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## U. S. Pays First Evacuation Loss Claim

### Renunciants In Japan File For Passports

Expect 500 Will Return to U.S. as Result of Decision

SAN FRANCISCO — Although legal action has not been completed for the restoration of United States nationality to approximately 500 persons of Japanese ancestry who renounced their citizenship during the war and are now in Japan, the American consulate at Yokohama is now accepting applications for reinstatement of citizenship, the Nichi-Bei Times reported this week.

The renunciants in Japan are part of a group of nearly 5,000 former Tule Lake residents whose citizenship was ordered restored by Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman. Judge Goodman's decision was upheld recently by Ninth District Circuit Court of Appeals after which the Justice Department indicated that the government would not contest the decision restoring citizenship to the group.

The Nichi-Bei Times said that the American President Lines office in San Francisco has been informed the Yokohama consulate is processing applications from wartime renunciants now in Japan for the restoration of citizenship at the rate of three per day and is forwarding them to the State Department in Washington.

These renunciants are members of a group which left the United States for Japan shortly after V-J day in 1945.

Meanwhile, it was reported here that, although it has been reported that the government does not intend to press an appeal of the Appellate court decision before the U. S. Supreme Court, the government has until Jan. 19, 1950, to make a final decision, according to Wayne M. Collins, attorney for the renunciants.

Collins pointed out that by filing applications at the Yokohama consulate at this time, the renunciants are giving the government time to check each case individually.

### Judge Crosby's Death Recalls Decision in Parlier Evacuee Case

PARLIER, Calif.—Justice of the Peace Lucien Billingsley Crosby who received national attention for his handling of a case involving Nisei evacuees returning to this area after the war died on Dec. 3 after a long illness.

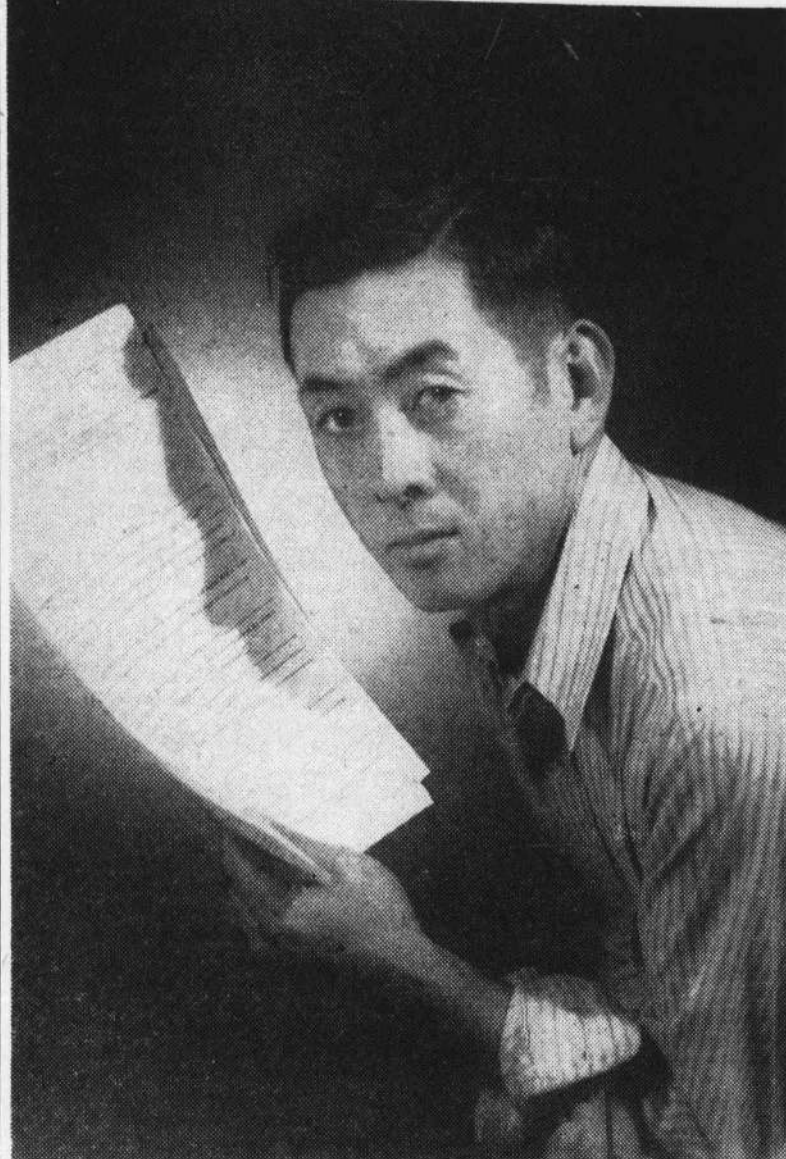
Judge Crosby was involved in a long-distance altercation with Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes in 1945 after Ickes had attacked the jurist for suspending sentence on a Parlier farmer who fired shots into the home of a Nisei. Crosby defended his action as a "community arrangement" which was designed to prevent further and more serious trouble.

Judge Crosby had held office for 15 years. He was a native of Batesville Ark., where he was born 69 years ago. He came to California in 1922.

### NISEI NAMED TO FROSH GROUP AT BERKELEY

BERKELEY, Calif. — Norman Mineta, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Mineta of 545 North 5th street, San Jose, was recently appointed to the freshman class council at the University of California. The council plans and coordinates activities for the freshman class. Mineta, a graduate of San Jose High School, is majoring in business administration. In addition to his council post, he is vice president of the Freshman Scholarship Holders association.

### Orchardist Files Big Claim



Sumio Doi, Newcastle, Calif., orchardist, has filed one the largest claims sent to the Justice Department to date from Placer County. The Doi family was one of the first to return to Northern California after the army exclusion order was lifted and their orchard farm was the scene of terrorism on the nights of Jan. 18 and 19, 1945, when hoodlums attempted to oust the family from their home with arson and attempted dynamiting. The packing shed on the Doi farm was set afire. Sumio Doi said at the time that the family would not be intimidated. "They will have to blast me out," he said.

In the above photo Sumio Doi is shown with a copy of the claim he is filing under the Evacuation Claims Act.

—Photo by G. Higaki, Sacramento.

### Japanese Canadian Evacuees Claim \$7 Million in Losses

#### Nisei Girl First Oriental to Serve On Missouri Jury

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Suzie Yamashita last week became the first person of Oriental ancestry to be called for jury duty in the state of Missouri.

Miss Yamashita, an accountant and an active member of the St. Louis chapter of the JACL, was called on Dec. 5.

It was noted that women jurors have been called in Missouri only in the last two years.

#### Collect Food for Miner's Families

CORINNE, Utah — Local Nisei are among the residents of this small lakeside community of 411 persons who have rallied to the cause of a distressed Utah town and have sent a truckload of food and clothing to the families of unemployed miners in Park City.

Kuseo Sato and Kon Yagi contacted contributors in the West Corinne area and picked up farm produce which was sent to Park City where 700 miners are unemployed because mines have shut down.

The program was administrated by the Veteran of Foreign Wars and the Deseret News of Salt Lake City.

#### Justice Bird Nears End of Hearings on Evacuation Losses

VANCOUVER, B. C.—Canadians of Japanese ancestry who lost personal and business property as a result of wartime mass evacuation in 1942 have filed claims for more than \$7,000,000, it was reported here.

Hearings on the last of 1,431 property claims filed by Japanese and Japanese Canadians are expected to be completed by mid-December by Mr. Justice Bird, appointed by the government two years ago to act as a one-man commission on evacuee loss claims.

Justice Bird is expected to send his report on Canadian evacuation losses to the Minister of Justice early in 1950 and payments are expected to start shortly afterwards.

Claims for losses sustained in the mass evacuation, in which nearly 24,000 persons were moved from the British Columbia coast to interior housing projects in the Canadian Rockies, covered everything from real estate to personal effects, fishing boats, nets, gear and household goods.

It is reported 1,405 claims have been filed by individuals and 17 by corporations.

Hearings already have been completed by Justice Bird on the great majority of these claims.

The last and largest of the corporation claims was that filed by the Deep Bay Logging Company,

### Los Angeles Evacuee Given \$303 for Office Furnishings Lost as Result of Removal

LOS ANGELES—The first payment by the government under Public Law 886 of a claim for losses resulting from the 1942 mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from Pacific coast was made at a simple ceremony on Dec. 16 in the Los Angeles field office of the Justice Department's evacuation claims division.

Claim No. 1 to be paid by the government was that of Tokuji Tokimasa, 61, of 355 East First street, Los Angeles.

Mr. Tokimasa, a licensed real estate broker, received a check for \$303.36. He had filed a claim for \$322.89 with the Justice Department on Feb. 25, 1949, claiming the loss of office furnishings, legal books and several hundred copies of a Japanese book of which he is the author.

Mr. Tokimasa, a resident of Los Angeles at the time of the evacuation, was evacuated to the Heart Mountain relocation center. He left Heart Mountain for the U. S. Navy language school at Boulder, Colo., where he taught Japanese until he was transferred to the Navy school at Stillwater, Okla. He has received a letter of commendation from the Navy Department for his wartime services.

Since the Tokimasa check is the first to be paid under the Evacuation Claims Act which was passed in 1948 by the 80th Congress, the presentation was the occasion for a ceremony in the Justice Department's Los Angeles field office which was attended by representatives of the JACL and members of the press.

William H. Jacobs, acting head of the Los Angeles office, praised the wartime loyalty of Americans and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry in a statement which he made at the time of the presentation.

Mr. Jacobs declared that the payment was an acknowledgement of hardships which persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States alone had to suffer as a consequence of wartime evacuation.

"It gives me great pleasure to present you with the first check paid under the Evacuation Claims Act," Jacobs told Tokimasa. "Your claim was small which is why this check is small."

The Justice Department official noted that the check represented almost the whole amount claimed by Tokimasa and said this "indicates your valuation was fair and reasonable."

Jacobs said that the payment was important in that it indicates that the government has now completed its machinery for the adjudication and payment of evacuation losses sustained by Pacific coast residents of Japanese ancestry.

"From now on," he said, "there will be a steady stream of payments for losses until the last claimant has been paid."

"The Evacuation Claims Act does not contemplate the payment of the full losses sustained by the evacuees," the official observed, "and there are many types of losses which are not included under the law."

"This payment is an acknowledgement of the hardships which people of your ancestry alone were compelled to suffer," he added.

"The conduct of the Japanese American group during the evacuation and during the entire war is well known to the people of our country and it is such that people of your ancestry can always be proud. The citizen Japanese proved trustworthy and loyal and no man in this country fought harder than the 422nd Combat Team."

"The great majority of the Japanese, of which you are one," he told Tokimasa, "proved equally loyal and trustworthy."

