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California Civic Unity Groups Urge Passage of Legislation for Equality in Naturalization

ASILOMAR, Calif.—Passage by the Senate of legislation for equality in naturalization which will open the road to citizenship for resident aliens of Japanese ancestry in the United States was urged by the California Federation for Civic Unity which ended a three-day meeting here on Dec. 4.

The federation also gave top priority in its 1950 program to a California fair employment practices act coupled with a statewide voter registration drive.

Nearly two hundred delegates from 52 racial, religious, national, civic unity and labor organizations, including chapters of the Japanese American Citizens League, gave these projects that priority in an intensive review of problems confronting nearly a million Californians still subject to racial and religious discrimination.

The delegates authorized the Federation Board of Directors to state plans for a "statewide conference of non-communist civic, labor, church and other community organizations favoring a California FEPC for the purpose of determining strategy necessary to fighting and executing a successful California FEPC campaign."

At the same time, the federation moved to launch local registration drives, directed in good part at minority groups who have not hitherto availed themselves of the franchise.

Sparking the federation's move to register new voters was a report from the Community Service Organization of Los Angeles. Fred Ross, organizer for the CSO, told delegates how his organization had registered 17,000 new voters in the east and north-side districts of Los Angeles.

Ross said registrations among Spanish-speaking citizens were increased by nearly four times and, as a result of the drive, resulted in the election of the first Spanish-speaking Los Angeles councilman in 85 years.

Saburo Kido, past national president of the Japanese American Citizens League, told the group that its major project in the coming year will be to win equal status in naturalization for alien Japanese.

At the same time, Kido said the JACL will continue to press for speedy and just reparations to Japanese Americans for losses suffered as a result of wartime evacuation.

Two-thirds of California's pre-war Japanese population have returned to the state, Kido said, and conditions in communities where they have been accepted are healthier than ever.

On the other hand, some areas actually have excluded returning Japanese. He cited Salinas Valley, where only about ten per cent of pre-war Japanese residents had been able to return; and Imperial Valley.

Japanese Americans still face difficulty, Kido reported, in returning to the land they farmed in re-establishing the businesses they operated. Many have been forced to take menial jobs, instead.

Loren Miller, Los Angeles attorney, told the delegates that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is challenging, on a national scale, the old legal doctrine of "separate but equal facilities" which, according to Miller, has been the stay of "Jim Crow" law since 1904.

In workshop sessions, the delegates explored ways of working as a community or neighborhood for better group relations.

The Redwood City Council for Civic Unity told how it had established an employment agency which has placed more than 400 minority group workers on jobs in the past three months.

Gordon Stafford of the San Diego NAACP, reported how his group had ended the refusal of San Diego's leading hotel to serve Negroes. He described how his group "packed" the hotel's restaurant with 40, then 60 members and friends after law suits and nego-

tations had failed to end the hotel's discrimination.

Following the evening when 60 members sat at tables for nearly three hours waiting to be served, the hotel management reversed its policy. Stafford said that the hotel's action paved the way for ending discrimination in most of the city's hotels and restaurants.

Delegates from San Luis Obispo told of their successful efforts to end discrimination in barber shops; San Bernardino groups told how they were working to promote friendly relations in neighborhoods where minority group families have moved in for the first time.

Against this background, the delegates laid plans for strengthening community, as well as statewide, efforts to achieve a more democratic pattern of group relations.

The delegates called for a national policy in public housing which would prohibit segregation in public housing projects; they applauded the FHA ruling which prohibits loans on segregated homes.

They asked for more intercultural education in public schools, and for more teachers drawn from minority groups. Dr. Jean Grambs, of the Stanford University education department, told the group that here were teaching jobs for "five times as many members of minority groups as are being trained."

Mrs. Josephine W. Duveneck, Los Altos, was re-elected federation president; Loren Miller, Los Angeles and Eugene B. Block, San Francisco were chosen vice-presidents; Saburo Kido, Los Angeles was named secretary, Ralph Brill, San Mateo, treasurer.

New directors elected were: Rev. Gordon Foster, Mill valley; Mrs. Leon Sloss, San Francisco; Earnesto Galarza, San Jose; Benjamin H. Swig, San Francisco; Mrs. Ruth Kingman, Berkeley; Judge Isaac Pacht, Los Angeles; Dan A. West, Los Angeles; Mrs. Sumner Spaulding, Los Angeles; Anthony Rios, Los Angeles; Frederick Schreiber, Los Angeles; Mrs. Shirley Adelson Siegel, Los Angeles; Beatrice Griffith, Los Angeles; Milton Senn, Los Angeles; Daniel Juniphant, Vallejo; Mrs. Josephine W. Duveneck, San Francisco; Daniel E. Koshland, San Francisco; Eugene B. Block, San Francisco; Edward Howden, San Francisco; Mrs. Elizabeth Eisenberg, Redwood City; Homer Martine, Monterey; Mitsuro Nishio, Sacramento; Rev. Andrew Juvinal, Stockton; Gordon Stafford, San Diego.

Henry Nava, Los Angeles; W. H. Martin, Santa Barbara; Mary Evans, Redlands; Mrs. Rose Rashmir, Redlands; Rabbi Sanford Rosen, Bakersfield; and Cecil C. Hinton, Fresno.

Nisei Mechanic, Family Leave China City With Consul Ward

WASHINGTON — Angus Ward and his American consulate staff from Mukden, including six persons of Japanese ancestry, reportedly reached Tientsin on Dec. 8 after a year of isolation in Communist-held Manchuria.

Ward and his party are expected to board the Lakeland Victory or another American merchant ship at Taku Bar, downriver from Tientsin.

It was reported that Ward's group numbers 20, including 16 Americans and four non-Chinese

Eleven Nisei Attend California Civic Unity Meet at Asilomar

ASILOMAR, Calif. — Eleven Nisei, many of them representing JACL chapters as well as their local Councils for Civic Unity and other organizations, were among the more than 180 delegates attending the fourth annual statewide convention of the California Federation for Civic Unity concluded last week at Asilomar, California.

They were Misae Tanisawa, San Leandro; Dollie Nagai, Fresno; Kimiko Fuji, Hayward; Kiyo Sato, Sacramento; Eiko Honda, Redwood City; Emma Suzuki, Menlo Park; Mits Nishio, Sacramento; William Enomoto, Redwood City; Bob C. Takahashi, French Camp; Saburo Kido, Los Angeles; Tats Kushida, Los Angeles.

A number of resolutions were adopted by the convention including action programs for the passage of a state FEPC law and equality in naturalization and immigration at the national level. Also adopted was a resolution urging the Department of Justice to pursue a liberal and expeditious course in the early awarding of payments on evacuation claims.

JACL Receives Part of Hunt Co-op Fund

JACL National President Hito Okada announced this week that a check for \$1,233.16 had been delivered to National JACL by the Minidoka Consumers' liquidating trustees of the Minidoka relocation center at Hunt, Idaho.

In forwarding the check, Frank Y. Okada, Secretary and Treasurer of the liquidating trustees, explained that "this is a surplus over and above all obligations of the Minidoka Consumers' Cooperative," and that JACL was one of three organizations named as beneficiaries of the surplus.

In accepting the check, JACL President Okada stated, "We are certainly grateful for this financial boost, for it represents recognition of JACL's work in behalf of all persons of Japanese ancestry. I am sure that everyone will be heartily in accord with this action."

Plan Claims Clinic in Salt Lake City

The Salt Lake JACL's final evacuation claims clinic will be held on Dec. 16 from 8 p.m. in the Colonial hotel lobby, it was announced by George Mochizuki, chairman of the chapter's evacuation claims committee.

Assistance will be given in filling out claims forms.

Insurance Company Issues Certificates

OAKLAND, Calif.—The Western Pioneer Insurance company announced this week that stock certificates have been completed and approved for delivery.

Y. B. Mamiya, vice president of the Nisei-organized firm, said: "The agent who sold the stock will deliver the certificates to the purchasers."

California's Alien Land Statute Challenged in New Suit Filed By Members of Masaoka Family

LOS ANGELES—The validity of California's 1920 Alien Land law is being challenged in a new case filed here in Superior court recently by five members of the Masaoka family, four of whom served in the army in World War II.

Ike Masaoka, Silver-Star veteran of the 442nd Combat Team who was seriously wounded in combat, and his four brothers, Henry, Tad, Joe Grant and Mike, initiated the case because of their desire to give their mother, Mrs. Haruye Masaoka, a piece of real property as a gift.

Parent Wins Damage Suit Over Accident

WEST SACRAMENTO — An award of \$10,000 was made on Dec. 1 by Superior Court Judge McDonald of Yolo County to Charles Kawada in a damage suit brought in his behalf over the death of his eldest daughter, Joan Haruko, 5, who was injured fatally by a truck as she alighted from a school bus while returning from kindergarten on March 24.

The principal defendant was Albert Brady, driver of the truck. Others named in the complaint were William Warner, truck line owner; Glen Williams, the school bus driver, and Stacy Minor, one of the owners of the school bus.

Youth Sought For Theft from Philadelphia Hostel

SAN FRANCISCO—The alleged illegal activities of a self-described Nisei war veteran using the name of "Yoshio Ted Yamamoto" drew on a transcontinental flavor this week, the Nichi-Bei Times reported.

Previously it had been reported that "Yamamoto" was being sought for passing bad checks by police authorities in Watsonville, Oakland and other Northern California areas.

Following the appearance of stories on his check-passing activities, the newspaper learned that a young man using the name of "Yamamoto" and filling the general description of the youth was being sought by Philadelphia police. He reportedly stayed at the Philadelphia hotel, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Inouye, formerly of Sacramento, for four days from April 6, 1949.

It was reported that following his departure several rooms at the hotel, occupied mainly by students at the nearby University of Pennsylvania had been looted and that sums of cash were missing.

According to the paper's correspondent, one of the hotel residents wrote home to Seattle about the burglary and received a letter saying that a person answering to the same name was blamed for the loss of several hundred dollars from a cash register of a Seattle florist on March 27.

Nisei Doctor Studies Children Who Survived Hiroshima Blast

HIROSHIMA, Japan—Although some authorities claim that the children who survived the atom-bombing of Hiroshima in Aug., 1945 are physically and mentally inferior to children in other Japanese cities, American scientists have found nothing so far to support this claim.

"Personally I was surprised to find them looking so sturdy and cheerful," Dr. Wataru Sutow of Salt Lake City, pediatrician and one of several Nisei on the staff of the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission, declared.

Dr. Sutow, who has examined dozens of children exposed to the bomb, was careful to draw no conclusions.

But, he told an American correspondent, there is no evidence so far that any of the "atom kids" are

Under the California Alien Land law, it is impossible for such a gift to be made by citizen children of Japanese ancestry to their alien parents because the latter is ineligible to citizenship and unable to own or enjoy real property under the California statute.

A sixth brother, Ben, was killed in action while serving as a member of the 442nd Combat Team during the rescue of the "lost battalion" near Bruyeres, France in Oct., 1944.

