other women received here.

Mrs. d'Aquino reached Alderson by train on Nov. 18, accompanied by U.S. marshals.

Miss Kinsella said that Mrs. d'Aquino would go through the routine quarantine and prison indoctrination.

"She will be treated just as any other new prisoner," Miss Kinsella said.

Mrs. d'Aquino's occupational work in the model Federal prison and other assignments will be determined during the indoctrination period.

## Japanese Canadians Elect Hirose at National Convention

LETHBRIDGE, Alta. — Harold Hirose of Winnipeg was elected national president of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association at the closing session of the recent national convention here.

Hirose, a veteran of the Canadian army in World War II, is an executive of the Manitoba chapter of the JOCA.

The delegates, meeting in a four-day convention, adopted a resolution calling for equal civil rights for all Canadians, protested racial discrimination policies, endorsed the principle of a fair employment practices law and stressed the necessity for a Canadian bill of rights.

The conference also asked an investigation by the JOCA's national secretary as to conditions under which Japanese Canadian fishermen are returning to the west coast fishing industry.

## Thieves Take Safe

STOCKTON, Calif. — George Okubo, proprietor of Mabel's Market, reported to police on Nov. 17 that thieves carried a 350-pound safe out of the store and made off with nearly \$2,000 in cash and merchandise.

## Japanese American Life Will Be Featured in Proposed Movies for Occupation Use

Production of several film subjects on Japanese Americans is planned during the coming year by the motion picture project of the Department of Army's reorientation branch in New York City, the Pacific Citizen was informed this week.

The motion pictures on the Nisei are part of a large-scale film project for use in orientation and educational purposes in Japan by the U. S. Army.

"Our major interest is in portraying to the people in Japan how some of the Nisei fit into American life," Karl W. Hinkle, motion picture project supervisor, declared.

It is reported that some of the Nisei subjects already selected for filming include a documentary on the daily life of a Japanese American farmer, a presentation of notable Japanese Americans and the activities of relief and other organizations in the United States.

One of the first activities by the motion picture project on the Nisei films was the coverage given by a project cameraman to the recent JACL Eastern District Council meeting in Washington.

It is also reported that this Army film project is interested in presenting the facts about Japanese Americans without using a "sugar-coating" for the benefit of the potential Japanese audience.

The films will be ten-minute, single subject pictures which will be shown throughout Japan and are expected to counteract any propaganda which may have been circulated during the war by the Japanese militarists regarding the treatment of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

The U. S. Army two years ago circulated a special film on Japanese Americans on the west coast titled, "The Nisei Story," which was produced by Robert Josephs at the Enterprise Studio in Hollywood. "The Nisei Story" which has been shown throughout the Far East under U. S. Army auspices was centered on the resettlement of wartime evacuees of Japanese ancestry in the Pacific coast evacuated area and told of the work of the Los Angeles office of JACL ADC.

## Fred Ochi Wins First Place in Idaho Art Contest

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho — Fred Ochi recently was awarded first place in the water color division of the Idaho state art exhibit held in Boise.

Mr. Ochi submitted two water colors and the winning picture was a landscape.

This was the first exhibition in which Mr. Ochi, proprietor of Fred's Sign Shop in Idaho Falls

## Nisei Producer Makes First Feature-Length Film in Hawaii

HONOLULU — Thirteen years ago George Tahara, now 28, borrowed an 8 mm. movie camera from a friend.

This month Tahara, now owner of a Hawaiian motion picture studio, Cine-Pac, is completing the final editing of "Damien," the first full-length feature motion picture to be made in Hawaii by a Hawaiian company.

Newsreels produced in Hawaii by George Tahara are now being shown in Hawaiian theaters. On the mainland the National Broadcasting company recently televised a Tahara film short.

When he was 15 George Tahara had his first experience with motion picture production when he borrowed the 8 mm. camera and promptly became a producer, scenario writer,

## Gov. Warren Calls Parley On Employment

SACRAMENTO—The problems of Californians of Japanese, Chinese, Mexican and Negro ancestry in employment will be studied at the Governor's Conference on Employment which has been called by Gov. Earl Warren on Dec. 5 and 6 in Sacramento.

Leaders of racial minority groups in the state will meet with officials of industry, agriculture, government and trade unions in considering California's unemployment situation which is being accentuated by the state's constantly expanding population.

Gov. Warren declared this week that the conference "should serve to stimulate the community action that is essential to provide more jobs and thus insure California's economic future."

A special section on minority group problems will be conducted as part of the conference.

## Winner of Nobel Physics Prize Feted

NEW YORK — Manhattan's Japanese American community honored Dr. Hideki Yukawa, first Oriental to win a Nobel prize, at a dinner and reception on Nov. 20.

All Issei and Nisei organizations as well as the Christian and Buddhist churches joined in the event.

A bouquet was presented to Mrs. Yukawa on behalf of the community.

Dr. Yukawa, now visiting professor of physics at Columbia University, came to the United States in 1947 to join the staff of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton.

and a former president of the local JACL chapter, has entered his paintings. He was recently elected treasurer of the Idaho Falls Art Guild.

director and script boy and turned out a documentary study on the life of a new drop.

Today his Cine-Pac studio has equipment valued at more than \$250,000.

During the war George Tahara made a number of war bond films, which won him a Treasury department citation. While in army service he made additional films.

He has made a number of experimental films for a mainland collection, shorts for Dr. Clarence E. Fronk, hunter and physician, and numerous commercial film subjects.

Until he started shooting on "Damien" his most ambitious project had been his production of a full-length color film on the life of the people of American Samoa which he produced in 1948.



## Chicago Reelects Wakamatsu as Chapter Prexy

CHICAGO—Shigeo Wakamatsu was re-elected for a second term as president of the Chicago JACL chapter to head the 1950 National JACL Convention year, at the annual election of officers on Nov. 17.

Wakamatsu's new cabinet includes the following: 1st vice-pres., Kumeo Yoshinari; 2nd vice-pres., Hirao Sakurada; 3rd vice-pres., Ronald Shiozaki; recording secretary, Anne Otake; corresponding secretary, Grace Nakagawa; treasurer, Ariye Oda; auditor, Lincoln Shimidzu; Northside representative, Aki Tani; westside representative, Masato Tamura; southside representative, Joe Sagami.

Due to constitutional amendments passed at a special meeting held by the Chicago chapter on Nov. 4th, the positions of two additional vice-presidents and an auditor were created. Also, to administer the newly established reserve fund of the Chicago chapter the following were elected to the board of trustees: Noboru Honda, Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, Jack Nakagawa, Harold Gordon, Togo Tanaka and Dorothy Kitow.

## California Police Get Call About Japanese Invaders

GLENDALE, Calif. — Local police and sheriff's deputies from the Altadena substation were asked to go on a wild goose chase up Mount Lowe last week.

Local authorities were asked by long distance telephone and telegram from a Tacoma, Wash., radio "ham" operator to investigate a report that Mount Lowe in the Sierra Madre range had been captured by a "band of Japanese."

Sgt. Richard Hamilton of the Glendale police department said Lynn Jeffries, Tacoma, Wash., called and told him to send patrolmen to Echo Mountain, behind Altadena, "where the cable cars used to run."

Hamilton said he checked with the Altadena station and learned they were investigating similar reports from Jeffries.

The officers assured Jeffries that there were no bands of Japanese at Mount Lowe.

## Hawaii's Tradition of Racial Harmony Weathers Strains Of Recent Longshore Strike

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—Race relations in Hawaii during the recent, six month long dock strike were strained but did not crack under the test. Lessons of tolerance and understanding fostered as a matter of tradition appear to have paid off for all concerned.

That's the gist of the opinions reflected by a random poll of people here familiar with the subject of race relations.

Here's what one sociologist had to say about it:

"I was impressed more than ever by the public effort not to inject the race issue into the labor dispute."

The temptation to exploit racial "angles" by private interests—to boost the cause of either the striking union or the employers—was great . . . and some did succumb to it. But they were in the minority.

According to a legislator, friendly to labor's cause, the 2,200 strikers belonging to the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union were grouped by race as follows:

5 per cent Filipinos (60 per cent aliens, 40 per cent citizens)  
30 per cent Japanese (3 per cent aliens, 97 per cent citizens)  
15 per cent Hawaiian, Caucasians, etc.

The legislator said these statistics, given him by a union source, show a division of 40 per cent aliens and 60 per cent citizens.

More important, he said, they point up the historical fact that the clash in labor disputes inevitably has been on a "haole" (white) versus non-haole (non-white) basis because the laborers are virtually all non-white and the employers are virtually all whites.

Various groups which sprang up during the strike made a public show of being inter-racial so as to draw the widest possible support from the cosmopolitan community.

Among these were the women's "broom brigade" which picketed the striking union's headquarters. This group reached out to urge Oriental women particularly to join the picketline.

There was also the citizens' committee, an anti-ILWU organization, which invited all races to join in protesting the strike.

The Honolulu Chamber of Commerce sought out the backing of

the Japanese and Chinese chambers in condemning the strike.

Regardless of the show of inter-racial collaboration, public thinking was channeled into race consciousness. This was reflected by the popular conception of the broom brigade as a "haole" project and by letters to newspapers calling upon Oriental women to speak up and join with the vocal anti-strike elements.

A bloody riot midway during the strike focused public attention on the racial composition of the strikers. Several hundred men attacked the employment office of a non-union company which had been hiring stevedores to work the strikebound vessels in Honolulu harbor.

A hostile newspaper quickly seized upon the large number of Filipino aliens among the strikers to stir community resentment against the union.

A government official in labor relations work said the attitude of some businessmen who think a man's pay should be guided by his skin color has promoted resentment among Orientals.

Such an attitude, he said, was one businessman's comment, "The wages the Filipino are striking for are too high for them."

This official felt convinced that the reason for making the women's broom brigade "multi-racial" was probably for "ulterior motives." "The haoles didn't want it to appear that way," he remarked.