Noting the presence of three JACL representatives, Tats Kushiida, Sam Ishikawa and Dr. Roy Nishikawa, chairman of the Pacific Southwest JACL district council, Mr. Jacobs said he was happy to have them at the ceremony since the JACL was responsible, in large part, for the passage of the evacuee claims legislation.

"The JACL has fully cooperated in our effort to start the machinery for the adjudication of claims and I am looking forward to continued close cooperation from the JACL," he said. "So far, the JACL has shown a great appreciation of the complex problems facing us and it has been a decided aid to us to have representatives of the Japanese American group who are aware of the difficulties involved in carrying out the intent of the Evacuation Claims Act."

Dr. Nishikawa thanked Mr. Jacobs and the staff of the claims office for the understanding they have shown and assured them of the JACL's continued support for the program.

Mr. Tokimasa also expressed his appreciation to the JACL group for the role of the organization in obtaining congressional passage of the evacuee claims law.

Mr. Tokimasa, a graduate of the Southwestern University law school in Los Angeles, declared he was "completely satisfied" with the amount of the award he received from the government.

He was one of the first to be granted hearings before the claims board in Los Angeles and, because of his legal training, represented himself.

He told the board he had abandoned his office furnishings because he did not want to sell them at a "ridiculous price." He did not have written proof of his losses but presented a witness who corroborated his statements.

### Washington State Clarifies Nisei Eligibility for Bonus Payment

SEATTLE—The right of Washington state Nisei veterans to receive the state veterans' bonus was clarified by a recent ruling of the state attorney general's office, Richard Setsuda, chairman of the Seattle Nisei Veterans committee, announced last week.

In a letter to Setsuda, Lyle L. Iverson, assistant attorney general ruled that "residence, for the

purpose of determining eligibility for the World War II veterans' bonus, is a matter of intention."

The NVC had inquired about the status of Japanese Americans who were evacuated from the state in 1942 and who entered the service later outside the state, or became of age while in relocation centers and registered with draft boards nearest the centers.

Iverson wrote that such veterans of Japanese ancestry who had been bonafide residents of the state of Washington would be entitled to the bonus unless they had "actually acquired a residence elsewhere by a demonstration of intention to abandon" their residence in Washington.

Ltd., and Eikichi Kagetsu, its managing director. Hearings on this claim were concluded last month. The company requested \$464,134.02 for timber, logging equipment and a logging railway near Cowichan Lake which were seized and sold.



# No Definite Advantage Seen In Reducing Evacuee Claims To \$2,500 Figure Set in Law

LOS ANGELES—Scotching a prevailing rumor that granting awards will be expedited if the claims for evacuation losses filed by evacuees of Japanese ancestry are within the \$2,500 limit imposed by Public Law 886 for direct payment, William H. Jacobs, acting head of the Justice Department's evacuation claims field office in Los Angeles, declared that claimants reducing substantial claims to within the \$2,500 figure will receive "no definite advantage" by doing so.

Mr. Jacobs spoke to JACL officials at a conference at which the evacuation claims program was discussed last week in Los Angeles.

His statement declared: "Recently certain substantial claims have been reduced to \$2,500. I think it advisable for the Japanese American Citizens League to publicize the fact that if a person has a substantial claim, it would seem that there would be no definite advantage in reducing it to the \$2,500 figure."

"I have heard certain rumors that some people believe that by reducing their claims to \$2,500, the handling and the payment of the claims will be greatly expedited. It would not seem that it would take a great deal longer to make payment of an award in excess of \$2,500 than would be involved in the payment of an award of \$2,500. Such slight difference in the length of time involved would not seem to warrant a person arbitrarily cutting his claim down to the \$2,500 figure."

"Where any claims have been reduced to \$2,500 by reason of any false information, it would seem advisable that the claimant should reamend his claim prior to the expiration of the filing date. There is nothing, of course, that will prevent a claimant from reducing his claim if he feels that he should do so; but I see no reason why he should substantially reduce his claim with the thought that he will receive payment of his claim any quicker, or at least much quicker."

Members of the JACL delegation included Masao Satow, national JACL director, Salt Lake City, Utah; Mike Masaoka, national JACL-ADC legislative director, Washington, D.C.; Joe Grant Masaoka, JACL regional director, San Francisco; Sam Ishikawa, retiring JACL regional director, Los Angeles; and Tats Kushida, Ishikawa's successor.

Following the interview, Mike Masaoka, called attention to the fast-approaching filing deadline of January 2, 1950.

"So that there can be no question as to the validity of any claim as the point of filing by the legal deadline, I suggest that claim forms be placed in the mails sufficiently early to arrive in Washington, D.C. by January 2; thus, in the case of the West Coast, claims should be mailed not later than December 26, 1949," he declared.

"We do not and cannot anticipate an extension of this deadline," he added. "It is, therefore, imperative for everyone who has a claim to file it at once."

## Alice Morihoro Elected President

CLEVELAND — Alice Morihoro was elected president of the Cleveland chapter of the JACL recently in the closest election in the chapter's history.

She will head the new cabinet whose members are: Hoshiko Miyake, vice-pres.; Nob Asamoto, treas.; Alice Takeda, rec. sec.; Betty Totsubo, corres. sec.; Lin Andow, corres.; Virginia Takahashi, historian, and Harlan Takahashi and Mike Asazawa, members-at-large.

The new cabinet was installed at a meeting attended by approximately 100 persons by Richard Akagi, new Midwest regional director, on Dec. 3 at the Jewish Adult Bureau.

Howard Tashima, the outgoing president, introduced the old cabinet and these presented the gavel to Alice Morihoro, the incoming president.

After the installation service movies were shown. Dancing, ping pong and refreshments filled out the evening.

Prior to the installation ceremony, a dinner was given in honor of Mr. Akagi at Nelson's Swedish restaurant.

## Ellis Community Center Will Hold Christmas Program

CHICAGO—The second annual Christmas program of the Ellis Community Center will be held on Dec. 23 at the St. James Church auditorium from 7:30 p. m.

The entire Sunday school and church, as well as auxiliary clubs such as the Workcampers, will join in this program through songs, drama, choral music, dance interpretations and pageantry.

More than 700 members, parents and friends are expected to attend the Christmas program which will feature a tableau of the manger scene to be presented by the Workcamper group under the direction of Art Kaku and his cabinet.

Helen Tashiro will present her dance interpretation of the poem, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," supported by the choir.

The children's Christmas party, with Santa Claus and candy, will be held by the Sunday school on Dec. 8 and by the Community Center children on Saturday, Dec. 24. Christmas movies and a gift exchange will feature the Saturday program.

A Christmas Eve caroling party will start at 7:30 at the Community Center.

## Plan New JACL District Council in Central California

FRESNO, Calif.—Formal organization of the new Central California JACL district council is expected to take place at a meeting on Feb. 5, 1950 at which time representatives of chapters in the area are expected to meet.

Five chapters, now part of the Northern California-Western Nevada district council, are expected to form the nucleus of the new district council. They are the Reedley, Tulare County, Parlier and Delano chapters and the American Loyalty League of Fresno.

## Homesick War Bride Wants to Return to GI Groom in Japan

HINTON, W. Va. — Chiyoko Harvey, a Japanese war bride, recently filed for permission to return to Japan.

Mrs. Harvey has been living in Hinton for the past year with the mother of her soldier husband but she said she felt she was too far away from where she had spent her life to enjoy it in West Virginia.

"She's homesick," the mother-in-law volunteered when Mrs. Harvey filed for permission to go back to Japan.

There may be another reason for Mrs. Harvey's desire to return to her homeland, reporters learned. Her husband is still there with the occupation forces.

## AFL Organizers Woo Gardeners in Los Angeles

### Japanese American Group Will Support Program of AFL

LOS ANGELES — The AFL, through its Service and Maintenance Union, Local 399, has been carrying on an extensive program to sign up approximately 2,000 gardeners of Japanese ancestry in the Los Angeles area.

The union has used the radio, newspapers and handbills in its organization drive which was climaxed last week by its announcement that it had reached an agreement with dumping depots and truck service men that non-union gardeners will not be served.

This latest move in the AFL's organizational campaign was followed by an announcement by the rival Associated Gardeners of America, formed last October, that it has gone on record to support the activities of the gardeners division of Local 399, AFL.

According to its president, Bill Takahashi, the AGA will continue to function as a "social organization."

Withdrawal of the AGA from competition with the AFL is believed to assure the gardener's division of the AFL with a clear field in its organizational drive among the Japanese Americans.

Meanwhile the Service and Maintenance Employees International Union, AFL, announced that its gardener's division has been guaranteed full local autonomy and will be able to set up its own working rules, regulations and elect its own officers.

Local 399's gardener's division already has approximately 1,500 members, among whom are many Japanese Americans.

## Students in Canada City Protest Firing of Nisei Instructor

### Parents Back Refusal Of Group to Return To School Classes

ST GEORGE, Ont.—Thirty-seven students of the St. George Continuation school went on strike on Dec. 6 because a 26-year old Canadian Nisei teacher, Richard Takimoto, was fired.

Acting with the approval of their parents, 37 out of the 47 students in the school signed a petition demanding a reasonable explanation for the dismissal of Takimoto.

A graduate of the Ontario College of Education and McMaster University, Takimoto has been teaching science, mathematics and commercial subjects at the school for the past 18 months.

It is reported that the Nisei was

well liked by his students.

Elizabeth Gallamb, member of the student committee, said:

"He is a good teacher, the best we have. He takes an interest in the students outside the classroom, too."

L. R. Rillet, chairman of the school, declined to elaborate on the reasons underlying Takimoto's dismissal.

"There is nothing wrong with this man's character," Rillet said. "It's a matter of cooperation. This teacher would not cooperate and we asked for his resignation. It is something the board decided and we wanted to do it quietly."

The ten students who remained in school said they stayed because their parents asked them to do so and not because they did not sympathize with the strike.

## Quick Settlement of Housing Issue Over Racial Occupancy Urged by Civic Unity Group

SAN FRANCISCO—Quick settlement of the controversy between the Board of Supervisors and the San Francisco Housing Authority over the latter's racial occupancy policy was urged this week by Edward Howden of the Council for Civic Unity. The policy involves San Francisco residents of Japanese, Chinese, Negro and other minority groups.

Howden characterized as "shocking" the refusal by four commissioners of the local Housing Authority to approve the

public housing resolution voted by the Supervisors and signed by Mayor Robinson two weeks ago. He recalled that the Authority had urged immediate action on the original resolution which it submitted to the Supervisors in October on the grounds that available Federal housing funds might otherwise be lost to the city—yet subsequently the Authority has twice been responsible for delays of two weeks or more because of its antagonism to nondiscrimination amendments to the resolution introduced by Supervisor George Christopher and approved by the Supervisors.