The case is being handled by California attorneys who have been prominent in the defense of the civil rights of the state's citizens and residents of Japanese ancestry in recent years.

Among the attorneys representing the Masaoka family are: A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles, who has handled or participated in most of the notable civil rights cases involving persons of Japanese ancestry since the mass evacuation in 1942; James C. Purcell of San Francisco, the attorney for Mitsuye Endo whose case challenging the detention of Nisei after the evacuation in relocation camps resulted in an unanimous Supreme Court decision in Dec. 1944 which upheld the rights of Nisei as citizens; Guy C. Calden of San Francisco, recognized authority on the Alien Land law since the initial restrictive California statute was passed in 1913; and Charles A. Horsky of Washington, D.C., who participated in the arguments on the constitutionality of the mass evacuation orders before the United States Supreme court in 1943 and who helped obtain Dean Acheson, now Secretary of State, to argue the Oyama escheat case in 1948 which challenged the Alien Land law. Mr. Horsky also was one of the chief counsels in the Takahashi fishing case which invalidated the restrictive California anti-alien fishing law passed in 1945.

Support for the Masaoka case was announced this week by organizations belonging to the JACL Joint Conference, including the Kika Ken Kisei Domei of Northern California, the Civil Rights Defense Union, the National JACL, National JACL ADC and the Southern California Legal Defense Fund.

Members of the executive committee of the JACL Joint conference are Setsugo Sakamoto, KKKD; Yoshimi Shibata, CRDU; Dr. Roy Nishikawa, SCLDF; Bill Enomoto, National JACL, and Saburo Kido, JACL ADC.

in any way different from other Japanese children, except for their common experience.

"I suppose I expected to find some of them had developed psychological quirks as a result of so terrifying an experience," he said.

"But they don't look or act different from other kids."

Japanese sources, which American the bomb killed 2038 school children and wounded nearly 5,000. The figures would have been considerably higher if 80 per cent of the children hadn't been evacuated in anticipation of air raids, Japanese say.

Today, however, there are 37,000 children enrolled in Hiroshima schools, 1,000 more than the wartime enrollment.

JACL ADC Lauds Government Move Against Housing Bias

**Richards, Foley
Notify Organization
Of New FHA Policy**

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this week lauded the recent action by the Federal Housing Administration amending its rules to refuse financial aid on properties covered by written racial restrictive covenants.

The JACL ADC was notified of this action in a personal letter to Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, from Franklin D. Richards, FHA commissioner, and Raymond M. Foley, Housing and Home Finance Agency administrator.

The letter said the two felt it a "great pleasure for us to be able to advise you concerning" this move.

JACL ADC officials pointed out the organization has a long interest in opposing the intolerant

practice of racial restrictive covenants on housing, and that the FHA's new regulation "is another step towards giving all Americans the right of personally choosing where and how they shall live."

In the past, the JACL ADC has filed amicus curiae briefs in restrictive covenant cases before the Supreme Court.

Last year a Supreme Court decision forbade enforcement of these covenants by the courts, though they still may exist as unwritten agreements among property owners, but may be broken with impunity.

In connection with the announcement, Administrator Foley said he considers the FHA action "in full conformance with the public policy of the United States and essential to the public interest." Commissioner Richards said: "The FHA will always... adjust its policies in any legitimate way that promises to make its services more effective to all American families."

Anti-Negro Threats by Chicago Crowd Told by Nisei CIO Leader

HONOLULU — Yasuki Arakaki, ILWU delegate to the CIO national convention in Cleveland, disclosed upon his return here recently that Negroes attending a meeting at a private home in Chicago at which he spoke were threatened by hoodlums.

Arakaki said he spoke at a meeting of CIO shop stewards at the home of Aaron Binder, secretary-treasurer of ILWU Local 208 in Chicago.

He said a crowd gathered in front of the Binder home when word got around the neighborhood that Negroes were being entertained there.

Arakaki said that several Negroes were among the shop stewards attending the meeting.

The crowd grew noisy and Binder, Arakaki and several of the shop stewards went to reason with demonstrators.

Binder asked why the demonstration was being staged and he was told to get the "n—s" out of his home.

"Binder was also called a 'damn Jew' by men in the crowd," Arakaki said.

The Nisei union official said he spoke to the crowd, declaring:

"It is unfortunate this thing should happen here because of my arrival to speak of the progress of trade unions in Hawaii. I am as overnight guest and I am greatly surprised because I come from a colonial territory and I thought I would see democracy in action on the mainland."

He said men in the crowd answered him with cries of "go back to Hawaii."

Arakaki said that two days later, after he had left Chicago, he learned that a crowd of 2,000 persons gathered in front of the Binder home and stoned the house.

"They smashed doors and windows with their rocks and even smashed the upper story where another family lives."

Arakaki indicated that the demonstration was part of an organized campaign to prevent Negroes and members of other non-Caucasian groups from moving into the area.

Mary Morita Leads Puella Societa

SACRAMENTO — Mary Morita was elected president of the Puella Societa at the election meeting on Dec. 4.

Other new officers will be Bette Nishio, vice-pres.; Rose Asoo, rec. sec.; Doris Kawahira, corres. sec.; Chiki Iwamoto, publicity; and Irene Hiraga, treas.

Installation rites will be held in January by Sady Hori, retiring president.

A pre-Christmas dinner will be held by the Puella Societa on Dec. 16. Members also will attend the YWCA's annual yuletide tea on Dec. 18.

The Puella Societa will continue their annual project of filling Christmas baskets for needy families. Frances Iida is in charge.

Amy Matsumoto is in charge of the club's Christmas card sales.

Young Nisei Girl Gives Speeches for United Nations

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Joyce Kawauchi, 11 years of age and a sixth-grader at the Marcy school, is the youngest member of the Minnesota United Nations association speakers bureau.

Young Miss Kawauchi has been visiting various Minneapolis public schools, giving speeches on behalf of the United Nations.

Joyce told a Minnisei reporter recently that her ambition is not to become a public speaker but to be a concert pianist. She studies piano at the University of Minnesota.

Public appearances hold no terrors for Joyce. She once gave a book report over station WLO and has taken part in school dramatics.

Her father, Toshio Kawauchi, died in 1947 and Joyce now lives with her mother, Mrs. Alyce Kawauchi.

Puyallup Valley JACL Will Elect Officers

TACOMA, Wash.—The Puyallup Valley JACL will hold elections for its 1950 cabinet at a meeting on Dec. 16 from 7:30 p.m. at the Buddhist church in Tacoma.

The members also will hear a report from Kaz Yamane, chapter president, on the reactivation meeting of the Pacific Northwest JACL district council which was held in Spokane on Dec. 3 and 4.

The following are the nominees for the various chapter offices:

President, Art Yamada, Hiroshi Sakahara, Takeo Yoshihara, Toshio Tsuboi and Robert Mizukami.

Vice president (Fife), George Kawasaki, Yoshio Fujita, Mas Kondo, Maki Yamasaki and Yoshio Kawabata. (Sumner), Frank Komoto, Ted Matsumoto, Pete Sasaki and Takashi Fujita. (Tacoma) Hiroshi Nakagawara, Hank Tanabe, Masaru Nakashima and Kimi Fujimoto.

Board delegate, Yoshio Tanabe, Robert Mizukami, Mas Jinguji and Tets Tamaki.

Treasurer, Fudge Fujita and Leo Kawasaki.

Recording secretary, Fudge Sasaki, Maki Kawasaki, Mae Fujii and Betty Sato.

Corresponding secretary, Midori Tanabe, Chieko Tanabe and Kiku Fujita.

Social chairman, Leo Kawasaki and Teddy Fujimoto.

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A Short Story
By Kats Hirooka
in the
PC Holiday Issue
Out Dec. 24

Little Denver Girl Recovers Lost Dog But Loses Tonsils



When this picture was taken recently by a Denver Post photographer, Norma Carole Takaki, only five and lonesome for her dog, was in St Luke's hospital in Denver, Colo., sleeping restlessly under a sedative. Little Norma was heartbroken over the loss of her dog, Skippy, and her grief made her ill. It was decided that she must be taken to a hospital.

An operation to remove her tonsils had been planned and a sedative was necessary anyway so the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Takaki, decided to have the operation performed while she was in the hospital, so that she could find some rest under a strong opiate.

When little Norma awoke she found her throat was hurting her but there was good news, too. She was told that Skippy had been found and was awaiting her at home. The parents learned where the stolen dog was being held and they went to claim it with police officers.

Skippy, a friendly wirehaired pup, was missing for three days. Little Norma went by herself up and down the alleys and streets of the neighborhood crying and calling for Skippy.

"We couldn't keep her in the house," the father, a grocer, said. "She couldn't sleep and she wouldn't eat. All the time she was calling for Skippy. It would break your heart."

Finally, little Norma was so grief-stricken that medical attention was necessary. So she went to the hospital.

Hawaiian Nisei Girl Attends 4-H Convention in Chicago

CHICAGO — Fifteen-year old Jane Kamisato is representing 5,000 Hawaiian members of the 4-H clubs at the 28th National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago this week.

Miss Kamisato told reporters that her greatest thrill on her first mainland visit was the sight of snow.

"My friends asked me to bring some home in a bottle," she laughed. "Golly, I'll bet a snowball fight would be a lot of fun."

The pretty Nisei girl explained that her clothes-making accomplishments won her the nod over

the other Hawaiian 4-H members for the trip to the five-day Congress.

Jane is junior project leader of her Kaneohe Lehua 4-H club.

She made two dresses, accessory basket bags and a pair of pedal-pushers as her contest entry. The bags were fashioned from Lauhala leaves which are found in profusion on the islands.

Jane has been a 4-H member for five years and lives with her family on an eight-acre farm about ten miles from Honolulu.

"We raise poultry and bananas," she said.

She is strictly hep to the fads of stateside teenagers and likes Bing and bebop but frowns on jitterbugging.

Accompanied by her chaperone, Miss Mary Hirabayashi, a home demonstration expert at the University of Hawaii, Jane will spend another two weeks on the mainland before flying home.

She said the 4-H program was "just wonderful."

United Citizens Plan New Year's Eve Dance At San Jose Club

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Kay Nesom will be the featured soloist for the Bob Kent orchestra at the fourth annual New Year's eve dance to be sponsored by the United Citizens League of Santa Clara County at the Women's Club auditorium from 9 p.m.

In addition to the dancing, bridge tables will be provided with Shig Masunaga and Henry Hamasaki in charge.

Members of committees are: Sachiye Endo, George Kawanami, Muts Furiya, program; Akira Shimoguchi, Mrs. Shig Masunaga, Mrs. Eiichi Sakauye, Mrs. Robert Okamoto and Warren Okagaki, refreshments; Robert Okamoto, Mrs. Ruth Hashimoto, Esau Shimizu, tickets; Phil Matsumura, posters; and Wayne Kanamoto, orchestra.

Hear Col. Rusch

MINNEAPOLIS — Japan must get aid in its progress in foreign trade or else we will suffer the consequences of Japan's future, ex-Col. Paul Rusch told numerous Twin city audiences and the UCL News bureau last week.