But the union too, he added, exploited the racial angle, to promote solidarity in the strikers' ranks, by citing the injury and discrimination leveled against Filipinos in the past.

"The union has always tended to do that," he remarked.

On the other hand, he said, the ILWU has been a great factor in eliminating racial divisions—"one of the finest things the ILWU has done in this territory." He had reference to the care with which the union has given due weight and care to the various racial groups in trying to get a fair representation on its boards and its officers.

Another point of view was advanced by an industry official. He challenged the union's argument that the longshoremen in Hawaii are not being paid as high as mainland longshoremen because they are not haoles (whites).

"What does the union say to this question: How come plantation wages in Hawaii are higher than the wages paid haole farm laborers on the mainland?"

He recited the history of immigrant groups stepping up the economic ladder. It is not unusual, therefore, he said that the Filipinos, being the latest comers to Hawaii, should be generally on the lowest economic strata—below the Japanese who came before them.

A Chinese American minister sharply rapped "haole groups like the broom brigade" on grounds they are inconsistent. "When they need to put on the appearance of being inter-racial they call upon the Orientals to join," he said. "But they won't allow the Orientals to join certain social clubs composed exclusively of haoles."

A haole community leader retorted: "But aren't there some Oriental clubs that won't take in haoles?"

The impact of the strike shook many residents emotionally because the strike hurt their pocket-books. It got many others to wonder whether the tradition of racial harmony was only skin deep.

But having emerged from the crisis, the territory can still be proud of its successful fight to keep race relations on an even keel.

As they say in pidgin English, "Cool head the main thing."

## Japanese War Bride Weds



MINNESOTA "KEKONSHIKI" AND SMORGASBORD—Tokyo bride Toshie Okutomi and Minnesota ex-GI Orren J. Lucht were married in the 22-year old veteran's hometown of Mora recently. Toshie arrived at her in-law's 320-acre farm bringing gifts from home. A pastor of the town's Swedish Lutheran church officiated during the ceremony, and the event was followed by a wedding dinner of such American favorites as roast pork, apple pie and a wedding cake by Orren's aunt.

—UCL News Bureau-Minneapolis Tribune photo.

## 75 Issei Complete Course On Citizenship in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — Rep. Gordon L. McDonough, R., Rep. Chet Holifield, D., and Mike Masaoka, the Japanese American Citizens League national legislative director were commencement speakers for the graduation exercises for the citizenship and naturalization class sponsored by the JACL, the Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the Nisei Veterans Association on Nov. 9, at the Koyasen Betsuin Temple.

More than 75 Japanese aliens who are still ineligible for the naturalization process have completed their four-month course in the Citizenship and Naturalization class and received certificates from Reed Lawton, their instructor, director of the Lawton School of Linguistics.

"These Japanese aliens, ineligible to citizenship, on the faith that the Congress of the United States would pass the naturalization bill, have faithfully attended the class in order that they might qualify to become United States citizens," stated Sam Ishikawa, Regional Director of the Southern California Office of the Japanese American Citizens League. The naturalization bill, House Joint Resolution 238, the Walter Resolution, has passed the House of Representatives and is now up for consideration before the Senate.

Congressman McDonough, 15th District in Los Angeles and Holifield, from the 19th District were the two Los Angeles congressmen who spoke on behalf of naturalization when it passed the House of Representatives on March 1.

On the floor of the House of Representatives, Rep. McDonough stated: "I have resolutions from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce endorsing naturalization in the belief that under the present restrictions Japanese who are not privileged to become citizens of the United States are working under a very severe handicap and that this legislation would relieve that situation."

Congressman Holifield stated: "I am proud to have the Japanese Americans as constituents of the 19th Congressional District of California and I am proud to stand on the floor today and ask my colleagues to vote to allow their relatives now residing in the United States to become naturalized citizens."

## Claims for Evacuation Damages Filed Through Placer County Group

PENRYN, Calif.—Claims ranging from \$100 to some in excess of \$50,000 have been filed through the Placer evacuation claims committee, it was reported here.

The committee was organized last spring in cooperation with the Placer County JACL and has conducted research work on claims and has assisted many in filing claims.

Although the claims deadline is Jan. 2, 1950 Tom Yego who has been processing the claims with the assistance of Howard Nakano, Placer JACL president, announced that his group may conclude their service soon.

## Young FDR Speaks To Chicago Group

CHICAGO, Ill. — Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., the newly elected congressman from the city of New York, last week addressed a Chicago dinner group among whom were Mari Sabusawa and Richard Akagi, representing the Chicago chapter of the JACL.

The dinner, held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Sherman last Sunday, was sponsored by the Chicago Advisory Board of the Jewish Consumptives' Relief Society for their Denver sanatorium which, although supported mainly by Jewish funds, is non-sectarian in character.

The young congressman spoke of the experiences of his recent visit to Israel, describing that newly founded nation as "a virile, soundly established democracy." He deplored the efforts to discredit the economy by labelling it "socialistic," citing that all goods whether produced under the "collectivized" system or under private enterprise compete there in a free market, and that only a small proportion, largely farms, of the Israel economy is "collectivized."

George Jessel acted as toastmaster for the occasion. Elihu Roosevelt accompanied his younger brother.

Dr. Sasano, described by Samuel Golan, president of the Chicago Advisory Board of the JCRS as "the most brilliant man in the business," heads the pathological research of the Denver sanatorium.

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## Banquet Climaxes Denver Convention



Feature event of the Mountain Plains JACL regional meeting which saw the formal organization of the JACL's newest district council was the convention banquet at the Cosmopolitan hotel on Nov. 13.

Among the guests at the banquet were (clockwise) George Kitamura, San Benito, Tex.; Mrs.

Mike M. Masaoka, Colorado Governor W. Lee Knous, Mrs. Knous, Min Yasui, Mrs. Min Yasui, National JACL President Hito Okada, Former Governor Ralph Carr of Colorado and Mrs. Carr, Denver City Councilman James Fresques and Dr. K. K. Miyamoto (behind flowers), representing the Kika Kisei Domei.—Photo by George Konishi.

## Evacuee Wins Court Issue On Evictions

CHICAGO, Ill.—What many consider to be a significant decision involving an eviction suit was recently handed down by the Appellate Court of Illinois in favor of a Japanese owner of a rooming house, the Midwest JACL office revealed this week.

Koichi Matsumoto, owner, leased his entire building to Sam Sachs who operated the premises as a rooming house, subleased to 27 roomers. Upon expiration of Sachs' lease, Matsumoto filed suit in the Chicago Municipal Court to evict Sachs and the roomers, but the court held that under the housing and rent act, he could not evict the sub-tenants and roomers. Upon appeal to the Appellate Court, Matsumoto's contentions were held to be correct.

The decision has special significance because the majority of rooming houses are operated by Japanese of the premises and not by the owners. A number of attorneys have requested information on the decision from Matsumoto's attorney, Franklin Chino, of the law firm of Sealise, Chino and Schultz.

## Student from Korea Held on Charge By Chicago Girl

CHICAGO — A Korean student was held by police on Nov. 19 on the complaint of a 25-year old Japanese American girl that he posed as a physician, wooed her, then disappeared with her typewriter and \$140.

He is Sung Yul Ryu, who said he came to the United States from Seoul, Korea, two years ago on a student visa.

Police Detective Edward Humphrey said Sung is wanted in New York City for leaving the state without permission of a finance company which he owes a \$1,000 mortgage on his car.

Humphrey said Sung will be returned to New York on a fugitive warrant. He has indicated he will waive extradition. No formal charge has been filed in the Chicago case.

Sung was seized by the police after the girl, a biochemist at a Chicago hospital, told them this story:

Several months ago she met him in the hospital. He was wearing a doctor's jacket and carrying a stethoscope. Sung told her he was Dr. Frank Ting, courted her and proposed. Then he borrowed her

## West Coast Evacuation Story Told by Beatrice Griffith On Tour of California Cities

STOCKTON, Calif.—The future appears to be brightening for all America's minority groups, according to Beatrice Griffith, author and lecturer, who spoke at the Pacific auditorium last week on the subject, "California's Minorities: Our Undiscovered Wealth."

She told her audience that democracy could be achieved, but that it had to start "with you and your children."

Miss Griffith spoke of the evacuation of the west coast Japanese Americans and of California's treatment of this minority group.

"America is still righting the wrong it did its Japanese Americans," she said.

She told of one little girl's statement, made the first night she spent in an assembly center which had been converted from stables: "Mother, I don't like it here in Japan. Let's go back to America."

She told of an Issei mother whose six soldier sons won a total of 34 medals, and of whom only five came home. To this day, Miss Griffith said, the mother cannot get a pension because she is not eligible for citizenship.

"The casualties are mostly Issei who in the sunset of their lives had to start over again," Miss Griffith said.

"I said to one, 'Does it make you bitter?' He answered, 'Let the past be thrown out with the water. We look to the future.'"

Miss Griffith, who has made a special study of California's Mexican American group, told of the great advances made by this particular minority.

She recounted the incident which led to the title of her first book, "American Me," awarded the Houghton Mifflin fellowship prize.

"One little girl said to me, 'Bea, how long do I have to live in America to be an American? My ancestors have been here 100 years, but I'm still a Mexican. American me inside, Mexican on top—that's me.'"

In writing the progress made by this minority group, Miss Griffith told of the election of Edward Royal, Los Angeles city councilman who ran for office because he was convinced the minority group he represented was not getting a square deal.

"A community service organization, whose largest chapter is in Boyle Heights, set out to register voters. Sixty-three workers regis-

tered 15,000 people and Royal was elected."

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The first Mexican American to be named to the post he now occupies, Roybal was described by Miss Griffith as "one of the best councilmen in the city."

She told also of a Mexican American youth who in his school days had been the leader of the Clanton gang, said to be one of the toughest in Los Angeles.

