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Attorney General Submits First Report on Evacuation Claims Program to Congress

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Attorney General's office this week filed its first annual report on the adjudication of evacuation claims with Congress. The report covers 21 claims totalling \$13,023.99, of which the office awarded \$6,141.79.

One claim was filed, but later withdrawn by the claimant. Only one of the 20 other claims had been paid at the time the report was filed—that of Tokuji Tokimasa, Los Angeles, the first evacuee to be paid under the Evacuation Claims act. The Attorney General's office indicated checks covering the remaining 19 claims should be in the mail this week.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee legislative director, said the report which must be filed annually, represents the actual beginning of the general adjudication and payment to some 20,000 persons of Japanese ancestry for real and personal property losses suffered when they were evacuated from the West Coast several months after the outbreak of the war.

How long it will take to complete the adjudication and payment of claims, Mr. Masaoka said he had no way of determining at the present time.

Although it has been estimated the claims payment program may take upwards of five years before completion, Mr. Masaoka said present action "represents a beginning, and we are confident the claims program will gain momentum with each passing month."

All claims covered in the report were adjudicated by the Los Angeles field office of the Justice Department, the first such office opened to handle evacuation claims in that district.

A brief summary of each claimant's case is included. The summary gives no indication on what basis claims were settled, listing the facts of each case briefly, the amount filed for by each claimant, and the amount awarded.

The largest claim approved in the report is for \$1,050.94. The claimant, in this case, asserted losses of \$1,370.

The biggest discrepancy between a claimed loss and the amount awarded was in a claim for

\$1,450.50. The Attorney General allowed only \$452.

The smallest claim approved was for \$75. The claimant had asked \$125. Only one claim was approved for the amount filed, a claim of \$155.

In no instance was an award made larger than the original claim.

All awards were for amounts less than \$2500, and thus will be paid directly to the claimant by the Attorney General. In cases where awards exceed that figure, the Evacuation Claims Act provides that payments must be approved individually by Congress.

Claimants whose losses were approved for payment in the report include:

Mr. Tokimasa; Nobuo Miyao, 310 E. Fifth St.; Satoshi Fukunaga, 1756 West 37th Drive; Masanori Uragami, 3534 South Norton Ave.; Jirokichi Sakauye, 443 Crocker St.; Sam Hashiba, 2723 Lincoln Park Ave.; Haruo Hata, 113 South Maple Ave.; Teruo Hata, 958 South Boyle Ave.; Mary Motoyama Wong, 318 1/2 South Clarence St.; Tomota Kumagai, 3306 East Second St.; Kenichi Yamanaka, 2962 Second St.; Sadao Hashiguchi, 520 Towne Ave.; and Hide Hashiguchi, 520 Towne Ave., all of Los Angeles;

Takuichi Izumi, 453 Kensington da, 366 East 165th St.; Gardena; Place, Pasadena; Mrs. Irene Yoshitake, 13600 East Rosecrans Ave., Norwalk; Takashi Yamamoto, 1435 Cowles St.; Kozo Nagao, 1243 West Pacific Coast, Yoshi Monji, 333 West 12th St., Long Beach; and Hajime Uchio, 2015 Purdue Ave.; Helen Y. Sasano, 2217 Purdue St., West Los Angeles.

ADC Urges Navy to Resume Pensions to Veterans in Japan

Ask Navy Secretary Investigate Status Of Pension Program

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Mike Masaoka, National JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee legislative director, this week urged the Secretary of the Navy to investigate why pensions to American naval veterans of Japanese ancestry living in Japan have not been resumed since the war.

In a letter to Navy Secretary Francis P. Matthews, he wrote:

"Our attention has been called to a situation in which a number of naturalized American citizens of Japanese ancestry who served in the U.S. Navy and now reside in Japan have had payment of their pensions stopped.

"From the information we have received from these former pensioners, it appears that a number of Japanese immigrants to this country served in the U.S. Navy, generally as stewards or mess boys, between the late 1890's and 1930 and many of them became naturalized American citizens.

"They were authorized monthly pensions, which they continued to receive after they had returned to Japan after being honorably discharged from the Navy. These payments were stopped in 1941 when the United States Treasury Department froze the assets of American citizens living abroad, under the terms of the Trading with the Enemy Act.

"Payment of these pensions has not been resumed, even

Masaoka Discusses Issei Wartime Status With Japan Officials

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Mike Masaoka, national JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee legislative director, met recently with the first four Japanese Foreign Affairs Ministry officials to visit the United States since the war.

The four conferred with Mr. Masaoka on the war-time treatment of aliens of Japanese ancestry in the United States. They were:

Katsumi Ono, Director, Bureau of Political Affairs and pre-war head of the American Affairs Bureau, Foreign Affairs Ministry, and Third Secretary of the Japanese Embassy in Washington; Yasuhiko Nara, Deputy Chief, Press Section, Public Information and Cultural Division; Harumi Takeuchi, Chief, Research Bureau for Western Hemisphere Affairs, and Jun Tsuchiya, Liaison Section between the Ministry and SCAP in Japan.

The four are in the United States as guests of this government to study American State Department policies and techniques.

though hostilities with Japan have long since ceased.

"We would appreciate it very much if you would direct an investigation into this matter to ascertain the reasons and authority under which these American citizens are being deprived of their pensions, and whether resumption of payments might not be justified."

Rademaker Writes Book on Hawaii's Nisei, Issei

SALEM, Ore.—A new book on the contribution of people of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii to the war effort of the United States in World War II will be published this spring by Pacific Books of Palo Alto, Calif.

The author of the book, "These Are Americans — The Japanese Americans in Hawaii" is John Rademaker of the faculty of Willamette University.

Mr. Rademaker was community analyst at the Granada relocation center at Amache, Colo., during the war and later taught at the University of Hawaii.

Pacific Books this month published "The College Nisei" by Robert O'Brien of the University of Washington.

Urge Census Bureau to Use Nisei Workers

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this week urged the Bureau of Census to utilize members of ethnic minorities in the census. The ADC took the position use of such people in areas "where these minorities reside in substantial numbers . . . would contribute towards a more effective and reliable census."

In a letter to Philip M. Hauser, acting Census Bureau director, Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, also urged the "bureau recommend to its various enumerators and district officials the employment of qualified Americans of Japanese ancestry, especially in those areas where there is a substantial population of Japanese and Japanese Americans."

Among such areas, he said, are: Hawaii, California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Colorado, Chicago and New York.

"All too frequently," he wrote, "when the Federal Government is engaged in temporary activity calling for the employment over a brief period of a large number of persons, care is not taken to insure that the intolerable practice of job discrimination on a racial basis does not occur. We hope you will use your good offices to insure, as far as possible, that the Census Bureau is as democratic in its operations as the nation whose people it is about to count."

Government Pays Second Check in Claims Program

LOS ANGELES—A former Nisei resident of Terminal Island, Calif., last week received a check for \$325 from the government for a loss sustained when he sold his 1941 Plymouth auto to a dealer under forced sale conditions resulting from the mass evacuation decision.

The payment is believed to be the second made by the Department of Justice in its administration of the claims program.

The recipient of the check, who asked that his name be withheld, was represented at a hearing at the Los Angeles field office of the Justice Department's evacuation claims division on Dec. 15 by Attorney Saburo Kido.

The Justice Department's first payment under the claims program was made on Dec. 16 to Tokuji Tokimasa, Los Angeles realtor, for \$303.36.

Complete Inventory On Alien Contraband

DENVER, Colo.—United States marshals in Denver this week were completing an inventory of the tag-end of enemy aliens' property taken into trusteeship during the war as "contraband."

Some 125 items remain among about 2,000 seized from Japanese, German and Italian nationals during the war.

ADC Urges Early Senate Consideration of Equality In Naturalization Proposal

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Mike Masaoka, national JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee legislative director, said on Jan. 12 the JACL ADC was pressing for action on the Senate calendar to bring the Walter Resolution up for early consideration.

Present hopes of the JACL ADC are that the Senate will call the calendar early in the present session, and that the Walter Resolution will be approved without objection.

There is evidence that Sen. Russell (D., Ga.), who has been the lone objector to the measure which would grant naturalization privileges to all aliens still denied that right because of race, is now willing to withdraw his objection, Mr. Masaoka said.

Sen. Russell made his objection when the resolution originally came up for Senate action, several days before the close of the first session of the current Congress.

As Mr. Masaoka pointed out, Congressional leaders insist the resolution come up at least once more on the Senate calendar before they will consider placing it on the Legislative calendar, where it then would be subject to debate and vote.

Mr. Masaoka said he is convinced the measure would become law by an overwhelming majority on a vote. As it now stands, it will become law only if the Senate calls the calendar for action, and the resolution meets no objections from the floor.

A single objection will hold the bill over again on the calendar for further consideration. If the measure is not acted upon before Congress adjourns, then it will have to be reintroduced in Congress as a new measure next year.

Meantime, Mr. Masaoka said mounting national interest in the affairs of the Orient, and continuing victories of the Communists in China, have emphasized the international aspect of the Walter Resolution.

"While the resolution is a purely domestic measure, nevertheless it certainly has been watched very carefully by the domestic press in Japan, and southwest Asia. The people of Asia are well aware of the bill," he said.

"Whatever action Congress takes on the measure will be strongly indicative to Japanese, Indonesians, Malaysians, Koreans and other Asians of the American attitude towards Orientals in general.

"It simply cannot be ignored that, as a weapon to aid in our fight against Communism in the Orient, we, as a nation, cannot afford the luxury of any intolerant act which will turn our Asian friends against us.

"For years, the people of Japan, for example, have been highly sensitive towards the treatment of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country.

"Indeed," he said, "it has been pointed out by astute authorities

that the Oriental Exclusion act of 1924 marked the turning point in our relations with Japan. The Act was a major insult to the Japanese; it undercut the position of liberal friends of the United States and served as a propaganda weapon in the hands of Japanese jingoists.

"Today we stress our desire for friendship and harmony with the peoples of Asia; we are making every effort in Japan to inculcate the people there with a belief in democracy and respect for a new and different way of life.

"If we are sensitive to those people, we must realize that all of our talk of a new Democracy would pale into hypocrisy if, at home, we treated our aliens of Asiatic ancestry as pariahs or an unwanted people. We must grant them the rights we claim are the inherent rights a democracy bestows upon all people."

Mr. Masaoka urged Congress to bear in mind the international aspects of the Walter resolution, as well as the purely domestic reasons of justice and human dignity which daily make it more pressing for the United States to take "prompt and affirmative action in support of the Walter Resolution."

Some 90,000 Asians, of whom 96 per cent are Japanese, the remainder Koreans and others from Asia and the Pacific islands, would be affected by the Walter Resolution.

Elect Victor Abe President of JACL In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—Victor Abe, local attorney, was elected president of the San Francisco JACL by the board of governors last week.

