



Second Claims Office Opened In California

William Jacobs Heads San Francisco Office For Processing Forms

SAN FRANCISCO—The second field office of the Justice Department's evacuation claims division opened on Wednesday, March 1, in the Commercial building, 833 Market street.

The office will be headed by William H. Jacobs who opened the first field office in Los Angeles last August to process claims for accountable business and personal property damage resulting from the mass evacuation of Japanese Americans in 1942.

Hearings will be called for claimants in the San Francisco area shortly.

Mr. Jacobs declared his office will begin sending out letters immediately to claimants to come in for interviews.

His assistant is John T. Allen who arrived last week from Washington, D. C.

Rep. Bosone Backs Entry of Canadian Wife of Utah Nisei

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A bill to permit legal entry of a Nisei Canadian to the United States for permanent residence was introduced in the House on Feb. 17 by Rep. Reba Beck Bosone, (D. Ut.)

The Nisei is Yukie Nishimura Okubo, wife of Floyd Okubo of Salt Lake City. Mrs. Okubo is presently in Lethbridge, Canada, and seeks permanent residence in the United States to join her husband.

The bill is a companion bill to one introduced earlier in the Senate by Sen. Elbert D. Thomas (D. Ut.)

Nisei Role in U. S. Race Relations Told By JACL Official

MILWAUKEE, Wis., — "The fight of one minority for recognition is the fight of all minorities," said Richard Akagi, midwest regional representative of the JACL at the dinner and installation ceremonies of the Milwaukee JACL chapter on Feb. 25, at the Surf Hotel.

He further stated: "We Nisei can no more divorce ourselves from the problem, the prejudices affecting other groups than we can meaningfully repudiate our cultural heritage."

The 1950 cabinet of the Milwaukee JACL chapter, with Kazumi Oura serving another term as president, was installed by Mr. Akagi. President Oura's cabinet includes: Tom Suyama, vice president; May Mori, recording secretary; Faye Hamada, corresponding secretary; Kay Nakagiri, social chairman.

Supreme Court Verdict Delays Action on Deportee Cases

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The recent Supreme Court decision in the Wong Yang Sung deportation case has brought to a standstill hearings by which more than 2000 Japanese hope to remain in this country under the Stay of Deportation Act of 1948, according to the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

The Justice Department suspended all deportation hearings as the result of court action which held that the long-standing practice of having immigration inspectors sit in the initial hearings for aliens must be divorced from any investigative or enforcement duties.

"It is clear," said Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, "that the court decision in no way affects deportation laws, but affects only the procedures."

"Just how long the delay will be

Interracial Housing Project Started in California City

SAN JOSE, Calif.—An experiment in interracial living is about to be launched in Palo Alto, the Mercury-News reported on Feb. 25.

Construction began this week on the first group of homes to be built for 23 Negro, Oriental and Caucasian families in what is to be known as the Paul Lawrence subdivision of Colorado Ave. near Louis road in Palo Alto.

The experiment is designed to prove that families of different racial backgrounds can live as harmonious neighbors and is one outgrowth of agitation of recent years for the outlawing of discriminatory racial covenants in real estate transactions.

The Palo Alto Fair Play Committee has sponsored the project, with Mrs. R. A. Isenberg and C. Stanton Selby as chairmen.

Building lots, 6,000 fee square, have been sold for a price just under \$1,000 and deeds carry the requirement houses are to cost not less than \$5,000. Plans are subject to committee review, but also to appeal, and an adverse decision could be overridden by a two-thirds vote of the property owners.

An area of one and a half acres has been set aside as a recreation department.

Paul Lawrence, for whom the subdivision is named, is a former student of Negro ancestry at Stanford university who is now a professor of education at Howard university. He assisted with preliminary work on the project while he was at Stanford.

Fresno State Nisei Raise Money for Scholarship Fund

FRESNO, Calif. — The Fresno State College Japanese Students club announced this week that a total of \$1155.25 has been raised in their recently concluded campaign for funds for a Nisei scholarship fund.

Any student or prospective student living in the area between Lindsay and Visalia on the South and Madera on the north may apply for scholarship awards. Two \$50 awards will be made each semester.

St. Louis Chapter Reelects Tanaka

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Henry Tani, first national JACL vice president, installed the 1950 cabinet of the St. Louis JACL chapter on Feb. 18 at the Town Hall restaurant. Joseph Tanaka was again elected to the presidency, with the following cabinet members: Dan Sakahara, vice-president; Ida Mitatori, corresponding secretary; Mickey Shoda, recording secretary; Rose Ogino, treasurer; Henry Tani, public relations, and Edward Koyama, delegate.

Nisei Make Strong Comeback in Coast Floral Industry

SAN FRANCISCO—A strong comeback has been made by Japanese Americans in the floral industry of Northern California since their return to the west coast since the evacuation. Japanese Americans produced about one-half the total greenhouse output in Northern California during 1949, according to the San Francisco JACL regional office.

Gross returns for the year were \$6,000,000, compared to an estimated \$1,000,000 for the Nisei and Issei in 1941. Gross returns in 1947 have been estimated at \$4,500,000.

Kawakita Waits For Action on Court Appeal

SAN FRANCISCO — Tomoya Kawakita, 29, of Calexico, Calif., who was convicted on treason charges in the Federal court of Judge William C. Mathes in 1948 and sentenced to death, is still awaiting trial of his appeal before the Ninth District Federal appellate court, the Nichi-Bei Times reported this week.

Court officials told the paper that the filing of briefs in the appeal have not been completed and court hearings cannot be expected much sooner than June.

Kawakita was convicted on the charge of brutality to American prisoners of war in the Oeyama prison camp in Japan during the war.

His attorneys filed the appeal shortly after his conviction in Judge Mathes' court.

Kawakita is still being held in the Los Angeles county jail.

Child Dies of Burns

DELTA, Colo.—Jimmy Ichiro Kihara, 3-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kihara of North Delta, died on Feb. 27 of injuries sustained when he fell into a tub of hot water at his home.

Final rites were held on March 1 at the Delta Baptist church.

Survivors besides the parents are two sisters, Katherine, 12, and Ida May, 11, and a brother, Robert, one-year old.

San Jose Judge Considers Test Case on License Issue

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Superior Judge John D. Foley on Feb. 24 took under submission a test case brought here to determine whether the State Board of Equalization can be required to return liquor licenses taken from Japanese Americans at the inception of World War II.

The suit was brought by Toshinaga Taketa, who operated a confectionary and liquor store in San Jose in 1941. By a blanket order, the State Board of Equalization revoked all liquor licenses held by persons of Japanese ancestry.

Taketa, who was forced to evacuate to a war relocation center along with other persons of Japanese ancestry in the area in 1942, charged the revocation and subse-

Justice Department Submits Bid for \$5 Million to Pay Claims Filed by Evacuees

Masaoka Says Administrative Fund Request Of \$300,000 Too Small for Work of Agency, May Slow Down Processing of Claims Forms

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Justice Department has asked Congress for \$5,000,000 to make evacuation claims payments in fiscal 1951, the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee learned this week.

But, the department is seeking only \$304,800 to administer the program and adjudicate individual claims.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, said he feared the administrative fund request is "so small the entire program promises to move very slowly for the next couple years."

He based his statement upon this reasoning:

While 24,081 claims have been filed, totaling somewhere near an unofficial estimate of \$50,000,000, the speed with which the program operates is not predicted so much upon the funds available for the next fiscal year to pay claims as it is upon how rapidly the Department can adjudicate claims for payment.

Each claim must be adjudicated individually. It is feared that lack of administrative funds may mean that only a comparatively small number of claims will be adjudicated during the coming fiscal year.

Mr. Masaoka said he understood the Justice Department originally sought a much larger fund for administrative expenses, as well as almost \$10,000,000 for claims payments, but the Bureau of the Budget trimmed both requests sharply.

When the original Justice Department budget was drawn, only 11,759 claims had been filed. Apparently the Budget Bureau ordered the reduction in lieu of the number of claims actual filed at that time, rather than permit the Justice Department to base its request on the anticipated claims which eventually would be made by persons of Japanese ancestry who suffered personal or property losses in the Evacuation from the west coast.

The legislative director said the \$5,000,000 requested for payments is "more important than it might appear." He pointed out the Justice Department can pay only claims less than \$2500. Claims over that amount must be approved by Congress.

In hearings before the Subcommittee on Appropriations in the House where Justice Department representatives explained the appropriation requests, H. C. Graham Morison, assistant attorney general said the Department of Justice was "going to proceed cautiously because the Congress told us to 'try and determine' these claims administratively."

He said the great majority of claims are "what we call the 'pots and pans' cases, cases small in amount which generally involve household items; we have a very

difficult job in these small cases... We have some very big cases. We have one land case involving rice fields in California amounting to probably \$1,500,000."

Mr. Morrison said that by mid-January, the claims division had adjudicated but 12 cases, located a claims office in Los Angeles, planned opening two additional field offices — in San Francisco and Chicago—and augmented the claims staff in Washington.

"The whole job is ahead of us," he said. "We believe that it is going to take between two and three years to adjudicate the bulk of these claims..."

"The index of how quickly we can get rid of (all claims) will depend upon the facilities for doing this tremendous job. And I might tell you, of course, if we are not careful lawyers, claims can slip by that should not be paid. We must treat the claims as we would a lawsuit..."

In the House hearings, there was evidence that some Committee members, as well as Justice Department representatives, were vague as to the background and problems of the evacuation.

Rep. John J. Rooney (D., N. Y.), wanted to know if there was "any advantage to the Government in rushing in to investigate and pay these claims?"

One need for prompt action is to secure proper evidence, Mr. Morison said, adding that Congress "generously sought to remedy" the wrong of the evacuation. "Every impelling reason of policy dictates that we make (adjudications) as speedily as possible."

Rep. Karl Stefan (R., Neb.), expressed repeated surprise that there was "absolutely no record of what these people left behind them, in spite of the fact that we had an expensive agency there — that War Relocation Board (Authority)...plus the Army."

Later he asked how many were evacuated. Mr. Morison said at first about 300,000, but then submitted for the record that it was only 127,000.

Rep. Cliff Clevenger (R., O.), wanted to find out "who was the master mind in back of the expropriation of these millions of dollars of property from American citizens. Who was the administrator?"