"The Authority's reported view that nonsegregation plus Supervisory review of project sites would 'kill public housing' reflects an unworthy opinion both of San Franciscans generally and of the Supervisors specifically with regard to their attitudes towards the rights of 'minority' citizens," Howden charged. "The Authority is in fact making the double insinuation that most San Franciscans would, in a practical situation, insist upon discrimination in housing, and that the members of our Board of Supervisors would bow to such insistence. The record speaks clearly for the exact reverse of both notions. Many 'minority' families are today living in harmony in various private neighborhoods otherwise 'white' in makeup. And the Board of Supervisors has repeatedly declared itself against enforced racial segregation where public funds and powers are involved."

"It is shocking that four appointed commissioners of the Housing Authority (Commissioner Thomas strongly dissenting) should flaunt the considered position of the Supervisors against racial segregation, even to the point of jeopardizing the new public housing program. Of many maneuvers by the Authority intended to defeat the nonsegregation policy, the latest, initiated Friday, is the most incredible. A public invitation has been issued to civic groups supporting public housing to express themselves on interracial occupancy. In short, the blunt fact is that the Housing Authority is now soliciting opposition to a democratically operated program from among pro-public housing San Franciscans!

"I am confident that the Supervisors will not yield to any ill-informed pressures which may be generated by this latest tactic of the local Authority."

"This is perhaps the Authority's final bid to retain its 10-year practice of racial segregation. I regret that the Authority does not see fit to take its recent defeats on this question in good grace. In consequence, it appears that the fight will continue unless Mayor Robinson successfully prevails upon the housing commissioners to enlarge their perspective and get on with the new program."

"It might be noted, as an example worthy of emulation, that

the city's Redevelopment Agency earlier this year graciously acceded to a similar policy mandate by the Supervisors — despite the fact that the Agency had strongly opposed the policy for several months prior to its enactment. Nor do we hear any further warnings that redevelopment will be 'killed' by this policy."

"In passing, we must challenge the euphemisms of the Housing Authority about 'neighborhood pattern' and 'limited segregation.' Whatever terms the Authority may apply, the practice remains one of enforced racial segregation. We repeat: whether intended or not, such segregation inescapably involves discrimination — sometimes against 'non-whites,' sometimes against 'whites.'"

"Finally, I challenge the Housing Authority to show that the non-segregation policy adopted by the Supervisors constitutes a serious new threat to public housing in San Francisco. We may be sure that organized opponents to public housing will continue to fight the program, whether or not the housing projects are jimmied in character; they did so before the war (before nonsegregation was under public discussion), they will do so again. The Glen Crag project is a good case in point."

"The San Francisco Housing should, in my opinion, recognize the real threat to public housing for what it is and go out to meet it. The Authority's commissioners and staff should abandon their remarkably negative and defeatist position. If they will only emerge from the gloomy cave in which they have housed themselves all too long—if they will cease the racial scare talk in which they have indulged and will welcome the aid and advice of the city's many responsible pro-housing groups, public housing will once again move ahead vigorously to the advantage of the entire city."

## San Jose Buddhists Will Publish Album

SAN JOSE, Calif.—A pictorial album depicting scenes of the 50th anniversary celebration of the San Jose Buddhist will be published next spring.

Plans for the album were made at a recent meeting of local Buddhist organizations.

Phil Matsumura will edit the book. Members of his staff are Ich Morita, Mountain View, associate editor; Mae Ishikawa, sec.; George Sato, San Martin, and Miss Endo, bus. mgrs.; Shochi Araki, Chas Morita and Nobu Fukuda, org. mgrs.; Elsie Yamamoto, art editor; and Robert Okamoto, editor. Horio, Tak Onishi, Mae Fukumura, Eichi Higashi, Harry Yoshida, Kaname Yamashita, Mory Asanuma, Mrs. Sasaki, Calvin Kawanami, George Fujita, Mae Kitahara, Yas Shimoguchi and May Sueki, club editors.

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Terri Hokoda, queen of the 1949 Nisei Week celebration, presents Sam Ishikawa with a gift from the Japanese American community of Los Angeles at the testimonial dinner given on Dec. 10 for the retiring JACL ADC regional

representative of the Pacific Southwest area as Frank Chuman (right), second national vice-president of the JACL, looks on.—Photo courtesy of Toyo Miyatake Studio, Los Angeles.

## Testimonial Dinner Honors Retired JACL Office Head

### Ishikawa's Personal Leadership Noted At Los Angeles Dinner

LOS ANGELES — Ninety outstanding Issei and Nisei leaders of the Japanese community in Los Angeles and Southern California paid tribute to Sam Ishikawa, retiring regional director of the Southern California JACL Office in Los Angeles, at a testimonial dinner held at the San Kwo Low Restaurant on December 11.

The dinner was sponsored by the Los Angeles City JACL Coordinating Council, the Southern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce and the four Los Angeles newspapers: Rafu Shimpō, Shin Nichibei, Kashu Mainichi and Crossroads.

Toastmaster for the event was Eiji Tanabe, Ishikawa's JACL predecessor, who introduced speakers paying tribute to Ishikawa's fine performance as regional JACL director.

Frank Chuman, Second National JACL vice president, spoke on behalf of the JACL and other Nisei in commending Ishikawa for his quality of leadership and personal contributions to the successes attained by the JACL.

Mitsuhiko Shimizu, president of the Southern California Japanese

Chamber of Commerce, praised Ishikawa's steadfastness of purpose and his keen insight and judgment in making decisions.

Masao Satow, national director of the JACL, introduced Ishikawa's successor, Tats Kushida, who has served as JACL regional director in the Midwest Office in Chicago for the past 2½ years.

Mike Masaoka, the final speaker, thanked the Issei and Nisei for their staunch and consistent support of the JACL-ADC program. He attributed the achievements of ADC's efforts as well as the advances made in the status of persons of Japanese ancestry to the perseverance, industry and pioneering spirit of the Issei immigrants whose faith in America is now bearing fruit.

Ishikawa, who was presented a beautiful alligator wallet on behalf of the sponsoring groups by Miss Terri Hokoda, 1949 queen of Nisei Week, expressed his appreciation for the support and cooperation given him by the community and pointed to some of the remaining problems, particularly in the welfare field, in which the community must continue to join hands in resolving.

Two beautiful floral centerpieces donated by Dr. M. M. Nakadate were presented to Ishikawa and Kushida.

## Nisei Killed In Collision at Lodi Crossing

LODI, Calif.—Clarence Hiroshi Nishizaki, 19, was killed instantly on Dec. 9 when his pickup truck was struck by a speeding passenger train on the outskirts of Lodi.

Authorities were unable to explain why Nishizaki drove onto the Southern Pacific tracks. Neighbors said that the crossing signal was in operation and the train delivered several warning blasts before arriving at the crossing.

The light pickup was torn in four pieces by the impact and its dump bed was hurled 90 feet. Nishizaki was thrown clear but died instantly.

Engineer F. M. Faris and Brakeman J. M. McCarty said they did not see the truck until the engine smashed into it.

Final rites were held for the Nisei youth on Dec. 13.

Nishizaki was born in Newcastle and resided there until a month ago when he moved to the former Whittaker ranch with his family. He was employed by the Atheron Fruit Growers Association.

He is survived by his father, Iwao Nishizaki, and three sisters, Alice, Harriet and May, and five brothers, Eugene, Marvin, Fred, Tad and Eddie.

## Shorter Prison Sentence Given Civilian in Japan

HONOLULU — The prison sentence of Robert N. Shidaki, 39, convicted in Japan of larceny and wrongfully disposing of U.S. government property, was reduced to one year and a \$500 fine recently by Brig. Gen. Crump Garvis who reviewed the army court verdict, it was reported here.

Shidaki, an Army Department civilian from Honolulu who was employed in Japan, was convicted on Oct. 28 by a general court-martial.

It was charged that Shidaki, employed as a carpenter shop foreman by the 5th Engineer corps in Yokohama, profited from the sale of government glass, veneer, plywood and galvanized iron stolen from a warehouse earlier this year.

## Join DAV Auxiliary

RENO, Nev. — Ida Fukui and Joyce Chikami were initiated into membership at the last meeting of DAV Auxiliary Post No. 1 in Reno.

## First Nisei Files as Candidate For Seat in Hawaii's Coming State Constitutional Convention

Most Leading Japanese American Political Leaders in Territory Maintain Silence on Role They Expect to Play at Parley

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—A new kind of politics is beckoning Nisei in Hawaii.

The challenge is the forthcoming state constitutional convention which will convene in Honolulu starting April 4.

Sixty-four delegates are to be elected from all parts of the territory. Their task, and an historic one it will be in Hawaiian history, will be to write the constitution for the future state of Hawaii.

The territory is taking this far-reaching step because it is tired of waiting for congress to act. The constitutional convention is intended to be a short cut approach to statehood, a 50 year old ambition so far frustrated by Washington inaction.

Since mid-November when Governor Ingram M. Stainback issued a proclamation setting up the machinery to draft a state constitution, only one Nisei has filed for a convention seat, out of nine residents who have become candidates.

The Nisei is Rep. Thomas T. Sakakihara, veteran Republican lawmaker from the Big Island. He was the second candidate to file.

He has served six regular and four special sessions of the legislature and is one of the top vote-getters on the Big Island.

A Nisei who has announced his intention of running is Yasutaka Fukushima, a 33 year old Honolulu attorney who gained "inside" knowledge about politics this year when he served as judiciary committee clerk of the Territorial House of Representatives during the regular session last spring. However, this is his first venture as a candidate for an elective post.

Honolulu-born Mr. Fukushima is a 1940 graduate of Harvard law school. He served with both the 100th infantry battalion and the 442nd combat team. Later he was on the prosecution staff of the war crimes detachment at Manila and Tokyo.

He was appointed an assistant public prosecutor for the city-county of Honolulu in January, 1947, and held that office for more than a year before entering private law practice.

Besides Rep. Sakakihara, none of the Nisei "regulars" have made a bid yet for convention seats. The "regulars" include those who have successfully campaigned before the electorate to win public offices in the territorial, city-county and county governments.

Well known political figures like Senate President Wilfred C. Tsukiyama, Reps. Mitsuyuki Kido and Sam Ichinose and Supervisor Richard Kageyama are maintaining silence at the moment, although other politicians, of non-Japanese ancestry, are stepping out boldly and loudly to seek early votes.

Under the machinery authorized by the Territorial Legislature last spring, a primary election of delegates will be held Feb. 11, to be followed by a general election of 63 delegates on March 21.

The convention, after assembling April 4, will work for 60 days to draft a constitution—the first territory for 60 years to do so without prior authorization by Congress.

The last such "unauthorized" constitutional conventions were

held in 1890 by Wyoming and Idaho prior to their admission to the Union. In all, 15 states have been admitted to the union without the aid of enabling acts.

These states are Arkansas, California, Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Michigan, Oregon, Tennessee, Vermont, Texas, West Virginia and Wyoming.

The constitution to be drafted will be submitted to the legislature before being forwarded to Congress with a petition for admission.