He was encouraged to study by an understanding and intelligent teacher. When he had to leave school, he continued his studies by correspondence. He joined the army, became a captain in the air corps and earned several decorations. He now is in college, studying sociology. On the side he runs several businesses and works with the younger brothers of his former gang associates.

Not all stories about Mexican Americans, however, have happy endings.

One story concerned a veteran who was refused a house in a San Fernando valley subdivision because of his ancestry.

The meeting was directed by the Rev. Andrew Juvinall, president of the Stockton Council for Civic Unity. Mayor Dan Morrison spoke briefly on the forthcoming Stockton festival of nations, which will show the cultural background of the groups living in and around Stockton.

Richard Dettering of San Francisco, executive director of the California Federation for Civic Unity, spoke of the federation's fourth annual convention, which will be held in Asilomar Dec. 2-4.

## New Office

LOS ANGELES—Frank F. Chuman, Los Angeles attorney, recently announced the opening of his new southwest law office at 2700 West Jefferson Blvd. The telephone number is PARKway 6703.

## American Legion District Unit In Illinois Unanimously Favors Naturalization of Issei Group

CHICAGO—The Third District Council of the American Legion, department of Illinois, at its regular meeting Wednesday, Nov. 16, unanimously adopted the resolution presented by Commander Joe Sagami of the Rome-Arno Post No. 1183, urging full support of both the Walter Resolution and the Judd Bill by the American Legion.

The action taken by the Third District Council, composed of nearly 70 Legion posts throughout Chicago and with an active membership of over 15,000, will be placed before the Cook County Council for favorable consideration. If successful at the Cook County level, the resolution will be forwarded to the state and then to the national body.

Introduced by Jack Cusack, chairman of the resolutions committee of the Third District Council, Commander Joe Sagami explained the present inequalities of immigration laws as affecting the legally resident Asiatic aliens of this country. He asserted that it was an obvious duty of an organization such as the American Legion to fight for these individuals who are denied by law privileges of citizenship.

Following Sagami, Al Tegtmeier, chairman of the civil defense committee and past commander of the Illinois Central American Legion Post 241, spoke in support of the resolution presented by the Rome Arno Post. He cited the heroic contribution of the 442nd Infantry during World War II. More personally, he told of Sagami's father, who is 84 years old, how as a young man he had attended college for three years to become a physician but had discovered that in the state in which he resided he would be unable to acquire a license. He mentioned the Sagami family—nine sons; seven who went into the services, and the five who returned. The elder Sagami, who is still living, wishes now more than anything else the privilege of becoming a naturalized citizen. When Commander Earl T. Edgeworth, chairman of the Third District Council meeting, put the resolution to vote it was approved unanimously with a resounding "aye" throughout the hall.

In the past, individual Legion posts have supported the JACL-ADC Walter Resolution and the Judd Bill; it is believed, however, that this is the first time a district council has gone on record by passing a resolution supporting these two bills in which Japanese

Americans are vitally interested. The Third District Council of the American Legion is reputed to be the most progressive group in the entire American Legion; measures which originated from this District constitute more than half of the present national program of the American Legion.

Attending the Third District Council meeting with Joe Sagami was Shigeo Wakamatsu, president of the Chicago chapter JACL.

The resolution presented by the Rome Arno Post No. 1183, American Legion, Department of Illinois, concerning equality in naturalization for all legal life-time residents of the United States of America, is as follows:

"WHEREAS, it is not only the privilege of every immigrant but every immigrant's duty to apply for his or her citizenship paper, and

"WHEREAS, the thousands of parents of Nisei veterans, whose sons have so nobly served their country in time of war, who are not able to and will never be able to become American citizens because of existing naturalization laws which are not only discriminatory but is contrary to the Constitution of the American Legion.

"THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Rome Arno Post No. 1183, American Legion, Department of Illinois is on record supporting actively the passage of the Walter Resolution and the Judd bill, H.R. 199.

"NOW BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we ask the Third District of the American Legion and the state and national department of the American Legion to put forth their entire efforts in support and passage of the aforementioned bills."

This resolution was unanimously passed at the regular meeting of the Rome Arno Post No. 1183 on Nov. 6, 1949.

## "Tokyo Rose" Witnesses Will Testify in Trial of Provoo

WASHINGTON, D. C. — John David Provoo, former U.S. army staff sergeant, was indicted on charges of treason Nov. 17 in New York City by a federal grand jury.

Provoo had been listed as a witness in the "Tokyo Rose" trial of Nisei Iva Toguri d'Aquino, who was found guilty of treason by a jury in San Francisco in September. Provoo was never called to the stand.

A number of the major witnesses in Mrs. d'Aquino's trial are expected to testify against Provoo.

Still in the United States are George Mitsushio, Mary Morris, Kenneth Ishii, and Harris Sugiyama who came here from Japan. All testified for the government in its case against Mrs. d'Aquino.

A Nisei GI, who was a prisoner of war of the Japanese after his capture in the Philippines, will also be a prosecution witness. He is Lieut. Richard M. Sakakida, who is attached to the U.S. air force in Tokyo.

Ex-Col. Snigetsugu Tsuneishi, chief of Radio Tokyo's psychological warfare and a major prosecution witness against Mrs. d'Aquino, will also testify for the government.

Other witnesses who have been brought here for the Provoo case are Ruth Hayakawa, Masayoshi Morino, Lilly Ghebenaian, Takaji Domoto, Nobuo Fujimura, Satoru Fujita, Naomichi Hayashi, Norizane Ikoda and Takakazu Nakata.

Provoo was arrested in New York City on Sept. 2, when he was discharged from an army hospital.

The Justice department said that Provoo had long been a student of Buddhism.

When Corregidor fell to the Japanese in May, 1942, Provoo offered his assistance to the enemy, the Justice department statement said. Thereafter he shaved his head and dressed as a Japanese Buddhist priest.

He is charged with 12 specific acts of treason in the indictment against him.

Among these is the charge that he caused the execution of Capt. Burton C. Thomson on Corregidor by reporting Thomson to the Japanese as being "anti-Japanese" and "uncooperative."

Subsequently, his indictment says, he aided the Japanese in various prisoner of war camps and prepared Japanese propaganda scripts for Radio Tokyo from 1943 to 1945.

He is the 26th American to be indicted for treason as a result of alleged aid to the enemy during World War II. About half of those indicted were accused of making enemy propaganda broadcasts.

He will be arraigned in New York City on Nov. 2. If found guilty, he faces a possible death penalty.

## 'Miss Personality'

BELTON, Tex.—Teruko Kono of Kekeha, Kauai was chosen to represent the junior class of Mary Hardin-Baylor college as "Miss Personality" in the college's annual carnival queen contest.

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## EDITORIALS:

### Prejudice and Public Housing

Denial of opportunity because of color and religion pervades almost every facet of our national life. To one degree or another it affects the full participation by members of minority groups in recreation, in social life, in employment, housing, education, sports and public life.

But of all these, most important is discrimination in the areas of housing and employment. Eradication of prejudicial practices in these fields would solve the most important problems that arise from denial of opportunity because of color or religion. Solving of these two basic needs would enable America's minority citizen to earn a living at the job for which he is suited and to live in the home of his choice.

It is difficult for the average American to make his desires felt in respect to housing and employment provided by private firms.

But in one large field—public housing—he can and should.

Recently the California Federation for Civic Unity began distribution of a pamphlet, "For All the People," urging abolition of segregation in public housing projects.

The San Francisco CCU a short time ago scored a major victory in race relations when it secured from the city's board of supervisors approval of amendments which would prohibit discrimination and segregation in the city's low rent housing program.

What was accomplished in San Francisco can be accomplished in other California communities.

In the adoption of policies to govern public housing projects, the argument is advanced that these projects should adopt the racial pattern of the neighborhoods in which they are erected.

But this, while it may provide housing, not only emphasizes the present-day pattern of segregation, it perpetuates it. It has only been in very recent years that any movement has been made to break up the pattern. Adoption of segregation policies at this moment, just as the pattern is ready to break down, would allow the pattern to reset and permit its retention for years and perhaps decades to come.

There is also the incongruity of using public funds, derived from all the people, including people of minority ancestry, to continue this pattern of prejudice, to erect housing projects which would reject one group because of color, another because of religion. Funds derived from people of minority ancestry would be used to erect huge symbols of our national and regional prejudices.

The principle of good housing for all the people must include—by definition—the idea of housing without respect to color or creed or national origin.

But there is the additional important point that public housing projects, as government projects, should lead in the establishment of housing without restrictive covenants. Public projects should be in the forefront of the fight to eradicate discriminatory policies in housing. Public projects should not perpetuate these practices.

The private citizen cannot immediately demand of the real estate interests that in private subdivisions they eliminate the undemocratic restrictive covenant. But the private citizen can and should demand that public projects do so.

Restricted housing is unhealthy housing. It promotes racial tension, instead of decreasing it. It emphasizes hatreds instead of eliminating them.

Segregated housing permits the rise and retention of racial ghettos, which foster feelings of inferiority on the one side and superiority on another. Racial ghettos make for racial tensions. They deny the normal growth of members of these restricted communities.

Segregated housing, even though it provide housing of substantially equal value for both minority and majority groups, is nonetheless undemocratic in that it emphasizes the undemocratic theory of separation because of color.

Like the "equal but separate" doctrine of the south, it is based firmly upon the belief that one group, because of race or religion, is inferior to another. All the legalistic doctrine in the world cannot rationalize the undemocratic theories underlying the "equal but separate" clause.

Great strides are being made today on almost every level of activity to bring democratic action into line with democratic theory. In some activities there is almost complete democratic practice. In others there is at least token democratic practice. In those remaining there will be recognition of minority rights.

National and community officials who govern the setting up of public housing projects should recognize their responsibility to all the people.

Correspondingly, the private citizen must make known his stand that he will not permit public funds to be used for housing projects which will perpetuate instead of eliminating undemocratic practices.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Last Stand of Political Dodo

The Yellow Peril is a political dodo today in its one-time home, the State of California.