He will succeed the outgoing president, Takehiko Yoshihashi. Abe and members of his cabinet will be installed at a dinner on Feb. 11.

New cabinet members are Yasuo Abiko, 1st vice-pres.; Jutaro Shiota, 2nd vice-pres.; Michi Onuma, 3rd vice-pres.; Chiye Nao, rec. sec.; Takako Suzuki, corres. sec.; Bill Muramatsu, treas.; Dr. Tokuji Hedani, official delegate; William Hoshiyama, publicity; Sumi Kitagawa, welfare; and Kay Uyeda, hostess committee.

U. S. Firm Will Publish Book By Nisei on Japanese Army

TOKYO—The experiences of a Hawaiian Nisei in the Japanese army in China will be told in a book to be published in the United States soon.

The book, "Long the Imperial Way," was written by Hanama Tasaki, 36, a native of Hana, Maui, and published in a limited edition of 500 copies in Tokyo.

Tasaki was informed recently that an American edition of the book will be published by Houghton, Mifflin in the United States.

The book was brought to the attention of Houghton, Mifflin, one of the best-known American publishing houses, by Professor Carl Shoup who visited Japan last year on a special mission for the occupation.

Prof. Shoup picked up a copy of the book in Japan and took it back to the United States. He presented it to Paul Brooks, editor-in-chief of Houghton, Mifflin's trade department.

Brooks wrote Tasaki: "I don't suppose we should ever have heard of it or at least not

until some other publisher had discovered a copy and brought out an American edition.

"Personally I think we are very lucky. We may not get a big sale for 'Long the Imperial Way' but anyone who can write that book is a writer and is going to keep at it."

Brooks indicated that the title of the book would be changed in the American edition.

Tasaki's book tells of his experiences as a member of a Japanese army mobile unit in China up to the time of Pearl Harbor. Tasaki served in the Japanese army from 1938 until Jan., 1941 and saw duty in North China, Manchuria and French Indo-China.

He went to Japan in 1936 after attending Oberlin College in Ohio in 1932 and the University of Hawaii for three years.

He was discharged from the Japanese army after three years with the rank of private first class.

He now operates a hog farm and ham factory in Kanagawa prefecture, 20 miles from Yokohama, with a payroll of 80 workers.

Claims for \$3 Million Filed By Chicago Residents for Losses from Mass Evacuation

CHICAGO—Claims for \$3,332,437 in losses sustained as a result of the wartime mass evacuation order on the Pacific coast were filed by 476 persons of Japanese ancestry in northern Illinois before the Jan. 3, 1950 deadline stipulated by the evacuation claims law, U. S. Attorney General Otto Kerner Jr. reported this week.

The items on which the claimants, the majority of whom are residents of Chicago, claim restitution include fertilizer

plants, books, barber chairs, rabbits and chop suey emporiums.

It was indicated that the claims reported by U. S. Attorney Kerner were only a part of the total filed by the evacuees among 15,000 Japanese American residents of Chicago. Other claims were sent directly to the Department of Justice's evacuation claims division in Washington.

It was reported that the claims, ranging from \$144,492 to \$75, were filed during the 18 months in which evacuation claims could be presented under Public Law 886. The claims average \$7,000, it was reported.

The \$144,492 is sought by Mitsuru Oishi, 62, of Chicago who had to sell a \$90,000 fertilizer plant at El Monte, Calif., for \$12,500 as a result of the mass evacuation order. He also had to dispose of a fleet of deliver trucks and his home and household effects with only a week's notice.

U. S. Attorney Kerner also described some typical claims:

A 27-year old girl, a former junior college student in California, seeks restitution for textbooks which mildewed because she was forced to leave them behind as a result of hasty evacuation. Her total claim is for \$270.

A former Los Angeles barber, now living in Chicago, asks \$1,710 as a result of loss and damage resulting from the evacuation. He stored two barber chairs in a Los Angeles church but when he returned to get them he found they were rusted.

A woman asks \$383 for losses sustained when she was forced to give up the rabbit business. She bought a stock of rabbits and breeding equipment five months before she was evacuated.

A former operator of a chop suey restaurant in Hollywood is asking \$5,230 because he was forced to dispose of his shop and abandon his furniture, shrubbery and garage as a result of the evacuation.

A farmer, now living in Chicago, was ordered to leave a large farm in Los Angeles county just before his tomato crop was to be harvested. He is claiming a loss of \$37,959.

A lady barber was forced to liquidate her shop in a California port city and is asking \$4,677 for losses sustained.

Nisei Named Director of Kiwanis Club

HELPER, Utah — Dr. Toshio Furukawa was installed as a director of the Helper Kiwanis Club in impressive rites held last week.

He was also awarded a one-year tag for perfect attendance.

An active member of his community, Dr. Furukawa was elected president of the basketball association early in December. He also coaches the basketball team which is in first place in the city league.

Baldwin Will Speak at N. Y. JACL Dinner

NEW YORK CITY—Roger Baldwin, retired executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union, will be the principal speaker when the New York JACL holds its annual installation dinner Jan. 18 at the McBurney YMCA.

Officers to be installed are Akira Hayashi, pres.; Frank Okazaki, vice pres.; Chizuko Ikeda, corr. sec.; Alice Yoshida, rec. sec.; Masato Doi, treas.; Gerald Kubo, historian; Yosh Kawano, program director; Joe Oyama, finance director; Mitsui Yasuda, publicity director; and Shunya Nishizaka, membership director.

Akira Hayashi was reelected to his office by the chapter.

Mr. Baldwin, an original member of the Committee for Equality in Naturalization, has participated actively in many other JACL activities.

Although he has retired from directorship of the ACLU, he is still chairman of the international affairs section of the union and serves as United Nations consultant and chairman of the International Rights of Man committee.

Los Angeles JACLs To Co-Sponsor Grand Inaugural Ball

LOS ANGELES — The four JACL chapters in Los Angeles will install their 1950 cabinets at a grand inaugural ball to be held Feb. 3 at the Forum Starlight ballroom, 4050 West Pico blvd., according to Edison Uno, chairman.

This will be the first time that the four Los Angeles chapters will coordinate their installation ceremonies. Attorney Saburo Kido, past National JACL president, will swear in the officers.

The inaugural ball, to be a semi-formal affair, will have Tetsu Bessho and his Nisei Serenaders providing the dance music.

Presidents Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, West Los Angeles, Tut Yata, Southwest Los Angeles, Lynn Takagaki, East Los Angeles, and the Downtown Los Angeles president will be installed.

Assisting Uno on the dance committee are Dick Fujioka and Yoshiko Hosoi, Southwest chapter, program; Alice Sakai and Natalie Mayeda, East Los Angeles, publicity; Dr. Tom Watanabe and Hana Uno, Downtown chapter, tickets.

The dance will start at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 per couple and are available at the regional office and through chapter cabinets.

Masaoka Will Join Sponsors At Fetes for Thomas, Baldwin

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Mike Masaoka, National JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee legislative director, will act as one of the sponsors at testimonial dinners for two nationally prominent Americans who have been outstanding in their support of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

The two are: Roger Baldwin, who retired January 1 after 30 years as head of the American Civil Liberties Union, and

Norman Thomas, distinguished Socialist leader in this nation.

Both banquets will be sponsored by groups of individual national leaders. The banquet for Mr. Thomas is Feb. 4 in the Commodore Hotel, and for Mr. Baldwin Feb. 22 in the Waldorf-Astoria, both in New York.

Mr. Masaoka said few men have been more helpful over the years in fighting for civil liberties of Japanese Americans than Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Thomas.

It was Mr. Thomas who, in May, 1942, wrote a pamphlet for the Post-War World Council protesting the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry, and, within another few months, urged Federal compensation for losses suffered in the evacuation.

Both Mr. Thomas and Mr. Baldwin were among the first prominent persons in the nation to protest even the proposal of an evacuation.

Under Mr. Baldwin's direction the ACLU has done more to assist the JACL in its legislative and court programs than any other organization, Mr. Masaoka said.

"It helped question the consti-



One of the first members signed up by the Chicago JACL in the 1950 membership drive was Corneff Taylor (left), director of the Department of Community Services of the City of Chicago's Commission on Human Relations. Mr. Corneff is shown discussing the JACL membership leaflet with Hiraio (Smoky) Sakurada (center), vice-president in charge of membership, and Dr. Frank Sakamoto, chairman of the membership campaign.

—Photo by Edgar F. Zobel, Chicago.

Chicago JACL Challenges L. A. in Membership Drive

CHICAGO — The Chicago JACL has again challenged the Los Angeles chapters in their respective membership drives.

Dr. Frank Sakamoto, chairman of the Chicago membership drive, opened his chapter's 1950 campaign by firing a challenge at the four Los Angeles chapters.

Noting that Los Angeles' four chapters had bested the Chicago JACL in the 1949 drive, Dr. Sakamoto said that the Midwest city has set a goal of 1500 members for the coming year.

"This year," he said, "we intend to leave no doubt in anyone's minds as to which city has the largest JACL organization. Our goal for 1950 is 1500 members and we have every hope of reaching that goal."

In an open letter to the Los Angeles chapters, Dr. Sakamoto said that the Los Angeles groups had won the 1949 contest "on what many of us regard as an

illegitimate extension of boundaries."

"Now that a Big Ten team has again taken a Pacific coast minor leaguer in the Rose Bowl," Dr. Sakamoto's letter continued, "we think that it is only fitting that you give us the opportunity to make it a clean Midwest sweep for '50."

"You name the stakes and the loser will settle (with appropriate ceremonies) at the National JACL convention here in Chicago."

"We hope that you will not default the race to us."

One of the first persons to sign up for membership with the Chicago chapter was Corneff Taylor, director of the city's Commission on Human Relations. He was approached for membership by Mary Hata, committee member.

A complete overhauling of the present membership list will be made, according to Smoky Sakurada, vice president in charge of membership, in order to bring all addresses up to date.

National JACL to Participate In Civil Rights Mobilization To Back President's Program

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Japanese American Citizens League will participate in the National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization conference in Washington Jan. 15-17, called to spur action on the President's civil rights program.

The JACL delegation will be headed by Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative representative in Washington.

In calling the conference, the National Emergency Civil Rights Mobilization pointed out that because 1950 is an election year, concerted action in support of civil rights would be doubly effective during the present session of Congress.

Although the President's Committee on Civil Rights issued its report more than two years ago, not one of its major recommendations has been enacted into Federal law, Mr. Masaoka said.

Among the more important recommendations were: A permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission; abolition of poll tax; anti-lynching legislation; prohibition of segregation in interstate transportation; home rule and suffrage for the District of Columbia; establishment of a Commission on Civil Rights; statehood for Hawaii and Alaska; elimination of race in naturalization, and strengthening existing civil rights laws generally.