Mr. Morison attempted to explain briefly the Army's reasoning in the evacuation, but Mr. Clevenger sought a name. That name — Dillon S. Myer — former head of the War Relocation Authority, now President of the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, finally was established.

Rep. Clevenger said there was a "method to my madness, or in my question, (about the name). I have been doing my best to keep any great segment of Latin Americans from a lot of catastrophe which might result from the gentleman's (Myer's) activity."

Then he said: "The record of the Japanese... in the Italian campaign made (evacuation) look like a rather sorry procedure. Winning awards for gallantry and more medals than other like sections of the United States Army."

Mr. Morison: "It certainly was an impressive record."

Rep. Clevenger: "It rather makes an American blush. It does this American."

Hawaiian Tourists of Japanese Ancestry Plan to Visit Japan During Cherry Blossom Time

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—Japan's cherry blossoms which beckoned Hawaiian Japanese every spring before the war are calling them again this year. And thousands of Issei and some Nisei are answering the call in the first big postwar tourist exodus to Japan.

The exodus began with gusto this week. Several hundred island residents boarded two big American President liners to open up Japan's spring tourist season.

More ships and even chartered planes will keep a steady flow of tourists pouring into Nippon's popular resorts and sightseeing spots this year.

For almost ten years the war and postwar restrictions held up the yearly migration of Japanese on visits to Japan. Not since 1941 have any large numbers from Hawaii visited Japan.

Last year the red tape was snipped to permit freer travel. But the good news, according to hotel men here, came too late. As a result only a comparatively few tourists made the jaunt.

This year, however, the pent-up urge to travel has created a travel boom that will keep the shipping lines, airways and booking agencies humming with business.

The rush will be greatest in the next few weeks when visitors hope to see the cherry blossoms in full bloom.

All this is sweet music to the ears of Japan's dollar-hungry tourist agencies. The Japan Tourist bureau estimates that each tourist will spend at least \$2,000 in Japan. In all it figures that 2,000 tourists will invade the occupied country this spring—an invasion that is being encouraged to boost Japan's skimpy dollar revenue.

Japanese hotels in Honolulu are arranging big and small tour parties. Visitors can spend 60 days in Japan, with extensions possible. Most of them have relatives in Japan whom they haven't seen in a long time.

As a matter of fact, the visitors will be making their first visit in decades, in many cases. Their average age, one person has estimated, is 60. These are mainly Issei who have lived in the territory for a full generation, who have raised families in Hawaii and now desire to see their homeland for the last time before spending their last years in the islands they adopted.

But they are not wealthy by any means. Hotel men say most will be traveling third class on the ships. Much of the baggage will be made up of "omiyage"—gifts—for their less fortunate relatives in Japan. They will include foodstuffs and clothing that will be much appreciated.

The mass exodus, however, is frowned upon by money-minded businessmen here. They say that this territory, now in an economic slump, needs the dollars the Japanese tourists are taking with them to a foreign country. The tourists have savings from

the wartime boom which are sorely needed to bolster the sagging economy of these islands. Hawaiian Japanese were able to earn and save a nice sum over a long period of time, unlike their west coast brethren who were interned in relocation centers during the war.

If the stream of tourists to Japan keeps up, local business houses can expect a bad time. One observer said it might get to be as bad as the practice of Japanese folks sending money to relatives in Japan before the war—a practice which this person believes drained so much out of the local resources the Japanese could not build themselves into financially secure and successful residents.

Booking agencies report that the Nisei travelers will be mostly students who will make the trip during their summer vacation.

After the spring rush, hotels are lining up tour parties to send to Japan in the summer and fall.

For the first time, Okinawans may visit their homeland also. About 60 of them sailed this week on the American President liner General Gordon for the maiden trip of that vessel to Okinawa. But travel to that island is more restricted than to Japan proper.

Honolulu Divorcee Slain by Suitor

HONOLULU—A Nisei divorcee was stabbed to death in the backroom of a Honolulu cafe on Feb. 24.

The victim was Mrs. Lorraine Manuel, 27. Her slayer, Severino Olaya, 34, said to have been jilted by Mrs. Manuel, killed himself, stabbing himself twice.

Mrs. Manuel, mother of three, was a waitress in the cafe. She was stabbed seven times with a butcher knife.

A letter was discovered in Olaya's pocket from Mrs. Manuel in which she said she would not see him any more.

An unmailed letter which police also said was written by Olaya was found. Police quoted Olaya as writing in this letter:

"I can't live without you. If I can't have you, nobody can."

According to information given the police, Olaya went into the restaurant's back room as Mrs. Manuel was changing her clothes preparing to leave the cafe.

The two were found lying in a pool of blood after the woman's faint cries attracted the attention of patrons.

Hawaii Ex-GIs Plan Dinner



The 442nd Veterans club will observe the seventh anniversary of the formation of the Nisei combat team with a dinner and dance March 25. Here are the officers for 1950 who were recently installed. Left to right, Akira (Sunshine) Fukunaga, executive secretary; Clarence Taba, treasurer; Daniel T. Aoki, president; Ben Ono, first vice president; George Miki, outgoing president; Shigeru Oyama, third vice president; Akira Fujiki, second vice president.—S. T. Ooka photo.

Prejudice Bars Nisei Ex-GI from Buying Home in Boise District

BOISE, Idaho—Refusal of "two or three" property owners to permit a Nisei war veteran to buy a home in a Boise residential district was protested in a letter published by the Boise Statesman on Feb. 26.

Noting the national observance of Brotherhood Week, the letter declared:

"What a pity then, that here in the city of Boise this past week there should occur a glaring case of unthinking intolerance toward

one of our fellow citizens.

"He is an American Japanese, well-known in Boise, liked by all who know or work with him, including his employer. He served in the armed forces overseas, and is now a member of the Capitol post of the American Legion. Above all, he is a good American citizen and fully entitled to all of the rights of one, including the right to acquire property.

"He is shortly to be married, and like any other American citizen wanted a home for his bride-to-be; found a house he wanted on the bench and tried to buy. The real estate company, with good faith, tried in every way to sell him the house and would have except for two or three citizens of the area who protested because the buyer was of Japanese extraction... And because there was a 'Caucasian clause' in this particular area, they were able to keep this young American Japanese from buying a home there.

"We ask these people: Are you Christians? Are you such good neighbors that it is a privilege to live next to you? Are you gods to sit in judgment on whether another citizen is good enough to buy property near you?

"The loss of the house to this particular young man is not important; as a matter of fact, he has since bought a lot in an area without restriction and intends to build. It is the intolerant act itself to which we, as American citizens, eager to keep America strong and united, object. This man has long been accepted for what he is, an upstanding American citizen...

"Let's start in Boise and return to the Biblical admonition once again. Love thy neighbor as thyself."

The letter is signed by James B. McKibben, Barbara Connell, Carolyn B. Beck, Herbert Everetts, Eugene E. Perkins, Kathryn A. Beinfeld, Art LeTourneau and Maxine McKibben.

Donation Honors Issei Pioneers In Floriculture

SAN FRANCISCO—The record of the Domoto brothers, pioneers in the floral industry of Northern California, was recalled here recently when a \$600 contribution in their memory was given to the JACL Northern California and Western Nevada district council.

The donation was made by Toichi Domoto, owner of the Domoto nursery of Hayward and son of one of the brothers, Kanetaro Domoto. Kanetaro Domoto died Oct. 30, 1943 at the Granada relocation center. The other brother, Motonoshin Domoto, passed away in Minneapolis on Nov. 10, 1943.

The Domotos were pioneers in growing greenhouse and field flowers in the northern part of the state. They made imports from Japan and developed chrysanthemums, camellias, azaleas, magnolias and carnations. Their work in the flower industry began in the 1890's.

The contribution from Toichi Domoto was accepted for the district council by Bob Takahashi, chairman. Takahashi said the money will be used in public service projects.

Two Hawaii Nisei Pass Bar Exams In Nation's Capital

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Two Nisei from Hawaii were among the 273 applicants who passed recent District of Columbia bar examinations, according to the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

The two are Hiroshi Sakai and Larry N. Kuriyama.

Mr. Sakai, a veteran who served in the Pacific, has been a student at George Washington University here since 1947. He was graduated from Kauai high school and later attended the University of Hawaii. His home is Honolulu.

Mr. Kuriyama saw service with the Army finance corps on Guam during the war. He is a native of Honolulu. Before coming to Washington to study law at Georgetown University he was graduated from the University of Hawaii.

Both men plan to return to the islands to practice, friends said.

ADC Supports Hawaii Bill For Statehood

WASHINGTON, D.C.—With the House scheduled to call up statehood bills for Hawaii and Alaska this week, the JACL ADC again urged favorable action on both measures.

At the same time, Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, asked JACL chapters throughout the nation to contact their Representatives in behalf of statehood for Hawaii.

He suggested individual JACL members should write in support of statehood, and chapters might well adopt resolutions favoring such a move. Resolutions should be forwarded to respective Representatives.

Statehood for Hawaii was approved by the House in the 80th Congress, but died in the Senate.

Recently Del. Joseph R. Farrington (R., Hawaii), said the possibility of favorable Congressional action is "greater this year than ever before."

Mr. Masaoka said the "distinguished record of Hawaii is impressive evidence that the territory not only is ready for statehood, but has been ready for the past two decades."

He said Hawaii is the "finest example of democracy in action anywhere under the American flag."

"There is less prejudice, less discrimination, greater harmony and inter-group loyalty among the various peoples who make up Hawaii's rich, cosmopolitan population than can be found anywhere else in this country."

"Complete and heroic loyalty during the war, as well as living up to the highest ideals of democracy are the finest indications Hawaii should be granted statehood," he said.

Masaoka Urges Sixty National Groups to Back Hawaii Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C. — More than 60 national organizations have been urged to work for statehood for Hawaii by Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director.

Speaking at the third annual conference of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House, the legislative director pointed out that statehood for Hawaii would indicate that "this government has an interest in Pacific affairs."

Hawaii is the closest link the United States has with Asia, he said. Only by conferring upon the territory full statehood can this nation indicate to Asia its sympathies and interest with the peoples in that part of the world.

He said by every standard Hawaii had qualified for statehood, and that failure to approve statehood for Hawaii during the present session of the legislature "would be a serious indictment that Congress, in truth, has no humane interest in the Orient, or in maintaining a link with Asia."

Boise Valley Social

NAMPA, Idaho — The Boise Valley JACL will hold a social on March 7 at the Rollerdomo in Nampa for chapter members and friends.