It is possible to have a constitution ready for the consideration of Congress by late 1950 or early 1951. This would be faster, in the opinion of political experts here, than to wait for Congress to pass the enabling act now pending.

The territory has appealed to Congress time after time for an enabling act now pending.

The holding of the constitutional convention has great significance in the minds of such stalwart statehood campaigners as Samuel Wilder King, chairman of the Hawaiian statehood commission. Mr. King, chairman of the Hawaiian statehood commission. Mr. King is a former delegate to Congress where he introduced statehood legislation and battled for the cause as vigorously as his successor, the present delegate, Joseph R. Farrington.

The coming convention, says Mr. King, is important because the issue of Communism has been raised by Senator Hugh Butler of Nebraska, who anticipated that the convention would be dominated by Communists and the constitution directed by tools of Moscow.

"There can be no better answer to him than to hold election for delegates to our convention and to draft a constitution," Mr. King asserts.

"We should, for our own satisfaction, determine whether the concern expressed by Senator Butler and shared by others, has any justification. The result will prove or disprove these apprehensions once and for all."

Mr. King advises that the "character and qualifications of our delegates will be closely scrutinized by the opponents of statehood. And, finally, the constitution itself will be gone over most carefully by friend and foe and by the congress and the president of the United States."

To the Nisei voters, as well as others, will fall the duty of selecting delegates who will bring credit to the aspiring territory. This will give them an opportunity to squelch insinuations that Communism is widespread among the Japanese people. And for whatever Nisei candidates are elected, their responsibility is clear that they must write a constitution that will be as democratic as, if not more so, than that of any of the states already in the Union.

## Toronto University Group Will Make Films About Evacuation

TORONTO, Ont.—Using the factual experiences of Japanese Canadian evacuees as a basis for a script, the University of Toronto Film Society will produce a semi-documentary film on the wartime mass evacuation, the New Canadian reported this week.

Actual shooting on the picture is scheduled to start early in 1950.

The script is now being written by Graham Ferguson, University of Toronto student, and is expected to follow the experiences of a typical Japanese Canadian family

through the mass evacuation experience.

The picture, which is expected to be 15 to 20 minutes in length, will be filmed on a limited budget provided by the Film Society.

Nisei students at the University of Toronto will take part in the picture as members of the cast.

Last year the university's Film Society produced a picture called "As the Twig Is Bent," based on the work of the University Settlement.

## Want Ad Overcomes Prejudice As Nisei Family Finds Home

LOS ANGELES — This is how the Imoto family found a home in North Hollywood.

It was told in the December issue of The Independent, publication of the Nisei Progressives:

"A Nisei couple, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Imoto and their three children of North Hollywood, faced with restrictions in housing and high rentals, despaired of finding a house. They finally consented to let Mrs. Maudie Hiser write an ad and place it in the Dime-A-Line newspaper serving the North Hollywood area.

"We are decent, respectable, law-abiding citizens," the advertisement read. "We did not want war. We bought war bonds and worked hard to feed our Allies and our boys in service. Many Japanese boys gave their lives for their country—the country of our choice. Our three children sing 'God Bless America' and salute 'Old Glory' with reverence. We need a house to live in. Prefer North Holly-

wood. Will you rent us one? References.

"The ad brought thirty phone replies. The Imoto family found a place to live."

## Reelect Kazumi Oura As President of Milwaukee Chapter

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Kazumi Oura was re-elected president of the Milwaukee JACL chapter for the 1950 term at its annual election held recently.

Members of Oura's cabinet are: Tom Suyama, vice president; Kay Nakagiri, treasurer; Faye Hamada, corresponding secretary; May Mori, recording secretary; Robert Dewa, Lily Kataoka, Sat Nakahira and Tats Tada, delegates-at-large.

The chapter is sponsoring a Christmas Party on December 24, to which all are cordially invited, at the local YMCA.

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## EDITORIALS:

### Claims Program Enters New Phase

The evacuation claims program entered its final phase this week with payment of the first claim in Los Angeles to Tokujiro Tokimasa.

In turning over the first claims check, William H. Jacobs, acting head of the Los Angeles claims bureau, predicted that other payments would follow "in a steady stream."

The large claims, of course, will take longer, notwithstanding the fact that most of them will have been made in good faith and will represent accurate figures on losses.

But the report comes as good news to many persons who feared that payment of claims would be hopelessly tangled in red tape and legal delays. It indicates that efficient and quick service can be given on claims filed early and for claims that can be readily checked.

### Local Option in Public Housing

San Francisco's FHA officials, it must be assumed, have heard the report from Washington that the FHA will no longer guarantee loans on housing that carries racially restrictive covenants.

The announcement was made early this month by U. S. Solicitor General Philip B. Perlman and corroborated immediately by Pres. Truman.

But it is obvious that these officials do not intend to adhere to the ruling. The housing authority in San Francisco has refused to recognize a public housing resolution from the city board of supervisors which asks for specific guarantees to prevent segregation and discrimination in public housing projects.

Thus, with specific instructions from Washington and with the specific recommendation from San Francisco's officials, the city's FHA intends nevertheless to thwart the principle and spirit of the new FHA housing loan regulation.

Their action can be laid only to prejudice, if reports upon their actions to date are correct. It might be remembered that some time ago a local FHA spokesman declared that a non-segregation amendment for San Francisco's housing proposal might delay approval of the project by FHA officials in Washington. In the light of FHA's recent ruling, this can be interpreted as having been only an attempt to delay passage of a non-discrimination amendment.

It is unfortunate that the FHA ruling will be a matter of local option in many cases. Possibly this was done to ease pressures which would rise in the south, where segregation of the races is written into the law. Application of the new FHA ruling in these areas might lead to complete elimination of public housing projects.

But it is unfortunate that this local option can be used in San Francisco, a city in which unsegregated public housing can work.

San Francisco can and should present an example of democratic public housing.

Public opinion should demand that those individuals now delaying adoption of the non-segregation amendment accede to the public interest.

### Sixty Pages for Holiday Issue

The annual holiday edition of the Pacific Citizen is now in preparation for publication on Dec. 24.

It will be 60 pages in all, including a four-page insert to accommodate the unexpectedly large number of ads received. It will be the largest ever published by this paper.

As in years past, this special edition will not represent so much the work of the newspaper's staff but the work of many JACL members and contributors who make its publication possible.

The JACL national staff and regional officials have given much help and support and representatives in all the regional offices have contributed largely of their time and effort in gathering advertisements. To them must go a major share of the credit for the financial success of the edition. The edition was originally conceived as a means of overcoming, at least in part, some of the operating deficit of the newspaper throughout the year.

But it must be remembered that the individual JACL members, respective communities and those who collected the traditional PC "name insertions" greetings, must be credited in large part for their unselfish support.

To our advertisers, too, we send a special measure of appreciation, realizing that in large part their ads are an expression of goodwill toward this newspaper and the JACL.

Following the special edition, the Pacific Citizen will appear as usual on Dec. 31. There will be no cessation of publication over the New Year weekend.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Three Radio Commentators

The first man to speak up for the Nisei in a national radio broadcast on Pearl Harbor day was Upton Close, then a commentator for the NBC from San Francisco. Those who recall the frenetic broadcasts of that day may remember Upton Close reading a statement by Saburo Kido, then national president of the JACL, which spoke of the devotion of Japanese Americans to the land of their birth.

Today Upton Close no longer has a national network program. He has become, in the years since Pearl Harbor, a spokesman for the extreme right in American politics. Until recently he had a broadcast over a Denver station, KTLN, which was regarded by some listeners as racist and anti-Semitic in tone.

Min Yasui reported last week in his interesting column in the Colorado Times that the Denver Unity Council was prepared to take action to protest some of Upton Close's statements over KTLN when the station dropped the program. Later Upton Close met with members of the Denver Unity Council and denied the charge that his broadcasts were anti-Semitic. When a number of remarks with racist overtones which he had reportedly made were presented, Mr. Close contended that they were taken out of context and distorted.

Whatever the facts may be in the Denver case, Upton Close is regarded today on the basis of broadcasts he has made in recent years as a spokesman for American nationalism. For a time his broadcasts were sponsored by an insurance firm whose president was a leading figure in Tory councils.

The Nisei will remember with gratitude Upton Close's courage in presenting the Nisei case at a time when the wound of Pearl Harbor was fresh and the country was still in shock. Thus it was something of a disappointment to find him, in later years, working the same side of the street as Westbrook Pegler and Fulton Lewis, Jr.

Upton Close was originally the penname of Josef Washington Hall who used to teach at the University of Washington. Mr. Hall made a number of trips to the Orient and established himself as an authority on imperialistic ambitions of the Japanese militarists. He wrote a series of articles for the Saturday Evening Post and other magazines and, in the 1930s, earned the distinction of being ordered out of Japan by the warlords. He was a good reporter and uncovered facts which emphasized the aggressor dreams of the men in Tokyo.

Nisei and Issei in the United States indulged in a lot of wishful-thinking in those days and most of them were unwilling to accept the facts about Japanese militarism since the well-being of the Japanese American community was predicated at the time on the maintenance of friendly relations in the Pacific. Many Japanese Americans felt that Upton Close was rocking the boat and he was regarded in some quarters as anti-Japanese. The attack on Pearl Harbor proved Upton Close to be a pretty good prophet and he was heard regularly on NBC. His book, "Behind the Face of Japan," was published in 1942 and was widely read.

The fact that a man who once accused of baiting another is a real tragedy. American reaction, with which Upton Close is identified by the nature of his broadcasts, holds naught but contempt for the nation's racial and religious minorities. Its network spokesman today is Fulton Lewis, Jr. who is still sticking verbal pins in the effigies of FDR and Harry Hopkins.

America's reaction is today an uneasy hodgepodge of such oppositionist elements as the Christian nationalists of Gerald L. K. Smith who still use the scapegoat tactics of anti-Semitism, the Ku Klux Klan and the white supremacists, unreconstructed robber barons who still live in an industrial past and the elite who believe that only a few are born to rule the lives of men.

While Upton Close gave time on his NBC broadcasts to expressions

of loyalty by Japanese Americans, another network commentator, John B. Hughes of Mutual, was the first to demand the wholesale evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific coast. Mr. Hughes started his campaign for mass evacuation a month after Pearl Harbor and kept hammering at his theme in a series of seven broadcasts. According to a Justice Department official, the Hughes broadcasts were "responsible for arousing public opinion and flooding the California congressional delegation with protests which had the tendency to push the government into hasty and ill-considered action."

Morton Grodzins, in "Americans Betrayed," notes that Hughes urged his listeners and correspondents to apply pressure on Attorney General Francis Biddle and himself entered into an exchange of letters with Mr. Biddle in which he declared that "ninety percent" of the Nisei were loyal to Japan and that unless evacuation took place the people of California would "leave butchered Japanese all over the place."