The Washington conference will stress the necessity for action on FEPC. As conference heads said:

"The denial of any civil right is unjust, but of all the civil rights bills, none affects so many people, none is so fundamental, as the FEPC. The right work, to seek and hold employment on a basis of equality, is the right to survive as an independent, self-respecting person. While enactment of the entire civil rights program is urgent, FEPC must be given first priority."

tutionality of the evacuation in court tests involving Korematsu, Yasui and Hirabayashi," Mr. Masaoka said.

California Group Will Form New JACL Council

Hito Okada Will Attend Organizing Convention in Fresno

FRESNO, Calif.—National President Hito Okada will attend the constitutional convention of the new Central California JACL district council on Feb. 5 in Fresno.

Host chapters will be the five which will comprise the charter membership of the new district council, eighth such regional group in the National JACL organization. These chapters are the Fresno American Loyalty League and the Parlier, Reedley, Delano and Tulare County JACLs. All were formerly affiliated with the Northern California JACL district council.

The Fresno group will be in charge of the program for the day. Other assignments are: Pre-registration and general arrangements, Reedley; publicity, Tulare County; banquet and luncheon, Parlier; and reception, Delano.

A bowling tournament will be held in conjunction with the convention. All chapters in the Central California area have been requested to send in the names of teams representing their organizations to the Central California JACL regional office, 1344 Tulare Street, Fresno, by Jan. 25.

Ellis Community Center in Chicago Fetes Anniversary

CHICAGO—Chicago's Ellis community center will celebrate its second anniversary with an open house and choir concert Sunday afternoon, Feb. 12, from 2 to 5 p.m.

Invitations are being sent to Chicago organizations to join in the day's activities, according to Dr. George Matsumoto, general chairman.

Committees are now busy making preparations for numerous displays and exhibits, as well as for the various demonstrations that have proved so popular in the past.

A special program of choral music is being prepared under the direction of Dr. Harmon Bro, minister of music, which will be presented during the afternoon at the St. James church sanctuary.

Committee chairmen are Frank Endo and Harry Nakano, co-chairmen for the open house; Hagi Teramoto and Ben Toba, co-chairmen, choir concert; Min Ogasawara and Jerry Sowa, finance co-chairmen; Helen Tashiro and Gilbert Laue, co-chairmen, publicity; Chester Shibata, posters; members of Nursery Mothers' Club, refreshments; Married Couples Club, receptionists; Youth Fellowship, ushers; Workcampers, general arrangements; Young Adult Fellowship, display and exhibits.

Youth in Japan Files Claim To United States Citizenship

TOKYO — A youth, who claims his Japanese wet nurse brought him to Japan when he was two years old after his American parents died in San Francisco, has filed application for United States citizenship with the American consul in Yokohama.

All he has to support his claim is the name his nurse told him is legally his—Morris Hardy Emerson—his father's name, William Robert Emerson, and a shock of red hair.

The 18-year-old man without a country, who speaks little English, told his story to United Press today after traveling 800 miles from his home in Ube, Yamaguchi prefecture in southern Honshu in order to make a personal plea to the consulate.

Emerson, who looks Eurasian rather than full-blooded Occidental, said he first realized he was "different" from other Japanese when children of the Kanda district in Tokyo threw stones at him and made fun of his red hair.

His nurse, whose name he only recalls as "Maria," told him when he was still a child that he was born in San Francisco on December 3, 1931. She said his mother died the next day and his father in 1933.

Then, according to the nurse's story, she took him by ship back to Tokyo where she earned a living as a dressmaker.

In 1938 they moved to Seoul, Korea, Emerson said, "because living conditions were hard in Tokyo."

One month after Pearl Harbor, when he was 10 years old, according to Emerson, the Japanese Kempei Tai (gendarmes) arrested the nurse as a spy because she failed to register a short wave radio, and Emerson never saw her again.

"She had often promised to tell me the whole story of my birth when I reached 20 years of age," Emerson said, "but I never learned it."

He lived with a Japanese family until the end of the war, when he was "repatriated" to Japan in 1945.

He went to Ube because he heard his nurse tell him that was her home town and unsuccessfully tried to find some record of her there.

In Yamaguchi he told the story to Methodist Missionary Thomas W. Grubb, who made several attempts to find out the secret of Emerson's birth by writing San Francisco authorities. So far they have been without success.



Peter Fujioka, chairman of the Detroit Japanese American Coordinating Council is shown turning over a check for \$300 to Herbert J. Woodall, chairman for the International Institute's building fund drive.

The check represents the profit from the recent Nisei talent show in Detroit and brings Japanese American contributions to the building fund to \$2,616.05. Work on the proposed building is expected to be started in early spring. To date a total of \$362,000 of the \$400,000 goal has been reached.

—Photo by George Tanaka, Detroit.

Study Bill to Restore Citizen Rights to Nisei Who Voted In 1946 Japanese Elections

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee announced this week it would investigate the possibility of legislation which would restore the citizenship of Americans of Japanese ancestry who voted in elections in Japan.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, said there is a strong similarity between the situation of some Nisei in Japan and Italian Americans in Italy who lost their citizenship by voting in Italian and Japanese elections.

Recently a bill was introduced in the House by Cong. Francis E. Walter, (D., Penna.), which would permit Italian Americans who voted in Italy between Oct. 13, 1943, and Jan. 1, 1949 to regain their citizenship by the simple expedient of taking a naturalization oath before the proper government representative.

A special House Judiciary Subcommittee, which investigated the Italian situation on a special trip to that country, has estimated between three and four thousand Americans in Italy lost their citizenship when, under pressure of public opinion, they voted in the Italian elections.

"We understand the same pressures, both officially and unofficially were applied by the Japanese against Nisei living in Japan to vote in elections, especially those held under the auspices of the army of occupation.

"Actually, we do not know just how many Nisei lost their citizenship by this action alone, and no other. We do know, though, many young Nisei stranded in Japan by the outbreak of the war, were forced to enlist in the Japanese military forces, or work in other government jobs and lost their citizenship.

"We are not proposing legislation which would restore the citizenship of Nisei who lost it by aiding Japan in the war with the United States.

"However, we understand there was great pressure upon the Nisei who reached voting age during the war, or after the occupation began, to vote in the elections. Many did vote, especially after the occupation started, because they felt they were obliged to, and others voted without realizing it

would cost them their American citizenship.

"If we can determine just how many Nisei were affected by this pressure to vote, and obtain more information on the pressures that were applied to Nisei in Japan, then the JACL ADC will press to have Congress grant them the same privilege of restoring their citizenship now proposed for Italian Americans," Mr. Masaoka said.

Takuzo Tsuchiya Elected President of Twin Cities JACL

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Takuzo Tsuchiya, engineer for the General Mills milling firm, became president of the 1950 United Citizens League cabinet, it was announced by the UCL News bureau.

He will succeed George Yanagita, past president of the Twin Cities JACL chapter. Other cabinet members for the 1950 term are as follows:

First Vice President—Dr. Isaac Iijima, Minneapolis; Second Vice President—Dr. Paul Shimizu, St. Paul; Rec. Secretary—Martha Kitaoka, St. Paul; Cor. Secretary—Tozie Teramoto, St. Paul; Treasurer—Leslie Abe, Minneapolis; and Historian—Hannah Hayano, Minneapolis.

Outgoing officers included: Presidents George Yanagita and Tomo Kosobayashi; Vice Presidents Frank Yanari and Min Yoshida; Rec. Secretary Eunice Torii; Cor. Secretary Marian Kawakami; Treasurer Dr. George Nishida and Historian Margaret Matsushita.

Twelve Nisei in Osaka Start Fund for World Peace Drive

OSAKA, Japan—A group of 12 Americans of Japanese ancestry working in the Kinki Civil Affairs Region Headquarters in Osaka have started a "peace fund" with an initial contribution of \$60.

The \$60 donation will be a "nest egg" for a fund to promote the cause of peace in the world.

Recalling the dilemma in which Nisei in the United States and Hawaii were placed by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, the group has named their drive a "No More Pearl Harbor" campaign.

The campaign originated with

Peter Okada who has been working as an officer in the economic section of Osaka Civil Affairs Region for the past four years. Okada suggested that Nisei in the Osaka CAR donate some money for the purpose of reconstructing Japan.

His idea activated Walter Mihata, civil information officer, and Hideyuki Tsuchiya of the legal section—and nine other Nisei in the headquarters.

Mr. Mihata hoped that the small movement initiated by the Nisei in Osaka may create an echo in the minds of all Japanese.

Idaho Falls Chapter Will Buy Equipment With Carnival Funds

IDAHO FALLS, Ida.—Members of the Idaho Falls JACL will buy equipment for their headquarters on First street with funds raised at the winter carnival held recently at the armory.

Approximately 300 persons attended the carnival. Prize winners were Miss H. Yamamoto of Pocatello, who won a radio-phonograph, and S. Kusaka of Idaho Falls, who won a mixer.

Chapter officials expressed their appreciation to the Idaho Falls Junior C of C and to Idaho Falls merchants who contributed merchandise for the carnival.

Member Goal Of 20 Thousand Set By JACL

A membership of 20,000 is the goal of the National JACL this year, according to Masao Satow, national director.

Twenty-five thousand new membership leaflets, titled "JACL—Our Collective Voice in a Democracy," are now being distributed in preparation for the National JACL membership drive. The drive will continue during the months of January, February and March.

Persons wishing to join the organization but living in areas where no local chapters exist can become JACL national associated members. Dues of \$6 per year include a subscription to the Pacific Citizen, the JACL national weekly newspaper.

Pres. Hito Okada urged that all eligible persons join the JACL this year and that local chapters push membership drives in their localities.

"We are confident that this year we will see the abolishment of the denial of citizenship to our parents. At the same time we need maximum support in making continued representation in Congress to expedite the paying off of evacuation claims," Okada said.

Mountain Plains Area Official Plans Visits To Twenty Communities

DENVER—Roy Takeno, regional director of the JACL, will visit twenty communities between Montana and the Gulf of Mexico during a seven-week tour which began Sunday, Jan. 8.

Takeno will confer with JACL officials, members and Issei in these communities, reporting to them on the organization's 1950 legislative program.

His first four stops were in Scottsbluff, Neb.; Sedgwick, Colo.; North Platte and Omaha, Neb.

His itinerary for the rest of the tour is as follows:

Jan. 19, Rocky Ford, Colo. (stop-over); Jan. 21, Albuquerque; Jan. 23, El Paso, Texas—Mesilla, New Mexico; Jan. 26, San Benito, Tex.; Jan. 27, San Antonio; Jan. 29, Houston; Feb. 1, New Orleans; Feb. 3, Dallas; Feb. 4, Oklahoma City; Feb. 5, Bartlesville, Okla.; Feb. 10, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Feb. 12, Alamosa, Colo.; Feb. 13, Pueblo, Colo.; Feb. 14, Rocky Ford, Colo.; Feb. 18, Billings, Mont.; and Feb. 20, Worland, Wyoming.