Outside of a few "letters to the editor," querulous and carping, there are no manifestations these days from the groups and individuals who once made such prejudice pay in power and influence.

There are indications, however, that the Yellow Peril issue may make one last stand in American politics. Recently James McClatchy, a descendant of the late V. S. McClatchy who quit as editor and publisher of the Sacramento Bee 30 years ago to lead a "holy crusade" against American residents of Japanese descent, visited Hawaii to report the military "MIKI" maneuvers. He stayed on to do a report on the statehood movement which was published in the Bee newspapers of Sacramento, Modesto and Fresno last week.

It should be noted here that Mr. McClatchy has tried obviously to do an objective report on the arguments for and against Hawaiian statehood. However, it may be that he has given too much publicity and credence to the views of a small minority of Hawaii's residents who are fighting statehood status on racial grounds. The McClatchy name may have attracted the statehood opposition which has been led in the past by a one-time territorial senator, Alice Kamokila Campbell. The McClatchys as a family were personally identified with the anti-Japanese movement in California and H. J. McClatchy still sends occasional letters to newspapers in all parts of the United States in a rather feeble attempt to incite prejudice against Japanese Americans and others of Oriental background.

It should also be noted that the Bee papers have been fair, both in the editorial and news columns to Japanese Americans ever since the west coast was reopened to the evacuees in 1945. However, the Fresno Bee headlined a story by James McClatchy on Nov. 18: "Hawaii Statehood Could Put Japanese in Congress."

If the Bee story is to be believed, statehood opposition in Hawaii already is using the Yellow Peril theme. One of their points of argument is that statehood would result in the probable election of "Japanese" to Congress.

Of course, it is no one's business outside of Hawaii what the ancestry of its elected delegates shall be, except that the elections be fair and representative of the public will. But the "Japanese in Congress" argument has been used before by the opposition to statehood and has succeeded in impressing such men as the South's John Rankin and Nebraska's rock-ribbed Republican, Sen. Hugh Butler who filed a negative report on statehood for the Senate Public Lands committee during the present session of Congress. The statehood opponents also seem to have succeeded in impressing Mr. McClatchy of the Bee papers recently in Honolulu.

"If Hawaii becomes a state—which may occur in the not too distant future—it is likely that the Congress of the United States will acquire at least one and maybe more Japanese and other non-Caucasian members," Mr. McClatchy declares in his Bee article. "The reason is that only 180,000 of the island's population of 550,000 persons are Caucasians."

The opponents of statehood have added a new twist to the Japanese bugaboo. By devious and tortured reasoning they have now decided that Hawaii's population of 170,000 constitute a potential Communist menace. It wasn't many years ago, about 1941 to be exact, that the population of Japanese ancestry was considered to be sons of the Samurai and servants of the Emperor who were only waiting for the day when they would rise to take over Hawaii for the Rising Sun. Events preceding, during and subsequent to the attack on Pearl Harbor demolished the fiction of potential disloyalty of Hawaii's Japanese racial population and demonstrated, for all the world to see, that Hawaii's non-Caucasian residents are good Americans. The wishful thinking of the bigots in Hawaii persisted to the extent, however, that vicious falsehoods

detailing alleged Japanese American disloyalty were widely circulated and were believed in high places. Some of these stories crop up even today although all of them were disproved.

The current line of the anti-statehood group is detailed by James McClatchy in a report to the Bee on Nov. 18:

"Interestingly enough, some of the descendants of the original Hawaiians are leaders among statehood's opponents. They fear they would be smothered by the domination of the more enterprising Japanese and Chinese and would lose the special status and legal privileges they enjoy.

"These objectors also say that in war with Russia, China would side with Moscow, with Japan probably following along. Immediately, they argue, the Japanese and Chinese in Hawaii would turn Communist and take over the islands."

The threat of a Communist uprising among Hawaiians of Japanese and Chinese ancestry is too ridiculous to need refutation but this sort of talk may impress a John Rankin in Congress. It may be recalled that Mr. Rankin told Congress back in 1943 that he opposed the enlistment of Japanese Americans in the army and declared that the Nisei were attempting to get into service so that they could get aboard American ships. At a given signal these Nisei were to blow up these ships, or something. Mr. Rankin also demanded the total segregation of the sexes in evacuee war relocation centers as a form of genocide in the name of national security.

The proponents of Hawaiian statehood who hold a significant majority in the territory have found it necessary to stress the war record of the Japanese and other racial groups, in the face of racist criticism from the opposition. Mr. McClatchy notes that "Japanese American infantry troops fought with great distinction in Italy and the home populace oversubscribed war bond quotas and generally took part in home defense activities in the same way residents of the mainland did" but adds that some persons in Hawaii, meaning the anti-statehood group, want more evidence of loyalty.

"Yet those opponents are unable to show much in the way of past disloyalties on the part of the non-Caucasian population," says Mr. McClatchy.

Opponents of statehood in Hawaii are fighting a losing battle because their fight is not against statehood itself but against progress in general. In recent years there has been significant social and economic change in Hawaii, particularly in relation to the status of the non-Caucasian group, and this change was accelerated by the demands of the war period. There are many cracks in the retaining wall of feudalism built by the so-called Big Five, a generic term which refers more to the ruling social and economic group in Hawaii than to the five big companies which have controlled its economy.

Labor, in particular, has grown in status to the point that it can challenge the Big Five in the battle for power. The organization of the plantation and sugar mill workers by the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, now under fire from its parent CIO for purported obeisance of its leadership to Communist-line policies, was a major factor in bringing about the change in status of the Hawaiian worker. Labor, through both the CIO and AFL, has extended its activities into politics and has succeeded in challenging the influence of Hawaiian business and management in territorial elections.

In addition to labor, the returned war veterans constitute an active and vocal group whose influence will increase in territorial affairs in the future. Partly because of wartime discrimination by some mainland posts, the national veterans organizations have not been able to recruit successfully among Hawaii's Nisei veterans. Most of these Nisei who are organized to date have joined either the 442nd Veterans club, the 100th battalion organization or groups representing military intelligence and the engineers. The Disabled American

## Nisei Police Officer In Honolulu Saluted By Local Newspaper

HONOLULU — A Nisei policeman rated an editorial salute from the Star-Bulletin recently.

He is Police Sergeant Takeshi Nakashima of the police accident prevention bureau who is now studying at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

The Star-Bulletin noted that Sgt. Nakashima went to Northwestern to take a three week course in accident investigation at the Kreml traffic institute, "at his own expense and on his own vacation time."

"The refreshingly different thing about what he is doing is that it isn't costing the taxpayer a red penny," the paper said. "And the taxpayer is going to profit materially by Sgt. Nakashima's additional training."

"... it is with a deep sense of appreciation that we call attention to Sgt. Nakashima, a police officer with a sense of duty, a conception of public service not always found among persons on the public payroll," the editorial added.

"A salute to Sgt. Takeshi Nakamura!"

## Dick Kleeman Wins News Guild Award For Feature Story

MINNEAPOLIS — An ex-Minneapolis officer and present Twin Cities JACL member was awarded first prize for interpretative writing by the Twin Cities Newspaper Guild last week.

He is Dick Kleeman, present Minneapolis Tribune staff writer and co-editor of the Minneapolis gopher-state JACL organ. He won first prize in the interpretative story department for a feature on the state's training school for boys. Staff members from all four newspapers in St. Paul and Minneapolis were considered by the judges.

Kleeman has been with the Tribune since his discharge from the Army in 1946. A Harvard graduate, Kleeman trained at Camp Savare and saw duty in the Leyte campaign.

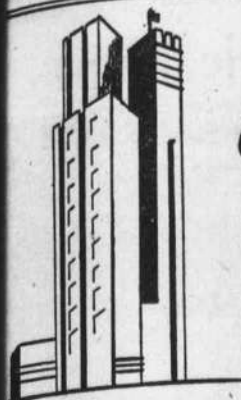
Veterans appears to be the only one of the national groups which has made any headway among Nisei war vets in the islands.

Although Hawaii is probably freer of the taint of race prejudice than any area on the mainland, discrimination does exist in subtle forms. There have been attempts to place restrictive covenants on property as Supervisor Richard Kageyama, a Nisei war veteran and the first person of Japanese ancestry elected to the Honolulu board, publicized through a common "filibuster" last year. There is little social discrimination although it is true that Kiyoshi Nakama, one of Hawaii's all-time swimming stars and a former national champion, cannot eat in the dining room of the Outrigger Canoe club although he would be permitted to work there as a steward if he chose.

Although the population of Japanese ancestry constitutes nearly one-third of the territorial population, there have been comparatively few Nisei elected to public office. Only three have ever served in the territorial senate, for example, although one of them, Wilfred Tsukiyama, is the present president of the upper chamber. Senator Tsukiyama, respected by both major parties, can provide personal refutation to the possibility envisioned by statehood opponents that a "Japanese Communist" would be elected to Congress. Senator Tsukiyama, the most successful Nisei to date in Hawaiian politics, is a Republican.

Despite the fears of the Yellow Peril mongers in Hawaii, it is unlikely that any Nisei will be elected to the Congress of the United States for many years to come. This does not mean, however, that the Nisei are inactive in territorial politics. There are a number of capable Nisei in public office, whom Democrat Mitsuyuki Kikuchi in the territorial hours, is an example, but it will be a long time before the number of Nisei holding public office will be commensurate with the number of Japanese in the general population.





# A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

## My Cousin Willie Talks to Horses

My Cousin Willie confides in me.

The latest top-secret note relayed to me from the outstretched environs of L. A. is that he has perfected a "system."

Playing the horses, that is.

Almost any day you can see Willie, merrily sharpening up on some bit of mental gymnastics, like working crossword puzzles, memorizing box-car numbers, or estimating the weight of a sack of spuds. Evenings he is shadow-boxing with racing charts, speed indexes and past performance records. He is even readying a large iron box, with a series of complicated locks, to stash away his anticipated winnings.