"Japan must have foreign trade to live. If it can not trade with democratic countries, it will trade with Communist countries instead," Rusch said.

23 Nisei Names Will Be Placed On Memorial

SEATTLE — The names of 23 Nisei war dead will be inscribed along with those of 700 other Seattle high school boys who lost their lives in World War II on the shrine to be constructed this winter at the entrance to the Seattle Memorial High School Stadium.

Most of the Nisei war dead were members of the 442nd Central Postal Directory and were killed in combat action in Italy and France.

The Nisei names on the list, as announced to date, are: Eugene T. Amabe, Robert Endo, Peter T. Fujino, Eugene Hayashi, Calvin Ide, Akira Kanzaki, Yoshio Kato, John R. Kawaguchi, Bill Nakamura, Ban Ninomiya, Yoshito Noritake, Isao Okasaki, George T. Okita, Kenneth Omura, Yukio Sato, George M. Sawada, Frank M. Shigemura, Masao F. Shigemura, Matsusaburo Tanaka, George Tsumi, Setsuro Yamashita and Shigeo Yoshioka.

Two Bandits Rob Pool Hall Operator

LOS ANGELES—Two bandits, believed to be of Japanese ancestry, held up Shinji Sasaki, 50, a poolhall operator, and robbed him of \$1,700 after binding him with adhesive tape and a light cord on Nov. 28, the victim told police.

Sasaki said the two men waited until all the pool hall's other patrons had left and then forced him to empty the floor safe at gun point.

The victim said both men were about 30 years of age and 5 feet 4 inches in height.

Takeda Will Open Los Angeles Office

LOS ANGELES — Shigeji Takeda recently returned from Illinois to establish an office in Los Angeles.

Believed to be the first Nisei to pass a CPA examination in Illinois, he is a native of San Fernando and is a graduate of UCLA and Northwestern University.

Prior to the evacuation he was employed by the Bureau of Internal Revenue in Los Angeles as a deputy collector. During the war he was transferred as an auditor to the collector's office in Chicago.

During the past four years he has been associated as a partner in the firm of Ralph P. Desvarre & Co., certified public accountants, in Chicago.

Order Depositions

LOS ANGELES—Following a precedent set by Federal Judge William C. Mathes of the U. S. district court in Los Angeles when he ordered the taking of depositions in Japan of witnesses in Nisei strandee cases, Federal Judge D. E. Metzger at Honolulu recently directed that depositions be taken at Yokohama, Japan concerning Nisei strandee cases pending in the Federal court in Hawaii.

Judge Metzger ordered depositions be taken at the American consulate in Yokohama from Thomas L. Blakemore, SCAP official; Russell L. Durgin, George Togasaki and Akira Fukuoka. The depositions will concern wartime conditions in Japan.

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Southwest JACL Council to Hear Mike Masaoka

Testimonial Dinner
Set in Los Angeles
For Sam Ishikawa

LOS ANGELES — The Pacific Southwest JACL district council will meet on Dec. 11 at the Miyako hotel to hear Mike M. Masaoka, national legislative director of JACL ADC, speak on evacuation claims and latest developments in Washington.

Mr. Masaoka, now on the final leg of a national tour, will speak on prospects of equality in naturalization legislation in the coming session of Congress as well as on latest procedures in processing evacuation claims forms.

Masao W. Satow, JACL national director, and Joe Grant Masaoka, head of the Southern California office of JACL ADC, will attend the meeting.

Saburo Kido and Dr. Roy Nishikawa, chairman of the district council, will discuss the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee's fund drive in the Pacific Southwest area and quotas are expected to be set at the meeting.

Sam Ishikawa, retiring head of the Pacific Southwest JACL ADC office, will speak on the California Alien Land law and on the implications of the Masaoka case which challenges its validity.

Ken Dyo will lead a discussion on group insurance while Mr. Kido will speak on the credit union.

Frank Mizusawa will conduct nominations for national officers from the district council.

A testimonial banquet honoring Mr. Ishikawa will be held at the San Kow Low from 6 p.m. The dinner will also serve to welcome Tats Kushiida, former chief of the Midwest JACL ADC office in Chicago, who is taking over the Los Angeles office from Dec. 15.

Twin Cities JACL Group Lists Candidates

MINNEAPOLIS — The United Citizens League, Twin Cities JACL Chapter, announced its list of candidates for offices in 1950.

President George Yanagita told the UCL News Bureau the following candidates are on the ballot, deadline for Dec. 17.

For President—Takuzo Tsuchiya and Stanley Yoshino; for First and Second Vice President—Dr. Isaac Iijima, Dr. Paul Shimizu and Kay Kushiida; for Recording Secretary—Martha Kitaoka and Jeri Tsurusaki; for Corresponding Secretary—Reiko Honda, Tozie Teramoto and Marie Harada; for Treasurer—Leslie Abe, John Sumida, James Kiriha and Harry Hirashima; for Historian—Yeiko Baba, Hannah Hayano and Judy Sawamura.

Woman in Siberia Seeks Return To U. S., Says Nisei Prisoner

TOKYO—A California-born Japanese sailor who spent four years in a Siberian concentration camp last week brought back word of an American woman in northern Siberia seeking to return to the United States the United Press reported this week.

The sailor was identified as Shinya Fukuno, 26, a native of San Diego, Calif., who held the rank of a warrant officer in the Japanese Navy at the time of his capture by the Russians.

Fukuno, who was only 18 at the time he was stranded in Japan in 1941 by the outbreak of war, was repatriated to the port of Maizuru on Dec. 2.

Fukuno came to Japan in January, 1941 after graduating from San Diego high school. He made the trip to Japan to see his grandmother and was conscripted into the Japanese navy after the outbreak of war.

When the war ended he was stationed at Shumushu island in the Kuriles and was captured by the Russians and taken to a concentration camp in Magadan in northern Siberia.

One summer day in 1946 Fukuno said a red-haired American woman

who was about 37 years of age approached one of his fellow prisoners in a timber forest and spoke in English. The prisoner, who could speak only a few words of English, told the woman there was another prisoner who was born in the United States and who could speak English.

Fukuno said the woman subsequently sent him several notes through friends. In them she said she and her engineer husband came to Russia 10 years before but the husband was arrested as a spy and died. The woman said she hoped he would ask her parents living in San Pedro, Calif., to help her.

Fukuno said he asked the woman in a letter to give her name but that she only wrote "Mary" and dared not give her full name because of fear of arrest. She told him she was working as a guard at a railroad crossing near Magadan. She said she was born in Seattle.

Fukuno told his story to a newspaperman after his return to Japan from Siberia on Dec. 2 in the hope that something could be done to help her.

Fukuno is now living with his grandmother in a village in Okayama prefecture.



ST. PAUL NISEI AIDED in a Thanksgiving contribution to their city-wide Johnnie McDonough fund last week as a result of the latter's warm and hearty acceptance of the evacuees during the war when he was the city's chief executive. In the above photo, Mrs. Earl Tanbara (left) and Mrs. George Rokutani, formerly of Berkeley and San Francisco respectively, are shown presenting the check to Frank Madden, who was then the Mayor's secretary.

Ex-Mayor McDonough, with conscientious devotion to duty, suffered a stroke during his term and is now completely incapacitated. His friends recently established a fund to aid in his recuperation.

With the check were these words from the Nisei group: "We are happy to give this check through Mr. Madden, who was the Mayor's secretary when we came, and who has done so much as a Board member of the Council of Human Relations, to foster good relations in Saint Paul. Mr. McDonough personally, over and above his responsibility as Mayor, has shown a wise and friendly understanding of our problems during our settlement here."—UCL News Bureau-St. Paul Dispatch photo.

State, Local Fair Employment Laws Urged at Governor's Meet

Joe Masaoka Joins
In Conference Called
By Gov. Warren

SACRAMENTO—A recommendation for the passage of fair employment practices legislation on a state and local level was made by the minority groups section of the Governor's Conference on Employment, following meetings on Dec. 5 and 6.

At the call of Gov. Earl Warren, more than 2,000 representatives of business, industrial, manufacturing, construction, labor and other organizations as well as racial and religious minority groups attended the conference.

Gov. Warren's opening message cited the need for the creation of 125,000 new jobs annual on the basis of California's population increase.

Joe Grant Masaoka, Northern California director of JACL ADC, was one of the consultants on the minority groups section which had the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Raymond J. O'Flaherty, executive director of

the California Welfare Bureau in Los Angeles, as chairman.

Other consultants included Floyd Covington, executive director of the Los Angeles Urban League; Mrs. B. V. A. Low-Beer, chairman of the committee on employment of the Council for Civic Unity of San Francisco; Davis McEntire, associate professor of the University of California; Fred M. Roberts, member of the advisory council of employment in Los Angeles, and Edward Roybal, first Mexican American to be elected to the Los Angeles City Council.

The FEPC recommendation was opposed by Almon E. Roth, president of the San Francisco Employers Council.

Speaking for the JACL, Mr. Masaoka expressed the organization's support of state and municipal FEPC legislation.

"In the creation and maintenance of jobs," declared Masaoka, "California must reach beyond its own borders in planning a long-range permanent prosperity for its economy. A Marshall plan for Asia might well be urged upon our Congressional delegation for consideration.

"California fronts the Pacific. Across the waters hundred of millions of potential customers have a lower standard of living. They need California goods, products, and merchandise. Easing of trade, shipping, and exchange restrictions, would be helpful.

"The State of California has emerged from an agricultural to a manufacturing economy. As such, its products must not only find domestic acceptance but distribution to the unlimited demands of the Far East. Conditions which will facilitate constantly rising standards of living will be the basis for lasting and satisfactory jobs for all," Masaoka said.

Dr. Kondo Elected Detroit JACL Prexy

DETROIT—Dr. Mark Kondo was elected president of the Detroit JACL chapter at the election meeting on Dec. 3.

Members of his cabinet for the 1950 year are: Sutemi Murayama, 1st vice-pres.; Jiro Shimoda, 2nd vice-pres.; Lloyd H. Joichi, treas.; Setsuko Fujioka, rec. sec.; Nobuko Nanjo, corres. sec.; Louis Furu-kawa, delegate; George Tanaka, alternate delegate, and Shig Kado, historian.

Religious Status of Shintoism To Be Debated in Honolulu Court

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—Shintoism, burning issue on the Hawaiian scene before the war, is getting into public print again.

It has come up in two forms during the past week.

First, a letter writer has indignantly asked the English press why Shintoism is not being exposed as a "menace?"

The writer, who remains anonymous, commented acidly on the occasion of a "Shinto stick" having recently been received in Honolulu. This "stick," a deity of the Shinto world, arrived

from Japan recently and was installed in a shrine here with elaborate ceremony.

In view of this, the writer asks: "Are our English newspapers so unaware of the menace as to let it go unchallenged?"

"We banned all Shinto symbolism during the war on the ground that it venerated the emperor. Perhaps deified is a better word."

"Because Japan's war surrender made the 'god-head' of this grasping nation impotent is no reason to believe that he will remain so. Nor, indeed, that in the unquenchable soul of Japan he does not remain supreme . . .