Artist Named President of Los Angeles YBA

LOS ANGELES — James Miyasaka, commercial artist, has been named president of the Los Angeles Young Buddhist Association for 1950.

Miyasaka was chairman of last year's gigantic LA YBA Obon carnival.

Assisting Miyasaka will be Amy Nomi, women's vice pres., and Ben Jinkawa, men's vice pres.

Others on the 1950 cabinet will be Seiko Furuya, corr. sec.; Jean Tsurudome, rec. sec.; Frank Saita, treas.; Jiro Okinaga, auditor; Kiyo Inatomi, sgt.-at-arms; June Tokuyama, public relations; Clara Yoshimi, rel. chmn.; Kenneth Fujiyoshi, literary chmn.; Aiko Kubo, social welfare chmn.; Masaru Okino, research chmn.; Lily Nagatani, music chmn.; Nagao Tomita, men's athletic chmn.; Yoko Inouye, women's athletic chmn.; Lily Inouye, women's social chmn.; John Nishida, men's social chmn.; Ki-yoko Hirata, historian; and Misao Nakamura, publicity chmn.

Salt Lake JACL to Restore Desecrated Utah Memorial To Pioneer Issei Airman

The Utah memorial to Masashi Goto, pioneer Issei aviator, which was desecrated during the war by a person or persons unknown, will be restored by the Salt Lake chapter of the JACL, it was decided this week by members of the chapter cabinet.

George Mochizuki, newly-elected president of the Salt Lake chapter, said that the Mount Olympus and Ogden JACL chapters will be invited to participate in the restoration project.

The Goto memorial, erected in lonely Wolf Creek pass in the

high Uinta mountains 75 miles southeast of Salt Lake City, was built by the Japanese Association of Utah to the memory of the Issei flyer who crashed to his death in a thunderstorm on July 4, 1929, while on a projected flight over the land area of the earth from Los Angeles to Tokyo.

Although Goto was a Japanese national, he was a permanent resident of the United States, Mr. Mochizuki noted this week. In the possession of the aviator at the time of the crash was an American flag which he planned to carry around the world.

The memorial is located just off Utah State highway 35, a seldom traveled road over Wolf Creek summit in the Uintas. The site of the memorial is approximately two miles below the summit at an elevation of approximately 7,500 feet. The Wolf Creek road has been closed by snows since late November and probably will not be opened before spring.

The desecration of the memorial was reported by C. W. McCullough of Park City, Utah, who visited the site late in 1948 and found that the stone had been wrenched from its base and toppled into the creek bed. The fuselage of the Goto plane which was a part of the memorial is missing.

At the suggestion of the Deseret News of Salt Lake City an effort was made to have the memorial restored by some Utah aviation organization but plans did not materialize and the Salt Lake JACL took over the project.

The Japanese Association which erected the memorial is no longer in existence.

Mr. Mochizuki said that a committee will be named to carry out the project. He indicated that a rededication ceremony will be held at the time of the restoration of the memorial.

Ellis Choir Joins In Southside Event

CHICAGO—The Ellis Community center church choir will participate in the Southside choir festival of the Evangelical and Reformed church this Sunday, Jan. 15, at the Grace E & R church, 60th and Albany sts.

Eight of the larger choirs have been invited to join in the festival.

Dr. Harmon Bro will lead the Ellis choir in F. M. Christiansen's "Lamb of God" and the lively "Carol of the Advent." The choir will also join in the mass choral singing of Mozart's "12th Mass."

The 30-voice choir will join in the fellowship after this service.

Idaho Falls Prexy



Joe Nishioka (above) was installed as president of the Idaho Falls JACL at installation rites on Jan. 1 at the JACL building in Idaho Falls, Ida.

President Asks Fund For Civil Rights Division

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The President's budget for fiscal 1951 includes a \$700,000 request to expand civil rights enforcement and activities in the Justice Department under present law.

The JACL Anti-Discrimination committee called attention to this item in the budget this week and said it "indicates the growing demands for a sound program of civil rights in this nation."

The budget request calls for the creation of an additional Assistant Attorney General to supervise a civil rights division of the department, and the establishment of a Fair Employment Practices Commission and a permanent Commission on Civil Rights.

It was pointed out that while the budget request is "a significant and needed item, nevertheless it in no way obviates the need for sound legislation to implement existing laws for the protection of the rights of America's minorities."

Little Chance Seen for Early Action to Lower Fishing Fee

SAN FRANCISCO — There is little chance for reduction in the California alien sport fishing license fee during the 1950 budget and special session of the state legislature, according to Assemblyman George D. Collins, Jr.

Collins expressed this belief this week in a talk with Joe Grant Masaoka, regional director of the JACL for northern California.

The JACL ADC secured introduction of a bill by Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins of Los Angeles in the 1949 session of the legislature to reduce the alien license fee from \$25 to \$10. No action was taken on the bill.

Masaoka appeared before the first meeting of the Fish and Game commission of California on Jan. 6 in San Francisco to request a recommendation for reduction of the fee.

E. L. Macauley, executive officer, informed Masaoka that the commission has no authority to amend the law, but that it will give its opinion at hearings of the state legislature.

Assemblyman Collins expressed willingness to cooperate with Hawkins in the introduction of a similar bill this session, provided it comes under specification set by the governor for the session.

Both Assemblymen Hawkins and Collins have said that if the revenue produced from the \$25 license fee is not too large, then it can be argued that the alien sport fishing license fee is not a revenue-producing measure and therefore should be reduced.

In order to prepare for the 1951 session, Masaoka has asked Issei fishermen's organizations to write to him expressing their wishes on reduction of the present fee.

The petitions and letters will be introduced at committee hearings to indicate the position of Issei, Masaoka said. Letters should be written in English and addressed to him at 2031 Bush st., San Francisco.

Before the war the alien sport fishing license fee was \$5. During the war aliens were barred from sport fishing. In 1948 the \$25 fee was set for all aliens.

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EDITOR

EDITORIAL:

Extension May Be Sensible Move

The last minute rush in the filing of evacuation claims indicates that an extension to allow for the filing of additional claims might be a sensible move.

As of Jan. 3, probably 20,000 claims were filed, with total losses claimed estimated at roughly \$100,000,000. This is probably a fair estimate of the real and property losses of the evacuated people, excluding the many millions of dollars lost in anticipated profits and earnings and the unaccountable losses in illness and mental health.

There were, nevertheless, numerous persons who failed to file for their losses.

It was unfortunate that even as the deadline came and passed, clarification was still needed as to what claims were permissible under the act. Many claims were filed with the thought that certain items therein might not be recognized as legitimate claims but that it was better to file for them and lose, rather than not to file at all. Above all, the right of persons evacuated from Terminal Island was never clarified, and of all the evacuees, the group from that locality suffered the most exhaustive losses.

The JACL ADC indicated this week that it may in the coming year ask for an extension of the deadline and for such amendments to the claims act as might be indicated after a number of claims have been adjudicated.

This appears to be a logical move, for just as the evacuation was unprecedented in American history, so was the claims act. This legislation may need amendments for proper remedying of losses within the spirit of the claims law.

Sawada Takes a Drink

By IWAO KAWAKAMI

(the golden light of a California afternoon sifts through lacy curtains—travels like an airbrush over brown volumes in a library)

—wakaishi, the books interest you?

as they say in a French movie—here is a nineteen-year-old Nisei absorbed in a first edition of "Gulliver's Travels"

(standing on the threshold of a door a white-haired Issei wearing a Palm Beach suit)

—go right ahead and read; don't stop

hastily the Nisei returns the book to the shelf—reluctantly lingers in his brain the memory of a map of Lilliput on watermarked pages

—I think you are curious about this library—now, young-gu, don't look so scared; you must know something about me.

(but what would a high school graduate know? only that the Issei is Goro Sawada, wine king of California)

in a massive brown leather chair Sawada stretches out—a brown hand picks up an iridescent decanter—pours out, honey-colored wine in heron-stemmed glasses

—have a sip with me—this is from my vineyard

the Nisei raises the glass to his lips—over the brim he glances at a portrait of a stately English beauty

—so you see her now—that was my wife

(this is the tingle surpassing the bouquet of wine—this is the sudden explosion of a flash bulb)

—maybe you know I am a widower—but can a man marry again after knowing the mercurial nature of a thousand women synthesized into one?

the Nisei leans against the bookshelves and trembles—what fantasy of fiction can compare with illumination into the heart?

—what is it about wine that lifts a dull veil from the mind? you see now she was the wife of an Englishman, Terrence Morton, at first—

(between intent studies of the portrait the Nisei gathers: a young Issei servant working for an English couple—a husband too absorbed in business neglecting a wife—a sudden, spectacular flight into the night)

—a very strange thing—Morton traced us down—there was no talk of divorce—he asked both of us to return

(the inscrutable pause—another filling of the glass)

—why did she accede? and dumb with love and misery I went with her—six years of silent acceptance, then Morton died and she married me—and now she too is dead

(but was she dead? Sawada drained his glass and walked to a window)

—do you see that sunlight? that's she—bringing the ripeness to the grapes

Claims Program May Take Decade Unless Procedures Expedited, Says Masaoka

JACL ADC Official Points to Canadian Experiences in Adjudicating Losses Sustained By Evacuees During Mass Dislocation

By I. H. GORDON

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Taking a lesson from the Canadian evacuation claims program, Mike Masaoka, National JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee legislative director said this week that unless a method of expediting the adjudication of claims here "is found immediately, our program may take more than a decade to complete."

He said this was apparent after a detailed study of the Canadian program, which he, along with Edward J. Ennis, ADC legal counsel, undertook recently on a trip to Canada.

Mr. Masaoka pointed out the Canadian government is utilizing a "statistical rather than a legal approach to the problem of adjudicating claims."

"Most claims in Canada are classified into general types of losses, and individual claims are compared against averages for these general types," he said.

"If a normal claim approaches the 'average' claim loss for its type, (for example, an automobile would be valued at 'blue book' price plus 25 percent), the claim is adjudicated almost immediately. So far, in this country, every adjudication of a claim has been an individual process with every factor, including cost, determined individually."

The legislative director said that in Canada the government is making a major effort to cooperate with evacuees in adjudication of claims. He declared that unless this government "also 'is sympathetic to the evacuees' position, no sizeable amount of actual losses will be recovered under our evacuation claims statute."

He said it also is apparent that unless the federal government accepts affidavits, or sworn statements of fact, relating to ownership and value, the program will become costly and involved, both for claimants and the government.

Finally, he urged that, as in Canada, the position should be taken by the government that it is the government's duty to furnish the burden of "proof" in adjudicating claims, not the claimant.