National Progressive Conclave Supports Walter Resolution

CHICAGO — The national convention of the Progressive Party, meeting in Chicago last week, unanimously adopted a resolution calling for the enactment of the Walter Resolution, which will grant equal naturalization rights for all, regardless of race or color.

"A number one legislative target of Japanese American groups, this action will strengthen those groups working for its passage," stated Mrs. Fumi Ishihara, delegate to the convention from California, and an active member of the Nisei Progressives of Los Angeles.

Speaking before the national conclave which drew more than 1200 delegates from 33 states, Mrs. Ishihara, who served on the resolutions committee, pointed out the problems facing the Japanese American people today. "Although the Japanese have made substantial contributions to the cultural and economic growth of the United States; although the Nisei had volunteered and performed valiantly in the armed forces in the last war, despite enforced detention in relocation camps, we are still sub-

ject to the indignities of second class citizenship," she declared.

Other provisions in the resolution, sponsored by the Los Angeles Nisei Progressives and adopted by the convention were: "the liberalization of the present Evacuation Claims Bill so that just and adequate payments for indemnities can be given to everyone directly involved in the evacuation; that Congress enact appropriate legislation to eliminate all discriminatory immigration regulations based upon race, color, creed, or political affiliations; and the enactment of any and all legislation which would extend equal political, economic, and social rights."

The Progressive Party also announced it will fight with all other organizations for the enactment of a strong FEPC. Speaker after speaker condemned the passage of the "phony" FEPC which merely investigates, but has no enforcement powers, and stressed the need for an FEPC with "teeth" that can assure all Americans of equal job opportunities.

Nisei delegates to the convention included Shungo Okubo and Chizu Iiyama of Chicago, Illinois.

Sen. Downey Sponsors Pilot Measure on Illegal Entrants

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A private "pilot" bill to determine Congressional sentiment towards legalizing the residence in the U.S. of a person who entered illegally prior to July 1, 1924, has been introduced at the request of the JACL ADC by Sen. Sheridan Downey, (D., Calif.).

The question of illegal immigrants who entered this country prior to mid-1924 is curious and complex. July, 1924 is the date of the Oriental Exclusion Act.

While they are not subject to deportation, neither are they considered legal entrants. This means that if they should once set foot on foreign soil, they may not return.

In the fall of 1928, the JACL ADC pushed legislation giving illegal immigrants who entered after July 1, 1924, the privilege of

being considered legal entrants if they resided here seven or more years, had citizen children and were of good moral character.

The bill introduced by Sen. Downey affects an illegal Japanese immigrant and is the first known bill to legalize the entrance of a person who came here without benefit of immigration regulations before July, 1924.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, said this week the purpose of the private bill is to give "the same resident status to these early illegal immigrants who entered in recent years by the Stay of Deportation Act of 1948, providing, of course, such old immigrants have proved themselves persons of good moral character and worthy of permanent residence."

Nisei Lauded By Rep. Yates In House Talk

Group Commended As Japan Legislators Visit Lower House

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Nisei have been characterized in Congress as "upright, industrious and hard-working," according to the JACL anti-Discrimination Committee this week.

The description was given by Rep. Sidney Yates, (D., Ill.) when a group of Japanese Diet members visited the House of Representatives.

Rep. George P. Miller, (D., Calif.), rose in the House to call attention to the visiting Japanese and commented upon the efforts of Japan to understand and work with the new and stirring concept of democracy.

Rep. Lates commended Rep. Miller for his remarks, then added:

"The difficulties in which (California) found itself at the beginning of the war have probably been my particular gain. I come from Chicago and we have one of the largest colonies of Nisei anywhere in the country. They are upright, industrious and hard-working citizens and are doing much for the benefit of the city and for the community generally."

Rep. Miller added: "The most decorated outfit in the American Army was the . . . (442nd Regimental Combat Team) of Nisei, American citizens of Japanese origin."

House members extended a rising ovation to the visiting delegation of Japanese Diet members.

UCL Will Sponsor Civic Unity Group

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The United Citizens League (JACL) of Santa Clara County voted at its February meeting to become a sponsoring organization of the San Jose Council for Civic Unity.

The CCU was reorganized here recently with more than 100 persons attending the reorganization meeting. Danny Morrissey was named president. Mrs. Ruth Hashimoto and Esau Shimizu were named among the directors.

Byron Rumford, assemblyman from Oakland, was the principal speaker at the meeting. In his talk Rumford warned that race relations must catch up with scientific progress "before it's too late."

"It's difficult to explain the United States record abroad," Rumford said. "Our foes are making capital of our failure in this field."

The CCU voted to make a study of minority group conditions in this area in a project with the San Jose State college department of sociology.

The original CCU (which became inactive in 1946) was largely responsible for the excellent resettlement record of Japanese Americans in this valley after reversion of evacuation orders. As the first group to ask for return of the evacuees, the CCU was

Ken Mazawa Handles Camera At FCC's Color TV Showing

Salt Lake JACL Raises \$1,200 Quota In ADC Campaign

The Salt Lake JACL chapter this week presented a check for \$1,200 to JACL ADC as their quota in the annual ADC fund drive.

The presentation was made by George Mochizuki, president of the Salt Lake chapter.

A total of \$1,639 was raised by the Salt Lake chapter through two nights of benefit movies on Feb. 17 and 18 at the Buddhist church hall in Salt Lake City.

A sum of \$196.50 was realized by the chapter after the \$1,200 quota was presented to JACL ADC and the expenses for the motion picture shows were deducted. Of this remaining sum, the chapter board voted to donate \$25 to the Salt Lake International Peace Garden committee and the remainder will be used for the restoration of the Goto memorial in the Uinta mountains.

George Sakashita was named chairman of the chapter's ADC drive. Members of her committee were Mr. Mochizuki, Ben Tera-shima, Ichiro Doi and George Yoshimoto.

Seven hundred invitations were mailed by the committee inviting residents of the Salt Lake area to attend the benefit performances.

Mrs. Kasai also expressed her appreciation to the Buddhist church for its cooperation in making their hall available for the performances.

Nisei Student Heads School Council

MADERA, Calif.—Lucille Inami, president of the student council, launched the campaign for beautification of the Pershing grammar school grounds by participating in a ceremony in which evergreen shrubs were planted.

The campaign is part of the "Madera Comes to Life" campaign and the school grounds beautification was made possible by funds collected through the sale of ice cream and hot dogs by the student council committee.

Ray Iwamoto Heads Cleaners Union in Wyoming Community

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo. — Ray Iwamoto was installed recently as president of the Cleaners Union, Local 13491 of the United Mine Workers in Rock Springs.

Members of the union include employees of laundries and cleaning establishments in Rock Springs.

Iwamoto is the only Nisei member of the union.

Edward Sherer, representative of District 50 of the UMWA, installed Iwamoto.

largely responsible for the favorable public reception given returnees.

Also Appears as Lanny Ross' Aide In Video Show

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A versatile Chicago Nisei worked at both ends of a TV camera last week in the first official color television showing before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Ken Mazawa, an electronics engineer and expert movie and still cameraman who is best known to Nisei as staff photographer of SCENE magazine, handled the camera for Color Television, Inc., one of the three systems undergoing demonstration tests in Washington. Competitors were CBS and RCA.

Utilizing his broad knowledge, Mazawa was responsible for setting up the dozens of lights necessary for color TV, for handling the camera with its filters, cooling system, electronic magnets, and at one time going into the studio workshop to build a piece of equipment that was "invented" on the spot.

Mazawa was also seen in the live show used in the test, appearing as master of ceremonies, Lanny Ross' assistant in one spot and later as a touch of masculinity in a feminine fashion revue.

Mazawa spent two months in New York with Bud Gamble, producer of the "Rainbow Revue," in preparation for this demonstration. "The hardest part of all this," Ken sighed after the completion of the tests, "was taking care of the props on the train from New York to Washington. We had an English sheepdog, a full-grown white rabbit, and an aquarium full of goldfish which we had to hide from the conductor."

The importance of the color TV tests lies in the fact that FCC is the sole authority for determining engineering standards and allocating channels. Until FCC is satisfied that a color TV system is workable and that the public will be protected from a similar dilemma as existed in the phonograph record situation, it is not licensing any color TV stations. "Therefore," as Life magazine stated in a recent issue, "upon the FCC hearings depends not only the immediate future of color TV, but the progress of television itself."

Mazawa, who has lived in Chicago since the "Thirties, served in the China-Burma-India theater in the war.

Coachella Valley JACL Chapter Holds Installation Rites

THERMAL, Calif. — Eighty-five members of the Coachella Valley JACL attended an installation dinner at the Desert Vendome in Indio on Feb. 25. The following newly elected 1950 cabinet officers, George Shibata, pres.; Mas Oshiki, vice pres.; Kats Sugimoto, social chrmn.; Shiz Hashimoto, rec. sec.; Tommie Ezu, corr. sec.; Ben Sakamoto, treas.; Herbert Hifohata, publicity; Shig Sakamoto, athletic chrmn.; Toshio Sugimoto, Henry Sakemi, Jack Izu, members-at-large, were sworn in officially by Frank Chuman, 2nd vice president of the National JACL.

The guest speaker of the evening was Tats Kushida, regional director of the JACL, who spoke on the importance of the organization, the work that has been accomplished, and the need for support from all the chapters.

Other guests included Mrs. Chuman and entertainers from Los Angeles, Sue Takimoto, Mitzi Ouye and Mas Karasawa, vocalists, and Ritsuko Kawakami, accompanying pianist.

The evening was concluded with the presentation of an award to the outgoing president, Tom Sakai, who was cited as serving "with untiring effort and unexcelled leadership which helped reactivate the CVJACL as one of the top ranking chapters of the Pacific Southwest JACL."

George Shibata announced a cabinet meeting to be held at his home on March 5 to map out the calendar for the coming year.

ADC Suggests Appointment Of Nisei to Hawaii Bench

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this week urged the nomination of a Nisei to fill a federal territorial judicial vacancy in Hawaii.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, in a conference with Interior Secretary Chapman, said Hawaii has never had a top appointive federal position filled by a person of Asiatic ancestry.

Although the actual nomination would be made by the President, his choice would be largely governed by the recommendations of the Department of Interior.