"This is no religious issue. An anti-democratic principle is at stake. We are aware of the dangers of communism. How about other insidious propaganda? Will we ever be ready for statehood if we remain asleep at the switch? Or worthy of it?"

The other event that gave Shintoism newspaper attention was the strange case of an American attorney—once a Japanese prisoner of war—defending the owners of a Japanese Shinto temple in court.

Frank D. Padgett, just admitted to practice law in Hawaii, was shot down by the Japanese over Indo-China on New Year's Eve, 1945. A B-24 bomber pilot, he was kept in solitary confinement instead of being sent to a military camp because, as near as he could guess, the Japanese held him guilty of flying over the emperor's territory "without the emperor's permission."

But he says he holds no grudge. That is the reason he is arguing, in court here, for the return of the Kotohira Jinsha, to its owners.

The U. S. alien property custodian is opposing the restoration. The government asserts that the Shinto shrine was controlled by Japanese nationals and a priest born in Japan. The religion followed, it is alleged, was a Japanese cult and not a true religion.

The cause is to be set for trial soon before a federal judge.

It is likely that the cause will revive the intense public discussion which surrounded Shintoism in Hawaii just prior to and during the war.

a very significant report regarding his experiences in Japan," Mr. Morikawa said. "He calls Japan 'the greatest evangelistic opportunity anywhere in the world.'"

Dr. Jones is the author of thirteen books, including innumerable articles for religious and secular publications. His most famous work is the religious best-seller, "The Christ on the Indian Road." Sales have exceeded 600,000 copies and the book has been translated into twelve languages.

Six Nisei Pass Hawaii Bar Tests

HONOLULU — Six Japanese Americans were among the 20 applicants who passed the Hawaii bar examinations recently.

They are: Toshio Kabutan, University of Chicago, 1948.

James H. Kamo, University of Minnesota, 1948.

Elton H. Sakamoto, University of Minnesota, 1948.

James Y. Shigemura, Georgetown University, 1948.

Matsuo Takabuki, University of Chicago, 1949.

Yoshito Tanaka, University of Wisconsin, 1949.

Noted Evangelist Will Speak to Chicago Community

CHICAGO — Dr. E. Stanley Jones, internationally-known Protestant evangelist, will address the Japanese American community in Chicago on Saturday, Dec. 17 at the St. James Methodist church, 46th and Ellis streets.

The meeting will be sponsored by the Japanese American Protestant churches of Chicago with the Rev. George Aki of the Nisei Congregational church presiding and the choir of the Ellis Community Center providing the music.

The Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chicago, recalled that Dr. Jones addressed a similar audience in Chicago prior to his visit to Japan. "This year he comes to make

Chicago JACL Credit Union Declares 4 Per Cent Dividend

CHICAGO—The board of directors of the Chicago JACL Credit Union formally voted at its last meeting to declare a 4% interest on all deposits in this "people's bank."

The 151 members will be credited with this interest money as of Nov. 3.

"This high rate of dividend return was made possible through the numerous loans made to its members and which totaled well over \$24,000 this year," reported Treasurer Kenny Yoshihara.

Mr. Yoshihara like all the other 14 board members voluntarily gave their time to serve the membership. Operating under a national charter under state laws, the organization is a sound cooperative business venture. Its bonded officers handle all loans and deposits which are protected and fully

covered by insurance.

"We are interested in helping our members become economically stable," stated President Jack Nakagawa, "and we are personally interested in every loan."

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EDITORIALS:

The FHA and Race Discrimination

President Harry S Truman's brave new words on the elimination of racial discrimination in FHA housing may be defeated by a combination of public apathy, opposition from real estate interests and even by the attitude of some officials within the housing authority itself.

Specifically, a joint announcement on Dec. 2 by Pres. Truman and U. S. Solicitor General Philip B. Perlman said that the FHA, after a date to be specified, would not insure loans for public or private housing which carries racially discriminatory covenants.

Approximately one-third of the building in the United States at the present time is insured by the FHA. The ruling was made to bring FHA policy into line with the U. S. Supreme court ruling last year that respective covenants are not enforceable by the courts. Application of the new ruling would bring immediate housing opportunities for many Americans who are limited today because of race or religion.

The new policy indicates strongly that the administration is sincerely trying to carry out its civil rights program. It is a significant step toward practical solution of the housing problem of America's minority groups.

It would be folly, however, to expect that it will bring any marked change in real estate or housing within any short period of time.

Like the U. S. Supreme court's ruling on covenants, it can be easily circumvented.

An unwritten restrictive clause can be almost as effective as a written one. Local FHA officials can thwart rulings from Washington merely by overlooking them. There is indication already that this will be done in certain sections of the country.

Housing authority chairmen in some of the southern states pointed out that in their areas the ruling would not make any difference. Indeed, there was an almost indecent haste in the action of certain officials in "explaining" in what instances the ruling would not apply.

In Atlanta, Ga., the housing authority chairman said, "I don't think anyone would insist on enforcing such a thing in this section," while the Little Rock, Ark., housing authority chairman said, "The Negroes don't want to live in white districts. I don't see that it will make any difference here."

It is clear that in such instances the new ruling will not bring any change.

In Washington, meanwhile, a spokesman for the agency itself said that the ruling will not require an end to racial segregation either in public housing projects or in private homes or apartments.

Opposition from the real estate interests throughout the country came promptly to the announcement made by the president and solicitor general.

The executive vice president of the New Orleans Home Builders Association said flatly, "We're building homes for white people. Do they expect us to sell them to Negroes, too?"

But the South has no monopoly on prejudice. In New Jersey real estate executives and builders attending a convention warned that the FHA rule, if carried out, would result in a decline of new housing by as much as one-half. The decline, they said, would be felt particularly in the active building areas of New York and New Jersey, but would extend to all parts of the nation.

They hinted, additionally, that banks and other lending institutions would halt further Veterans Administration and FHA-insured loans for homes.

The FHA rule will not bring an overnight change in the housing situation. For almost all communities, perhaps, operations will continue in pretty much the same fashion. But in areas where the residents ask for democratic practices in housing, they will be backed by the FHA rule. Public apathy or public interest will in large part determine how effective the new ruling is to be.

Just as the Supreme court's ruling on restrictive covenants did not bring overnight changes in housing, the FHA rule is one for the books—to be used by the people upon their demand.

It can be an effective instrument. For the administration it was a bold move to bring democratic practice into an area of activity where it has jurisdiction. Those responsible for formulating it should be congratulated upon their efforts toward practical solution of a major American problem. It indicates that the time is coming when neither race nor religion will be a bar to housing opportunity.

Nisei USA

A Scoundrel in Politics

J. Parnell Thomas, the scoundrel who was once the arbiter of the political morality of the American people, received his comeuppance in a Washington courtroom the other day.

Back in 1943 Rep. Thomas, then an influential figure on the hill, was a member of a congressional coterie which urged drastic treatment of Japanese Americans, most of whom were residing at the time, hardly from choice, in war relocation camps. One of Rep. Thomas' pet projects was his proposal for the deportation of Nisei and Issei evacuees to Japan in exchange for Americans interned in Japan.

In addition to Rep. Thomas, there was Senator Tom Stewart of Tennessee, a political hack of the Boss Crump machine, who was the sponsor of a bill which was nearly railroaded through the Senate which would have given the War Department the right to place Japanese Americans in concentration camps for the duration of the war. Senator Stewart has since been retired from political life by the people of Tennessee. A companion measure to the Stewart bill in the Senate was submitted in the House by Mississippi's John Rankin whose hatred of anyone who isn't a white Protestant is too well known to require elaboration here.

J. Parnell Thomas, an active member of the Dies Committee, was the hatchman who sought to block the War Relocation Authority's evacuee resettlement program. The reason for his activities against the resettlement of Japanese Americans is obscure, on the surface at least, since it is doubtful that he had ever seen a Nisei in his particular New Jersey bailiwick. The same can also be said for Senator Stewart and for Rep. Rankin, neither of whom had Nisei constituents. The latter, however, seems to have gotten some of his misinformation from a certain anti-Nisei propagandist who was active in Washington in the early war years, a character by the name of Kilsoo Haan.

Reps. Thomas and Rankin and Sen. Stewart were probably fronting for Pacific coast interests who were opposed to an early return of the evacuees to the evacuated area. Whatever his motivation, Rep. Thomas was the instigator of the Dies Committee's investigation of the war relocation program in 1943 which resulted in a lot of sound and fury, signifying nothing.

J. Parnell Thomas sicked Martin Dies on the WRA with the result that a three-man subcommittee was appointed, headed by Rep. John Costello of California, to investigate the relocation program. Before any hearings were held, however, wild charges were made by Rep. Thomas and his compatriots, one of which was the statement that the Dies Committee had proof that an organized division of the Japanese Army was in existence in Southern California before the war.

Rep. Thomas, though not a member of the Costello subcommittee, flew to Los Angeles in May, 1943 and held a press conference at which he unloaded a series of charges which questioned the integrity of the WRA as well as the loyalty of the evacuees. This was, of course, before the subcommittee had started its investigation but it was typical of the way in which J. Parnell Thomas operated.

We happened to be in the hear-

ing room in the New House building on Capitol Hill on a hot July day in 1943 when the Dies subcommittee was conducting hearings on the relocation of Japanese Americans. The hearing was buzzing along in routine fashion, with Robert Stripling, the committee's secretary, doing most of the infighting when the door opened and J. Parnell Thomas hurried in. He stayed just long enough to level a series of charges against the WRA and the evacuees and then hurried out again. We noted at the time that Rep. Thomas made his appearance just before noon and that his charges were obviously timed to make headlines in the afternoon press.

Few evacuees probably realized at the time, or realize even today, that the entire war relocation program was at stake in the attempts by Rep. Thomas to wreck the WRA. Had Dillon S. Myer and his WRA staff been intimidated by congressional pressure the resettlement of the evacuees might have turned out differently. As it was the WRA fought back, backed by a hard-headed, sharp-tongued Secretary of the Interior named Harold L. Ickes and his assistant, Oscar Chapman, the present Interior Secretary. The WRA gave as good as it got and its congressional persecutors finally tired of the battle and called it off.

One of the witnesses subpoenaed by the Dies Committee for the Washington hearings was Mike M. Masaoka, then in training with the 442nd Combat Team at Camp Shelby. Anyone who has seen Mike in action knows that he is not easily intimidated and his performance as a witness before the committee served to frustrate the efforts of J. Parnell Thomas and John Costello to turn the hearings into a forum for anti-evacuee statements.

We've mentioned this before but the reason we were in Washington at the time was that the Dies Committee had hinted, in a story released in the Hearst press, that the Pacific Citizen was somewhat subversive. It turned out that the committee's charge stemmed from a statement in this column criticizing the Dies Committee. The boys were caught off base on that one and the committee declined our offer to testify regarding the Pacific Citizen.

Anyway, since that day in July, 1943 we've taken any accusation made by J. Parnell Thomas regarding the victims of his constant witchhunts with considerable salt. He was so dead wrong on the Nisei, as well as being unnecessarily vindictive, that we lost all confidence in his ability to judge the loyalty of any American.