He pointed out that the Canadian government made a major effort to protect the property of evacuees. Since our own government failed to take such precautions, "it seems only fair that it should be far more liberal and generous in interpreting and administering the evacuation claims program here. Certainly, this seems to represent the intent of Congress in passing the claims act."

Reviewing the Canadian program, Mr. Masaoka said it differs from the American program quite markedly.

For example, inventories were kept by the Canadians of evacuee property, thus obviating the difficult problem of proving ownership of specific articles.

Again, he pointed out that the terms of the Canadian law are "so restricted and specific" that many questions of interpretation have not been raised there.

Also comparatively few claims have been filed in Canada—less than one-tenth the number of American claims, and losses claimed are less than one-tenth of losses suffered by Japanese Americans.

He said, too, that in Canada, the government is represented by Crown Counsel, while a Royal Commissioner acts as a judge. In the United States, the Attorney General serves both functions.

In Canada, all awards will be paid at one time following the approval by Parliament of the complete and detailed recommendations of the Royal Commissioner. In this country, claims will be paid individually—\$2500 and under by the Attorney General's office, those over that amount by individual Congressional appropriations.

Reviewing briefly the history of the evacuation in Canada, Mr. Masaoka described what took place there.

Early in 1942, a Security Commission was created to supervise the Canadian Japanese evacuation, and a Property Custodian appointed to prevent any great loss to evacuees.

The Custodian urged evacuees to dispose of or store property, and many did so with a great loss. At the time of

the evacuation, those who still had property turned it over to the care of the Custodian, along with an inventory.

Altogether, some 22,000 persons, as compared with 110,000 in this nation, were evacuated.

While it was the original intent of the Custodian to hold all evacuee property in trust, some naturally deteriorated, other property was stolen from warehouses. Two years after the evacuation, the Custodian was ordered to liquidate Japanese holdings.

Real property was appraised and sold only if offers for the property approached or exceeded the government's appraised price. Personal effects were sold at auction.

The Custodian's office today is satisfied that it did a "good job under the circumstances, and that evacuees received fair prices for property."

However, money received from the sale was held in trust by the Custodian and, except for small monthly allowances, was not returned until the Canadian government lifted its restrictions against persons of Japanese ancestry.

Mr. Masaoka said that originally the evacuation program in Canada was highly restrictive, providing only claims where it could be shown the Custodian acted negligently. Later, these terms were broadened to include all property taken in custody by the Custodian, but claims were limited to the difference between the fair market value at the time of the sale of property by the Custodian, and the price for which the property actually was sold.

In Canada, claims may be filed only under the actual control of the Custodian, but not for property disposed or stored by private arrangement, even at the suggestion of the Custodian.

In June, 1947, the Canadian government called for evacuation claims. Hearings have been held since July, 1947, and to date, virtually all of the 1400 individual claims have been adjudicated.

Mr. Masaoka said originally some \$7,000,000 in losses was estimated by the Japanese of Canada, not including corporation losses, but the amount of recovery is expected to be only about \$700,000.

To the Editor: Newspaper Polls Readers on Subject Of Inter-marriage

Editor, Pacific Citizen
Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Hokubei Mainichi, Japanese daily published in San Francisco, has published its annual public opinion poll in its New Year edition and the results show that thinking among the Japanese is not too far from what we would consider a "fair minded average."

The newspaper asked four questions of its readers. One of them was, "Are you in favor of inter-marriage?"

The question was answered mainly by Issei community leaders from San Francisco bay area and Fresno, and two from Los Angeles, one from Idaho, and a few apparently from Kibei.

In spite of the fact that these Issei are parents, their answers were greatly in favor of inter-marriage.

Yes, 41; No, 24; Others, 6. Among those who took the affirmative position, one advocated that "The world should be of 'mixed blood,'" and still another said that

CHICAGO NEWSREEL

Two Examples of Nisei Enterprise

By JOBO NAKAMURA

Chicago, Ill.

Chicago has always been a mecca for small industries and the more enterprising Nisei have taken their places in the Big City's scheme of things. The ambitious individuals with unflagging spirit and energy, coupled with a little ingenuity and audacity, can hope to gain material success in Chicago, one of the great manufacturing centers of the world.

The success of the few Nisei already in light industry is personified by the firms of Murakami and Son and George Kawaguchi's Everite manufacturing company who do \$200,000 business yearly. These two firms share a whole floor of a factory building in the south-side industrial area.

Henry Murakami and his son, Noboru, who are carpenters by trade, worked in lumber yards, a trailer factory, and in cabinet shops for several years before they decided to go on their own. In 1947 they invested their savings in a few modest woodworking machines and opened a little shop in the southside. Then Noboru, an enterprising fellow of 25 years of age, put on a trim business suit and armed himself with a blank order book and some calling cards and visited executives in the big industries of Chicago. He told men at big concerns like the National Sewing Company, Hallcrafters, Audio Industry and the Revere Camera company that he can make more quality cabinets in less time and as inexpensively as any other outfit. Noboru Murakami was given a trial.

Noboru and his father and another partner, Mitsuru Hamaguchi, worked day and night in their tiny shop to fill the orders. When the goods were delivered, Noboru was told that they were "in."

George Kawaguchi entered the leather-binding trade without previous experience. He merely experimented by trial and error the best techniques for covering wooden cabinets and boxes with imitation leather-like material. Kawaguchi was in this business as early as May, 1946. The workmanship that he has demonstrated on cabinets and cases for portable radios, typewriters, cameras, sewing machines, dictaphones, and various other articles has won warm praise from many industries which have given him sub-contracts.

"He takes back seat to no one," they said.

At present, the Murakamis and Kawaguchi have combined their facilities to save labor and transportation expense but keep separate books. They employ in their common shop about 20 Issei and Nisei craftsmen, including several women. Much of the profit is reinvested in tools and machines to effect mass production methods; they have more orders than they can fill. The young Nisei manufacturers divulged that they would like to get more employees as soon as they can expand their plant.

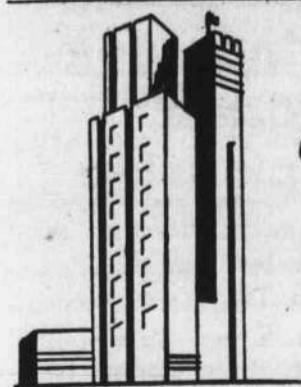
Henry Murakami was a fisherman in Terminal Island, Calif. before the war and he was in Manzanar relocation center before coming to the Windy City. Noboru is married to the former Aiko Tani of Terminal Island and he is a father of a 4-year old boy.

George Kawaguchi is a veteran of the last war, doing his hitch in Camp Shelby in Mississippi and Camp Gordan and Fort Benning, Georgia. Kawaguchi's father owned a men's furnishing store in Seattle before the evacuation. He is now 31 years of age and is married to the former Harriet Azama from Montebello, Calif. and has a baby daughter, Suzanne Patricia.

"love knows no boundary and it is OK to marry 'black or white.'"

Among those who said "No," most wrote that they have seen too many tragedies; therefore they oppose inter-marriage. Surprisingly enough, only two said that "Japanese blood should be kept 'clean.'" The six remaining persons said that it is too soon to decide. Congratulations to the Hokubei Mainichi for this important poll, and here's hoping that a similar poll will be conducted among the Nisei.

Karl G. Yoneda,
Penn Grove, Calif.



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

Willie Gets the Business

I must confess my Cousin Willie has ambition. Or, should I say, he gets a brainstorm every now and then.

He has always told me that some day he was going into business for himself. It didn't take him long to convince himself that he was the executive type. The fact that no one else saw eye to eye with him on this point made no difference.

I must admit that being the best turnip and tomato salesman at the Ninth Street Market in Los Angeles has its moments and the fact that he has the loudest voice around 11th and San Julian streets merits some distinction.

To Willie, this is just a temporary role, a means to an end. He has been at the old stand about ten years and still the end is not in sight.

He has long been promising me that "it won't be long."

I must also add that Willie has vision. He sees himself, in the near future, sitting behind a huge mahogany desk, smoking expensive cigars, pushing a battery of buttons, dictating letters to a cloy-efficient secretary, and casually thumbing through pages of profit and earning statements.

In one of his more expansive moods at the market, he would stand on a lug box, shake his forefinger at me, press back the brim of his beaten felt hat, and orate, "You gotta have your own business. You'll never get rich working for someone else." He always made sure the boss wasn't around when he went into the act.

Then he would go back to his hand-truck, stack up another row of lettuce crates, and do a little more imagining of the days to come—of caviar, champagne and gold toothpicks.

Obstacle number one to graduating to the big business category was his wife, Sumi.

You see, Sumi came from good Hiroshima stock, and she could figure out more ways how not to spend a dime. After two long weeks of arguing, raving and ranting, Willie won out. Sumi gave up with passive resignation. She knew from bitter experience that once Willie gets one of his notions, it is better to let it run its full course of fury than to stand up against it.

With the lifetime savings of \$2500, Willie was now ready for the big plunge into the icy financial waters.

"Of course I had to cut in Sumi for 50 per cent of the profits," Willie confided, "and that was the clincher. My motto is to cut everybody in and make them all happy."

That is how Willie's "Wayside Wonder" on Pico Boulevard came to be born. "The finest in fruits and the freshest in vegetables" read another sign atop this rambling shack, with the Nile-green sides and the screaming red roof.

"Of course, I'm going to do all the buying," Willie told me a few months ago when he was about ready to open for business. "I'll buy cheaper than any of our competitors and can undersell them. I can mastermind everything from the market and at the same time hold on to my job, just in case."

By this time Willie lined up a few of his friends. He gave them pep talks on how he was going to make his place the best store on the boulevard. He gave them minute instructions on everything, even down to the science of sorting, polishing and stacking apples to the plugging, slicing and weighing of watermelons. Somewhere along the line he stuck in the words, "profit-sharing," to rouse their spirits.

Bright and early the first morning of the opening, Buyer Willie was all over the wholesale market, playing his role of the cautious, shrewd customer to the hilt. He haggled over prices like an old, toothless fish-monger, cursing, shouting, sobbing, whispering or whimpering in a half dozen languages.

I will admit that he did get a lot of good buys, even though it meant that his store would be top-heavy with field-packed lettuce or over-supplied with Winesap apples. He also saw to it that nothing was filched from the boxes of fruits and the crates of vegetables that he purchased. He kept a vigilant eagle-eye on everything until his sleepy friend from the store came down to pick up the purchases.

About 11 o'clock the first morning Willie went down to his favorite cafe at the corner for a cup of coffee. He immediately started to calculate anticipated profits for the day.

"If I buy \$300 worth of stuff every morning, it should retail for \$600. That comes to a gross profit of \$300 a day. With expenses of \$150 daily for labor, rent, taxes, advertising, insurance, supplies and a 5 per cent allowance for spoilage, my net profit should be \$150 a day. With 26 working days a month, that means a total of \$3900 profit in a month."