Mr. Masaoka said it is "shocking" in the light of conditions in Hawaii that a person of Oriental descent never has held a top federal office there, especially since "a large segment of the population is of Asiatic background. Almost one-third are of Japanese ancestry. Many are distinguished leaders, astute and highly qualified for responsible office."

He emphasized that because there is at least one territorial judgeship vacant in Hawaii today, the nominee should be Nisei.

He made no specific suggestion as to who should be nominated.

"Persons of Asiatic ancestry play a large role in the community life of Hawaii," he said. "They contributed in heroic proportions to the defense of the islands during the war, and Nisei served valiantly in the armed forces in both the European and Pacific theaters."

"There is probably less discrimination and prejudice among the various races that make up Hawaii than anywhere else under the American flag," he asserted, "so the ancient undemocratic concepts which, in the continental United States, so often hold back superior persons of minority groups from winning appointments to top federal positions should and must be ignored in considering appointments in Hawaii."

He pointed out to Secretary Chapman that a Nisei, Wilfred Tsukiyama, was named president of the Territorial Senate, although it is predominantly Caucasian, and dozens of Nisei have won elective offices in Hawaii, on the city, county and territorial level. "Frequently these Nisei have been elected from districts in which Japanese or other Asiatics are a small minority," he said.

In his conference with Secretary Chapman, Mr. Masaoka also discussed the problem of statehood for the island territory.

Masaoka Explains JACL Activities to Nippon Legislators

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, has been meeting informally with members of the 14-man Japanese Diet delegation studying politics in a democracy during their visit to Washington.

He has explained the operations of the JACL in the field of legislation, and the war-time treatment of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country.

Mr. Masaoka said the question has been raised at these conferences of the "responsibilities, if any, of persons of Japanese ancestry here towards furthering democracy in Japan."

Hawaii Paper Raps Bid for Nisei Judge

HONOLULU, T.H.—The Star-Bulletin on Feb. 28 editorially criticized a request by Mike M. Masaoka of Washington, D.C., national legislative director* of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, for the appointment of a Nisei to fill a vacancy on the Hawaii circuit bench.

"Appointment to a judgeship in Hawaii, or in any part of the United States, should not be a matter of race derivation," the Star-Bulletin said.

The Star-Bulletin also interviewed Akira Fukunaga, executive secretary of the 442nd Veterans club, Senator Wilfred C. Tsukiyama and Robert K. Murakami, Honolulu attorney, all of whom criticized the request.

Senator Tsukiyama said the action was "rather unfortunate" while Fukunaga declared "professional qualifications should come first."

(Ed. Note: The Honolulu reactions to Mr. Masaoka's statement regarding the appointment of a Nisei to fill a Federal court vacancy in Hawaii were based on a brief, two paragraph story carried by the Associated Press and not on the whole JACL ADC report which is published here).

Election Scheduled

POWELL, Wyo.—JACL officers for the Northern Wyoming chapter will be elected in April, according to Dr. Minol Ota, president.

Southern Alameda JACL Plans Movies

CENTERVILLE, Calif. — The Southern Alameda County JACL will sponsor the showing of two full-length Japanese films, "Senso to Heiwa" and "Oshima Jo-wa," on Friday, March 10, beginning at 7:30 p. m. at Alvarado grammar school. Proceeds will go toward financing of the intensive program planned for the year.

A huge turnout is expected, according to Yutaka Handa, general chairman, since these are the first Japanese films to be shown in this area since the war.

Plan Golf Tourney

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Plans for the 2nd annual Northern California Nisei golf tournament are now being made by a committee headed by Harry Yoshioka of the Garden City Club and Tom Mine of Watsonville, co-chairmen, according to Saku Taketa, secretary.

80-Year Old Christian Church To Be Rebuilt in San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—An eighty-year-old landmark in San Francisco's Japanese section will soon be a thing of the past.

Builders were at work this week reconstructing the Japanese Federated Church of Christ at the corner of Post and Laguna streets. The church has served two generations of Presbyterian and Congregational churchgoers and has served as the Japanese Federated Church of Christ since the turn of the century. The building was originally a three-story flat.

The new church will have a chapel seating 250 persons, a large social hall, classrooms, library, prayer room, kitchen and other facilities. Donald Powell Smith is the architect.

The project is expected to take some eight months and will cost up to \$35,000.

The Federated Church of Christ

was the first among some 54 similar churches in the Pacific coast area and is considered the mother church of Presbyterian and Congregational churches serving the Japanese communities. Dr. Ernest A. Sturge has been credited with being the single individual who began these churches. A memorial building in his honor stands next to the church building.

The reconstruction project is the result of months of planning by church members.

The Revs. E. Kawamorita and Howard Toriumi serve as pastors to the church.

Members of the building committee are S. Enomoto, I. Motoki, Koji Murata and William Hoshiyama.

A final building fund drive will be conducted shortly by Nisei members to raise the \$8,000 still needed for completion of the project.

Oxnard Council May Return Center to Use of JACL Group

OXNARD, Calif. — Use of the Seventh Street Recreation Center building by the Ventura County JACL will be considered by the City Council of Oxnard on March 7, according to Toby Otani, chapter president.

By resolution of the City Council in 1936, the JACL received a 20-year lease to the building and moved it to its present location. Following the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry, the building was taken over by the city for recreational activities.

When the Nisei residents returned to the city, the City Council refused to relinquish the use of the

building to the JACL even though second priority on its use would be offered to the recreational department by the JACL.

A JACL delegation led by Otani and attorney Roy Gustafson, together with Nao Takasugi, Tomio Yeto and Tadashi Tokuyama, appeared before the City Council on February 21, at which time they were assured a final decision as to the disposition of this property when the Council meets on March 7.

According to the Oxnard Press-Courier, the City Councilmen admitted that they had "at least a moral obligation" to return the building to the JACL.

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LARRY TAJIRI EDITOR

EDITORIAL:

Experiment in 'Interracial Living'

An experiment in interracial living to which we wish all success began in Palo Alto this week as construction began in the Paul Lawrence housing subdivision.

The subdivision is dedicated to interracial harmony and its first 23 homeowners are of Negro, Oriental and white ancestry.

It is indicative of our present thinking that such a project should be called "experimental." Most interracial neighborhoods today are the slum areas of big cities in which the minorities of race are kept apart from other districts.

The Paul Lawrence subdivision gives hope to our belief that the time is coming when people of all ancestries will live where they wish, in accordance with the democratic tenet that we are all free citizens in a free land.

Dillon Myer and the Record

We hope early correction will be made of a misstatement made at a recent House subcommittee meeting in which Dillon S. Myer, former head of the War Relocation Authority, was held responsible for the fact that millions of dollars of property were unnecessarily lost by the Japanese American evacuees.

Members of the House were said to have expressed great surprise that the agency responsible for the evacuation kept no record of evacuee holdings, and Rep. Cliff Clevenger asked the name of the "master mind in back of the expropriation of these millions of dollars of property from American citizens."

The name given in answer was that of Dillon S. Myer.

It is unfortunate that this misstatement of fact was not cleared up immediately.

The evacuation was carried out by the army and the agency under which it acted was the WCCA (War-time Civil Control Administration). It was carried out by Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, WCCA head, under orders from Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt.

The War Relocation Authority, a civilian agency, was created after the actual evacuation was begun. At the same time, its authority extended only to persons in the centers. Thus it had no control over the actual process of evacuation and none, thereby, regarding the personal holdings of the individuals at the time they were moved.

It must also be remembered that Dillon Myer was the second WRA administrator, the first being Milton Eisenhower, brother of Gen. Dwight Eisenhower. Myer is thus even farther removed from the scene of the alleged crime.

There is certainly room for criticism of the handling of evacuee property, but it should not be directed against the War Relocation Authority or its administrators.

The WRA made every possible effort to protect evacuee property, but by the time it had authority to act, much of the damage was done.

Reps. Clevenger and Stefan are correct in trying to establish that property holdings of the evacuees should have been recorded and protected. But we hope the blame will be placed where it belongs and not upon Dillon Myer who showed, as head of the relocation program, that he is an able administrator and a humanitarian.

The Star-Bulletin's Protest

It is unfortunate that Hawaiians have misunderstood a suggestion made by Mike Masaoka, ADC director, to Secretary of Interior Oscar Chapman that a person of Oriental ancestry be named to a federal judgeship now vacant in the territory.

The practice of making such requests is a common one here, and the action on Masaoka's part has raised no particular comment on the mainland.

Mr. Masaoka pointed out to Secy. Chapman that no person of Oriental ancestry had ever been named to this position in a territory where the large majority of the population is non-Caucasian.

The Honolulu Star-Bulletin, in an editorial on Feb. 28, and several Nisei have been quoted as objecting strenuously to Masaoka's suggestion.

Main theme of the Hawaiian protest is based upon the contention that race should not be a qualification for judgeship, a statement with which all persons would willingly agree. However, it might be pointed out that since no person of non-Caucasian ancestry has ever been named to this or any similar federal appointive position in Hawaii, it might thereby be concluded that race has been a qualification for this post. We are not willing to agree that there has never been an individual of non-white descent capable of filling such a post.

Nisei USA

False Prophet in California

The Yellow Peril mongers, once a powerful force in the affairs of the sovereign state of California, are now in virtual bankruptcy.

Now that William Randolph Hearst has abandoned anti-Japanese racism as a political, as well as a circulation-getting, tactic, the repository of Yellow Perilism has shifted from San Simeon and Wynnton, Hearst's two fortresses in the Golden State, to Holy City, a grotesque blot on the otherwise beautiful Santa Cruz mountains.

Holy City is a wide spot on the winding highway between San Jose and Santa Cruz. Its "mayor" is a character named William E. Riker, otherwise known as "Father" Riker, who is sometimes referred to as the leader of an obscure cult. Holy City itself is a collection of shoddy buildings, some decorated with lurid signs, which front the highway. Holy City's only perceivable revenue comes from the ice cream and soda pop it sells to tourists who stop to gaze upon this veritable nightmare in the green mountains.

The news from California this week, reported by Herbert L. Phillips, political writer for the McClatchy newspapers, is that "Father" Riker, a political throwback to the 19th century rantings of Dennis ("The Chinese Must Go") Kearney, is once again a candidate for governor.

"Father" Riker is not just an anti-Japanese racist, but an all-around bigot. He started running for state office back in 1938 and he has been a gubernatorial candidate in every election since that time. Although a registered Republican, he is disavowed by the GOP in the state, mainly because of his deliberate appeals to prejudice.