Today, however, the mention of the name of J. Parnell Thomas arouses more pity than anger. The man who was dishonest in making deliberate false statements about Japanese Americans turns out to have been dishonest in other dealings. He stands today naked in his shame, having thrown himself on the mercy of the court. He stands a man without dignity, a pariah of his own making.

Yet it may be said that justice moves in devious ways. J. Parnell Thomas was a racist, a hate-monger and an assassin of character, but these are not crimes under congressional immunity. He goes to prison because he dipped into the public till.

A Job for Col. Bendetsen

According to Arthur Caylor, the interesting columnist for the San Francisco News, there has been a "Stop Bendetsen" movement among West Coast evacuees and friends of evacuees, designed to prevent public employment for the man who carried out the mass evacuation back in 1942.

It's true that the JACL and some leaders of the wartime West Coast Committee no American Principles and Fair Play opposed the appointment of Karl R. Bendetsen to the post of Assistant Secretary of the Army since Col. Bendetsen's conduct of the mass evacuation disclosed a racist approach as well as for the fact that two-thirds of the evacuees happened to be native-born Americans. The scandal

about the mass evacuation was that it was racist in conception and racist in execution.

It was reported some months ago that Col. Bendetsen who has been practicing law in San Francisco was called to Washington by Defense Secretary Louis Johnson and offered the post of Assistant Army Secretary. A protest was lodged against this appointment with the administration with the result that it was apparently held up. Jack Shelley, president of the California AFL and now a congressman from San Francisco, protested the proposed appointment and was assured by Vice-President Berkley and other administration officials that it would not be made. Columnist Caylor observed the

By the Side Of the Hill

By I. H. Gordon

White Australia . . .

Washington, D. C. Bit by bit, the story of Australia's violent "all white" policy is getting before the American people.

The Australian army attitude of discriminating against non-white American troops in Japan has been told several times by the major wire services; several individual newspapers have carried stories of what the "down under" country's attitude is, and Drew Pearson gave the matter national wide attention in a recent Sunday column.

The JACL has encouraged and fostered such public knowledge of the Australian attitude, because it is, in the manifestation of this practice as exemplified in Japan directly reflecting upon Japanese American service personnel and scientists.

Even further, the JACL ADC has written protests to:

(1) Our own State Department; (2) the Department of Defense; (3) the Army; (4) the United Kingdom; (5) the Australian government.

To date, the JACL ADC has been advised that:

1—The United Kingdom has no control over the policies of Australian occupation forces in Japan.

2—Neither the Army nor the Department of Defense can exercise any influence in this policy because it is a matter for the Australian government.

3—The State Department "appreciated" the courtesy of the JACL ADC in supplying copies of letters to it that were also submitted to the Australian government, and copies of this material have been forwarded to the appropriate United States authorities in Japan.

4—Australia has not replied to the JACL ADC communications.

What does all of this activity add up to?

Frankly, one could say that it is but a straw upon the camel's back.

Hmmm . . . there must be a moral here, but at the moment it escapes me.

Vagaries

Producer . . .

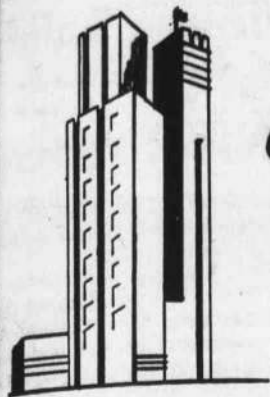
Henry Ushijima of Chicago producer of 16 mm. documentary films, made "They follow On," a 30-minute color film based on the experiences of a young Bible student. "They Follow On" is now being shown in churches in many parts of the country and was reeled at the First Presbyterian church in Grand Junction, Colo., recently. Ushijima also produced "Against the Tide" and other 16 mm. color films.

Stockton Girl . . .

Tommi Kanazawa, who scored a hit in "Madame Butterfly" for the second time this year in San Francisco, is a Stockton girl who has sung the role of the tragic Japanese heroine in many European cities, including engagements with the Vienna State Opera and the Budapest Opera . . . What impressed most people in Hollywood about Kinuyo Tanaka, the "Japanese Bette Davis," was not her reputation as an actress but that she had tickets to "South Pacific" in New York. Incidentally, Leonard Lyons noted that when Miss Tanaka visited the MGM lot in Hollywood recently the subject was used in a press release from Leo the Lion's lair. Since Miss Davis is not under contract to MGM, the release described Miss Tanaka as the "Japanese Lady Turner."

other day that the "stop Bendetsen" movement was not doing so well since Col. Bendetsen had just been appointed by Defense Secretary Johnson to the post of board that integrates the civilian elements of modern warfare with those of the armed forces—"a big job if there is one."

It should be noted for the record that the opposition to Col. Bendetsen was predicated on his appointment to a position in which he would have some control over the Army's racial policy, as he would (Continued on page 5)



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

Reflections on December 7th

Our world caught afire eight years ago. We watched our humble possessions, our homes, our jobs, our community . . . the fruits of many years of labor . . . go up in smoke and devoured by the angry flames of war.

Our mansions of hope, our dreams of the future, the rosy-hued youthful anticipations of the morrow quickly crumbled, becoming heaps of darkened ashes and debris.

Soon, too soon, ours became a world of fear, a mild reign of terror, filled with uncertainty during the day and lingering agony all hours of the night. Came, then, the parade of stern-faced FBI investigators; the hardened indifferent faces of policemen, sheriffs, and other minions of the law; navy intelligence officers, the G-2 branch of the army, and a galaxy of others—to pry, probe into our homes and family lives, explore out the past, outline our future, and placing everyone under their powerful microscopes for filing, classification, and indexing.

In the midst of this horrible conflagration we stood, stunned, dazed, and unbelieving.

Then the powerful riptide of public reaction bowled us over, knocking us to our knees, and shortly thereafter we were swept out onto the boiling sea of oblivion. Successive waves of military regulations, official orders, and a baffling maze of legislation lifted us bodily to the bleak and barren hinterlands.

How many of us who were carried beyond our depth, beyond the horizon of time, I do not know.

We do know there were severe losses of property and personal possessions. Like refugees, fleeing in the night, we took only what we could carry and trusted to God that the dim blinking light of hope would not be extinguished.

Our faces became etched with deep lines of grief and despair. Bewilderment and uncertainty became the hallmark of the Issei and Nisei who were evacuated by the government to safer and higher ground.

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It is now December, 1949.

In the past eight years, thousands of Issei have gone to their Maker, to that enchanted land of eternal slumber and perpetual peace. The faith of many of these oldsters were shaken by the government's interpretation of "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" during those hectic months. Others merely accepted the explanation that critical times demanded emergency measures in the interest of national security. They asked no question nor sought special dispensation. In most cases, the status quo was outside their scope of comprehension. The Issei could never quite reconcile themselves to barbed wires, armed guards, and strict regimentation in their lives.

What happened to the Nisei?

They tried to make the best of a difficult situation. Thousands of Nisei did join the armed forces and hurled themselves against a common enemy on many fronts. Several hundred made the supreme sacrifice. When the turmoil of war ended, many Nisei returned to their former homes, while many others sought new vistas wherein they could forget the unhappy past and plan a new brave future.

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War and evacuation.

We would like to forget it all and think of them only as parts of a bad dream. But the scars and the grim reminders of the past conspire to make this almost impossible.

Today, nearly 40% of the 1940 Japanese population on the West Coast have relocated themselves, together with their families, their possessions, their hopes and their dreams, to places east of the Rockies. Many are in the cities while others have sought the peace and solitude of rural communities.

The backlash of war and evacuation has brought many an Issei and Nisei here to Manhattan.

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Here are Issei, men who once held responsible positions and men who formerly owned respectable businesses of their own in California; now, they are waiting on tables, pushing a broom, jockeying an elevator, mopping out an apartment, or engulfed in the dark recesses of some obscure warehouse. They are the unheard of, forgotten casualties of the war. They have nothing to return to in California and now seek only to lose their mark of identity in the teeming mass of this great metropolis . . . a city that asks no questions nor wonders why.

On the other hand, here are Nisei who have found greener pastures. For the first time in their lives many a Nisei found that his talents were appreciated and that his ability was not circumscribed by unwritten laws of prejudice and discrimination that he so often encountered on the west coast.

It took a war and the largest mass evacuation in the history of this country to set many Nisei into the more lucrative fields of work and into more pleasant surroundings.

A former \$25-a-week Nisei who worked in a fruit store in Los Angeles is now earning almost \$1,000 a week as an artist in Manhattan. A Nisei domestic from San Francisco before the war is now one of the top-notch designers on Fifth Avenue. A struggling Nisei dentist from Sacramento during the pre-war period is now enjoying a large, appreciative, and profitable clientele in Brooklyn.

Hundreds of ambitious Nisei have come to the big city to improve their circumstances many fold. They would never think of returning to the Golden State, a killer of dreams, an area of limitations, discrimination, and bitter past experiences.

However, all is not gold that glitters. Nor is the story of every Nisei coming to Manhattan a tale of success and fortune. The vast majority have found an average job, assumed a mediocre niche, and live in a manner similar to the other eight million.

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We are entering into a new half century.

The 1950s bring, once again, hope and promise to the Nisei who are in a new environment. The former Californians are beginning to take root in new and different communities, scattered from Maine to Missouri and from Florida to Texas.

I like to think we are stronger and wiser because of our experiences; that the crucible of war and evacuation has forged stronger personalities and better citizens.

I like to think that it was all for the best. The past should be buried and not obscure our vision of the future.

NISEI USA: Bendetsen's Job

(Continued from page 4)

have had as assistant secretary. Col. Bendetsen is undoubtedly a man of considerable administrative ability and there would be no objection to his appointment to a tactical post where his prejudiced racial attitude, as disclosed in public statements made by him concerning the evacuation, would not be a matter of prime concern.

It should also be noted that the campaign was not one of personal vindictiveness but rather an effort to prevent the placing of a man in an office in which his possible prejudices might affect public policy.

Bill Hosokawa:

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Denver, Colo.

THE SPIRIT OF COMMERCE WAS ABROAD last Monday night. In deference to that spirit the stores were open until 9 p.m., and the streets were thronged with persons desperately intent on making due obeisance. It was a big night for commercialism, with the theme song being played by the jingle, not of sleigh bells, but of cash registers.

For some time now Christmas has become a religious celebration secondarily, a commercial event primarily. Once upon a time they used to wait until the Thanksgiving turkey's bones had been decently put away before they began to beat the drums for the Yule. But now the moth-eaten, or department store variety of Santa Claus, is a 45-day sojourner in the toy departments.

We stood on a Sixteenth street corner last Monday night and for a long time watched the shoppers crowd and push and elbow by. It wasn't a surly jostle, and it wasn't an especially jolly crowd. It was just busily determined, in a hunted sort of way, on buying gifts for the kids, suitable presents for a variety of kith and kin without spending any more money than necessary, and perhaps a special seasonal offering for some special person.