Willie went on for about an hour calculating his paper profits. He then skipped back to work, smiling like a Cheshire cat and puffing away on a 20-cent cigar. He was in a mild stupor, like a man who had been hit over the head with a sledge hammer, and kept imagining himself as the top man on the fruit store totem pole. By the time he got back to his job he was already plowing back his monthly profits into an expansion program whereby he had 12 stores in the first year of operation.

Then things began to happen. By the end of the first day Willie decided to dismiss his chain-store ambitions. He found out that he had his hands full just keeping the Wayside Wonder open.

When Willie rode to his prospective gold mine the first day he promptly marched up to the four cash registers to count the cash. The total came to exactly \$138.48.

"What happened?" he asked the manager.

"Well, Willie, we did a good business and were plenty busy. We had just too much merchandise and not enough customers."

The next day was about the same, only worse. By the end of the week he had spent exactly twice as much as he had taken in. When the demand was heavy for vegetables, he had a surplus of fruit and vice versa. Every day he was carrying over more and more goods to the next day. There were a couple of days when Willie didn't need to buy a thing.

Willie's manager always had a good excuse to offer when Willie came to count the money in the evening. It was usually too warm, too cold, too smoggy, prices too high or advertising too low.

So it went for 28 days. That is exactly the time it took for Willie's \$2,500 capital to run out. The Three W market became just another roadside casualty.

Willie is back again in his own league at the wholesale market. Naturally, wife Sumi won't even talk to him. He is still trying to figure out why a smart operator like himself couldn't show a profit.

"Well, if I was at the store all day, lending my executive ability on every transaction, I could have made money," he continually reminds me.

Right now he is working on such a project: how to be at two places at the same time.

"Well, anyhow, he summarizes, "I'm gonna get a big income

Bill Hosokawa:

FROM THE FRYING PAN

A Nod to Plastics and Progress

Denver, Colo. We bought one of those plastic, tire-shaped bathroom accessories the other day. They're guaranteed to be crack-proof and chip-proof, will outlast wood and resist the inroads of acid. They're fastened to the porcelain by two bolts and it's only a five-minute job to pull off the old one and fasten the new one in place. They do, it must be admitted, add a certain air of elegance to a notoriously inelegant room.

The discarded device has been stored in the garage, for what reason we don't know. Perhaps we shall have use for it some day. The main objection to throwing it away, we suppose, is that it's still in pretty fair shape. Still, there is no earthly use for it other than its intended purpose.

We suggested that it might be used for an oval picture frame, the lid part providing a suitable shield for the picture when it was not to be exposed to the public view. Friend wife dissented loudly.

The new plastic job is gentle to the touch and apparently it doesn't get too cold. As a matter of fact, none of these devices in centrally-heated homes gets uncomfortably cold anymore. Back in our boyhood the only heat in the house came from the kitchen range and a pot-bellied stove in the parlor. The bathroom was a frigid ice box, and the wooden thing was mighty chilly in winter. It was an effort to use it. It wasn't as bad, though, as the times we went out into the country and had to make our way down the well-worn path.

Thank goodness for plastics and central heating.

Mike Looks to His Looks

Mike, our fourth-grader, suddenly has taken to combing his hair at night before he goes to bed. "It's easier to comb in the morning," he explains, "if I get it combed at night." He also is most particular about the color and condition of the shirt he wears.

Such unboyish concern about personal appearance can mean but one thing to a parent. Cherchez la femme.

Mike stoutly and blushing denies there is a

woman in the woodpile. All he's interested in right now, he contends, is whether he's going to get knocked down in the dirt, or he's going to knock down someone else.

It seems the entire schoolground is divided into two rival factions organized with the avowed purpose of knocking each other flat. It's all in fun, of course. A young Caesar named Patterson runs one gang. That's Mike's outfit. The kids operate in groups of 15. As Mike explains it:

"Five go straight ahead and five go to the right and five go to the left and try to catch the other guys from behind. I'm one of the guys that goes to the left."

Why, we asked, wasn't he the boss. Why didn't he take Patterson's job and order the other kids around.

"I don't wanta be boss," he said firmly. "I like the job I got now. I'd rather sneak around from behind and catch them when they ain't looking."

Such lack of ambition, while possibly hereditary, would seem to indicate that there is no la femme in the picture yet. If there were, he's be wanting to show off his prowess by being the head man.

Where's That Nisei Novel?

The Owens valley of California, site of the late and unlamented Manzanar WRA camp, is the locale of a new novel called "Golden Valley." The story is based on the bitter war that took place about 1910 between ranchers who fought to keep their properties and the city of Los Angeles which wanted to buy up all the valley's water rights. The book may interest ex-Manzanites because of the setting, but frankly, there is little else to recommend it.

If such a lackluster story as this can see print, there seems to be no reason why a novel about the evacuees in the same setting can't be published. Which brings us around to the point that no one as seen fit to come out with a major fictional effort on the story of the evacuation.

For novel possibilities, the evacuation is a situation tailored to order. There's drama, pathos, impact. Perhaps, as Larry Tajiri has pointed out, the Nisei are still too close to the experience and unable to see the forest for the trees.

Vagaries

College Nisei . . .

Robert O'Brien's "The College Nisei," reviewed before publication in the Pacific Citizen's issue of Oct. 22, is finally off the presses of Pacific Books in Palo Alto, Calif. This includes a drawing by Mine Okubo. The author was the head of the Japanese American Student Relocation committee during the war . . . In answer to Jobo Nakamura's statement in last week's PC that Marshall Field's, the huge Chicago store, does not employ any Nisei, a reader writes in with information that Marshall Field's does not have a Nisei employee, "Peeto" Maeda in its shipping department . . . Speaking of department store hiring policies regarding Nisei, a campaign is now being conducted to force Los Angeles' May Company to hire minority group workers without discrimination in job classifications or up-grading.

Missing . . .

Occupation authorities reportedly are still searching for a Nisei girl from Hawaii who has been missing since she left her home in Saitama prefecture to go to Yokohama to obtain an American passport from the United States consulate. It was reported the girl, Kimiko Yamasaki, sole beneficiary to a \$10,000 GI insurance policy left by her brother, Paul, who was killed in Italy while fighting as a member of the famous 100th Infantry Battalion, was found in Sendai, Japan. Later reports declared that the Sendai girl was an imposter.

Designer . . .

Two Honolulu Nisei girls, Helen Oshima and Betty Awamura, were part of the queen's court for the annual Pineapple Bowl game on Jan. 2 . . . Ray Komai, formerly of Los Angeles, is rapidly establishing a reputation as one of the outstanding young furniture designers in New York City. Komai is one of four young designers whose work is represented in a current show in Manhattan. Among the pieces on exhibit are two designs by the Nisei designer, a side chair with a low back and a wooden arm chair. Both have small foam rubber seats covered in a simple cotton texture. Another Komai design, a molded plywood chair on chrome steel legs was pictured in the New York Times of Jan. 6 . . . Speaking of furniture a number of pieces designed by Isamu

tax deduction this year. No use making big money these days anyway. The government takes it all in the end."

Personally, I think my cousin Willie got it in the end.

Whitney Fellowships Available For Minority Group Citizens

LOS ANGELES—"Opportunity Fellowships" are available to minority group citizens of the United States from the John Hay Whitney Foundation, it was learned by the Southern California JACL Regional Office this week.

The purpose of these fellowships is to broaden opportunities in America, especially to members of minorities including Negroes, Indians, persons of Spanish-speaking ancestry and from other groups (which would include Japanese Americans) where opportunities have been limited, Tats Kushida, JACL regional director, said.

The fellowships are intended "specifically to give opportunity for special experience or advanced study to persons of exceptional promise who otherwise might not be able to reach their fullest development or make their fullest contribution."

Any citizen giving evidence of special ability and who has not had full opportunity to develop his talents because of arbitrary barriers such as racial or cultural

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Dancer . . .

Yuriko (Amemiya) will be one of the featured artists with the Martha Graham company in a special week of recitals at the 46th Street Theater in New York beginning on Jan. 22 . . . Luther Nichols, reviewing MGM's "On the Town" for the San Francisco Chronicle, filed a minority report on the hit screen musical, stressing his contention that Sono Osato was far better as "Miss Turnstiles" on the Broadway stage than Vera-Ellen is in the MGM version. Oddly enough, MGM had Miss Osato under contract for "The Kissing Bandit" but did not consider her for the role she created on Broadway.

On the Town . . .

The Rafu Shimpo notes that two of the six chorus girls in the Chinese night club scene in MGM's "On the Town" are Nisei dancers, Katherine Yoshizawa and Reiko Sato. They worked for six days for the scene on the MGM lot. The scene lasts only a few seconds on the screen. Reiko Sato also will be seen in 20th-Fox's "Oh, Doctor."

background or region of residence may be an eligible candidate.

Candidates are expected to be mature enough to have given positive evidence of exceptional promise, yet young enough to have their careers before them; in general to be between the ages of 22 and 35 and to have completed their general education.

The Committee of Award, however, will have full discretion to take all factors into account and make awards outside the above ages and qualifications, which are set down as guides rather than rules. The fellowships are open not only for scholastic study but for any kind of training or experience (journalism, industry, labor, the arts, etc.) which may be most useful in developing varied talents and varied forms of leadership.

Awards are expected normally to range from \$1,000 to \$3,000, depending on the nature of the proposed project and the financial needs of the candidate. Awards are for a full year of serious work, not for incidental or temporary projects. In special cases grants may be renewed for a second year or more.

A special Committee will make the awards on the basis of formal written applications by the candidates on forms which, for the current competition, must be filed not later than January 31, 1950. Requests for forms should be addressed to Opportunity Fellowships, John Hay Whitney Foundation, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N.Y.

Salt Lake JACL Plans Meeting at YWCA on Jan. 27

The first 1950 general meeting of the Salt Lake JACL chapter will be held on Jan. 27, the cabinet decided at a meeting on Jan. 10 at the home of President George Mochizuki.

The chapter's fund drive for the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee will start immediately after the membership campaign, it was decided.

Chapter sponsors for the 1950 year will be Mrs. Burton W. Musser, Prof. Elmer Smith and Glenn Thompson, Utah VFW official.

At least three major social events will be sponsored by the chapter during the coming year. These are the annual graduation dance, a summer outing and the New Year's dance.

PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

Placer's Goto Is Also Baseball Star

George Goto, the Placer College star whose basketball prowess was the talk of the California state junior college tournament at Modesto last week, is also a star baseball pitcher. Goto reportedly pitched his GI team to an Army championship in the Far East last season and he has been offered a tryout by one of the major league baseball chains. However, Goto, named the "most valuable player" out of some 24 junior college teams in the tournament, probably will stick to amateur ranks for a while. Because of his record to date with the Placer Spartans, he will probably be welcomed by one of the major colleges after he completes his eligibility at the Auburn school. Goto is one of three top Nisei players in Placer County. The other two are Vic Nakamoto, forward, and Jim Yokota, guard, on the Placer Union high school varsity. Yokota last year was named the outstanding player of the annual Auburn high school tournament and was rated the top defensive player this year at the Grant Tech tourney.