John B. Hughes even appeared before a meeting of Southern California newspaper publishers on Jan. 26, 1942 to impress upon them that it was "their patriotic duty" to make federal officials cognizant of the necessity for mass evacuation, as well as to lead public opinion toward a demand for a rigid program of control of the Japanese American population.

Although John B. Hughes expressed the desires of the Yellow Peril mongers and the selfish economic interests which wanted mass evacuation, his later conduct indicates that misguided patriotism motivated his actions at the time.

Mr. Hughes is said to have declared later in the war that he was mistaken in his belief that virtually all of the Nisei were potentially disloyal and that mass evacuation was necessary to prevent treachery and sabotage. Whether Mr. Hughes actually said this or not, he did make broadcasts following the return of the evacuees to the Pacific coast in which he came out strongly for fair play. He also made numerous broadcasts later in which he upheld the rights of minority racial and religious groups.

While Upton Close and John B. Hughes have shifted ground, there is at least one Pacific coast commentator who has not deviated in his approach to the Nisei and mass evacuation.

He is Chet Huntley of KNX, Hollywood, and CBS who is now on a tour of Europe.

Mr. Huntley was one of the first

of the coast commentators to speak out against the racist attacks promoted against the evacuees during the early war years. He presented the Ben Kuroki story on his broadcast when other networks were still afraid of "public opinion."

On Sept. 2, 1949 Mr. Huntley devoted his entire broadcast time to a recital of the mass evacuation story in which pointed out the pressures which he preceded the evacuation decision. He did not mince words.

"Powerful competitive interests began to move against the Japanese early in 1942," he said. "There were some half-hearted efforts to protect the Japanese from those who desired to buy up their property at a few cents on the dollar. In the Northwest Dave Beck of the Teamsters Union moved against the Japanese of that area. The accumulation of power and resentment began to tell."

Chet Huntley chronicled the successive events which followed in the mass evacuation and then added Justice William Denman's comment in the repatriates case which was a "blistering denunciation" of the exclusion order.

"But in parcelling out blame for this action against citizens and aliens," said Chet Huntley, "it's impossible to place it all on one doorstep. Some of you may have lifted your voices in protest but you were not heard. Most of us were confused and in a bit of mental and psychological panic."

Then Chet Huntley brought his broadcast to the present, noting that Congress had passed the Evacuation Claims Act. Under this law, he noted, the evacuees will be able to recover only a fraction of the actual losses sustained in the evacuation.

"It would seem quite proper for Congress to reevaluate its program to provide restitution for these people," he said. "We might remember the 442nd Combat Team of the army . . . all Japanese Nisei."

"Total estimated losses of the evacuees are 367 million dollars. Do you suppose it would be worth it to keep the faith? Would it be worth it to solve our own consciences, we who failed to lift our voices in 1942?"

Chet Huntley recalled that he had made a broadcast from what he called "the concentration camp at Parker, Ariz.," in 1942.

"I wrote that Japanese kids could be seen riding on the backs of GI-driven trucks inside the barbed wire. There was good-natured camaraderie between the GIs and the Nisei. But the Army major scornfully red-penciled it. The Army had to be revealed as an agency with drawn bayonets guarding the Japanese."

Chet Huntley closed his broadcast with these words:

"At a time when the world seems intent on dividing itself and at a time when we're bargaining for allies, we might ponder the words of Henry Mencken who said conscience is an inner voice that warns us somebody is looking."

## St. Louis JACL Sponsors Festival of Japanese Culture

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The Japanese Festival, an afternoon devoted to a presentation of Oriental culture to the citizens of St. Louis, sponsored by the local JACL chapter on Sunday, Dec. 4, 1949, was "a tremendous success," it was reported here.

Henry Tani, 1st vice president of the National JACL and chairman of the Festival, stated that 1,035 visitors were received during the four hour period.

Mrs. J. H. Eto's flower arrangement demonstration, with comments by Helen Iino, was the highlight of the afternoon.

David Carpenter, assistant professor on sociology at Washington University, who spent three recent years in Japan, gave a talk on "MacArthur's Japan." Mr. Carpenter married a Japanese girl and through the efforts of the JACL, was able to get a private bill passed to enable her four year old twin daughters (who attracted considerable attention at the Festival) to come to the United States.

Lucian Pye, assistant professor on Oriental culture, Washington University, also gave a talk on "Culture of Japan."

Three films, "Fujita," "Kenji Comes Home" and "Kyoto Story" were shown to a very appreciative audience. Under the direction of Mrs. Alice Y. Hayashi, Japanese

clothes were modeled. Paul Maruyama in formal Japanese attire played karuta and demonstrated the soroban.

"Such displays as Japanese food, music, language, games, etc., were especially pleasing to the people who stayed and lingered," said Tani. Green Japanese tea, with assorted rice-cakes, was served by hostesses Fusa Doi and Suzuko Yamashita, and souvenir chopsticks were given to each guest.

At the request of the Third Baptist Church, a special thirty minute presentation was given before the regular Sunday Evening for the regular assembly of the young peoples' assembly of the Baptist Training Union. The program included Japanese clothing modeling by Alice Hayashi, Jean Kawanishi and Uta Eto. Helen Iino explained flower arrangement and Henry Tani gave a talk on Japanese customs. Also, at the special invitation of Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, and president of the World Baptist Alliance, ten girls dressed in traditional Japanese were presented to the audience of 500 at the evening service. Tani explained what the St. Louis JACL was doing in sponsoring the Festival.

The Festival committee, besides the chairman, included: Alfred Morioka, official reception; Edward Koyama, chief usher and Joseph Tanaka, president, St. Louis JACL.



# MINORITY WEEK

## The Death of a Folk Singer

A man named Leadbelly, his full name was Huddie Ledbetter, died the other day.

Those who have heard his voice and his guitar will never forget him. In a day of hillbilly music and phony folk songs from Tin Pan Alley, Leadbelly was a true folk artist.

Huddie Ledbetter was a Negro, a one-time plantation hand. He was discovered by Alan Lomax, noted authority on American folk songs, while singing on a Texas farm. Later he recorded more than 1,000 songs for the Library of Congress and sang on the radio, in night clubs and even in concert halls.

Leadbelly could play a mean, low-down guitar. He used the beat to accompany his songs which told stories that are now folk legends, like "Frankie and Albert," or the woes of a black-skin farmer and the boll weevil. He composed his own songs, too.

Leadbelly sang about Jim Crow and what discrimination does to people. Once refused housing in the nation's capital, he wrote a song called "Bourgeois Blues" which will be remembered and sung for a long, long time and always will serve to emphasize in music the national scandal of Jim Crow in the "home of the free and the land of the brave."

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## Minorities and Housing Discrimination

Because the Nisei are among that group of Americans who too often find that ads and signs advertising "homes for sale" are not meant for them, the recent action of the Federal Housing Authority in specifying that FHA loans will not be made on private housing on which discriminatory racial and religious covenants are recorded is a matter of singular interest.

Nisei and members of other racial and religious minorities, however, are wondering whether the FHA will enforce its policy or whether enforcement will be lax in areas in which discrimination exists.

An illustration is the policy of the Federal Public Housing Authority which leaves to local authorities the question of whether or not there shall be racial segregation in public housing projects, as long as the number of units is apportioned fairly among various race groups.

Although the United States Supreme Court has ruled (in 1948) that racially restrictive covenants in housing cannot be enforced by the courts, the Missouri Supreme Court ruled on Dec. 13 that a trial court could hear damage actions growing out of breach of contracts with clauses prohibiting leasing or selling real estate to members of a particular race.

Noting its awareness of the U. S. Supreme Court's decision, the Missouri court held that the federal decision did not go into another angle—whether one party to the original restriction could be sued for a breach of contract.

The opinion declared in part:

"According to the law as we understand it the trial court may hear and determine an action for damages for the breach of a restriction agreement... without violating any provision of the federal or state constitutions. We are of the opinion that an action for damages for the breach of a valid agreement need not be affected by the 14th Amendment."

It was believed that the Missouri court's decision would be subjected to the review of the U. S. tribunal.

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## A New Deal for Indians in Hollywood

The redskin has bitten the dust in too many Hollywood movies, in the opinion of the Association on American Indian Affairs. This organization last week organized a new film committee to see that American Indians get "serious new cinematic treatment."

Members of the film committee include authors who have written on Indian life and is headed by Carl Carmer. Other members include Oscar Hammerstein II, A. B. Guthrie, Quincy Howe, Dr. Harry Shapiro and Bill Mauldin.

Meanwhile, a new national organization, headed by Will Rogers, Jr., has been set up to assist the 250,000 Indians still living on reservations. It's called ARROW (American Restitution and Righting of Wrongs).

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## Rich Man With a Conscience

Americans of racial and religious minorities whose opportunities for personal advancement have been hampered by discrimination will be eligible for the fellowships established recently by John Hay Whitney, one of the nation's wealthiest men. Unlike Judge Armstrong of Texas who offered an endowment with a potential value of \$50 millions to little Jefferson College in Mississippi if it would teach white supremacy, John Hay Whitney is a rich man with a conscience.

The project, which will be financed by the John Hay Whitney foundation, already has received an appropriation of \$100,000 for the first year. Grants will range from \$1,000 to \$3,000 and may be used to further the education of the applicant or to carry out cultural projects.

The foundation announced that Americans of Negro, Indian and Spanish-speaking ancestry were specifically eligible.

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## News from Race Relations Front

Recent news on the race relations front: A California attorney challenged the jury system in Riverside County this week, pointing out that no person of Mexican descent has ever been called for Superior Court trial juries despite the fact that the area has a substantial population of Mexican Americans... Federal Judge Clarence Mullins on Dec. 13 threw out the Birmingham, Ala., city ordinance which prohibits Negroes from living in the city's white residential districts. In a test case filed by a group of Negroes, Judge Mullins ruled the city could not enforce its racial zoning ordinance because it violates the federal Constitution.

## Tomi Kanazawa Wins Critics' Praise in Coast Opera Role

SAN FRANCISCO—Tomi Kanazawa, Nisei soprano, was hailed by critics here for her singing of the role of Cho-Cho-San in "Madame Butterfly" last week with the Pacific Opera company at the War Memorial Opera house.

San Francisco newspaper critics were unanimous in praise of Miss Kanazawa who has recently concluded a concert and opera tour of the South and Southwest and has also appeared in the Puccini opera with the Vienna and Budapest opera companies.

"Until now Hizi Koyke's supremacy in the role has not been challenged effectively by any

operatic rival," Marjory Fisher of the San Francisco News commented, "but with Tomiko Kanazawa giving a performance such as she gave last night, audiences are going to have a difficult time determining a preference."

Kanazawa has both youth and beauty. She looked as if she had just stepped out of an exquisite Japanese print and she moved within the posture patterns recorded by Japanese artists.

Miss Kanazawa, a native of Stockton, Calif., also was praised by critics last week for her appearance in Sacramento with the Pacific Opera company.