"I can't miss," so he writes me.

Willie is readying his ensemble for the season... a purplish plaid pair of slacks, a fireman-red sport shirt, a bold-look jacket of a banana-yellow hue, and a battered green "lucky" hat with an up-turned brim.

On Christmas Day, when Santa Anita opens its ponderous iron gates to the thundering human herd, willing Willie will be ripe, ready and waiting for the melon-slicing.

As I said before, Willie has given me the "word." It just can't miss. That's his story.

"I didn't sleep in a horse barn at Santa Anita three months for nothing," he reasons.

If he paid rent Willie was the sucker. As far as I know all 20,000 guests at the Santa Anita Reception Center received free bed and board during those nightmarish days of early 1942.

Willie goes on.

"During those long waking hours waiting to reach the chow tables in the green mess, I figured that some smart operator like myself could make some easy money when and if they gave Santa Anita back to the horses instead of evacuees."

From that moment on, when struck with that one stroke of genius, Cousin Willie started to read. He gathered up and studied every book available that began with the words, "How to Win..." He waded through thousands of case histories on how certain races were lost.

"There are a thousand and one ways to lose a race and I know them all," Willie used to boast.

At this point I must admit that Willie is pretty handy with figures. His Ninth Street produce market training comes in good use. I have seen him correctly estimate to within a few pennies the amount of commission his house would net on a truckload of tomatoes, onions or celery even before it was unloaded. He'd flash an answer quicker than a "tilt" sign on a pinball machine.

"To a fellow like myself," he continues, "who is a natural mathematician and a lightning-fast calculator, the matter of out-foxing dull-minded horses and slow-moving totalizer boards should be a cinch."

Modesty has never been one of Willie's virtues.

Step one...you gotta have a bankroll.

This is Willie's first pearl of wisdom.

With his eagle-eyed wife, Sumi, always on the alert and even on the job, Willie doesn't get much of a chance to set aside more than a few kopecks from his weekly salary check. Coy little Sumi suddenly becomes tyrant-like, acting like a fishy-eyed loan broker, whenever Willie's payday rolls around. She really doesn't give Willie much of a chance to build on his racing bankroll.

Now, at long last, Willie is ready for the plunge. It has taken him four years to accumulate the \$500 nest egg.

I shouldn't be breathing this to a soul.

The "system" is the magic carpet on which Willie's \$500 is going to take him to a land of custom-built convertibles, five-carat diamond rings, one dollar cigars, magnums of 1847 champagne, and a bevy of beauteous cuties from a maharajah's harem.

Step two. Play the right horses.

What are the "right" horses? It's simple, according to Willie Just deduct the ineligible.

The Willie System calls for omitting the following races:

1. Don't play the first and last races. "You have to get settled and study before you can place a bet and no one can get ready for the first race. Let the crowd settle down. The last race is the 'getaway' race and people are all upset getting ready to leave. Anything is liable to happen so lay off."
2. Never play two-year-olds. "Young horses don't know where they are going, let alone finding their way all by themselves to the finish line."
3. Never play horses over five years old. "They are too old and can't be depended upon. Old injuries may crop up on them and too many have bad habits like counting the customers in the grandstand or reading the tote board."
4. Never play a claiming race. "These are horses that the owners don't want and hope to sell them in a claiming race. Claimers are never right. They always have a bad foot, a sore neck, have swollen hoofs, a watermelon knee, or suffer coughing spells."
5. Never play a horse that won the last race. "My figures show owners want bigger odds so they don't want to win too often."
6. Never play a horse that has run out of the money the last three times. "A three-time loser gets the habit of loafing on the job and forgets how to finish up front."
7. Never play a horse on the inside or way on the outside. "The inside horse gets jammed on the rail. The outside horse has to run a couple hundred yards more because he is so far away from the rail."
8. Never play a favorite. "Favorites win only 30 per cent of the time and you never win big money. Only suckers play favorites."
9. Never play longshots. "Longshots have big odds because they have no chance. Something is wrong and that is why they have large odds."

Never play an apprentice jockey. "Green boys don't know how to ride well. They never take a chance."

Just about this stage of the game I am fed up to the gills with Willie's advice. And I am only halfway through his list of "don'ts."

After I come to the end of the Willie System I realize that there isn't a race I can play if I follow my Cousin Willie.

What is Willie going to do?

Well, if I know my cousin he will stick his set of rules inside the sweatband of his hat and start picking them like every horse-player...right from the end of a hatpin.

Good luck, Willie. No use of the both of us winding up broke.

## Bill Hosokawa:

## FROM THE FRYING PAN

### Seems Kids Get Things Too Easy

Denver, Colo.

Down at the corner drugstore the other day there was a huckster spicing the attractions of a new plastic, semi-automatic quote musical instrument unsuote. You blew through a gadget, at the same time winding a crank. The crank turned a cardboard disk in which many holes were punched. It worked on the principle of a player piano: when a hole came along, air escaped and made a more or less musical sound. The holes were arranged so that you played a tune when you blew and wound the crank.

How successful sales on this gadget will be, we're not prepared to say. But the thing stuck in mind because it was another of those gadgets that seem to be simplifying the lives of this generation, not excluding the children.

From a strictly adult viewpoint, an automatic washing machine, a refrigerator, driving without shifting gears and thermostatically controlled gas or oil heat are wonderful labor-saving devices. But somehow we hate to see that same principle made available to children who, instead of doing predigested things, ought to be learning how to do and make things with their hands.

Take the harmonica. We learned to play one, relatively speaking, after many, many hours of blowing, drawing and tongueing. If the result wasn't music, it was at least satisfying. Now what does a kid do? He needs neither patience nor acquired skill. All he does is wind a crank.

Or take all these kits that have flooded the market. When we wanted to make a model airplane, or a toy wagon, or a bow and arrow, we got our materials at the woodpile, an orange crate or cigar box bummed from a grocery store, or from the bushes in the vacant lot. And then we got out a rusty old knife, which we treasured dearly, or straightened nails with a rock and drove them in with same.

What happens now? A kid gets Pop to buy him a bow and arrow set. He saves his dimes and buys a model airplane kit all done up in a finely lithographed box. Within are pieces of balsa that need only to be sanded, glued and assembled, and there you have a beautifully fashioned model. But what skills did the youngster learn or practice in assembling a store-boughten kit? None, not even patience.

Perhaps we are growing cantankerous with the approach of middle age, but it seems kids are getting things too easy these days.

### Our Susan: Close Quotes

Our Susan still has difficulties getting the days of the week untangled. The other night, she said: "Tomorrow is Tuesday, and after that we get to eat turkey."

"No," corrected her brother. "Tomorrow is Tuesday and the day after that is Wednesday. You stuff the turkey on Wednesday. And after that is Thursday, and that's the day you eat the turkey."

"Oh," said Susan. "You stuff the turkey on Wednesday, and then you stuff yourself on Thursday."

### A New Spirit in the South

To Anna Bell Williams of the Japanese Methodist church, Walnut Grove, Calif.: We join you in taking off our hats to that Mississippi school which refused to teach race bigotry and thus turned down a 50 million dollar endowment. It seems someone was a mite previous in announcing that the school would accept the gift, and our column got into print before school authorities corrected the report. The school represents the new spirit of the south where enlightenment is replacing the vicious old prejudices.

## Vagaries

### Evacuee Claims . . .

The Justice Department will pay its first claim shortly under the Evacuee Claims act for loss or damage sustained by evacuees of Japanese ancestry during the war. Meanwhile, new procedures are under consideration to expedite processing and payment of claims . . . It's reported in Denver that Carl Iwasaki, formerly of San Jose, Calif., may join Life magazine as a staff photographer. Iwasaki has covered numerous assignments for Life in the past two years in the Rocky Mountain area. He flew to New York recently to confer with Life officials.

### Easy Orchids . . .

Jon Chinen, whose stories have appeared in the Pacific Citizen, is the author of "Orchids Are Easy" in the December-January issue of The Link. He is a veteran of the 100th Battalion as well as of occupation service in Japan . . . Only Nisei delegate at the recent CIO national convention in Cleveland was Yasuki Arakaki of the ILWU in Hawaii . . . Yori Wada of San Francisco is one of the members of the California Young Democratic delegation which won the right to be seated over the protests of a rival Golden State delegation at the national Young Demo convention in Chattanooga, Tenn. last week. Wada is one of the leaders in a Young Democrats' move for a firm civil rights plank which was opposed by Southern delegates. Wada was toastmaster two weeks ago at the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL district convention banquet in San Francisco.

### TV Dance . . .

Fourteen-year old Carolyn Okada danced an original number inspired by the folk song, "Jennie Jenkins," on the "Music Masters of Tomorrow" program over Salt Lake City's KDYL-TV on Nov. 21. Miss Okada recently appeared in the University of Utah production of Sidney Howard's "Lute Song." Her picture will appear in a forthcoming issue of This Week magazine.

### Tokyo Joe . . .

Karie Shindo's rendition of "These Foolish Things" which she sings in Japanese and English in Columbia's "Tokyo Joe" should sell like chopsticks in Japan if some enterprising firm records it . . . Miss Shindo is backed in the firm by Betsu Bessho's combo, including Mary Minato, Joe Sakai and Haruo Fujisawa . . . Tommy Komuro, now editing The Independent for the Nisei Progressives in Los Angeles, plays the Nisei GI interpreter in

## Cincinnati Evacuees Celebrate Successful Relocation in City

Cincinnati, O.

Chow mein, intricate Japanese flower arrangements and an array of Oriental art combined here Sunday, Nov. 13, to make for one of the most successful programs ever presented by a local JACL chapter.

The Cincinnati JACL, originally planning just a dinner, wound up on that date with a three-way program—a dinner, lecture on Japanese flower arrangements and an exhibit of Oriental art, and more than 3,000 Cincinnati residents crowded into the Central YWCA to witness the results.