Placer's George Goto is probably the first six-foot Nisei college player to come along since the days of Ted Ohashi on the University of California varsity two decades ago. Because of the fact that few Nisei meet the height requirements of modern-day basketball only a handful have played on college varsities in recent years. Best known of course is Utah's Wat Misaka who played on two Ute teams which won national championships and is considered to be one of the most popular college players to appear in Madison Square Garden. Among the others are Shig Murao of Springfield College, currently of the Chicago Huskies, Johnny Oshida who played on the University of Illinois' Navy Pier team and Mas Nishibayshi of the University of Cincinnati.

Kajikawa's Sun Devils Scare Duquesne

Here is some more on Coach Bill Kajikawa's recent eastern invasion with the Arizona State varsity, the first such trip by a Sun Devil basketball team. Although the Tempe team lost four out of their five games, one of the losses was to a team still among those unbeaten this year. In addition, the Sun Devil knocked Washington University of St. Louis out of the unbeaten ranks. They lost a thriller to the Duquesne Dukes in Pittsburgh. Duquesne one of the dwindling number of unbeaten quintets, probably would have lost had not Arizona's State's star, Wade Oliver, been banished via the personal foul route with less than four minutes to play. Oliver had scored 32 points against Duquesne at the time of his departure... Coach Kajikawa got a big writeup in Vince Johnson's column of Jan. 5 in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. "Basketball fans," wrote Johnson, "blinked with surprise when wiry, amber-skinned Bill Masao Kajikawa made his appearance with the Arizona State team at the Gardens."

Hawaii ex-GIs Raise Scholarship Fund

After establishing himself as a popular club fighter in Southern California, Carl Arakaki is back in Hawaii for a series of matches... The 442nd Veterans Club's sponsorship of the U. of Hawaii-Fresno game last month netted more than \$2,000 for the club's war orphans' scholarship fund. The 442nd veterans again will sponsor a game between Hawaii and a mainland college on Dec. 1, 1950 as part of its scholarship program. The money will be used to send to the University of Hawaii children of members of the armed forces from Hawaii who died in World War II. At the present time the 442nd Club favors the University of San Francisco Dons as Hawaii's opponent in the 1950 game... Jimmy Miyasato, erstwhile football star for Weber College and one of the best T-formation quarterbacks in Intermountain jaycee competition in recent years, is now playing basketball for the Harlem team in the Salt Lake JACL league. Miyasato, a native of Honolulu, is one of the top scorers in the league. Miyasato's namesake, James Miyasato of Hartnell College in Salinas, Calif., proved to be one of the top fullbacks in California jaycee football during the past season and has another year of eligibility. Hartnell's Miyasato also is from Honolulu.

The Great Togo and Hata (George Okamura and Oxy Goto) left this week on a 20-week swing of wrestling areas in the eastern United States... Wally Yonamine who is expected to come to California this spring for a tryout with the San Francisco Seals is now patrolling the outfield for Wai'alae in the Hawaii AJA league. Incidentally, the Seals may train again at picturesque Hana on Maui island in 1951 if Team Owner Paul Fagan's plans materialize. Fagan hopes to get a topflight Japanese pro team to come to Hawaii to play a series of games with the Seals next year... Hawaiians are mourning the sudden death (heart attack) of 37-year old Henry Masato Kusunoki, football coach of the Farrington high school Governors of Honolulu. Coach Kusunoki produced a number of star gridders at Farrington, including Wally Yonamine and Harry Kahuanui, star University of Hawaii end who played in the East-West game last month.

Eighty-Nine Return from Japan Aboard Two President Liners

SAN FRANCISCO—Eighty-nine persons of Japanese ancestry were scheduled to arrive in San Francisco Jan. 3 and Jan. 9 on board the SS President Wilson and the APL SS General Gordon.

Arriving on the 3rd on the Wilson were Kanichi Fujii, Mr. and Mrs. Shiro Tatsumi, Hayao Tatsumi, Abiko Tatsumi, Yoshihara Watanabe, Seijin Asato, Richard S. Furukawa, Mrs. Koino Hirai, Mrs. Haru Kajiwara, Soshiro Kikudo, Tatsunosuke Kashima, Mrs. Kiku Kashima, Tatakko Konishi, Matsuzo Matsuura, Mrs. Ruki Mori, Nihei Nakamura, Mrs. Tsuyo Nakamura, Juichi Nagata, Sukeaki Sakamoto, Kinzo Umeda, Mrs. Miyoshi Yamaguchi, Shigeki Yamamoto, Mrs. Kiyono Yamamoto, Takako Matsunaga, Hide Aoki, Hioaki Fukuda, Misao Hatanaka, Urajiro Ishizaka, Akira Kamada, Hideaki Kato, A. Ayako Kawamoto, Yasuko Kondo, Shige Masaki, Mrs. Tori Matsuura, Isoki Mori, Yoneaki

Murakami, Mitsuko Nakamura, Yujiro Onda, Mrs. Fujie Onda, Emiko Onda, Fern T. Shinmachi, Albert Suzuki and Masae Yokota. Arriving Jan. 9 on the Gordon were Kane Hayashida, Mary Ishikawa, Kiyo Kato, Ryujiro Yamana, Roy Akagi, Kimiye Hiyama, Kazuyuki Horibe, Harue L. Ishigo, George Ishii, Asao Ishii, Toshiko Ishii, Reiko Kono, Kentaro Matsu-moto, Tokuo Miyao, Kiyono Nagano, Teruko Nagano, Hisako Nagano, Horumi Nagano, Yoko Nagano, Makisaburo Nakata, Teruyuki Obana, Isao Obana, Kiyotaka Ohira, Kiyoshi Saito, Yoshinobu Shikaze, Tatsuhiko Sonoda, Aiko Tajika, Yayeko Takahashi, Mitsuki Takahashi, Sachiko Takahashi, Shinichi Takashima, Kenji Tamaki, Hideyo Tani, Midori Tani, Teruo Tanaka, M. noru Tanaka, Masako Tanaka, Hiroshi Tanamachi, Kyoko Tokita, Toshihiko Toshima, Shigenari Tsuchiya, Yoshio Wada and Hiro-ichi Watanabe.

Hawaiian Nisei Cagers Plan Japan Tour in March

HONOLULU—The first all-Nisei basketball team to play in Japan will leave Hawaii in February by ship for eight games in March.

The team will be a 12-man all-star squad from the AJA Senior basketball league and will play teams of the Japan Amateur Basketball Association which will sponsor the tour.

According to Takeo Yoshioka, president of the Hawaii AJA league, five games will be played in Tokyo, two in the Kansai area and one in Nagoya.

The team will include five all-stars from the league and one additional player from each of the seven teams in the league.

Parma, Idaho Team Captures Bowling Meet

BOISE, Idaho—The J. C. Watson Company team from Parma, Idaho won the team event at the first annual Boise Valley JACL Nisei bowling tournament on Dec. 27, 28 and 29 at the 20th Century lanes.

The Watson team hit 2568, while the Watson Soo squad from Homedale, Idaho was second with 2534 and Oriental Cafe of Ontario, Ore., third with 2530. Okada Insurance of Salt Lake was fourth with a total of 2517.

Harry Imamura of Salt Lake won the men's singles with 650, followed by Tony Miyasako. Homedale, Ida., 613; George Doi, Ontario, Ore., 612; Jim Abe, Caldwell, Ida., 392; Shig Nishimoto, Caldwell, and George Hashitani, Nyssa, Ore., 567.

Imamura also won the sweepstakes with 1328, followed by Jun Kurumada, 1301, and Frank Tanikuni, Homedale, 1287. Thirteen prizes were given in the event.

George Hironaka and Shig Hironaka of Ontario, Ore., won the men's doubles with 1171. Bill Nishioka and Shig Nishimoto of Nishioka and Shig Nishimoto of Sam Yokota and Gene Sato third with 1088.

Frank Tanikuni and Shig Hironaka won the \$175 top award in the open doubles. Tanikuni teamed with Tom Takatori to take the \$100 second prize also.

George Saito and Kazie Yokoyama of Ontario won the mixed doubles.

Miss Yokoyama also won the women's singles and the all-events prize. Mary Mio and Mary Sato of Ontario won the women's team event.

Larry Saito of Nyssa captured the men's all-events trophy.

New President

CENTERVILLE, Calif.—Yoshio Katsumoto is the new president of the freshman class at Washington Union high school here.



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George Goto Leads Underdog Placer Team to California Junior College Championship

Nisei Army Veteran Named Outstanding Player In Tournament at Modesto; Placer Spartans Score Five Upset Victories to Win Title

AUBURN, Calif.—George Goto, a Nisei Army veteran who is one of the stars of an amazing underdog Placer College team which won the California state junior college tournament at Modesto last week, was named the "most valuable player" among the 276 top junior college players who participated in the week-long tourney.

Goto helped lead the unseeded Placer Spartans to five straight upset victories in the tourney and was named with Center Jim Sugure on the tournament all-star team.

Goto and his fellow Placer players received a rousing welcome from Auburn fans on their return from the tournament. A caravan of 50 cars drove to Roseville to escort the Placer team home.

The Nisei star was given high praise for his tournament showing by Coach Henry Aronson of the Spartans.

"Goto joined us this season," Aronson said, "after serving in the army. He's six feet, one inch tall and is truly an outstanding player. His reflexes are amazingly quick, enabling him to come up with many pass interceptions. He's basketball smart and shoots well."

Besides Goto and Sugure, other members of the starting team were Charles Hawkins, Dick Alvani and Captain Billy Kolak.

Placer won the state championship by defeating Stockton College, 51 to 48; Long Beach, touted as the class of Southern California, 63 to 48; Grant Tech of Sacramento, 42 to 36; Visalia's College of the Sequoias, 61 to 58, and trounced Menlo College in the finals, 63 to 35.

"The pressure was on us from the start," Aronson stated, "and it mounted with each game. The boys took it all in their stride."

Study Group

LOS ANGELES—The Buddhist Study Group was scheduled to meet Friday, Jan. 13, at the home of Dr. Ryo Muneoka to hold a discussion led by the Rev. Kenryo Kumata.