## Bill Hosokawa:

## FROM THE FRYING PAN

### Haru Kasai Comes to America

Denver, Colo. It's going to be a nice Christmas for one Haru Kasai, 16 years old, and until lately of Osaka, Japan. Haru, as many Americans now know, is the son of a Japanese shipyard worker who risked his life during the war to smuggle food to American prisoners at Osaka. Henry Schmidt of Greybull, Wyo., one of those who probably owes his life to that aid, arranged to have Haru come to live with him and will sponsor his education in the United States.

Haru, according to latest reports is to arrive in San Francisco, Friday and will fly the next day over the Rockies—mountains the like of which he's never seen—to the thriving city of Billings, Mont., where he will be met by Schmidt and his wife. Thereafter will begin a new life for Haru Kasai, son of a humble shipyard worker, and all because his father was kind to an American who appreciated that kindness.

There is something heartwarming about this little sidelight in the day's news. It is, after all, an incident important only to a few individuals, but in a larger sense it stands out for all the world to see as an example of the finer side of humanity. Back in Haru's grimy Osaka, the neighbors no doubt gave the boy a warm sendoff and they'll be waiting to hear about his life in the United States. And in Greybull, Wyo., where only lifegiving irrigation water holds back the encroaching sagebrush, the kids and Schmidt's neighbors will be waiting to welcome the boy whose father was good to one of their own.

## Vagaries

### Litigation . . .

A Nisei combat veteran is considering litigation which may have the effect of testing the California Alien Land law . . . A claim for evacuation losses filed recently with the Justice Department concerns a woman who worked as a domestic for a prominent Californian who has been identified in the past with anti-Japanese activities. When the woman left for the relocation center she left her belongings with her employer. She learned later that the employer had disposed of the property . . . Masamori Kojima resigned last week as editor of Los Angeles' Crossroads. (Miss) Kats Hirooka is editor pro tem.

### Political . . .

Political: Attorney Masaji Marumoto of Honolulu recently was appointed as a member of Governor Ingram Stainback's seven-man fact finding committee to study subversive activities in Hawaii . . . Yori Wada of San Francisco, national committeeman of the Federated Young Democratic Clubs of California announced last week that his group had won its fight for recognition against the rival Young Democrats of California, Inc. Wada reported that his organization had received a charter from the Young Democrats of America and is now the duly recognized California unit of the national group. The charter was voted at the recent national convention in Chattanooga, Tenn., which Wada attended and helped a fight for a strong civil rights program for the Democratic party. In a statement this week Wada said the rival Young Democrats of California, Inc., has "deteriorated into a phony organization of a few political hacks who support Republican candidates against Democrats at election time."

### Candidacy . . .

More politics: It's rumored some leading GOP Nisei may come out soon for Lieutenant Governor Goodwin Knight in California's forthcoming gubernatorial elections. These GOPers feel they cannot publicly back Governor Warren because of the latter's anti-evacuee stand at the time of the evacuation. These GOP Nisei might do well to check a violent statement made by Goodwin Knight, then a California judge, back in 1944 in which Judge Knight strongly opposed the return of the evacuees . . . Lieutenant Governor Knight is reportedly the candidate of GOP leaders in California who feel that Governor Warren is too liberal for the party.

### Documentary . . .

Toru Matsumoto, translator of the recently-published "I attacked Pearl Harbor" by Kazuo Sakamaki, is responsible for the narration on "Toru's People," a documentary film on Japan, which is being released nationally by the Religious Film Association . . .

### Brotherhood Needs Salesmanship

Over our desk this week came a telegram from the Brotherhood Week Newspaper committee urging our paper to publish on Feb. 19 some feature "on how Americans of various races, religions and national origins do live and work together." Feb. 19 to 26 has been set aside as Brotherhood Week in much the same manner as Eat an Apple Week or Buy a Bowtie Week, and with good reason.

This telegram is just an example of how men of good will and the forces for understanding have adopted the same bigtime, high pressure tactics used with such good effect in commerce. And it is high time that these admirable causes streamlined their efforts to sell the cause of humanity.

For a long time the do-gooders were mostly a helpless bunch of moralists who could do little other than tut-tut and frown with dismay. Against the well-organized professional rabble-rousers and hatemongers, they were well nigh helpless. But times have changed.

During the war racial tensions were eased in many trouble centers and long steps taken toward erasing them altogether in all parts of the nation through vigorous, realistic groundwork. The public relations spadework that preceded the return of the evacuees to the west coast is a pertinent example of how a nasty situation can be met headon, and overcome, by intelligent effort.

We're glad to see this development. After all, brotherhood certainly is a commodity that deserves capable salesmanship as much as, let's say, automobiles, refrigerators, cigarettes or laundry soap.

## By the Side of the Hill:

## Masaoka Returns to Capital To Open Walter Bill Campaign

By I. H. GORDON

Washington, D. C.

That amazing Mike, the ubiquitous Masaoka whose unending energy is a continual surprise to those who know him, returns this week to Washington after a nation-wide tour that has carried him to a dozen major, and twice that many minor meetings with JACL members, chapters, districts, friends, supporters and public officials.

With his return, the JACL ADC office once again will begin to bustle with more activity than it displays in his absence.

The bustle, of course, will concern itself primarily with the complexities involved in seeking passage of the Walter Resolution in the Senate.

Congress, the last half of the Eighty-first session, reconvenes January 3. A few new faces will appear in both Houses.

However, none of the key personalities of the first half of the session will be absent. Thus, the two or three new Senators, elected or appointed to fill vacancies caused by several deaths, will have but little personal effect upon the general progress of most legislation.

It cannot be ignored, however, that the Democrats will use the election of Sen. Lehman in New York as a vindication of their campaigns to enact continuing legislation in the field of civil liberties, and to augment what some call "the welfare state," in a slightly opprobrious fashion, and others term "expanded security for all Americans," in glowing support.

The Walter Resolution, though a minor affair in terms of the entire body politic of America, is integrally tied into the Democratic civil rights program, and, of course, was included by inference in the last Republican platform.

If civil rights and common welfare lead into any hot and heavy

fight in Congress, the Walter Resolution may get tied up in this procedure, because there are a few persons, if not "on the hill," at least "near the hill" who are not favorably disposed towards the measure.

Prospects for success are measurably brighter, though, than were prospects for the Judd bill at this same time last year.

Like the Judd bill, the Walter Resolution has passed the House.

Unlike the Judd bill, the Walter Resolution has been approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee, and already has come before the Senate for action. The Senate, as those who have followed the progress of this piece of legislation are well aware, failed to approve the Resolution because of one dissenting voice—that of Sen. Russell of Georgia.

If some opponents to this measure, which mostly stems from a committee studying an omnibus immigration and naturalization law to incorporate all of the piecemeal laws which have been passed over the years to make our current statutes dealing with these matters, can continue to get at least one Senator to object whenever the Resolution comes before the Senate on the consent calendar, the Resolution will remain pigeonholed until it dies with the Eighty-first session.

This, then, means that the JACL ADC must, and, if the occasion demands, will, be prepared to ask the Democratic Policy Committee in the Senate to permit the Walter Resolution to come up for a vote.

On a roll call vote, the measure will pass with a simple majority. If the proposed law remains on the consent calendar, it may become law only if no one raises an objection to its passage.

But the generalship of the legislation in Congress will be in good hands. Mike is enroute to Washington.

## San Diego JACL Plans New Year's Dance

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Tetsu Bessho and his orchestra, seen recently in the Humphrey Bogart film, "Tokyo Joe," will play for the San Diego JACL's annual New Year's dance on Jan. 1 at the Buddhist church.

Dancing will start at 8:30 p.m. and will continue until 1 a.m.

Toru Matsumoto is the author of two books published in recent years, "The Seven Stars," and "Brother Is a Stranger."

### Drowned . . .

Kenji Yamaguma of Honolulu, a former student at UCLA, was drowned at Mokuleia on Oahu recently while attempting to rescue three companions. The trio were rescued by Yamaguma was swept under by a heavy wave . . . Nisei farmers in the Imperial and Coachella valleys report heavy damage to their crops from the "black frost" which settled over Southern California on Dec. 11.

### A-Bomb Survey . . .

Dr. Wataru Sutow's picture is in Life Magazine's coverage published last week of the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission's work in Hiroshima. Dr. Sutow is one of several Nisei on the project . . . Vera-Ellen has the role of Ivy Smith which Sono Osato made famous on Broadway in the MGM movie version of the hit musical, "On the Town."



# PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

## Nisei Guards Aid Sacramento Jaycee

Sacramento JC had a good football season and two big reasons are the team's first-string Nisei guards, Harry Kuwabara and Norman Yasui. Kuwabara already has been mentioned on the second team of several all-Northern California junior college teams... A number of Hawaiian Nisei football stars are expected to be members of the Hawaii All-Stars who will play the Seattle Ramblers in the Queen City Bowl charity football game at Memorial Stadium on Jan. 2 in Seattle. In previous years the Hawaii All-Stars have sported such Nisei stars as Wally Yonamine, Dick Asato, Masayoshi Gunda and others... There weren't any Nisei players at such positions as end and tackle on junior college teams this past season but there were a number of good guards and backfield men, including the T-formation d-psy-doodle of Weber College's Jimmy Miyasato. Besides Kuwabara and Yasui, other jaycee guards included George Wadahara, Yuba College; Bob Hirohata, Jasadena JC, and Tokeshi of Santa Maria JC. Among the backfield men were Jimmy Miyasato of Hartnell College (not to be confused with Weber's Miyasato), Tak Kawashima, Los Angeles CC; Shogo Kanamori, Ventura College; Shiro Budo, Carbon, and Harry Haramaki, Placer.

## Tom Fukano Scores Forty-Six Points

It's not often a Nisei player scores 46 points in a single basketball game but that is what Tom Fukano of the Hanford Athletic club did last week against the Lemoore Bees in the Hanford Recreation Department's tourney... Vic Nakamoto at forward and Jim Yokota at guard are starters for Placer Union high... Coach Bill Kajikawa will take his Arizona State Sun Devils on a basketball junket as far as Duquesne University in Pittsburgh over the holidays... The Hawaii Nisei Athletic Union All-Stars, now on the Pacific coast, hold victories over the Philippine Olympic team and the University of Hawaii... Joe Nishimoto of Honolulu will be on the University of Oregon varsity swimming team next year and is expected to do well in Coast conference competition.

## Vicki Draves Overcomes Prejudice

There is a heartwarming article of a young California girl who fought race discrimination and won in the December issue of Sport magazine. It is the story of Vicki Manalo Draves, Olympic champion in both the springboard and tower diving events and the best woman diver in the world today. The author is Johnny Cummings and the story is titled "The Uphill Fight of Vicki Draves."

Vicki Draves was born 25 years ago in San Francisco. Her father was a cook of Filipino ancestry. Her mother was an English immigrant girl.