While the primary purpose of the day's events was to raise funds for the JACL, another major purpose was the celebration of Cincinnati's Japanese Americans of their successful relocation in this Ohio city.

Approximately 500 Nisei came to Cincinnati from the relocation centers after 1943. The Quakers were among the first groups to help in their resettlement, offering hostel facilities at their home on Winslow avenue and helping the Nisei find jobs.

While many of the original resettlers have returned to the coast, some 150 still remain in this city.

These Nisei on Sunday, Nov. 13, gave fellow Cincinnatians a sample of Oriental food and art.

The exhibit included a collection of Japanese festival dolls, the tea ceremony, art work, kimonos, fans, draperies, vases and chinaware.

Dr. Mary Takahashi of Chicago, one of the foremost Nisei lecturers on flower arrangement in the country, presented a special program on Japanese flower arranging.

Dr. Takahashi received her bachelor of science degree in physics and optometry from the University of California and attended the Chicago Academy of Fine Arts. She is the only woman

in the film. He was formerly on the staff of the Hokubei Mainichi in San Francisco.

### Film Hopes . . .

Nisei film players in Hollywood see a hopeful augury in the recent successes scored by such war background films as "Battleground" which may inspire other Hollywood studios to schedule pictures with Pacific war settings . . . One such picture was scheduled by 20th Century Fox back in 1946 with a cast including 25 actors of Japanese ancestry among whom was Teru Shimada who scores a personal success in "Tokyo Joe." This picture was Ira Wolfert's "American Guerrilla in the Philippines" which 20th-Fox planned to shoot on location in Puerto Rico. The Nisei players were recruited in the New York area and the film was about to be started when it was called off because of public apathy toward war films at the time.

designer for the United Wall Paper Company and also teaches classes in flower arrangement in Chicago.

Wide press, radio and television coverage was provided for the dinner and program.

All local radio stations publicized the event as did WLM-TV on television.

Cincinnati's most popular newspaper columnists, including Joseph Garretson, Alfred Segal, Mildred Miller and Sara MacDuff Austin, gave good pre-program publicity to the event and to the JACL organization. Numerous photographs also appeared in the local papers.

A pictorial record of the events will appear in the Dec. 4 issue of the Sunday Cincinnati Enquirer pictorial review magazine.

The JACL program drew widespread public comment and numerous requests for additional information on the organization and further appearances from participants.

Cochairman for the event were Kaye Watanabe and Hy Sugawara.

Committee chairmen were Yoshio Shimizu and Ben Yamaguchi, food; James Hashimoto and Lillian Yoshikawa, tickets; Charles Uye-hara and Kenji Muraoka, exhibit; Mrs. Sue Yamaguchi and Sam Sugawara, dinner; and Mrs. Mutsu Takao, reception.

Ichiro Kato and Fred Morioka were treasurers. Grace Ogata handled the souvenir booklet and Stogie Toki was in charge of art-work.

The souvenir booklet, titled "Americans, too — Cincinnati JACL," included a copy of the Reader's Digest story on Mike Masaoka, "Washington's Most Successful Lobbyist," and the Japanese American creed.

### Watsonville JACL Holds Dinner for Rep. Anderson

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — Rep. Jack Z. Anderson, R. Calif., was the guest of honor at a dinner of the Watsonville JACL on Nov. 23 at Loma Linda.

Rep. Anderson introduced several private bills on behalf of persons of Japanese ancestry in his California district during the 80th Congress.



# PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

## Rainbows Can Field a Nisei Team

The University of Hawaii's Roaring Rainbows who have enough Nisei players on their roster to field a complete team have lost only one game to date this season and that against a strong Texas Western team by one touchdown at El Paso in October. Since then the Rainbows have romped over Denver University and an assortment of Hawaiian independent clubs, including a 98 to 0 win over the Islanders at Honolulu. Now, however, the Rainbows are out after bigger game. After taking on Fresno State, the 'Bows tackle Eddie LeBaron and the unbeaten College of Pacific squad which has a line averaging 220 pounds. On New Year's day the Rainbows are matched against Stanford University in the Pineapple Bowl game. Jimmy Asato, sophomore halfback, has been the running star of the Hawaiian team to date.

## Hirota Will Play Pro Ball in Japan

Jyun Hirota, baseball and football star at the University of Hawaii, will probably be the first Nisei to play post-war pro baseball in Japan, according to Ken Misumi of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Hirota, a hard-hitting catcher, probably could play pro ball on the mainland if he wanted to do so. He caught for the Honolulu All-Stars on their barnstorming tour of the country in 1948 with the Harlem Globetrotters. He hit a 380-foot drive at Derks Field in Salt Lake City to exhibit a bit of his batting prowess.

Hirota is reportedly set to catch with the Tokyo Flyers of the Japan Professional League. The 27-year old backstop has been playing with the Honolulu Athletics and is rated as good as any catcher in Japan today. He will take his wife and two children to Japan.

## Modesto May Retain Nisei Battery

Speaking of baseball, and it's only three months more before the opening of spring training, the Pittsburgh Pirates have decided to retain the Modesto Reds of the California League as a farm club which means that Hank Matsubu and Jiro (Gabby) Nakamura may continue in Modesto uniforms as the only all-Nisei battery in pro baseball.

There's little left of the autumn madness known as football now except for the inevitable "bowl" games and most high school and junior college teams have finished their seasons... The time is wide open for the selection of the "all-something-or-other" teams. One of the first Nisei to be selected is Toby Watanabe, 140-pound fullback of Seattle's Franklin high, who is awarded the fullback post on the second team of the Seattle Times' all-city squad. By the time the annual selections are through a number of other players should make the all-star teams. Jimmy Miyasato, for instance, has been the offensive star of the high-scoring Weber College Wildcats.

## Mekata Shows Skill in Island Tourney

Larry Mekata, the tall Honolulu bowler who won the National JACL singles championship in Salt Lake City last March, has been doing well in recent island tournaments. He had a 680 series and qualified for a spot in the finals with such bowlers as M. Watanabe, Jum Uyehara, Roy Ah Nee and Beans Robinson in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin's vacation handicap tournament. The winner of the finals in January will receive a round-trip ticket to the mainland... According to Eddie Matsueda who brought the Honolulu AJA team to the JACL meet in Salt Lake City, the islanders will be represented at the next national JACL tourney in San Francisco next spring. Unlike the national ABC meet, the JACL tourney does not discriminate on racial grounds.

## Nishita Headed for California Bears

Bill Nishita, considered the best pitching prospect developed in Hawaii in recent years, is now studying at Santa Rosa JC in California. When young Bill arrived by plane from Honolulu, he was greeted at the airport by Coach Clint Evans of the University of California baseball team, which probably means you can start looking for the name Nishita in the Bear baseball line scores in a season or two. If Nishita develops as his supporters expect, he may be the first Nisei in big-time baseball.

## DiMaggio, Page Play with Nisei Team

Outside of the members of the world's champion New York Yankees, it isn't every ball player who has a chance to play alongside Jolting Joe DiMaggio and Fireman Joe Page but Allen Nagata's Nisei Athletics of the Hawaii Baseball league earned that distinction recently. DiMaggio played center and Page pitched for the Nisei team in a recent exhibition game in Honolulu. With that kind of help, including a homerun and a 450-foot double by DiMaggio, the Athletics defeated the Champion Honolulu Braves, 10 to 3.

Here's how the Athletics lined up with DiMaggio and Page in their lineup: Jun Muramoto, rf; Jimmy Wasa, 2b; Dick Kashiwaeda, 3b; DiMaggio, cf; Recca, 1b; Jyun Hirota, c; V. Mori, 1f; Sam Yuuki, ss; Page, p. Vernon Higa pinch-hit for Page, and Arnold Shimizu, the winning pitcher, and R. Kaneshiro, also pitched... Muramoto, rated as a player of AA pro ball caliber, was one of the hitting stars of the two game series between the Athletics. He and DiMaggio both got two home runs.

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## JACL Sponsors First Idaho Nisei Bowling Tourney

CALDWELL, Idaho — The first annual Idaho Nisei bowling tournament will be sponsored by the Boise Valley JACL on Dec. 27, 28 and 29 at the 20th Century Bowling Center in Boise.

Competition in the three-day event will include events in team, doubles, singles, mixed doubles and a sweepstakes. Cash prizes and trophies will be presented and squad prizes will be given for each flight.

The tournament will conclude with a dance for all bowlers and guests on Dec. 29.

Jim Abe, secretary, PO Box 145, Caldwell, Idaho, may be contacted for information on the tourney. Officers are Bill Nishioaka, general chairman; Manabu Yamada finance; Sam Fujita, housing; Jim Kawano, dance chairman; Seichi Hayashida, trophies, and George Koyama, publicity

## Plaisance Cleaners Continue to Lead Chicago League

CHICAGO—The Plaisance Cleaners maintained their position atop the Chicago Nisei bowling league as they defeated Quality Cleaners, 3 to 1, in the 11th week of the season.

D. Mizuno's 564 and Dyke Miyagawa's 553 led Plaisance.

The Nisei Vues boomed into second place by blanking Berns Store, 4 to 0, behind a 2806 team series. Tak Fujii of the winners rolled a 595, while F. Oishi of Nisei Vues had a 560.

Murakami & Sons gained a third place tie with Hyde Park Restaurant by whitewashing Jan Jan T, 3 to 0, while Hyde Park took three from Sakada Optometrists behind S. Tsuji's 553 and Jun Oishi's 560.

Wah Mee Lo stayed with the leaders by taking three points from Petite Cleaners as B. Miyamoto was high with a 552 series.

## Star Pool Leads Salt Lake League

The Star Pool team, composed of George Kishida, Wat Misaka, Mike Nakamura, Tom Nakamura and Ich Okumura, is making a runaway of the Salt Lake JACL Witner bowling league which meets on Mondays at Ter Temple alleys.