There was little to indicate that Christmas held anything other than material significance. To all intents and purposes, Dec. 25 could be just a deadline, and on that date one exchanged gifts with one's friends—with no more spiritual significance attending that date than March 15 when income tax returns fall due.

One by one, our celebration days have been

robbed of their special character and a spurious commercialism imposed on them. Valentine's day and Mother's day both have become largely an occasion for selling—and buying—flowers and candy.

Father's day was a noble if somewhat synthetic idea until they made it the equivalent of National Buy a Tie Day. Thanksgiving has become a day of gluttony with emphasis on the turkey-raising industry.

Near where we stood was a seedy looking individual in half a Salvation Army uniform. He was at one of those familiar red Christmas fund pots valiantly swinging a tinny bell, and he wasn't drawing in much money for the Army. Presently there came a four-piece brass band, all of whose members were in full Salvation Army uniform. They stopped by the bell-ringer and went through a repertoire of Christmas carols. Their rendition wasn't exactly beautiful, but it passed as a reasonable facsimile of music.

So far as we could observe, however, the music wasn't loosening pursestrings. The crowd continued to walk by the band, and the red pot, with stony-faced disinterest. Some went so far as to look the other way as they passed—a dead giveaway of a guilty conscience.

Oh, there'll be plenty of sincere as well as sanctimonious church-going come Christmas. And perhaps the public's outlook will mellow as the big day approaches.

But as of last Monday night it was the spirit of commerce that hung over the streets, and we were sore distressed.

Pre-Convention Spotlight:

Noboru Honda Says Insurance Should Be Counselling Service

By CHIZU IYAMA

Chicago, Ill.

It was typical of Noboru Honda, vice-chairman of the 11th biennial JACL National Convention Board, that he drove over for the interview, rather than send this shivering reporter out into the cold. Noby is one of the most thoughtful men I have encountered.

As he entered the room he looked rather embarrassed and said: "I really don't relish this at all. I don't like to talk about myself."

Noboru Honda was born in Florin, California, the oldest of four brothers and one sister, and spent his childhood on a farm near Marysville.

He told of the hard work it took to wrest a living from the soil and related that he went into the insurance business before the war.

Is his "youth" to hear Noby tell it, it seems like decades ago although he is still in his thirties, he was especially interested in baseball.

"We actually played against the barnstorming Tokyo Giants from Japan," he grinned but forgot to say who had won.

About the time the war started Noboru Honda was executive secretary of the JACL in Marysville and was also active in young Buddhists affairs.

After the evacuation he found

himself a block manager in the Tule Lake relocation center (one of those people who had to be social worker, diplomat, referee, orator, etc.) and later he was educational director for the co-operatives.

This was his first experience with co-op work but his interest is being sustained through his affiliation with the credit union which he helped to organize in Chicago.

Leaving Tule Lake, Noboru Honda and his wife, Patricia, relocated to Des Plaines, Ill., where he worked in a rose nursery although he had no previous experience in such work. They later moved to Chicago because he wanted to get back into insurance work.

Insurance is more than just a job with Noboru Honda.

"I look upon insurance as a service—a counselling service rather than a business," he said. "You see, selling insurance is not, or should not be, high-pressure salesmanship. You must know the client and his need and then find the policy which will best meet that particular need. I feel very strongly about that point."

He noted that he has been going to insurance school ever since he became an agent and intends to keep going (although he is one of the top agents for Lincoln National).

"What do you think of government insurance and the proposed national health insurance program," we asked Noby.

He considered his answer carefully before he declared that he believed "government insurance has its place" and that he would be in favor of government health insurance "if politics can be kept out of it and if it were within the budgetary means of the people."

He said there were good arguments for and against these proposals.

Seeing that we couldn't get Noby out on a controversial limb, we turned the conversation to his family.

Like most proud fathers, he enjoys talking about his wonderful daughter, Joanne, 16 months, and his lovely wife.

We asked him what he did in his spare time (aside from being Dr. Sakada's righthand man as vice-chairman of the national convention board, Noby is vice-chairman of the Resettlers Committee, the "veep" of the Oriental Council and chairman of the JACL's Mid-west district Council.)

"I do putter around the house," he admitted.

The Hondas purchased a home at 89th and S. Parkway some time ago.

"How did you feel as the first non-white family in the area?" we inquired, remembering the recent rash of organized riots against Negroes and Jews in Chicago's south side.

"We knew the people had a 'gentlemen's agreement' not to sell to non-whites and we feared their might be difficulties but we also felt it was our right, no, our duty, at a time when Nisei boys were fighting overseas, to assert our equality with other Americans," he replied. "Imagine our pleasure when we were accepted quite matter-of-factly by our neighbors."

When we ended our interview Noby was still a little embarrassed by being the center of attention.

"Please don't write too much about me and leave out the controversial stuff," he said.

AMERICA AND RACISM

Race Discrimination in U. S. Damages National Prestige

By CLETUS RALPH HAYES

Seattle, Wash.

"The prestige of America is very low throughout the Middle East, Africa and Asia," Walter White, executive secretary on leave from the NAACP, told an audience here recently.

Speaking before some 300 in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer auditorium, Mr. White said: "The darker-skinned peoples of the world are casting their lot with Russia because they distrust American democracy." Mr. White recently toured the world with a group from Town Hall radio program.

What has already happened in China is conclusive evidence of American distrust.

All lynchings and other overt discriminations toward American Negroes are given wide-spread publicity by Reuters and native news agencies throughout these colonial areas of the world, Mr. White stated emphatically.

These same discriminatory acts are used by Russia as strong propaganda against American influence, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People official said.

A black-face type headline concerning the bombing of 18 Negro homes by the Ku Klux Klan in Alabama sprang out at Mr. White and other Town Hall members the very first day they spent in New Delhi.

"We must awake and halt this tobogganing of American prestige . . . We ourselves are supplying the ammunition that is being used so effectively against us all over the world by Soviet Russia and others."

In referring to what the American Negro must do to help make democracy work, Mr. White said: "He must get rid of his own deep-seated fears and hatreds that make for racial discrimination and segregation."

After traveling through thirteen different world capitals, Mr. White told how the Town Hall group encountered no discrimination until it returned to the United States.

In Washington, D.C., the nation's capital, some of the group was refused service at the Carlton hotel by "an angry and noisy waiter" who insisted that the group would not be served there because of Mrs. Edith Sampson, prominent Negro attorney.

However, the group did get service across the street at the Statler hotel, Mr. White revealed with some degree of satisfaction.

It is unfortunate, lamented Mr. White, that other parts of the world do not report to their readers the U.S. Supreme court decisions in opposition to segregation and discrimination, nor do these readers know about the President's FEPC committee and the general work of the NAACP. It was partly for this reason that Town Hall went abroad.

What does this loss of American prestige mean in terms of future world relations?

1. It means that if American democracy is to succeed it must assume the nature of genuine democracy.

2. It must guarantee its non-white citizens the right to live politically, industrially and socially free, or the same degree of freedom that it affords its white citizens.

3. American democracy must never again permit Dutch and French colonial powers to use its tanks and guns to shoot down weak and defenseless natives just because they seek political freedom.

4. United States democracy must lessen its profit and material motives and strive for international relations on non-material basis.

I would suggest that American vested interests seek to obtain these needed materials through honest and open agreements. A reversion or continuation of colonial techniques will not help that already moribund prestige.

The United States, might, therefore, try recognizing dark-skinned people as their equals and deal with them as such and not on a ruler-to-ruler basis.

PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

A Typical Nisei All-Star Team

Now that the football season is over with the exception of a few championship playoffs and the inevitable bowl games, the sports columns are filled with all kinds of all-star teams, most of which fail to prove anything other than that some players get a lot more publicity than others. There was a time, in the 1930s, when the Nisei press on the west coast went out on the limb to pick all-Nisei college all-star teams, just as this year there have been all-Armenian, all-Catholic and all-Greek teams announced in various papers. It makes for conversation and helps fill sports columns after the actual play is over.

There aren't enough Nisei college players this season, with the exception of the fine University of Hawaii team, to make up any kind of an all-Nisei eleven. Although there are quite a few Nisei players on high school teams, most of them are guards and scatback ball-carriers and it's difficult to pick any kind of a balanced team.

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Here is a typical all-Nisei high school team for 1949, just to keep in the spirit of the season. The only tackle we've heard of all season has been Okada of Chicago's Waller high, while ends have also been scarce. This selection is made purely on the basis of the publicity a player has received and the comparative strength of the team on which he played. Ralph Kubota, for example, has been the breakaway threat all season for the Compton, Calif., Tarababes, champions of the strong Coast League and finalists in the California Interscholastic Federation playoffs. Kubota & Co. face Santa Barbara in the championship game at the Los Angeles Coliseum on December 10.

Anyway, here's a typical team:

ENDS: Tak Kowata, Narbonne, Calif., and Ted Tanaka, Venice, Calif. **TACKLES AND GUARDS:** Ben Sugiyama, El Cerrito, Calif.; and Stanley Uriu, Fremont (Santa Clara County). **CENTER:** Kats Komoto, Edison (Fresno). **BACKS:** Toby Watanabe, Franklin (Seattle); Min Yokoyama, Ontario, Ore.; Norman Oda, Dinuba, Calif.; and Ralph Kubota, Compton, Calif.

Here are some others who probably rate alongside those already mentioned:

GUARDS: Hash Taketa, San Jose; Joe Taketa, Orosi, Calif.; Lou Sakata, Gardena, Calif.; Haruo Kato, Hayward, Calif.; Bill Sasaki, Marysville, Calif.; and Kay Yamanaka, L. A. Poly; Victor Takamura, Belmont (Los Angeles); Richard Kikuchi, Roosevelt (Los Angeles); Tom Yagi, Livingston, Calif.

CENTERS: Mush Miyoka, Grant Tech (Sacramento); Sumino, Lincoln (Portland); Ted Handa, Livingston, Calif.; and Yuji Okumura, Lehi, Utah.

BACKS: Richard Kishimoto, Santa Clara, Calif.; Stan Ozaki, San Francisco Poly; Jack Miura, Colusa, Calif.; Kaza Yamada, Oakdale, Calif.; Jimmy Tsugawa, Beaverton, Ore.; Donld Narike, Garfield (Los Angeles); Jim Yoshitake, Roosevelt (Los Angeles); Harry Kawano, Oceanside, Calif.; Maki Hideshima, Lincoln (Orem, Utah); Sasaki, Hyde Park (Chicago); Jim Tanimoto, Lodi, Calif.; Charley Chihara, O'Dea (Seattle); Keiji Shibata, Washington (San Francisco); Jim Yokota, Placer (Auburn, Calif.); Yukio Mashio, Verdugo Hills, Calif.; Tom Sano, Fowler, Calif.; Harry Teraoka, Washington Union (Fresno County); Fred Uyeno, Courtland, Calif.; Uyeda, Antelope Valley, Calif.; Tanaka, Vista, Calif.; and Sam Yamamura, Elk Grove, Calif.