There was a time when racism, as exemplified by the Yellow Peril, was acceptable in California. Such well-known California political leaders as Hiram Johnson, James Phelan and Samuel Shortridge, who were respected nationally, made the anti-Japanese issue a regular feature of their campaigns. They, and other legislators like them, helped write the state and federal laws directed against the resident alien of Japanese ancestry which, nearly a generation later, are finally being invalidated through legislative and judicial action.

The average Californian no longer will accept racism as a political commodity. Appeals to prejudice, aimed at the evacuees of Japanese ancestry, failed to pay off in the 1942 and 1944 elections. In 1946 the voters of California defeated a measure which sought to make more drastic the provisions of the Alien Land law. In the 1948 elections no respectable candidate raised the "Japanese issue," the standby of racist opportunists for forty years. Now in 1950 only "Father" Riker is left to beat the tom-toms of hate.

"Father" Riker, who will enter both the GOP primaries against Gov. Earl Warren whom he probably considers a dangerous liberal and against James Roosevelt, whom he already has denounced as a "migrant foreigner," in the Democratic preliminaries. "Father" Riker, of course, will have no practical effect on the final result. It is even doubtful whether he will get even the crackpot vote. Even "Father" Riker must have no illusions about that.

The California elections, however, provide "Father" Riker with a wonderful opportunity to circularize the people of the state with his personal prejudices which, of course, is his right as a citizen of the democracy. He has already predicted that he will distribute at least 1,000,000 leaflets and other pieces of political literature throughout the state.

The Riker literature has a single theme: White Supremacy. His campaign for the 1950 campaign is based on a demand for the total segregation of all persons not of Caucasian ancestry in the state. He is calling for the invoking of the Jim Crow legislation of the Deep South to apply to all non-whites in California.

California's racial minorities, according to "Father" Riker, are responsible for any and all ills which beset the commonwealth. He advocates a program of "100 per cent segregation" and warns against

public officials who favor such things as civil rights for all and the FEPC. He also warns against "appeasing" these racial minorities.

Up to now "Father" Riker has been looked upon as a somewhat embarrassing pimple on the face of the commonwealth but otherwise of little importance. Herbert Phillips suggested in the Sacramento Bee last week that perhaps "Father" Riker may be underrated.

"The scope of his operations as a pamphleteer and the persistence with which he spreads propaganda denouncing practically all Californians except those of complete white ancestry have been underestimated somewhat, perhaps, over the last dozen years," says Mr. Phillips. "Riker's profusely illustrated pamphlets, bitterly attacking Negroes, Orientals and all other non-white elements of the California population, have been scattered all over the state as ostensible bids for gubernatorial votes ever since the campaign in which Democrat Culbert L. Olson unseated Republican Governor Frank F. Merriam."

Using the election campaign as his rostrum, the flood of propaganda continues to roll out of Holy City. A million pieces of political literature, mailed and distributed, cost a goodly sum, especially in these days of high printing and production costs. The receipts from the sales of soda pop and ice cream to gaping tourists cannot come close to sustaining such a propaganda campaign. It could be that the kingfish of Holy City has well-heeled backers, people who are interested in keeping racism a fac-

tor in California, even on the taut edge of a political campaign.

The California Nisei, having experienced mass exclusion and mass detention, know how harsh the effects of prejudice can be and they will look with some uneasiness upon even such an insignificant political aspirant as "Father" Riker whose intention is to sell race prejudice in wholesale lots to the California voter. Despite his insignificance "Father" Riker has managed to get on the ballot in the last three gubernatorial elections so the false prophet of Holy City is by no means alone.

It may be that the Yellow Peril movement has reached its nadir in William E. Riker and Holy City will become its ultimate graveyard. In its present state it is short of any pretensions of respectability, an anachronism in an improving world.

Committee Chairmen Named by Chapter

LOS ANGELES — Committee chairmen for the East Los Angeles JACL have been announced as follows: Anson Fujioka, program; Sakae Ishihara, legislation; Maru Miyata, planning; Meiko Djo, reception; Barbara Akasaka, refreshments; Jerry Endo, membership; and Aki Tashiro, publicity.

The chapter is led by Lynn Takagaki, president, and the following: Ruth Yamasaki 1st vice pres.; Margaret Takahashi 2nd vice pres.; Ritsuko Kawakami 3rd vice pres.; Tami Matsumoto rec. sec.; George Akasaka treas.; and Mary Ochiai and Janet Tobo co-secretary-treasurers.

Installed in office with Pres. Takagaki were Charles Nagashima 1st vice pres.; Bill Utsunomiya 2nd vice pres.; Roy Yamamoto 3rd vice pres.; Martha Fujio, rec. sec.; Mary Kawano, corr. sec.; Yasuo Nayematsu, treas.; Yuki Nayematsu, reporter; and Chie Kataoka, historian.

MANNAHATTA

By Joe Oyama

New York City.

Korea's top-ranking music and dance artists are now here. Object: to introduce, en masse, Korea's top professional artists to the American public.

Among those here are: Miss Cha-Kyung Kim, Korea's outstanding soprano now studying at the Juilliard school of music and preparing for her first American recital at Carnegie hall on May 5.

Dancers Taik Won Cho and Miss Sun Young Kim. Cho is the leading Korean dancer and choreographer and also chairman of the Korean National Dance Association.

And Kisun Yun, piano prodigy.

Their first music and dance program was held recently at Times hall under sponsorship of the Korean Students Association of Eastern North America.

In Brooklyn

An exhibition "illustrative of the taste and culture of the urban middle class of Japan in the period from the early seventeenth century to the middle of the nineteenth century," according to the New York Times, is now showing at the Brooklyn museum.

The exhibit will run through May 26. Included are color prints from Sharaku, Kiyonobu and others, as well as robes, lacquer boxes and other material from the museum's collection.

Tom "Two Feathers"

A friend of ours and about the oldest American in this neighborhood (his ancestry dates back before the Mayflower), Tom Dorsey (or Tom "Two Feathers") is sponsoring a tempura painting exhibit of Indian dances and games. Iroquois Dorsey, besides being a painter, also dances, tells stories and is an author and recorder of Indian folklore.

The exhibit is at the Prang Educational Center, 1185 Amsterdam ave., 9-5 Monday through Friday, 10-1 on Saturdays, through March 4.

Provincial Notes

The two Sansei children in NBC's recent telecast of "Madame Butterfly," in which Tomi Kanazawa had the lead, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Toyota, formerly of San Francisco. . . . Yuki Sawa, formerly of Los Angeles, has just signed a contract to sing at the Hotel Commodore, specializing in blues and Hawaiian numbers. Yuki is unique in that she sings professionally under her own name. . . . Linda Kinoshita,

local fashion designer who went to London for a three-month vacation, ended up by spending a year and a half in England, Italy and Paris. She studied oils in Paris.

Belated, but still news: Han Kawai, instructor in English at Keisen Girls school in Tokyo, now studying American literature at Bryn Mawr as an exchange scholarship student, was guest of honor at a party held by Florence Takeo Nogaki of Bergenfield, N.J. Films taken at the International Women's League for Peace in Europe by Shizu Yamaguchi were shown. Among the guests were Sachi Doi and Mary Kusuda who were students of Miss Kawai at Keisen, Yuri Noma, Yuki Masuo, Julia Kuwahara, Margaret and John Iwatsu. . . . Twelve top-ranking Japanese newspapermen (one woman included) are now attending an orientation course on American journalism at Columbia university and should be here for another two months or so.

Strictly on the commercial side: The Great Togo and Hata were in New York recently. The New York Herald-Tribune publicized Togo as the great Korean wrestler. Togo's manager made the rounds of Japanese art stores in this city looking for an authentic Japanese kimono for street wear.

Pan Pacific Co., incorporated recently in New Jersey, has Bob Lee of Washington, D.C. among its members. The company has just received distributor rights for the release of United Artists films in Japan. . . . Pasadena's former society photographer, Midori Shimoda, now has his studio at 143 40th st. in New York City. . . . Specializing in carnations, Frank Ohye, formerly of Hollywood, operates three greenhouses in Milltown, N.J., where he has lived for the past seven years. A member of the New Jersey Horticulture Society, he is also an active member of the Metropolitan Growers Club, N.Y.

Manager of product planning at the General Electric plant in Bloomfield, N.J., is George K. Iwasaki of Hawaii. . . . Kazuo Mihara, formerly of Los Angeles, is with the engineering department of the Reelax Manufacturing Co., maker of electrical and electronic parts in Buffalo, N.Y. . . . M. Archie Himishima, formerly of San Francisco, is president of the newly-formed Anchor International Co., Inc., specialists in Japanese trade, at Pearl st., New York City.

MINORITY WEEK

Victory in Portland

There ought to be a law, people always say when they hear of injustice.

Now Portland has one. From now on it will be against the law in Portland, Ore., to refuse service because of race, color or religion to patrons of restaurants, hotels, hospitals, skating rinks and other public facilities.

The city council passed the law by unanimous vote, which was followed by a standing ovation from 350 persons who jammed the council chambers. The law makes Portland the second U.S. city with a civil rights law. Philadelphia is the only other city with a similar ordinance.

High Price of Prejudice

If you think the price of living is high, take a look at the high cost of prejudice.

The bill, to U.S. taxpayers, for the privilege of prejudice is more than \$6,000,000,000 a year, according to Frederick O'Neal, head of the American Negro Theater and the Negro Guild of New York.

O'Neal says that's what it costs America to maintain dual systems for schools, transportation, housing, hospital, voting and sanitary systems.

The actor would like to interest some Hollywood producer in filming a documentary movie pointing out that prejudice hits the American pocketbook, and hard. It might be the most effective way of getting the people to realize prejudice is something we cannot afford to keep around.

Quickie

"In our country today, and in the south in particular, our human resources, both black and white, are being recklessly squandered in interracial conflict, in prejudices and animosities among two groups of citizens—Americans all—which prevent that unity of purpose and that cooperative effort which alone could insure the full realization of the nation's potential in its human resources."—Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, director, United Nations trusteeship division.

Apology

A Negro boxer has been excluded from a boxing meet between the University of Minnesota and the University of Miami, but, for what comfort it provides, he knows that his case was strongly supported by his governor and university president.

Pres. James L. Morrill of the University of Minnesota made a public apology last week to William McMoore because he was not taken along with his teammates for a match in Miami.