Because Vicki was half-Filipino she was subjected to snubs, disappointments and disillusionment. Swimming and diving are still pretty much in the country club category. Big-time swimming has its points, particularly women's swimming which is tied up by the big hotel and resort pools and athletic clubs.

"There's no specific rule that states you must be 100 per cent Anglo-Saxon to compete," writes Cummings, "but try to get the proper coaching, conditioning and facilities if you're from the wrong side of the color line."

Vicki Manalo found out. Although other girls with diving talent could get coaching and the use of pool facilities without charge, Vicki was forced to take an obscure job as a locker-room girl at the Fairmount Hotel plunge in San Francisco to earn her diving keep. She would work all day as a stenographer in a downtown office and then would hurry to the hotel to take over her locker-room job.

She was not considered eligible for the Fairmount swimming team because of her ancestry and she entered most meets unattached.

Then she met two men who helped change her life. One was Lyle Draves, former Far Western AAU champion and one of the best diving coaches in the country, whom she married. The other was Dr. Sammy Lee, a Californian of Korean ancestry who gave her advice and encouragement since he had encountered the same problems of prejudice.

Dr. Lee tells a story about Vicki:

"There is a well-known athletic club in San Francisco which is controlled by wealthy men of social importance. Vicki once put on an exhibition there. It drew a packed house. Her father tried to get standing room that night. He wasn't dressed and he was non-white. They turned him away. From his own daughter's show! Vicki has never since dived there and the same goes for me."

Sammy Lee, national and Olympic champion in diving, tells about the first time he encountered prejudice:

"The first time they gave me the business was when I was beginning to win in the big meets. I was invited to the Beverly-Wilshire Hotel, a swank spot, to do an exhibition. Later, they called up and advised me not to come. I asked why. They said some of their guests might—ah—object."

"Later, when I became national champ, they invited me back, this time without reservations. I told 'em what to do with their invitation. I told 'em that I was still the same old Chinaman and some of the guests might object. They blubbered apologies all over the place but they never got Lee to do an exhibition."

Although there were bigots in swimming, there also were others who fought for the right of Vicki Manalo and Sammy Lee to get a fair break. It was a great moment for them when these two Californians of Oriental ancestry captured three of the four diving championships in the 1948 Olympic Games for the United States.

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## Evelyn Kawamoto Named on All-U. S. Swimming Team

SAN FRANCISCO—Evelyn Kawamoto, 15-year old Honolulu high school girl who is the national champion in the 300-yard individual medley, was named on the All-American Women's swimming team announced during the National AAU convention here last week.

Miss Kawamoto, one of the individual stars of the national championships last summer in San Antonio, was named for the medley event and also as a member of the 800-yard free-style relay team, along with Brenda Helser, Los Angeles; Jackie Levine, Chicago, and Thelma Kalama, Honolulu.

## NAME TWO NISEI TO VALLEY OAK LEAGUE SQUAD

LIVINGSTON, Calif.—Two Nisei won places on the all-conference football team of the Valley Oak league which was announced by B. J. Swartzell, league secretary. They are Center Tom Yagi of Livingston high school and Kazuo Yamada, Oakdale halfback.

Ted Handa, Livingston guard, was selected on the second team.

## San Jose Zebras Win

SACRAMENTO—The San Jose Zebras, winners of the recent San Francisco Drakes tournament, won the fourth annual Sacramento YBA invitational tourney on Dec. 11 by defeating the San Francisco Protos, 71 to 40, in the finals.

Chi Akizuki led the Zebras with 15 counters.

## TSUGAWA NAMED ON ALL-LEAGUE TEAM IN OREGON

HILLSBORO, Ore. — Jim Tsugawa, star back for Beaverton high in the Tualatin-Yamhill Valley league, was named at quarterback in the ninth annual all-star team picked by team coaches and the Hillsboro Argus.

Tsugawa, a junior, led the Beaverton team in scoring this year and was rated as a smart field general.

## Plaisance Cleaners Tighten First Place Grip in Chicago Race

CHICAGO—The Plaisance Cleaners continued to maintain their grip on first place in the Chicago Nisei bowling league at Hyde Park Recreation this week.

The league-leaders dropped the Nisei Vues from second to third with a 3 to 1 victory highlighted by series of 544 and 537 by G. Kasai and H. Yamane.

Hyde Park Restaurant moved into second place with a 3 to 1 win over Quality Cleaners in a close game as S. Tsuji blistered the alleys for a 581, followed by J. Kato with 553 and J. Okabe with 551.

Murakami & Sons had the night's high series of 2773 as they took three from Sakada Optometrists despite two "hot" series of 583 by F. Kurokawa and 587 by K. Ito for the losers. N. Murakami led the winners with a 561.

Wah Mee Lo split with Mark Twain, while Jan Jan T took Petite Cleaners for three. The Tellone Beauty Salon split with Berns Store in a close match, while Coed Beauty Salon defeated O.T. Men's Wear, 3 to 1.

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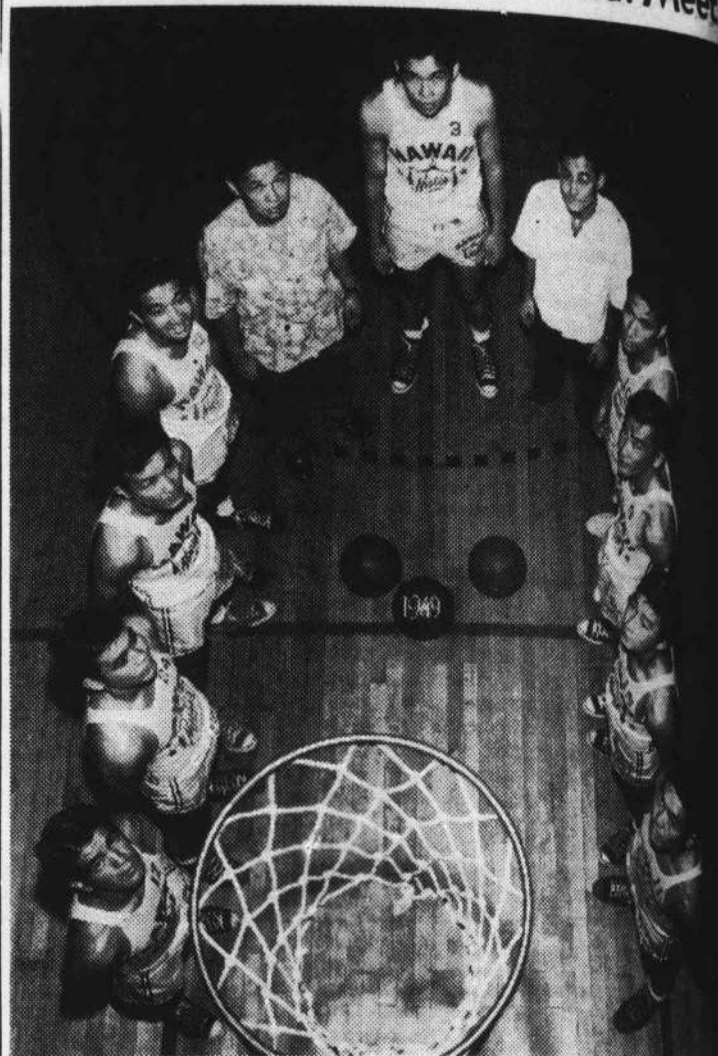
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## Hawaiians Enter National Meet



One of the favorites in the third annual all-Oriental national basketball tournament starting Dec. 24 in San Jose, Calif., is the Hawaii Nisei Athletic Union team. The Hawaiians won the consolation round at the national Nisei invitational tourney in Chicago recently. They defeated the U & I Furniture team of Salt Lake City, 57 to 41, on Dec. 10.

The members of the Hawaiian team are (left to right) Chien Miyashiro, Richard Asato, Harold Kidoguchi, Herbert Sumida, Coach Stanley Kudo, Fred Furukawa, Manager George Ishihara, John Honda Holi, Tadashi Tazawa, Itsuo Tomita and Richard Shimomura.

## Chicago Huskies Meet Hawaii In All-Oriental Cage Tourney

### Berkeley Nisseis Scheduled to Play Filipino Mangoes

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The Chicago Huskies, champions of the recent Nisei invitational tournament, will meet the Hawaii NAU All-Stars in the feature game of the first round of the third annual all-Oriental national basketball tourney on Dec. 22 at the San Jose State College gym.

The tournament will open with Air America's Berkeley Nisseis matched against the Filipino AC Mangoes from San Francisco.

Other first round games will pit

the defending champions, the St. Mary's Sains of San Francisco against Southern California Appliance, outstanding Southern California Nisei team, while the San Jose Zebras will meet the Central All-Stars from Seattle.

The winner of the Chicago-Hawaii game will meet the winner of the Berkeley-Mangoes contest in the second round on Dec. 23. Losers of first round games will meet in the opening games of the consolation round on Dec. 24 from 7:30 p.m.

The tournament and consolation championships are scheduled to be decided on Christmas day from 7:30 p.m.

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## Five Cases for Restoration of Citizenship

LOS ANGELES — Four new cases involving Nisei wartime internees still in Japan who seek restoration of their United States citizenship and an early return to the United States were filed last week in the U.S. district court in Los Angeles by Attorneys A. L. ... and Fred Okrand.

The cases were filed in behalf of ... Hamamoto, Toshio Kondo, ... Masuko and Harumi Seki.

At the same time a suit was filed in the Federal court at San Francisco on behalf of Shigenori Mori...

## Int Fellowship

CHICAGO — The Ellis Community Center Workcampers joined the Sangha Buddhist group in a joint fellowship meeting on Dec. 16 at the Chicago Buddhist ...

## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. George H. Nakaya a girl on Dec. 13 in Idaho Falls, Ida.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shin-taku a girl on Nov. 20 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Tsutakawa a girl on Dec. 13 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ueki a girl on Dec. 2 in Reno, Nev.

To the Rev. and Mrs. Yohaku Arakawa a girl, Rose, on Nov. 28 in Portland, Ore.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tatsuo Yonetani a girl on Nov. 20 in Ogden, Utah.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Okubo, Sandy, Utah, a boy in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiichi Hiramoto a girl, Ceci, on Oct. 28 in St. Louis, Mo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Perry Saito a girl, Christine Adela, on Dec. 4 in Chicago.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mas Yonemura a girl on Nov. 16 in Berkeley, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tokio Kata-

yama a boy, Robert Tokio, on Nov. 13 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Jiso Motooka, Los Altos, Calif., a boy, Mark Kenneth, on Nov. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Motoki Yatabe a boy in Oakland, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masato Takashige a girl on Nov. 30 in New York City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Sumimoto a girl on Dec. 7 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Makimoto, Loomis, Calif., a boy on Dec. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Katayana a boy on Dec. 3 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Morio Ogata a boy, Dwain Allen, on Nov. 23 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tsunezo Yonemoto a boy, David Akira, on Nov. 30 in San Jose.