There are probably just as many others who, in these days of platoon football, filled defensive assignments and didn't get their names in the starting lineups.

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Taketa, Uriu on Championship Teams

Four Nisei were on championship squads in Santa Clara County this year. Hash Taketa, Guard and Haliback Matsunaga were on the unbeaten San Jose high team, champions of the Peninsula Athletic League. Stanley Uriu was first-string guard and S. Ito was another squad member for Fremont Union, champions of the Santa Clara Valley league. . . . When Manager Lefty O'Doul was leaving for Japan with the Seals in October he was approached by a San Francisco Nisei whom he had never met who asked him to look up his younger brother when he (O'Doul) got to Tokyo. O'Doul promised. A few days later the younger brother was surprised to get a phone call and an invitation to sukiyaki from the Seals skipper who was then something of a national hero in Tokyo.

Ted Kogita, end on the Seattle Nisei Vets, played for Garfield high this season. . . . Ray Fukui played six-man football this year for the Wheatland, Calif., Pirates in the Valley league. . . . George Goto, star of the San Francisco Drakes tournament last week, is on the Placer College squad. Goto's teammates on the Placer Nisei team, Jim Yokota and Vic Nakamoto, are among the mainstays of the Placer Union high team which is entered in the Grant Union invitational tournament next week. Yokota was named the outstanding player of the Placer tournament last year. He is a three-sport star, making the football and baseball varsities as well. . . . George Yoshioka of Honolulu is touted as the next U. S. weightlifting champion in the bantamweight division. Yoshioka, in his first national tournament, placed second to Olympic Champion Joe DePietro at Cleveland last June. Since then Yoshioka has shown marked improvement and Bob Hoffman, coach of the U. S. Olympic weight lifting team, has the Nisei star tabbed for the next Olympics.

Stanley Uriu Named At Guard Post on All-Star Eleven

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Stanley Uriu, 155-pound guard for Fremont high school's championship team, was named at guard on the Mercury Herald's Santa Clara Valley Athletic League all-star football team this week.

The Mercury Herald commented that Uriu "is exceptionally fast and was the best down-field blocker for the champions."

The Nisei gridder is an honor student.

Richard Kishimoto of Santa Clara high was picked at half-back on the Mercury Herald's second team.

Zebras Defeat Placer to Win Drakes Tournney

George Goto Named Individual Star of San Francisco Meet

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Jose Zebras overcame a one-point deficit at half-time and defeated Placer AC, 43 to 40, to win the championship of the third annual San Francisco Drakes basketball tournament on Dec. 4 at the YBA gym.

Placer, paced by their sensational center, George Goto, a former star on GI teams and a member of this year's Placer College squad, had swept into the finals by walling the Berkeley Nisei, 41 to 34. The Zebras upset the host Drakes, 39 to 30, in the semi-finals.

Goto personally scored 22 points for Placer against the Zebras and was honored with the "most outstanding player" trophy.

The following all-star team was picked for the tourney: Chi Aki-zuki and Hid Kashima, San Jose Zebras, forwards; Danny Fukushima, Berkeley, center; Jim Yokota and Vic Nakamoto, Placer, and Stan Tsujisaka, San Francisco, guards.

The other four teams in the tourney were the Sacramento Stags, San Francisco Dandies, Oakland Paramounts and Madrone AC.

Idaho Falls JACL Cagers Lose to Ririe

IDAHO FALLS, Ida.—The Ririe team defeated the Idaho Falls JACL, 53 to 47, in the opening round of the Outlaw Basketball league on Dec. 2 at the Ririe Community gym.

Coach Bailly of the Ririe high school team led the winners with 25 points, while Shiro Ueda and Roy Kubosumi tanked 14 points for the JACL team which was handicapped by their lack of height against the tall Ririe team.

Monterey League

MONTEREY, Calif. — For the past two weeks Mas' Clippers and the Shore Club have been tied for the lead in the Monterey Nisei bowling league.

The Shore Club dumped Sunrise Grocery, 4 to 0, while Mas' Clippers kept pace by whitewashing the Azuma Tei squad. Save Mor Meat dropped Pacific Grove Cleaners for four points, while Trans-Pacific Trading took three from George's Barbers.

John Tamaki of Mas' Clippers had the top league average at 175, while Karl Ozima of the Shore Club has the high game of 267. Nick Nishi of the Clippers had the high series of 595.

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San Francisco's Chinese Saints Will Defend National Oriental Crown Against Top Nisei Teams

By PHIL MATSUMURA

SAN JOSE, Calif.—St. Mary's Mission of San Francisco, the Chinese American team which has won the all-Oriental national basketball tournament for the past two years, will defend their title in the third annual tourney which will be held at the San Jose State gym from Dec. 22 to 25.

A victory this year will mean permanent possession of the perpetual trophy for the Chinese Americans who will be without the services of the sensational Willie (Woo Woo) Wong, now playing for the University of San Francisco.

The field is stronger than in the first two tournaments which were held in Seattle.

Challenging the Chinese Saints will be the Chicago Huskies, led by Tak Hiyama, 6 foot 3 center, who are fresh from winning the first all-Nisei invitational tournament at Chicago. Also on hand will be Air America's Berkeley

Nisseis, finalists at Chicago, and a strong Hawaii Nisei Athletic Union All-Star team.

Making up the field of eight will be the Filipino Mangos from San Francisco; the Seattle All-Stars, composed of the best Nisei and Chinese American players in the Seattle area; the Southern California Appliance team, Nisei champions of Southern California; and the San Jose Zebras, hosts of the tourney and winners last week of the San Francisco Drakes tournament.

Four of the six officials who will handle the games were named this week. They are Lloyd Leith and Bobby Britt of San Francisco and Bill Hubbard and Bob Bronzan of San Jose State College.

Trophies will be awarded to the "most valuable" and "most outstanding" players in the tourney as well as to members of an all-star team which will be picked on the basis of individual performances.

Asato Stars as Hawaii Beats Fresno in 442nd Bowl Game

HONOLULU — Hard-running Jimmy Asato, sophomore Nisei halfback, scored three touchdowns as the University of Hawaii's Roaring Rainbows prepared for their forthcoming "colossal" with undefeated College of Pacific by scampering to a 41 to 14 win over Fresno State College before 20,000 in Honolulu Stadium on Dec. 2.

The game was sponsored by the 442nd Veterans Club of Honolulu for the organization's war orphans' scholarship fund from which more than 100 World War II orphans, children of men killed in World War II, will benefit.

The scholarship fund sponsored by the Nisei veterans will be accumulated over a ten-year period and will underwrite the education of war orphans. A preliminary compilation lists 105 eligible children, many of them children of men killed in action with the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Combat Team.

"In assuming the responsibility of educating the children of their fallen comrades, the members of the 442nd are practicing the same high patriotism which won so many honors for them on the battlefield," the Honolulu Star-Bulletin declared in an editorial on the game.

Hawaii got off to a fast start, scoring four touchdowns in the first quarter. After two quick touchdowns by Fullback Johnny Dang,

Asato scored from seven yards out. Just before the end of the first period Asato took a handoff and raced 47 yards for another score.

In the third quarter Asato scored again from the 10-yard line.

Five Nisei, Asato, Co-captain Saburo Takayasu, End Ken Nakamura, Center Herb Doi and Tackle Mansfield Doi, were in the starting lineup for Hawaii, while Fibber Hirayama, right half, started for Fresno State.

(The two Doi's are younger brothers of Wally Doi, 442nd Combat Team veteran who now operates the Aloha Fountain in Salt Lake City. Wally Doi played guard for two years on the University of Hawaii team before the war.)

Hawaii All-Stars Play Salt Lake Cage Team

The Hawaii All-Stars, en route to the all-Oriental national tournament in San Jose, will meet the Salt Lake U & I Furniture team on Dec. 10 in the scheduled feature of a basketball doubleheader at Deseret gym.

In the other game the Salt Lake Nisei All-Stars will meet the Edgehill "M" men, one of the strongest "M" men teams in the country.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Shigenobu Okimura a boy on Nov. 19 in Sacramento.
To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeyoshi Tadata a girl on Nov. 19 in Sacramento.
To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Yanamachi a boy, Frank S. Jr., on Nov. 29 in Seattle.
To Mr. and Mrs. Tad Kuniyuki a boy on Nov. 30 in Seattle.
To Mr. and Mrs. George Iwasaki a girl on Nov. 30 in Seattle.
To Mr. and Mrs. Tetsuya Kurisu, Madera, Calif., a girl on Nov. 5.
To Mr. and Mrs. Walter I. Okada a girl on Nov. 12 in Fresno.
To Mr. and Mrs. Masao H. Morishita, Del Rey, Calif., a girl on Nov. 24.
To Mr. and Mrs. Reo R. Abe a boy on Nov. 2 in Selma, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yoshida a girl, Rosemary, on Nov. 24 in Portland.
To Mr. and Mrs. Yushin Imura a girl on Nov. 23 in Sacramento.
To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kuwamoto a boy on Nov. 23 in Sacramento.
To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kodama, Live Oak, Calif., a girl on Nov. 10.
To Mr. and Mrs. George Kawano, Loomis, Calif., a girl on Nov. 23.
To Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zaiman a boy in Oakland.
To Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Budo a boy, Bobby Minoru, on Nov. 17 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. George Akasaka a girl, Patricia Gayle, on Nov. 21 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. George J. Kawami a boy, Mathew Junpei, on Nov. 20 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. George Hada a boy on Dec. 1 in Denver.
To Mr. and Mrs. Tak Kusano a girl, Susan Tazuko, on Nov. 26 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Minoru Chikawa a girl on Nov. 25 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. George Matsumonji, Englewood, Colo., a boy on Dec. 1 in Denver.
To Mr. and Mrs. George Junji Nakahara a boy, Arthur Yukio, on Nov. 12 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Benji Wada a girl, Susan Kaoru, on Nov. 12 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Kamoto, Montebello, Calif., a girl, Eileen Yoshiye, on Nov. 14.
To Mr. and Mrs. Itsuo Yano a boy, David Keith, on Nov. 11 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Keiji Tsukahara a boy, Stanley Kai, on Nov. 5 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Uwate a girl, Vivian Haruko, on Nov. 10 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hisao Hiji a girl, Linda Reiko, on Nov. 10 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Masaru Takaoka a girl, Sharon Lynn, on Nov. 11 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Kadamatsu a boy, Gary Eden, on Nov. 9 in Los Angeles.
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To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Nagano, Bell, Calif., a girl, Christine Kiyoko, on Nov. 12.
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To Mr. and Mrs. Toyomaro Kajimoto, Gardena, Calif., a girl, Uriko Beverly, on Nov. 15.
To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kazuwo Murayama a boy, John Tadashi, on Nov. 17 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Umio a boy on Nov. 24 in Orosi, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kawata a girl on Nov. 30 in Marysville, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nakamura a girl on Nov. 27 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Terashima a girl, Hatsuye Joyce, on Nov. 17 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuru Fujinami a boy on Dec. 7 in Salt Lake City.
To Mr. and Mrs. Emory Namura,

Hartman, Colo., a boy, Michael Tsuruo, on Nov. 28.
To Mr. and Mrs. Michio Yamamoto a girl on Nov. 20 in Lodi, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hikaru Koike, Yuba City, Calif., a boy on Dec. 2.
To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshiyumi Takiguchi a boy, Hiroshi, on Nov. 15 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. George Toshiharu Takahashi a girl, Jean Michiko, on Nov. 12 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Yamamisaka a boy, Russell Isamu, on Nov. 19 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Ken Yoshimaru Kono a boy, Brian, on Nov. 20 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Harumi Nakasaki a girl, Joyce Etsuko, on Nov. 22 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeki Nakatsuru a girl, Shirley Shigeki, on Nov. 15 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshiro Yoshida a boy, Ronald Craig, on Nov. 14 in Los Angeles.