Pres. Morrill said the university will no longer approve any competition barring a student because of his race. The action was a "breach of university policy," he said.

Pres. Morrill's statement was made after he was informed of the incident by Gov. Luther Youngdahl. Gov. Youngdahl urged that the meet be cancelled unless it could be held without racial discrimination.

"I protest with all my being that our great university should ever in any way be a party to such an intolerable policy," said the governor.

Civil Liberties Foundation

A civil liberties foundation to encourage the study of civil liberties in universities will be established soon in honor of Roger N. Baldwin, retired director of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The ACLU will seek to raise a fund of \$25,000, which will be used to provide scholarships for foreign students and for American students preparing for international civil rights work. The foundation will also sponsor civil rights lectures at colleges and universities.

Contributors are asked to send donations to Arthur Garfield Hays, Roger N. Baldwin Civil Liberties Foundation, 8 West 40th St., New York City.

Whose Loss?

Margaret Webster's Shakespearean repertory company lost a booking recently at Northwestern State college in Natchitoches, La., because her cast included two Negro actors. The college learned that the Negroes were in the cast prior to the scheduled engagement and asked Miss Webster to leave them out of the production.

Miss Webster replied that they were "the best possible actors for the particular parts" and would remain in the cast.

The school cancelled the contract. "I have the feeling that the college authorities have imposed their prejudices upon the students..." Miss Webster said, "and that this may well be a case where the students are not going through the college but the college is going through the students."

"I do not think the good citizens of the south will approve the action of this college," Miss Webster said, "for they know that there is one thing more expensive than education and that is ignorance."

Hate Group

Hate groups aren't restricted to the south by any means.

The state of Illinois recently moved to eliminate the White Circle League of America, Inc., on grounds that it disseminates "inflammatory literature" against the Negro race.

The Illinois attorney general has filed suit in circuit court asking dissolution of the organization, which was incorporated in November of last year. The White Circle League has spread "scurrilous" literature through the city, county and state, Atty. Gen. Elliot said.

Evacuee Claims, Indian Style

A long time ago an Indian woman whose ancestors had lost their land to the U.S. government said to her son, "One day George, you get it back."

Her son, George Bundy Wasson, has spent most of his adult life "getting it back."

It appears that a century ago white settlers in Oregon coveted territory belonging to four Indian tribes in Oregon coastal areas. The tribespeople were prosperous, self-sufficient. But the new settlers, pouring into the territory, pushed them farther and farther westward. Finally the Indians agreed to give up their land and move into a reservation. An agreement, signed with Gen. Joel Palmer, stipulated that they would be paid adequately for giving up their property.

The agreement was not recognized by the U.S. Senate. And in the 95 years since its signing, the Indians have pressed for payment. Wasson was one of the individuals most responsible for building up their case and digging up evidence.

A few weeks ago the Indians' claim was recognized by the United States court of claims. It ruled that the survivors of those tribes, who number perhaps 1500 persons in all, should receive \$16,500,000. The Indians lost 2,770,000 acres of land. This was assessed

Bill Hosokawa:

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Officials from Post War Nippon

Denver, Colo.

One night this week we attended a dinner for four Japanese foreign office officials. They were en route home after spending some weeks in Washington arranging details of the agreement under which Japan is to open non-diplomatic consular offices in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Honolulu.

It was an informal affair, and revealing in many ways of the change for the better that has come over Japan's foreign service. The three younger members of the mission are clean-cut individuals who speak English as fluently as most Nisei and, incidentally, with a great deal more polish than many of our own. They are a far cry from the pompos and sometimes arrogant foreign service officials that Tokyo often sent to this country before the war.

The outlook of these visitors was most interesting. They were not here as the sniveling, deprecating apologists for a beaten nation. (Some postwar visitors from Japan, unfortunately, have adopted this role). Nor were they playing the part of bland emissaries who already have forgotten the bitter hatred that arose from the Pacific war and the excesses of the Japanese military. The four were here striving earnestly to set up a mechanism by which the welfare of the two countries could be furthered. That was their mission, and they were out to accomplish it with an enthusiasm born of a sincere desire to cooperate with the United States.

Katsumi Ohno, director of the bureau of political affairs, Japanese foreign office, is senior member of the mission. He was third secretary at the Japanese embassy in Washington just prior to Pearl Harbor, and he remembered with a wry smile that those were difficult times.

"I am convinced," Ohno told me, "that Japan's destiny is linked irrevocably with the United States. Perhaps it was foreordained. We must cooperate."

Some Japanese elements, he said, want to follow a strictly neutral policy of the Swedish pattern. But Ohno contends that is impossible so long as Japan is economically and militarily feeble, with all Asia in unrest, with her own internal affairs still in ferment.

Ohno minimized the danger of Communism in Japan. The Japanese, he said, have a deep-rooted hatred of Communism and they will spurn it short of starvation. There is less fear of Communism in Japan than there is in the United States, he observed.

Ohno said he noticed a more adult view throughout the United States on race relations, especially as they applied to the Japanese.

Another member of the mission is Jun Tsuchiya, one of the most promising young men of the foreign service when we met him a decade ago. For most of the war, he was stationed in neutral Stockholm, Sweden, where he lived in the midst of plenty. But there was one catch: his family was in Tokyo, and he was out of all touch with them. Long after the war, when he was able to return home, he found his wife and children unharmed, but their home destroyed in an air raid.

We exchanged reminiscences with Tsuchiya and caught up with the news regarding mutual friends. Outside of ever-present economic hardships, he said, most of our acquaintances are doing well, largely because of their ability to read, write and speak English. Japanese salaries are inadequate to cover simple living costs, so many individuals are supplementing incomes by translating, interpreting, letter-writing, typing. But generally, he said, they had made a remarkable comeback from the depths of immediate postwar confusion.

Vagaries

Issei . . .

The New York Times magazine's crossword puzzle for Feb. 26 asks for a five-letter word meaning "alien resident of the U.S." . . . Nisei Vue, the Chicago photo quarterly, is suspending publication . . . Reason for the concern of Hawaiian veterans of the 442nd Combat Team regarding MGM's "Go for Broke" was that a news agency report regarding the film gave the impression the story would use only mainland Nisei . . . Incidentally, it will be many months before any casting is done on roles for "Go for Broke."

Show Business . . .

Kono, who is making her New York night club debut at Leon & Endie's on Manhattan's 52nd Street, is a niece of Mrs. Ko Ashikaga who was one of the big names in vaudeville in the Roaring Twenties when she made \$2,000 a week, tops for a song and dance single . . . Bandwagon, the attractive monthly magazine of the New York Nisei Progressives, may soon get a new offset format . . . Mine Okubo will return to the University of California at Berkeley this summer to teach art . . . Karie Shindo, now singing in Hawaii, has an offer to do a picture in Japan. She made her screen debut singing "These Foolish Things" in Japanese in "Tokyo Joe."

Film Star . . .

Kinuyo Tanaka, whose popularity in Japan zoomed as a result of publicity on her recent trip to Japan when she hobnobbed with Hollywood stars, formed her own motion picture company to avoid the embarrassment of a tug-of-war between two of Japan's leading film companies, Shochiku and Shintoho, over her services. Miss Tanaka promptly announced she would make a picture about the 442nd Combat Team based on Larry Sakamoto's book, "Hawaii's Own." The picture probably will have the backing of the Matsuo theatrical interests in Hawaii which backed her mainland tour . . . Before she broke with Shochiku, that studio was planning to star her in a remake of her successful film of two decades ago, "Aizenkatsura" which the Kyodo news agency described recently as a "tear-jerker that wowed prewar Japan's movie fans into a pro-war mood." The

at a value of \$1 per acre (1855 value). Most of the money represents interest accumulating since that time on value of the land.

It's expected that each Indian eligible will receive about \$10,000 as his share. Most of them now live in small settlements or isolated farms on the Oregon coast range foothills. They are, most of them, in great poverty. The new ruling may help them become proud, self-sustaining people again. The money will help them buy the ordinary necessities of life.

They are grateful to George Bundy Wasson, who heeded his good mother's words.

From the Side of the Hill

Should Nisei Take Active Role In Democratization of Japan?

By I. H. GORDON

Washington, D. C.

Is there any reason why a Nisei should, because of his background, take an active interest in building democracy in Japan?

This is one of those complex and ticklish questions not resolved by either a flippant, nor a simple reply. It is a question coming much more to the fore today than at any period since the end of the war.

With the passage of time, there is a feeling in America akin to hope that in Japan the United States has found another ally in the brotherhood of democracies. There is more of an air of goodwill towards Japan today than there probably has been since Perry first broke through the feudal walls built around that storied land by the dying shogunate.

Increasing numbers of Japanese are coming to the United States to study democracy at first hand.

Did Boston city council members act the fools towards a group of Diet members? Well, the Senate and the House of Representatives extended a rising ovation to them.

The fears and suspicions of the war days and the immediate postwar years are slowly precipitating out of the air.

Thus, one no longer is viewed as suspect should he speak a good word for Japan.

During the war, in 1946, even as late as 1948 it was a comparatively simple matter for the JACL as

a body politic, to reject any program that even indicated concern with Japan as a nation. The organization was, and is, as the emphasis indicates, the Japanese AMERICAN CITIZENS League, with a cross-emphasis, understood, upon JAPANESE AMERICAN Citizens League.

Today, the popular feeling towards Japan has shifted. And with it has come a concern that what once was a partly correct policy is in need of general review and re-evaluation.

There are, of course, arguments pro and con as to whether the JACL, as an organization, should take cognizance of Japan's future in the world; of the need, because of background racial identification, for the JACL to play, in its own way, a vigorous role in the modern U.S. foreign program of extending democracy as an answer to the totalitarian conquests of Communism by pushing democratic concepts in Japan. This is, after all, not an unpopular policy. The American government is doing it.

By extension, the same ration-cination can be applied to the individual Nisei.

More is to be argued along these lines.

In the broadest sense, a Nisei, as an American of Russian, English, French, Aztec, Semitic, Indian or Norwegian ancestry, is but a citizen of this land. As such, he is obligated neither more nor less than anyone else to push democracy in any particular country.

It is much to his advantage to have freedom in Germany as it is to the German Americans in Milwaukee.

Nevertheless, it cannot be ignored that as those of European ancestry are closer allied to Europe than to Asia, so, too, those of Asiatic ancestry find it easier to look towards and understand Asia than Europe; even as it is true that Negroes, especially in the South, are much more sympathetic to the problems of Negroes in South Africa than are descendants of French Canadians in the Pacific Northwest.