The Star team, with a 2885 high scratch series to their credit, now has a six game lead over Okada Insurance and Aloha Fountain who are tied for second. Pacific Citizen is fourth, while New Sunrise is in the fifth spot. The other teams, in order, are Tuxedo Cafe, OK Cafe, Walker Insurance, Dawn Noodle, Pagoda, City Cafe, Terasima Studio, Doi's Cleaners and Utah Cannery.

Sho Hiraizumi, George Imazumi, Milton Oda, Ike Oki, Hito Okada and George Sonoda won turkeys for the top six high handicapped series on Nov. 21.

## Another Member Of Hiura Family Wins Marbles Title

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — The Hiuras have produced another marble champion in young Paul, 12, who won the city championship on Nov. 18.

In 1947 his brother, Clarence Hiura, was the champion. In 1948 Daniel Hiura succeeded to the crown.

## Professional Notices

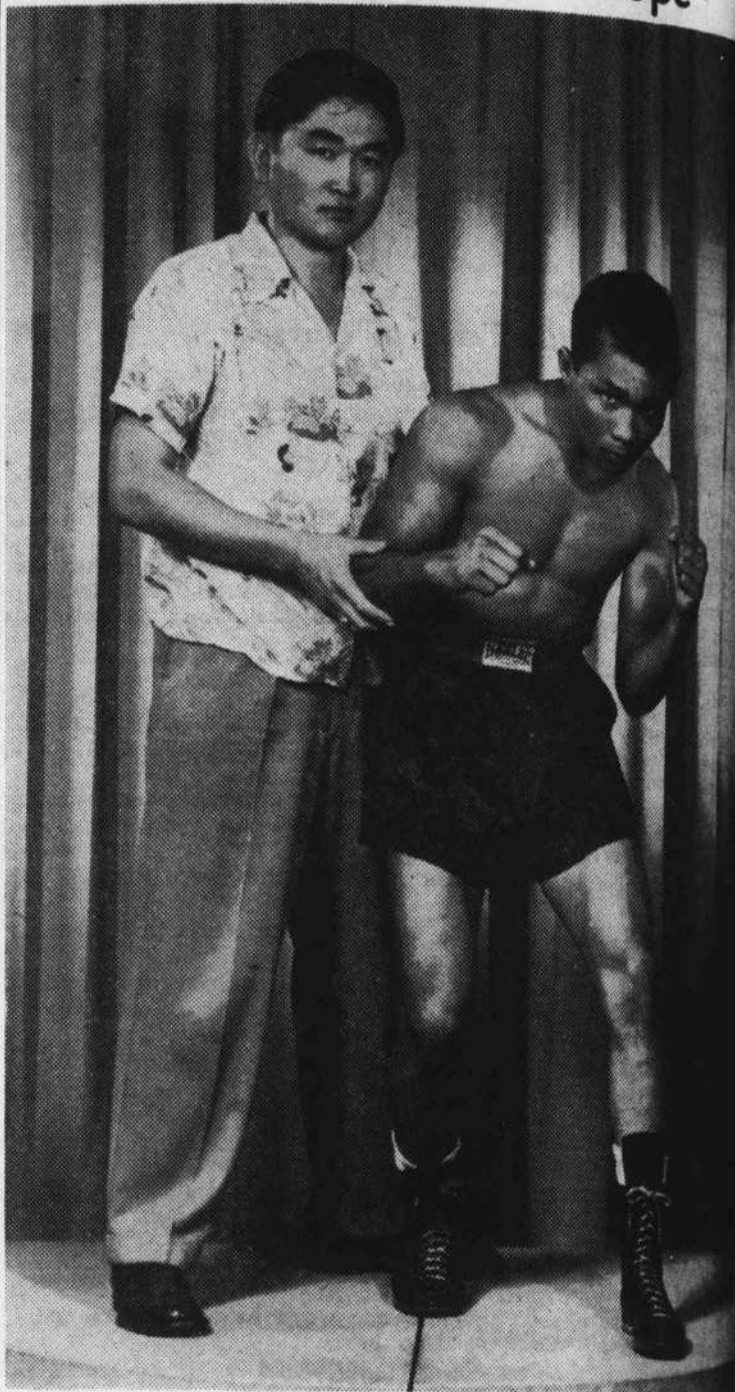
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## Nisei Manages Fistic Hope



Johnny Eghan, rapidly winning recognition as one of the nation's top featherweights, is shown here with his manager, Shigeru Takahashi of French Camp, Calif.

Eghan was formerly managed by Sad Sam Ichinose in Hawaii. He has won his first six fights in California, five by knockouts, with Takahashi in his corner in all of the bouts.

Takahashi, a member of the California Boxing Managers Association, is the only Nisei licensed fight manager on the mainland. He reported this week that Eghan was offered a main event with Rudy Garcia in Los Angeles but was forced to turn down the offer because of a full schedule. Eghan knocked out Mike Bernal in five rounds in his last bout and is matched with Lauro Salas on Nov. 29 in Stockton, Calif., Civic Auditorium.

—Photo by Yoshikawa Photo Studio, Stockton.

## Boeing Aircraft Bowlers Defy American Bowling Congress, Vote to Admit Nisei Keglers

SEATTLE—The Boeing Bowling association, composed of employees at the huge Boeing aircraft plant, this week told the American Bowling Congress they want no part of the ABC's discriminatory racial policy.

By an overwhelming vote of 582 to 26, the Boeing bowlers gave race prejudice the gate as they amended their constitution to permit a team of Japanese American bowlers, the Nisei Clippers, to be regular members of the association.

## "Great Togo" Riles Fans, Riot Squad Answers Call

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — A squad of 12 officers answered a riot call at Strehlich Stadium on Nov. 18 when a crowd of irate fans tried to get at a participant in a wrestling match.

Officers said the wrestler, who was the object of the crowd's anger, was The Great Togo who had thrown his opponent, Danny McShain, out of the ring and struck him when he tried to get back over the ropes.

Order was restored almost immediately without bloodshed, the officers report.

The Great Togo is George Okamura of Hood River, Ore.

## Chinese American Team Wins Tourney

SAN FRANCISCO—The team of Bob Long and Lillian Low with a combined total of 1239 won the three-game handicap tournament sponsored on Nov. 13 jointly by the Nisei and Chinese bowling associations.

Telling the ABC, in effect, that they can "like it or lump it," the Boeing Bowling association flung a warning from the American Bowling Congress that its affiliate leagues cannot be participated in by other than "white males." The Boeing group amended its constitution to permit play by "those persons whose affiliation because of race or color, is restricted."

The unwilling center of the controversy are the members of the Clippers, most of whom are veterans. They are Tak Shibuya, Tommy Namba, Floyd Yamamoto, Herb Furuta and Mud Tsuchihashi.

## Cortez JACL Plans Annual Bass Derby

TURLOCK, Calif. — The Cortez JACL chapter will sponsor its second annual bass derby at Frank Tract on Nov. 27 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Ernest Yoshida is chairman of the bass derby committee. Other members are Jack Noda, Edo Sakaguchi, Nogi Kajioka, Kame Kajioka, Seio Masuda, George Yuge, Sam Kuwahara and Kame Masuda.

Thirty prizes will be awarded for the largest fishes caught.



# Vital Statistics

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Tetsuya Madera, Calif., a girl, on Nov. 10.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshikazu Hamada, a girl, Karin Jane, on Oct. 3 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Nagaharu Sakamoto, a girl, Florence Kiyomi, on Nov. 4 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Yutaka Suyematsu, a boy, Dan Masao, on Nov. 3 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Masao Masaka, a girl, Diane Reiko, on Nov. 3 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Jitsuo Jay Kinoshita, a girl, Robyn Kikue, on Nov. 3 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. John T. Fujiki, a girl, on Nov. 28.  
To Mr. and Mrs. George S. Kubo, a boy on Oct. 26 in Stockton, Calif.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Hajime Fujimori, a girl on Nov. 16 in Seattle.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas K. Yamashiro, a girl on Oct. 29 in Stockton.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Yoshimura, a girl on Nov. 10 in San Francisco.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bando, a boy, Mark Alan, on Oct. 15 in Detroit.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Kaoru Kayakawaki, Norwalk, Calif., a girl, Beverly Keiko, on Nov. 6.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Seiichi Nakai, a girl on Nov. 10 in San Francisco.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Toshiyuki, a boy, Tom Toshio, on Oct. 15 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. George Morey, a boy, James Taka and Jack Hiro, on Oct. 4 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. William Mori, a girl, Linda Joy, on Sept. 12 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Setsuo Kuroki, a boy, Hiroshi James, on Nov. 10 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshinao Nakayama, Sun Valley, Calif., a girl, Sharon Lou, on Nov. 9.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Ajime Fujitomi, a girl on Nov. 16 in Seattle.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Nishida, a boy in Berkeley, Calif.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Torao, a girl in Berkeley.

To Mr. and Mrs. Satoru Frank Yamasaki, a boy in Berkeley.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Goro Endo, a boy in Berkeley.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Akira G. Shimizu, a boy on Oct. 14 in Selma, Calif.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Eddie M. Yamamoto, a boy on Nov. 1 in Fresno.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Matsuyama, a girl on Nov. 2 in Fresno.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Hide Yamamoto, a boy on Nov. 19 in Seattle.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Tadao Nagaishi, a boy, Jerry Kiyoshi, on Nov. 1 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Susumu Yasuda, a girl, Audrey Eiko, on Nov. 2 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Tatsuichi Inouye, a boy, Michael Ryoichi, on Nov. 1 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Komoto, a boy, Hiram, on Nov. 2 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Hikoe Ishiguro, a girl, Takako Karen, on Nov. 6 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Okita, a boy, Ronald Shoichi, on Nov. 5 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Takao Nakamura, Monterey, Calif., a boy on Oct. 27.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Tokuno, Palermo, Calif., a boy on Nov. 7.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Masami Sugaya, a boy on Nov. 8 in San Francisco.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Terashima, a girl on Nov. 17 in San Francisco.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nakatani, Robbins, Calif., a boy on Nov. 20.