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To Mr. and Mrs. T. Kawasaki a girl on Jan. 2 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadao Uyeda a girl on Jan. 7 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Sakai, Winslow, Bainbridge Island, Wash., a boy on Jan. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuyuki Takahashi a girl on Dec. 28 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Y. Ogi a girl, Janice Kazuko, on Jan. 1 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tanabe a girl, Candace, on Dec. 15 in Berkeley, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Honda a boy, Henry, Jr., on Dec. 22 in Richmond, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Sakai, Indio, Calif., a boy on Dec. 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenji Fujii a boy in Oakland, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kyogo T. Tanabe a girl in Oakland.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Hamasaki a girl in Berkeley.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom T. Kinoshita a boy, Chester, on Dec. 25 in Portland, Ore.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Kiyokawa a girl, Christine, on Dec. 27 in Portland, Ore.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeichi Kaki-shita, Oregon City, Ore., a girl, Kiyoka, on Dec. 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hamada, Loomis, Calif., a girl on Dec. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sunao Furusho, Palo Alto, Calif., a girl on Dec. 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hisayuki Aochi, Sunol, Calif., a boy, Mitsuo, on Dec. 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Glen Nikaido, Sunol, Calif., a girl, Grace Ayako, on Dec. 23.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kanami Hirata a girl on Dec. 18 in Stockton, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shiro Kashino a girl on Jan. 5 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Miyama a girl on Dec. 23 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Masuhara a girl on Dec. 28 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Matsuda a girl on Dec. 25 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Hirota, Penryn, Calif., a boy on Dec. 31.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Hashimoto, West Los Angeles, a boy, Jerry Tomio, on Dec. 17.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Munesato, Torrance, Calif., a girl, Jeanne Kimiko, on Dec. 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jiro Tamaki, Culver City, Calif., a boy, Gary Kazu, on Dec. 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tanouye a boy, Gary Toshiyuki, on Dec. 19 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Masanori Uchida a girl, Joyce Tomoko, on Dec. 18 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Hiroshi Umezawa a boy, Gerald Keith, on Dec. 20 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Nii a girl, Shirley Toshie, on Dec. 21 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sentaro Ginoza a boy, Peter, on Dec. 25 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sam S. Miyashiro a girl, Barbara Kikuye, on Nov. 29 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Tsuneji Sasano a girl, Carolyn Emiko, on Dec. 23 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Higuchi, Gardena, Calif., a girl, Meri Mineko, on Dec. 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Takeshi Nishi a girl, Deborah Ann, on Dec. 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Sei a girl, Denise, on Dec. 14 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. David Kamiyatsu, Sun Valley, Calif., a girl, Diane Sharon, on Dec. 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tokaji Mano, Long Beach, Calif., a boy, Tomio Ronnie, on Dec. 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenichi Muranaga a boy, Mark Kenji, on Dec. 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Terry Kazuichi Sanemitsu a girl, Carol, on Dec. 10 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Yoshimura a boy, Jun, on Dec. 15 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Naka-

jima a boy, Michael Toshio, on Dec. 16 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Tsuno a boy, Michael Muneo, on Dec. 16 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Toshiya Harada a girl, Janet Chiye, on Dec. 18 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Hideo Hasegawa a boy, Bruce Jiro, on Dec. 18 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Suyenaga a girl, Irene Emiko, on Dec. 24 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kenichi Yoshikawa, Campbell, Calif., a boy, Raymond Haruzo, on Dec. 29.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Ishikawa, Mountain View, Calif., a boy, Masao Richard, on Dec. 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Ouye a boy, Darryl, on Dec. 28 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takuji Iizuka a boy, Richard Katsuo, on Nov. 27 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Satoru Mitsui a boy, John Noboru, on Nov. 29 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fumio Muto a boy, Dennis Kenji, on Dec. 2 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Oi a girl, Marilyn Kiyomi, on Nov. 28 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Akira Shiraishi a boy, Gary Tetsuo, on Nov. 30 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeto Yamada, San Pedro, Calif., a boy, Glenn Minoru, on Nov. 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harumi Inasako, Duarte, Calif., a boy, Harry Masao, on Dec. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Miyoji Kawasaki, Long Beach, Calif., a girl, Haruyo Margie, on Dec. 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hisao Ohi, Long Beach, Calif., a boy, Richard Yasushi, on Dec. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadaso Shimizu a boy, James Hihoshi, on Dec. 1 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tetsuo Tawa a girl, Louise, on Nov. 17 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Masao Aoto a boy, Dirk, on Dec. 7 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sajiro Fujita, Torrance, Calif., a boy, Carl Saichi, on Dec. 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shiotaro Miyamura a girl, Joyce Asako, on Dec. 6 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Takagi a girl, Mary Joyce, on Dec. 5 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Frank Kimura a girl, Amiko Katherine, on Dec. 10 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. William Shuichi Tamehiro a girl, Nancy Hideko, on Dec. 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Akira Dean Hoshida a boy, Kenneth Stephen, on Dec. 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoharu Matsushita, North Hollywood, Calif., a girl, Shirley Teruko, on Dec. 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Nishita a boy in Oakland, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Morishima a girl on Dec. 2 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gene Arakaki a girl on Nov. 26 in Fresno.

DEATHS

Daniel Eto, 5, son of Mr. and Mrs. Masaji Eto, on Jan. 3 in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Koichi Hirata on Jan. 6 in Los Angeles.

Tetsuji Koga, 65, on Jan. 3 in Seattle.

Mrs. Taeko Miyagawa, 45, on Jan. 7 in Sacramento.

Mrs. Fukuko Sakuma on Jan. 3 in Los Angeles.

Kohachi Suyenaga on Dec. 19 in San Francisco.

Kanezo Kaita, 72, on Dec. 15 in Watsonville, Calif.

Mrs. Kiyo Hayashi on Dec. 20 in Los Angeles.

Katsuko Fujimoto on Jan. 7 in Pasadena, Calif.

Tsunetaro Mori, 65, on Jan. 8 in Salt Lake City.



Mits Hoki, Ken Hoshida and Fred Seo (left to right) give out with a song at the Mount Olympus JACL's parents appreciation night on Dec. 30 at the Avalon ballroom in Murra, Utah. —Photo by Shig Hoki.

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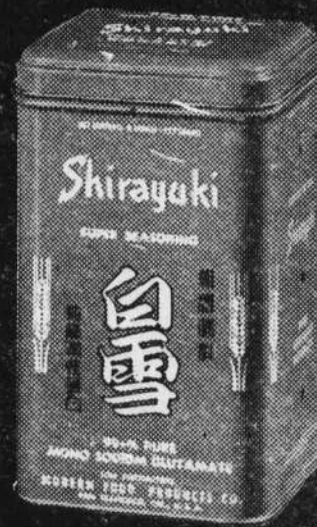
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L. A. Attorneys Discuss Claims Law Problems

LOS ANGELES — Problems encountered in connection with the Department of Justice's evacuation claims program were discussed at a luncheon on Jan. 13 by Nisei and other attorneys in the Los Angeles area who are cooperating with the JACL in preparing memoranda on the claims program.

The meeting was called because many legal and other problems have arisen in connection with the interpretation of the evacuation claims law and because the Department of Justice has invited the JACL to submit its views on various aspects of the law.

The JACL has invited all attorneys representing claimants to cooperate in the project.

In the Los Angeles area the attorneys cooperating with the JACL in the program include John Aiso, Frank Chuman, Ernest Iwasaki, Saburo Kido, Owan Kupfer, J. H. Maeno, James Mitsumori, Fred Okrand, Chiyoko Sakamoto, Lynn Takagaki, Henry Tsuru'ani, A. L. Wirin and Elmer Yamamoto.

Wyoming JACL Holds New Year Dance

WORLAND, Wyo.—The Northern Wyoming JACL heralded the New Year with a dance New Year's eve at Masonic hall.

Sixty members and guests were present, including a few members of the Montana chapter.

Special guests were Haruo Kasai, who recently arrived in Greybull, Mont., from Japan, and Ray Pendergraft, Worland chief of police, and Mrs. Pendergraft.

Dr. Minori Ota, chapter president, was master of ceremonies.

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Nisei Leads Move To Ban Hiring Bias At L. A. School

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—A Nisei-led movement last week resulted in the action of the student executive council of the Associated Students of Los Angeles City College calling for the abolishment of racially discriminatory hiring practices in the City College employment office.

Ike Sanbonmatsu, chairman of the LACC Young Progressives, brought the issue of discrimination in employment and in the filling of job application forms at City College.

Speakers before the student executive council stressed that questions pertaining to race, religion and the ancestry of the applicant's parents were an indication that discrimination was practiced by the employment office.

"Such practices as discrimination in the LACC employment office are detrimental factors to our democratic society that cannot be tolerated much longer," Sanbonmatsu declared. "It is especially intolerable in an educational institution which is and reflects a rationalization criteria for the community. The City Council student executive council members realize this and took the steps toward abolishing discrimination in the employment office."

San Mateans Plan Installation Dance

SAN MATEO, Calif. — Elmer Vincent and his orchestra will play again for the annual installation dance of the San Mateo County JACL Saturday, Jan. 14, at the Hotel Benjamin Franklin.

A dinner will be held in conjunction with the dance and will also be held at the Hotel Benjamin Franklin. The affair will begin at 7:30 p. m. Bids are available at \$3 per person.

Various committees under the direction of Dick Arimoto are now working on plans for the event. Committee heads are Sally Tanouye, orchestra; Kaz Kunitani and Kenji Yamane, tickets; Howard Imada, invitations; and Shiz Kimura, reception.

Shig Takahashi will be master of ceremonies.

Civic leaders invited to the dinner dance include Mayor Daniel Creeden of San Mateo and Mayor William Warder of Redwood City.

Raise Money for Student



Every carpet that 19-year old Jay Gould, Minneapolis vacuum will bring Japanese student, Iwao Iwasaki, closer to Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota. Jay is an alumnus of the Canterbury club, University of Minnesota Episcopal student association, which is working on a project to help the 20-year old Tokyo mining student. Students have volunteered to baby-sit, wash dishes, wait on tables and clean house in their spare time to help Iwao. Nisei in the Twin Cities also are aiding in the campaign for the Japanese student.—UCL News Bureau-Minneapolis Tribune photo.

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Hawaii Police Arrest Five on Gaming Charge

HONOLULU, T.H. — Five men were arrested on Jan. 5 as police investigated a \$20,000 a week football pool gambling syndicate which reportedly had connections in Los Angeles, Reno and Chicago.

Those held were Morris Cohen, 42, and Robert Hosai, 38, a restaurant owner, who were described as ringleaders; and Ted Murata, 27, Mike Horita, 36, and James Y. K. Wun, 22, accused ticket sellers.

Police questioned and released on the order of a judge two men, Charles Schwartz, 39, described as a former member of the Mickey Cohen mob in Los Angeles, and Al Schaff, former Honolulu fighter and boxing promoter.

Police said Schwartz made the odds for the syndicate after receiving weekly phone calls from Los Angeles, Reno and Chicago. It was reported Schwartz also made bet layoffs with mainland gamblers when the betting ran too high.

WANT ADS

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