### DEATHS

Mrs. Rito Takao of San Francisco on Dec. 6 in Cincinnati.

Mrs. Sute Ogata, 84, in Decoto, Calif.

Clarence Hiroshi Nishizaki of Newcastle, Calif., on Dec. 9 in Lodi.

Kiyozo Ozawa on Nov. 30 in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Katoe Hashimoto on Dec. 6 in Los Angeles.

Tomizo Iwatani, 64, on Dec. 5 in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Rui Katahira, 54, on Nov. 30 in Chicago.

Kichimatsu Higashi, 72, in Denver.

### MARRIAGES

Frances Natsuko Nakano of Oceanside to Harry Fumio Ito of San Luis Rey on Dec. 10 in Los Angeles.

Kathleen Hideko Okuda of Bellflower to Toshio Shiotsu of Paramount on Dec. 10 in Los Angeles.

Namiko Nakagawa to Floyd Yuji Ezaki on Dec. 11 in Los Angeles.

Miyako Konishi to Yutaka Morishita on Dec. 10 in Idaho Falls, Ida.

Gloria Flaton to Edward Tanaka on Oct. 29 in Alton, Ill.

Louise Tsuruko Noriyuki of La Salle, Colo., and Earl Isogi Osaki on Dec. 10 in Greeley, Colo.

Lillian Yuriko Uchida to George Hiroshi Matsushima on Dec. 11 in Fort Lupton, Colo.

Ruth Masuye Hiyama to Frank Toshiaki Kamibayashi on Dec. 11 in Denver.

Sakaye Taniguchi to Yugo Naye-matsu on Nov. 27 in Chicago.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Rose Hanashida, Blanca, Colo., and Harold Tateyama, Ault, in Denver.

Haru Sasaki, Harlowton, Mont., and Taki Nagasawa in Seattle.

Ruth Hiyama and Frank Kami-bayashi in Denver.

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## Cincinnati JACL Holds Xmas Dance

CINCINNATI, O.—The top local Nisei social event of the year, the JACL Christmas Dance of the Cincinnati JACL chapter, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 17 between 9 p.m. and 1 a.m. The locale of the gala affair will be the University of Cincinnati YMCA (720 Calhoun), with Oscar Lipka's dance band providing music for the evening.

G. S. Bretney, Midwest representative of a well known cosmetic distributing firm, will offer famous name brand cosmetics and other beauty aids to all the ladies present. Frank Hashimoto's Hawaiian String Instrumentalists have been booked for the intermission propenses will be \$1 for the ladies and \$1.50 for the men.

The JACL Christmas Dance has been planned to serve a dual purpose. It is not only a get-together to greet the Holiday Season, but also, during the intermission, Richard Akagi, Midwest JACL regional representative, will conduct the installation services of the newly elected 1950 officers of the Cincinnati chapter: Fred Morioka, president; Mrs. Sue Yamaguchi, 1st vice president; Frances Yoshikawa, 2nd vice president; Rose Narita, recording secretary; Mrs. Charles Uehara, corresponding secretary; Joe Sugawara, treasurer.

## Reno Chapter Plans New Year's Eve Fete

RENO, Nev.—Plans are being made for a New Year's eve dance to be held by the Reno chapter of the JACL at Lawton's Springs.

The Reno chapter also will hold its annual Christmas party for children on Dec. 17.

George Oshima was elected president of the chapter at the recent election meeting. Other new officers are Claude Chadwell, vice-pres.; Mrs. Lily Nishiguchi, sec.; Oscar Fujii, treas.; Ida Nishiguchi, corres. sec. and historian; Fred Yamagishi, official delegate, and Art Nishiguchi, alternate.

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HONOLULU, T.H. — Appointment of Harvey Nobuo Aki, formerly of Hyde Park, Mass., and Fresno, Calif., as air conditioning sales engineer for the Service Motor Co. and the Easy Appliance Co. was announced here recently by Peter H. Fukunaga, president and general manager of the two Hawaiian firms.

Mr. Aki, former president of the New England chapter of the JACL in Boston, has been connected in recent years with various Chrysler Airtemp distributors in the New England area as sales engineer and shop superintendent.

## Engagement

CHICAGO—The engagement of Miss Y. Sakazawa to Dr. Henry K. Hashioka was disclosed at a dinner at the home of the bride-elect recently.

Miss Sakaizawa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fsaio Sakaizawa, formerly of Long Beach, Calif.

Dr. Hashioka a local optometrist, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Shunichi Hashioka, formerly of San Francisco.



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# Goal of \$25 Thousand Set For ADC Fund Campaign in Pacific Southwest District

LOS ANGELES—A goal of \$25,000 for the 1950-ADC fund drive in Southern California was unanimously approved by delegates attending the JACL Pacific Southwest District Council which met at the Miyako Hotel Conference room on Dec. 11, it was revealed by Dr. Roy Nishikawa, chairman of the PSWDC. The 1950 goal is slightly more than half of the 1949 quota of \$45,000 for which \$42,196.29 was realized.

It was generally agreed that the fund drive should begin in January and be completed by the end of February. Mr. Masami Sasaki reported that the Southern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce would again give its full support for the ADC campaign in Los Angeles.

In a report on the latest legislative scene in Washington, D.C., Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of JACL-ADC, expressed confidence for the passage of the Walter Resolution which provides for the granting of naturalization privileges to the Issei, and explained the status of other national legislation affecting persons of Japanese ancestry.

Joe Grant Masaoka, regional director of the Northern California JACL office in San Francisco, led a discussion on the California alien land law and the status of the recently filed Masaoka case which directly challenges its constitutionality.

Following a report on the progress of evacuation claims in Canada by Mike Masaoka, who recently conferred with Canadian government officials, Saburo Kido, JACL legal counsel, and Masaoka explored the manifold unresolved problems which have arisen out of the filing of evacuation claims by West Coast evacuees and pointed out the need for continued representations by JACL at the national policy level.

The following chapters were represented: Downtown Los Angeles,

Eiji Tanabe; East Los Angeles, Bill Takei; Southwest Los Angeles, Tut Yata; Long Beach, John Morooka; Orange County, Roy Kobayashi, Elden Kanegae, Harry Matsukane, Henry Kanegae, Charles Ishii; San Diego, Dr. George Hara, San Luis Obispo, Masaji Eto, Hilo Fuchiaki; Santa Barbara, Tad Kanetomo; Ventura, Tomio Yeto; West Los Angeles, George Kimura, Aki Ono; and Ken Dyo, first vice president of the PSWDC.

Among the Issei present were K. Mukaeda and Mr. Sasaki of Los Angeles, M. Kakamatsu of Venice, and S. Nitta of Orange County. Members of the National JACL-ADC Board and Staff present were Masao Satow, Mike Masaoka, Saburo Kido, Joe Grant Masaoka, Sam Ishikawa, Tats Kushida, Roy Takeno and Frank Chuman.

## New York Chapter Sponsors Dance

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The local chapter of the JACL highlighted its winter social season with a dance at the McBurney YMCA last Saturday evening. Proceeds were turned over to the Japan Relief Committee.

Cabinet members for 1950, who had been elected earlier in the week, were introduced during the intermission.

## Two Nisei to Dance At Show Folks Fete

CHICAGO — Mariko Ann Akiyama and Toyoko Kitahata, six-year old proteges of Haruko and Tomeko Uyeda, Chicago dance teachers, will be featured on the Show Folks of America Christmas party for Chicago's underprivileged children on Dec. 18 in the Val Tavarin room of the Hotel Sherman.

The two child dancers were selected recently by talent scouts to take part in the show which is presented by the Show Folks, national organization of performers of radio, screen, the stage and television.

## Reelect Hayashi In New York JACL Election

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Incumbent Akira Hayashi was reelected by an overwhelming majority as president of the New York JACL chapter at a membership meeting called last week to elect officers for 1950.

Election of the native east coaster to his second straight term in office had been generally expected as a result of membership recognition of his leadership in making 1949 the most active and fruitful year in the chapter's history. Between his JACL duties, Hayashi is manager of Vogue Ceramics Industries.

Chosen as vice president was Frank Okazaki, an accountant, who served as membership director during the past year.

Others elected to posts in the cabinet for 1950 were: Masato Doi, Columbia University law student from Hawaii, treas.; Yosh Kawano, program director; Shunya Nishizaki, membership; Joe Oyama, financial director; Mitsu Yasuda, publicity; Chizu Ikeda, corres. sec.; Alice Yoshida, rec. sec.; and Gerald Kubo, historian.

## Holds Xmas Party

SACRAMENTO—The Christmas party of the Sacramento JACL was held on Dec. 16 at the JACL-VFW hall, 411 L Street.

Kiyo Sato was general chairman of the affair and was assisted by Louis Mitchell, Mabel Sugiyama, Edith Itano, Eugene Okada, Annie Sato, Sam Iijima, Michiko Takahashi and others.

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# Missing Nisei Girl Found Following All-Japan Search

## Sister of GI Killed In Italy Sought Buddy in Sendai

TOKYO — A nationwide search for a young Hawaiian Nisei girl ended on Dec. 13 when she was located at Sandai in Hokkaido in northern Japan.

Kimiko Yamazaki, 16, disappeared on Nov. 28 after she told friends in Tokyo she was going to Yokohama to arrange passage back to her home in Hawaii.

When she was reported missing

by friends, the U.S. occupation army joined in the search for the girl and found her in Sendai. Miss Yamazaki said she had gone looking for a former buddy of her brother, Paul, who was killed in action while fighting as a member of the famous 100th Infantry Battalion in Italy.

She said she was unable to find her brother's friend in Sendai and planned to return to Tokyo immediately. She plans to fly to Honolulu on Dec. 28 to join her uncle, Masuo Yamazaki.

The girl was the recipient of her brother's \$10,000 service life insurance policy.

Her parents, who were in Japan during World War II, were killed in the atom-bombing of Nagasaki.

## Salt Lake JACL Sets New Year's Dance at Hotel Utah

The Salt Lake JACL chapter will sponsor a New Year's dinner dance on the night of Jan. 2 on the Starlight Roof of the Hotel Utah.

A feature of the affair will be the installation of officers of the Salt Lake JACL.

Entertainment and music for dancing will be provided by Jess Kalawala and his Hawaiian orchestra.

The dinner dance will start at 7 p.m.

## Chapter to Hold Christmas Party

CENTERVILLE, Calif. — Plans have been completed for the annual children's Christmas party to be given by the Southern Alameda County JACL at Hansen hall, Centerville, from 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 18.

Invitations to the party are being sent to all children up to and including those 12 years of age.

Several cartoon motion pictures will be shown, followed by refreshments for the children, their parents and members.

Members of the committee, preparing the party are Mmes. James Fudenna, Yasuto Kato, George Nakamura and Ky Kato.

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