## DEATHS

Shintaro Kawano, 80 on Nov. 15 in Dinuba, Calif.  
Sakutaro Imura, 72, on Nov. 17 in Alameda, Calif.  
Tokuichi Tanisaki, 64, on Nov. 17 in San Diego.  
Jitsutaro Misawa, 74, on Nov. 21 in Los Angeles.  
Mrs. Fujiyo Narahara on Nov. 21 in Los Angeles.

## MARRIAGES

Chizu Kobata to Hatsuo Nonaka on Nov. 12 in Stockton, Calif.  
Sonoko Kida of San Diego to

## Potluck Supper

CHICAGO—A post-Thanksgiving potluck supper will be held by the Young Adult Fellowship of the Ellis community center Dec. 4 at 1:30 p.m. "Sharing with Friends in Japan" will be the theme for the evening.

Clothes and food which have been collected will be packaged for overseas mailing.

Students in Chicago from Japan will be special guests at the supper, which will be followed by a social hour, a special program and a short devotional period.

Planning for this meeting are Dahlia Furukawa, Masako Ike, Georgene Sowa, Chuck Mayewaki, James Matsumoto and John Sakamoto.

Hideo Takayama in Pasadena, Calif. on Nov. 20.

Mary Chizue Taguchi to Morito Ogata on Nov. 20 in Los Angeles.

Mary Hidaka to George Tadashi Nakaji on Nov. 20 in Los Angeles.

Bessie Hamamoto to Masaru Usui on Nov. 12 in Los Angeles.

Rosy Hamamoto to Toll Okazaki on Nov. 12 in Los Angeles.

Shizuko Higuma to Kiyoshi Fukushima, on Nov. 13 in Los Angeles.

Sumako Inouye to Kay Kaneo Nakamura of Kirby, Wyo., on Nov. 17 in Worland, Wyo.

Elaine Hasuko Akahoshi to Carl Hideki Kinoshita, Ault, Colo., on Nov. 19 in Denver.

Eriene Mitsuye Takamatsu to Tom Koichi Hikida on Nov. 19 in Denver.

Ruth Kikuo Ogawa to Thomas Asaki on Nov. 19 in Hanford, Calif.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Sadie Tanaka, 22, Tremonton, Utah, and Kametake Yoshimura, 28, in Salt Lake City.

Gladys Kakashima, 28, and Kay Kanagahi, 29, Concord, Calif., in Stockton.

Neva Inouye, 23, Courtland, Calif., and Isamu Saito, 32, in Fresno.

Masae Arita, 29, and Seichi Yamamoto, 31, in Fresno.

Chikie Osaki, 25, Fowler, Calif., and Chiyuki Nakahara, 30, in Fresno.

Kazuko Harada, 24, Colusa, Calif., and John Hatamiya, 24, Live Oak, in San Francisco.

Ayako Kumamoto, 34, and Charles Masaharu Mizota, 32, Alviso, in San Jose.

May Matsuzaki and Charles Dansaku, U.S. Air Force, in San Francisco.

Mitsuko Fukushima and Sakae Kawajiri, Berkeley, in San Francisco.

Kimiye Tanimoto to George Tsuyetaki on Nov. 12 in Chicago.

Yoshiko Miyoshi and Johnnie K. Kajiwarra in Denver, Colo.

Kaoru Bernice Iwasa, 31, and Minoru Ouye, 33, Fresno, in Sacramento.

Lois Tsugie Nakashima, 24, and Kenny Kosaiku, 26, Loomis, in Sacramento.

Hisako Minabe, 23, Livingston, and Wada Toshitsugu, 26, Yuba City, Calif., in Sacramento.

Sumiye Nakamura, 28 and Minoru Kakutani, 29, Parlier, in Sacramento.

Kimiye Uyemura, 21 and Walter Matsuoka, 26, Loomis, in Auburn, Calif.

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# Seek Alleged Nisei Bunco Artist As Checks Bounce in California

SAN FRANCISCO — A Nisei bunco artist, identifying himself as a war veteran, recently victimized the family of a Japanese American soldier killed in action in Italy, according to Joe Grant Masaoka, regional director of JACL ADC.

According to Masaoka, a "Yoshio Ted Yamamoto" visited the family of Kunio Hattori in Ross, Calif., posing as a former sergeant and claiming to come from Idaho. He borrowed \$30 from the Hattori family after claiming to have lost his wallet containing \$150.

He was described as being about 27 years of age, five feet seven inches in height and weighing 150. He is also said to have a scar at the base of the index finger of his right hand which he refers to as a combat injury.

"Yamamoto" also is reported to

have visited the widows of Nisei killed in the war with the same story.

Police in Watsonville, Calif., meanwhile were also reported looking for a "Ted Yoshio Yamamoto" on the charge of passing two worthless checks there on Oct. 29. Fred Nitta and Shig Hirano both reported they had cashed checks for "Yamamoto" after hearing his story.

The Nichi-Bei Times reported last week that "Yamamoto" also has victimized ministers of Japanese churches in Berkeley, Stockton and San Jose, using the story that he had lost his wallet.

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# IDC Queen Will Win Trip to Chicago Parley

Three Hundred  
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OGDEN, Utah—The Intermountain JACL district council will support the national JACL queen contest and will send a contestant to the national convention in Chicago in 1950. It was decided on Nov. 25 as the two-day convention opened at the Hotel Ben Lomond.

More than 300 delegates and boosters from the Intermountain district's eight chapters are expected to participate in the convention sessions and the bowling tournament which is being held in conjunction with the meeting, according to officials of the host Ogden chapter.

Business sessions were held during the first day and nominations were made for the standing national committees of the JACL.

With considerable interest generated by the queen contest, Hui Miwa of Ogden, chairman, reported that eleven girls had been nominated. The contest winner will receive a trip to Chicago from the Intermountain district.

The contestants are Janette Mitarai, Richfield, Utah; Fusaye Odow, Salt Lake; Marie Akagi, Draper, Utah; June Okawa, Layton, Utah; Gene Moriyama, Salt Lake; Alice Watanabe Brigham City, Utah; Cho Yamaguchi, Edith Oda and Akiko Sueoka, Ogden; and Amy Kawamura and Susie Tomimaga, Pocatello, Idaho.

Hit Miyasaki of the Yellowstone JACL, Rexburg, Idaho is chairman of the judging and will be assisted by Mrs. Mike M. Masaoka and representatives of three chapters, Snake River, Boise Valley and Idaho Falls, who are not represented in the queen contest.

Mayor Harmon Peery of Ogden was scheduled to welcome the delegates to the city at the JACL One Thousand club's dinner for convention delegates and boosters at the Canyon Club on Nov. 25.

Members of the general arrangements committee of the Ogden chapter include Min Miya, Toyse Kato, Tsutomu Ochi, Jack Oda, Charles Tsukamoto, Yori Kosaiku, Jake Koga, Toshi Yano, Yuri Miya, Charles Yamamoto, Ken Uchida, Edith Oda and Cho Yamaguchi.

Maxine Kato and Mac Furushiro of the Ogden JACL won first place in the mixed doubles at the bowling tournament on the Paramount lanes. Yori Kosaiku and Lily Nakahara of the Ogden JACL placed second.

Mrs. Kato teamed with Miss Nakahara to win the women's doubles. Second place went to Yoshi Fujii of Mount Olympus and Dot Kuwana of Idaho Falls.

# An Informal Group at Chicago Dance



Enjoying a bit of conversation during an intermission at the Chicago JACL's recent fourth annual inaugural ball at the Stevens hotel are (left to right) Nori Kenmotsu, Mas Nakagawa,

chairman of the ball, Kay Masuda, Karl Nakamura and Corazon Delfino, guest soloist.

—Photo by Edgar F. Zobel, Chicago.

# Appoint Committee Chairman For National JACL Convention

CHICAGO—The Chicago JACL national convention board this week shifted into high gear in planning for the 11th biennial national convention of the JACL at the Stevens hotel in Chicago from Sept. 28 to Oct. 2, 1950 as Chairman Dr. Randolph Sakada announced appointments to head key committees.

Dr. Sakada urged all chapters to make plans now to insure maximum attendance of members at the convention.

The following committee chairmen were appointed by Dr. Sakada: Opening ceremonies, Shigeo Wakamatsu; recognition banquet, Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe; banquet for public officials, Jack Nakagawa; convention picture, Shig Hashimoto; civic reception, Mari Sabusawa; queen contest and coronation, Dr. Ernest Takahashi; convention ball, Lincoln Shimidzu; veterans memorial service, Gus Hikawa; talent show, Art Hayashi; bowling, James Kozuma; church

services, Henry Suzukida; outing, Harry Sabusawa, Roy Iwata; reception, Esther Hagiwara; fashion show, Kow Kaneko.

Tea, Mrs. Kay Masuda; registration, Tsugi Ieiri; information, Mary Matsumura, sightseeing and tours, Joe Maruyama; bridge, Jake Higashiuchi; golf, Hiram Akita; tennis, Tom Seno; art, photo exhibit and contest, Mas Nakagawa; general arrangements, Smoky Sakurada; housing, Riyo Sato; transportation, Aki Tani; music and entertainment, Helen Mayeda, and panel discussion and open forum, Togo Tanaka.

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# Evacuee Claims Hearing Held In Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES—The first attorney-represented hearing on a claim filed by a Pacific coast evacuee was conducted on Nov. 21 at the Los Angeles office of the Justice Department's evacuee claims division, the Rafu Shimpo reported this week.

Etsuji Inada was represented by attorney Henry Tsurutani at the hearing.

The claimant was advised after the completing of the hearing that two weeks will be required before the recommendation of the Los Angeles claims office will be ready to be sent to Washington for final adjudication.

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