But should either the Nisei, as an individual, or his organization fight to carry democracy to Japan? This is a question still unresolved.

Scene Magazine Features Article On National JACL

The March issue of Scene magazine features an article on the National JACL, "The Record Speaks," by Larry Tajiri, editor of the Pacific Citizen.

The cover story, featuring dancer Yuriko Amemiya, is "Search of a Soul" by Eddie Shimano.

Bill Hosokawa also is represented in the issue with a feature on George Furuta, Denver's boniface.

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new version of "Aizenkatsura," however, was to have a U.S. occupation setting and Miss Tanaka's military lover was to have been a Nisei GI.

PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

Gunner Sumida Enrolls at Utah University

Herbert (Gunner) Sumida, one of the best Nisei basketball players ever developed in Hawaii, arrived in Salt Lake City last Saturday from Honolulu to register at the University of Utah. Fibber Hirayama got a triple in three times at bat as he opened the season behind the plate as the Fresno State College Bulldogs defeated Modesto JC, 7 to 6, last Saturday. Howard Zenimura, last year's varsity second baseman, is again in the Bulldog lineup. Joe Nishimoto, the University of Oregon's versatile merman, is undefeated so far this season in the freestyle and breaststroke events. Nishimoto also has been rewriting the collegiate recordbook in Pacific Northwest pools, establishing new marks in recent performances at Moscow, Pullman and Eugene. Nishimoto set a new northern division, Pacific Coast conference record in the 200-yard breaststroke on Feb. 25 when he negotiated the distance in 2:24.7s in a dual meet against the U. of Washington. Nishimoto is a favorite to win his share of Coast Conference laurels this season. One of UCLA's top sprinters this season is Bob Watanabe, probably the world's fastest Nisei. Watanabe is credited with having run the 100-yard dash in 9.6s and was the U.S. Army's Far Eastern champion in 1947. He was a member of the Army team which competed in the Olympic tryouts. Watanabe, a transfer from Detroit's Wayne University, was ineligible for Coast Conference competition last season but took part in several intramural meets at UCLA, establishing a new record in the century.

Wally Yonamine gave up certain stardom with the Yomiuri Giants of the Japanese Professional league in Tokyo to try out for Manager Lefty O'Doul's San Francisco Seals varsity. Richard Tomita, one of the place-winners for the U.S. in the Olympic Games weightlifting competition at London in 1948, is back in training for the 1952 Games in Finland. Hawaii's AJA All-Stars, defending champions, loom as strong favorites to repeat in the Intermountain invitational basketball tourney to be sponsored in Salt Lake City in March. Lefty Mas Kinoshita will pitch for the University of Southern California Trojans again this season. Kinoshita formerly was a standout hurler for Los Angeles City College. Coach Clint Evans of the UC Golden Bears will be watching the box-scores on Bill Nishita, the slender young pitching star of Santa Rosa JC this season. The Nisei southpaw, the best high school baseball prospect in Hawaii last year, is headed for Berkeley.

Jim Yokota Wins New Cage Laurels

James Yagi helped the University of Utah win the western division wrestling championship of the Skyline Six conference when he won the title in the 128-pound division, defeating Dick Phelps of BYU in the second round in the meet at Provo. Jittery Jim Yokota, rated by Auburn, Calif., fans as one of the best little cagers to ever play for Placer Union high school, was named to the tournament all-star team for the second straight year as the Placer Hillmen, undefeated in 12 league games this year, won the eighth annual Placer tournament on Feb. 25. Placer defeated Roseville, Calif., high school, 53 to 30, in the finals as Yokota scored 12 points. Vic Nakamoto, star forward, scored nine. Nakamoto scored 13 points, more than the entire opposing team, to take high point honors as Placer defeated Lincoln, Calif., high school, 42 to 12, in a preliminary round game. In the semi-finals, which Placer won, 30 to 21, over Folsom high, Yokota scored ten and Nakamoto five. Yokota has led the Placer team, rated among the best in Northern California, in scoring this year. He was named to the Sierra Foothill league all-star teams in 1948 and 1949 and is expected to win all-star honors for his third straight year.

Denver Keglers Get Hot in Salt Lake

Denver's Denargo Box team burned up the Temple alleys in Salt Lake City while en route to the National JACL tournament in San Francisco on Feb. 27. The Denver bowlers trounced Salt Lake's Okada Insurance in a special match game, hitting a scratch series of 2946, (1003, 972, 971) probably the best rolled by any Nisei team this year. Dr. Takashi Mayeda was high with 653 (239, 197, 217), while Shun Nakayama had a 611 and Hooch Okumura a 602. Frank Sahara had 573 including games of 215 and 211, while John Sakayama rolled a 507. Despite the restrictions imposed by the Un-American Bowling Congress, Nisei bowlers are participating in more and more local open tournaments. Last week George Sato of Pocatello hit 792 for four games to place fifth in the seventh annual Pocatello invitational scratch tournament. Japanese Canadians do as much bowling as Nisei in the United States but the game in Canada is five-pins. A perfect game is 450 and a 300 game corresponds roughly to a 200 game in ten-pins.

Tommy Umeda's Winning Streak Broken

The winning streak of Seattle's game featherweight, Tommy Umeda, was broken last Monday night when he lost to Jackie Turner of Vancouver, B.C. in a preliminary to the Ike Williams-John L. Davis bout. Bill Boni of the Seattle Times noted that the verdict to Turner was the evening's "most unpopular decision." One of the nation's top experts on chow dogs is Dr. James Nakada of Huntleigh Downs, Mo., who will judge the Pacific Northwest Chow Club's show in Seattle on Sunday. Herb Isono, University high's all-Western league star in Los Angeles, made the Los Angeles Daily News "high school hall of fame" last week. Isono had a 13.1 point per game average in league competition. He is also a star pitcher.

Ohye Wins Honor

LOS ANGELES—Henry Ohye, the first Nisei pilot in the United States to win a transport license, won high honors recently when he became a member of the Chevrolet Motor Division's 100-car club.

He received the 100-car club pin in a special presentation from Chad Gledhill, general sales manager of the Central Chevrolet Co., for establishing a sales record never before achieved by any Nisei salesman for Chevrolet.

Ohye, an active member of the JACL, was transportation chairman of the 1949 Nisei Week festival and also provided the official flag car for the Nisei Veterans association in supervising military

Zephyrs Hold Lead

The Salt Lake Zephyrs are assured of at least a tie for the championship of the Salt Lake JACL AA basketball league.

The Zephyrs, holding a one-game edge over Harlem AC, can sew up the title with a victory over American Fork on March 8. Harlem meets the Produce club in its final game.

Jimmy Miyasato, speedy Harlem shotmaker, leads the scorers with 85 points in seven games. The Centaurs, meanwhile, have sewed up the title in the Class A league.

burials for all Nisei war dead in Southern California.

Nisei Win Top Prizes in Coachella Open Tourney

INDIO, Calif.—Three local Nisei claimed the top three prizes in a valley-wide open bowling tournament held in conjunction with the Riverside County Fair, held during Feb. 17 to 22 in Indio.

Mack Nishimoto, with a 670 handicap and 574 scratch series, won first prize of \$50. Kengo Tanano, with a 666 score, captured the \$30 second place prize, and Hide Nishimoto, with a 665, won third. Nishimoto's 243 was high game for the entire tournament.

Salt Lake Team Wins Tourney in Idaho Falls

IDAHO FALLS, Ida.—The Salt Lake Zephyrs outshot the Idaho Falls JACL, 63 to 47, to win the annual three-day JACL invitational basketball tournament on Feb. 25 in the Ammon high school gym.

In an overtime game the Murray, Utah, Taiyos defeated the Ogden, Utah, YBA, 42 to 41, for the consolation title. The score was 38-all at the end of the regular playing time.

The Ogden team won the sportsmanship trophy.

Other teams in the tourney were the Montana JACL from Billings, Mont., the Pocatello JACL, from Rexburg, Idaho, and a Honeyville, Utah team.

The following players were named to the tournament all-star teams: Tosh Miya and Tad Hideshima, Salt Lake Zephyrs; Roy Yoshioka, Ogden; Shiro Ueda and Roy Kubosumi, Idaho Falls; Roy Miyasaka, Yellowstone; Gene Sato, Pocatello; Tom Akimoto, Murray; John Tanaka, Honeyville, and Yugo Nayematsu, Montana.

George Nukaya was general chairman of the tourney. Members of his committee included Charlie Hirai, Sadao Morishita, Leo Morishita, Dave Ueda, Mas Kuwana and Mrs. Martha Sakaguchi.

A dance was held following the tournament finals.

Sakada Optometrists Gain First Place Tie in Chicago Bowling

CHICAGO — The Sakada Optometrists surged into a first-place tie with Plaisance Cleaners at the end of the 25th week of play in the Chicago JACL bowling league on Feb. 22.

The Sakadas hit a 2805 series, including a 1034 game, to take all four points from Hyde Park Restaurant, while Plaisance was losing all four to Quality Cleaners despite D. Mizuno's 555 series.

The Nisei Vues, one game out of first place, also lost ground when they lost to Berns Store in an upset.

T. Omachi's 563 led Coed Beauty Shop to three points over O.T. Men's Wear. J. Eto had 564 for O.T.

Murakami & Sons defeated Jan Jan T. 3 to 1, while Tellone Beauty Salon beat Mark Twain by a similar margin.

Petite Cleaners trounced Wah Mee Loo by a 3 to 1 score.

Watson-Soo Keglers Hit 1055 Game on Caldwell Alleys

CALDWELL, Idaho — The high team game on record at Caldwell Bowl was rolled on Feb. 24 by the Watson-Soo team of Homedale, Idaho, who hit a 1055 in the Boise Valley JACL league. The Watson-Soo team had a 2834 scratch series.

Members of the Watson-Soo team are Jim Abe, Verlyn Dunne, Kay Inouye, Taka Kora, Tony Miyasako and Frank Tanikuni. All have averages between 160 and 169.

The scores:

Tanikun	210	196	166	572
Dunne	244	164	204	612
Inouye			141	141
Miyasako	194	178		372
Kora	197	205	203	605
Abe	210	180	142	532
	1055	923	856	2834

JACL Will Invite Bowlers In National Tourney to Join Fight Against ABC Race Bias

SAN FRANCISCO—Eighty teams, from as far west as Honolulu and as far east as Chicago, await the starting buzzer in the 4th annual National JACL bowling tournament at Downtown Bowl in San Francisco on March 4.