DEATHS

David Kiyoshi Takahashi, 24, on Dec. 2 at the Veterans hospital in Livermore, Calif.
Gonzo Saimada, 75, on Nov. 30 in San Francisco.
Sentaro Fukuoka on Nov. 20 in Denver.
Hanju Henry Makimoto, 59, on Nov. 29 in Los Angeles.
Kiichiro Kageyama, 61, on Nov. 27 in Walnut Grove, Calif.
Sukesaburo Maruyama, 72, Kingsburg, Calif. on Dec. 2 in Fresno.
M. Maruyama on Dec. 6 in Las Animas, Colo.

MARRIAGES

Mitsuko Uyeno to Cedrick M. Simo on Dec. 4 in Los Angeles.
Elaine Akasaka to Kazuo Hori on Nov. 27 in Los Angeles.
Hisako Shiba of Livingston to Richie Wada of Yuba City on Nov. 26 in Sacramento.
Alice Tsuruko Nakamura of Kingsburg to Shizuo Sakioka of Artesia on Dec. 2 in Los Angeles.
Hanaka Kawaguchi of Madrone to Charles Noboru Sakioka on Dec. 2 in Los Angeles.
Fusako Kakuda to Masami Sadakame on Dec. 4 in Los Angeles.
Takashi Furuya to Fujino Aoki on Dec. 4 in Los Angeles.
Tomiko Mitome to Fujiyuki Motomura on Nov. 13 in Chicago.
Shirley Tanaka to Frank Yoshimura on Nov. 26 in Tremonton, Utah.
Yasuko Yoshida to Akira Otsuka on Dec. 4 in Sedgwick, Colo.
Mabel Itonaga to Richi Fuwa on Nov. 13 in Sacramento.
Kiyoko Fujitaki to Kenichi Nakamoto on Dec. 4 in Los Angeles.
Rose Y. Murakami to Hideo B. Watamura on Dec. 4 in Los Angeles.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Misago Horita and Ted T. Adachi in Seattle.
Ruth M. Nochi, 24, Lyman, Neb., and Jack N. Yoshida, 31, in Seattle.
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Student from Japan Recalls Role as Scout Guard for FDR


Plaisance Cleaners Widen Lead in Chicago League

CHICAGO — The Plaisance Cleaners widened their lead in the Chicago Nisei bowling league as they swept three points from Wah Mee Lo in the 13th week of play last week. H. Yamane and D. Mizuno led Plaisance with 570 and 568 series.
The Nisei Vues dropped back to second place as they split with Sakada Optometrists in a close match as R. Fujii of the magazine team rolled a 604.
Hyde Park Restaurant remained in contention in third place, dropping Mark Twain, 3 to 1.

Quality Cleaners had the best series of the night, a 2851, to wallop Tellone Beauty Salon, 4 to 0. R. Tsurui topped Quality with a 564 series.
O.T. Men's Wear made a move to get out of the cellar with a 3 to 1 win over Jan Jan T, while Coed Beauty Salon, next to last, also pulled a 3 to 1 upset over Murakami & Sons.
Petite Cleaners beat Berns store for men, 3 to 1.

Detroit Fellowship

DETROIT, Mich.—Janice Kodani was elected president of the Nisei-Caucasian Fellowship of Detroit at the club's recent elections.
Miss Kodani and members of her cabinet, including Yuri Shimokuchi, Emily Nitta, Esther Inmaru, Kay Mio, Frances Yamaji, Wallace Kawagawa and Shig Kizuka, were installed on Oct. 21.



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SPOKANE, Wash. — George Imai, now attending Whitworth college as a freshman in social science from Japan, once was part of a Boy Scout honor guard for President Franklin D. Roosevelt when FDR visited Hawaii in the 1930s.

That was when Imai, now national field secretary for the Boy Scouts of Japan, was attending school in Honolulu. Later his parents sent him to Tokyo to be educated and he was there when the war broke out.

Imai was drafted and trained at the naval officers training school. He said he was certain Japan could not win the war and that he would be killed so he volunteered to be a Kamikaze pilot "to get it over with."

His request was refused and the war was over before Imai was assigned to a ship.

Shortly after the war ended Imai joined the Boy Scouts movement and was made national field secretary at the age of 23. His interest in scouting was kindled when he was a member of a troop in Honolulu.

The former resident of Hawaii hopes to take executive scout training in New Jersey and London after graduating from Whitworth and will return to Japan to train scout leaders.

Plan Frolic

CHICAGO — The Westside Recreational committee will sponsor an open house, "Freeze 'n Frolic" on Dec. 16 from 7:30 p.m. at the Edwin Markham Center, 1601 West Harrison.

The open house will feature singing, folk dancing and group games as well as social dancing. The charge will be 50 cents per person. Rosemary Kuroki and John Ura are co-chairmen for the event.

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MINNEAPOLIS EXCHANGE TEACHER TO MARRY—Dorothy Fukuda, right, a junior high school exchange teacher in Minneapolis was married recently to Akira Takahama of Lanai, Hawaii. Miss Fukuda, who is from Honolulu, is teaching in the mill city's Sanford junior high school. Her fiancée is a student at the Industrial Arts school in Menominee, Wis. Sanford faculty members who honored Dorothy recently at a welcome engagement party were Marguerite Hainert, Sanford visiting teacher, and Sanford principal Tilden O. Everson of Minneapolis.—UCL News Bureau-Minneapolis Tribune photo.

Northern Wyoming JACL Will Enter Denver Cage Tourney

LOVELL, Wyo.—The Northern Wyoming JACL basketball team will enter the Denver YBA tournament on Dec. 15 and 16, it was decided at the chapter's general meeting recently at the home of President Minol Ota in Lovell.

Mrs. Tom Ujifusa reported on the first Mountain Plains district council meeting in Denver.

Plans for the Christmas holiday box lunch social will be discussed at a cabinet meeting on Dec. 11 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Haruki Shimogaki in Basin.

Otani Will Head Oxnard Chapter

OXNARD, Calif. — Toru Otani will head the Ventura County JACL in 1950, it was decided at the chapter's recent elections.

Other new officers are Michi Yamamoto, vice-pres.; Michiko Tsuchida, sec.; George Oka, treas.; Mamoru Hosaki, auditor; and Hisashi Inouye and Noriyoshi Moriwaku, sgts.-at-arms.

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YPCC Group Plans Meeting in March

DINUBA, Calif.—The Central California Young People's Christian Conference set March 19 at the tentative date for their annual parley, following a meeting called by Tom Nakashima, president, recently.

Livingston's invitation for the conference was accepted and the meeting will be held in that city with "In Action with Christ" as the theme.

In addition to Mr. Nakashima, other members of the YPCC cabinet are: Mac Hase, 1st vice-pres.; Chiaki Renge, 2nd vice-pres.; Ritz Konatsu, rec. sec.; Ronald Konda, treas.; Kiyu Sambongi, historian; Betty Wake, publicity; Joy Kawamura, publications.

Worland Mustangs Plan Busy Schedule

WORLAND, Wyo. — The Worland Mustangs will play 18 to 22 games during the coming basketball season.

Among the teams they will meet are Hyattville, Worland Institute, Rosenthal's Panthers, Sanchez West Side, Worland FFA, Grass Creek, Thermopolis FFA, Ethere, Ten Sleep and Burlington.

Games may also be arranged with Sedgwick, Colo., Alliance and Scottsbluff, Neb.

Warren Ujifusa is manager of the team. The squad includes Ted Onda, George Ujifusa, Harry Ujifusa, Bob Sumida, Rick Shimogaki, Tosh Shimogaki, Tosh Nakamura, Sas Nakamura, Tsugio Nakamura, John Kawano and Bruce Hirozawa.

Aid Building Fund

IDAHO FALLS, Ida. — Three members of the Idaho Falls JACL Charley Hirai, Katsuki Yamasaki and Joe Nishioka, are members of the local YMCA Building Fund committee which is starting a drive for a \$150,000 YMCA building.

Kimura Wins Bout

SAN FRANCISCO—Joe Kimura of the San Francisco State college wrestling team defeated Dick Hanson of the University of California to win the title in the 128-pound division of the Central YMCA Portola tournament here on Dec. 3.

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Pacific Northwest Council Reactivated at Spokane Parley

SPOKANE, Wash.—The Pacific Northwest JACL district council was reactivated here as more than one hundred Nisei from Spokane, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and Hood River, Ore., met on Dec. 4.

The reactivation meeting was opened at a banquet on Dec. 3 at which Mike M. Masaoka, JACL ADC legislative director, was the main speaker.

Mr. Masaoka declared that the task of the Nisei in achieving equal status as Americans was not finished with the war but that the Japanese American group's activities were part of the long struggle of mankind for peace and dignity.

He noted that, despite acts of discrimination against the group during the war, the Nisei had enough faith in mankind and in their fellow Americans to see beyond the barbed-wire fences of the relocation centers where they were confined.

He declared that the demonstration of loyalty given by the Nisei during the war was responsible for the successful resettlement of the group after the mass evacuation.

The banquet was attended by 150 persons. The delegates and boosters were welcomed by City Commissioner Kenne. Lawson for the city of Spokane and by Willard Roe for the Council on Race Relations. Mr. H. Kasai spoke on behalf of the Issei supporters of the Spokane chapter.

The reactivated district council resolved to work for passage of the Walter resolution on equality in naturalization at the coming session of Congress and for the repeal of the Washington Alien Land law.

Five chapters, Seattle, Puyallup Valley, Portland, Mid-Columbia and Spokane, will comprise the

newly-reactivated district council. A district council convention will be held next spring.

Roy Nishimura of Spokane was elected district council chairman. Other new officers are: Shiozaki, Spokane, vice-pres.; Mary Ikeda, Seattle, secretary, and Shio Endow, Hood River, treas.

Official delegates included Kaz Yamane of Tacoma, Shio Endow of Hood River, Nobu Sumida, Ted Hachiya, Kimi Tambara and Mary Minamoto of Portland and Mae Kaneko and Mary Ikeda of Seattle.

Guests at the banquet included Mr. James Chase, president of the Spokane NAACP, and Mrs. Chase. Mrs. Georgia Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fulon, sponsors of the Spokane JACL, and Mr. Ashley Holden, political editor of the Spokesman-Review. George Numata was toastmaster.

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