Fifty-eight men's teams and 22 women's squads are entered in the team events. Meanwhile, more than 400 bowlers will contest for individual laurels in singles and doubles events in the tourney which is jointly sponsored by the JACL chapter and the San Francisco Nisei bowling association, in conjunction with the National JACL.

Captains of teams participating in the tournament will also be invited to take steps to form a national bowling organization to cooperate with the National committee for Fair Play in Bowling, in which the National JACL has charter membership, in carrying forward the campaign against the discriminatory racial restrictions of the American Bowling Congress and the Women's International Bowling Congress. Bowlers of Japanese, Chinese, Korean and Caucasian ancestry are represented in

the JACL tournament.

With Los Angeles expected to issue an invitation, the team captains also will meet to decide on the site of the 1951 tournament. Bids for the national tourney must be made by a JACL chapter and tournament conditions drawn up by the National JACL will govern the event. The tournament was held for the past three years in Salt Lake City.

This year's tournament is the largest to date and prize money in the men's and women's events, including the singles sweepstakes, is expected to approximate \$5,500.

Hawaii Nisei Cagers, Enroute To Japan, Denied Permission To Play by National AAU

New York—The office of Secretary Dan Ferris of the U.S. Amateur Athletic Union said on Feb. 28 it has denied permission to Hawaii's Nisei all-star basketball team to play an eight-game schedule in Japan.

The Nisei team reportedly left for Japan on the night of Feb. 28 aboard the President Wilson from Honolulu without clearance from the American AAU.

The trip of the Nisei all-star team met with considerable opposition from the Hawaiian AAU on grounds that the departure would hamper the local season which is still under way. The Nisei team is made up of ten of the best players on the two leading teams in the Honolulu AAU league.

A spokesman for Ferris, now in Guatemala, declared in New York that "if the Hawaiians go to Japan anyhow, then the Japanese teams will be unable to play them."

The AAU official explained that a letter was written to Japanese AAU headquarters Feb. 20 explaining the situation and forbidding any Japanese AAU affiliated team to meet the Hawaiians.

The Nisei all-star team was scheduled to meet six teams in Tokyo, mostly university squads, and one in Nagoya and one in Osaka.

Another Hawaiian AJA all-star team is scheduled to visit the mainland later in March as defending champions in the annual Intermountain Nisei invitational tournament in Salt Lake City.

The team, now en route to Japan, includes several members of the team which won the 1949 title at Salt Lake City.

Takeo Yoshioka, president of the Hawaiian AAU, declared in Honolulu this week that the Nisei team probably will not fulfill its schedule because Japanese teams would not want to jeopardize their chances to return to international sports competition.

"Besides," Yoshioka said, "the Hawaiians would lose their AAU status by playing without clearance, but we feel it is even more important to safeguard Japan's position."

Name Nakamoto "Most Valuable" On Placer Team

AUBURN, Calif.—The Placer Union high school basketball team, undefeated champions of the Sierra Foothill league, on Feb. 28 voted Victor Nakamoto, a forward, the most valuable player on the 1949-1950 squad.

Four other regulars on the squad had made all-tournament teams earlier in the season, but the players selected Nakamoto as their man of the season.

Bob Sinnock and Jim Yokota both made the Grant and Placer all-tournament team. Max Salaiz made the Placer all-star team, while Gregg Colt won the trophy as the "best defensive player" on the Placer tourney squad.

Yokota was awarded the "most valuable player" award by the Placer team last season.

PILOT OF SEALS PRAISES BATTING OF NISEI STAR

EL CENTRO, Calif. — Manager Lefty O'Doul this week listed Wally Yonamine, former San Francisco 49er football player, as one of the most impressive rookies in camp.

The Nisei outfielder from Hawaii, a left-handed hitter, sparked a lengthy batting drill last Saturday by crashing out a string of line drives that caused O'Doul to observe:

"Wally has a perfect swing, and great power."

In the first game of the training camp season on Feb. 26 Yonamine further impressed by rapping out two clean singles.

New York Judge Withholds Decision On ABC Prejudice

NEW YORK — State Supreme Court Justice Samuel H. Hofstadter reserved decision on Feb. 27 on two motions involving a suit by the State Attorney General's office to oust the American Bowling Congress from New York on the grounds of racial discrimination. There was no oral argument.

In one motion the ABC asked Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein to "separately state and number" the issues raised in the complaint on the grounds that they are "confused and muddled."

The attorney general denied the accusation, asserting the move was designed only to delay proceedings.

Goldstein, in turn, asked the court to compel the bowling organization to serve its answer to his complaint within five days.

The complaint charged the congress with restrictive entries in leagues and tournament play sponsored by it to the "white male sex."

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BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Haruo Imura a boy, Ernest Sakayuki, on Feb. 22 in Alameda, Calif.
To Dr. and Mrs. Tokuji Hedani a girl, Barbara, on Feb. 19 in San Francisco.
To Dr. and Mrs. Wataru Sutow, formerly of Sandy, Utah, a boy, Edmund Keith, on Jan. 16 in Osaka, Japan.
To Mr. and Mrs. Masaru George Inouye a girl, Maureen Yuriko, on Feb. 14 in San Jose.
To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Uyeda, Loomis, Calif., a boy on Feb. 14.
To Mr. and Mrs. Seiichi Kataoka, Clarksburg, Calif., a boy on Feb. 15.
To Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tsuji a boy on Feb. 16 in Sacramento.
To Mr. and Mrs. Yokichi Iwafuchi a boy on Feb. 13 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tsuji a boy on Feb. 25 in Seattle.
To Mr. and Mrs. Yo Nakamura, Reedley, Calif., a boy, Kenneth Kiyoshi, on Feb. 18.
To Mr. and Mrs. Zintaku Hame-saki, Reedley, Calif., a girl on Feb. 20.
To Mr. and Mrs. Suguru Nakamura a girl, Alice Sachiko, on Feb. 7 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Masao Nakashima, East Whittier, Calif., a boy, Dale Scott, on Feb. 5.
To Mr. and Mrs. Zenichi Kambara a boy, Thomas, on Feb. 18 in Berkeley, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Teruo Kamato a girl, Kimberly, on Feb. 12 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Masakazu (Smoot) Katow a girl, Marilyn Donna, on Feb. 11 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Yamada a boy, Isao Byron, on Feb. 12 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Hayashi a girl, Betty Sue, on Feb. 13 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Jay Michio Takahashi, Torrance, Calif., a girl, Janice Marie, on Feb. 14.
To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Masuda, Walnut Grove, Calif., a girl on Feb. 8.
To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsui Hironaka a girl on Feb. 18 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Narumi Yoneda a boy, Kazuo John, on Feb. 15 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Uchida a girl, Christine Annette, on Feb. 16 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Eitaru Ogata a boy, Randall Akira, on Feb. 7 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Matsusho Shimabukuro a girl, Sallie Masako, on Feb. 7 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Shige Harada a girl on Feb. 23 in Los Angeles.

DEATHS

Yasukichi Nakagawa, 71, on Feb. 17 in Seattle.
Jimmy Ichiro Kihara, of North Delta, Colo., on Feb. 27.
Mrs. Niwa Minakami, 59, on Feb. 17 in Chicago.
Seikichi Hanashiro, 71, on Feb. 18 in Fresno.
Mrs. Hiko Shitara on Feb. 20 in Los Angeles.
Kuichi Muramoto, 65, on Feb. 22 in Arlington, Calif.
Osamu Ogawa on Feb. 21 in Buena Park, Calif.
Magotaro Ogasawara, 73, formerly of Sumner, Wash., on Feb. 23 in Twin Falls, Idaho.
Heishiro Nomura on Feb. 25 in Los Angeles.

MARRIAGES

Lily Yamada to Thomas Sakata on Feb. 18 in Watsonville, Calif.
Chiyoka Ishibashi to Satoshi Yamamoto on Feb. 12 in Chicago.
Mieko Hase of San Jose to Henry Kiyoi on Jan. 28 in San Lorenzo, Calif.
Takeko Natsumeda of San Pedro to Frank Yoshiteru Tanaka of Long Beach on Feb. 25 in Los Angeles.
Misao Nimura to Fred Yutaka Matsukawa of Lomita on Feb. 26 in Los Angeles.
Kiyoko Itaya to Masaji Eto on Feb. 26 in Los Angeles.
Sachi Maruyama to Roy Shibata on Feb. 26 in Denver.
Margaret Masako Yamada, Atwood, Colo., to Jack Miyasaki, Lafayette, Colo., on Feb. 26 in Denver.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Eiko Nakamura, 24, and James West, 31, in San Francisco.
Nina Araki, 24, and Matsuo Saru-

Chicago Membership Committee to Hold Box Lunch Social

CHICAGO—Dr. Frank Sakamoto, chairman of the Chicago JACL Chapter Membership Drive committee, announced that the committee will sponsor a box lunch social on Saturday evening, March 11, at the McCormick YWCA, 1001 N. Dearborn, Chicago.

"The cost of the contents for the box lunches should not exceed \$1 or \$1.50," stated Mrs. Betty Mura, box lunch social chairman, "and we urge all-out support by the general public."

Auctioneer Joe Sagami will get the bids for the box lunches rolling at 6:30 p.m. Dancing, games and cards are scheduled for the remainder of the evening. A fee of 25 cents will be charged to the men; ladies will be admitted free.

Nisei Will Sing At Memorial Concert For Folk Singer

LOS ANGELES—Earl Robinson and his inter-racial chorus, including three Nisei, will sponsor a Huddie "Leadbelly" Ledbetter Memorial Hootenanny on March 5 from 8 p.m. at Symphony Hall, 232 South Hill Street.

The chorus and its director recently appeared on Al Jarvis' television program over KLAS-TV. Nisei members are Tomi Fukuda, Sue Kunitomi and Yukie Fukuda.

Robinson, composer of "The House I Live In" and "Ballads For Americans," stressing the need for interracial understanding, believes that the universal language of music can help fight prejudices. He urges Nisei interested in music to join the chorus. Rehearsals are held every Friday evening at Symphony Hall from 8 p.m.

A special invitation has also been extended to the Nisei to attend the Hootenanny in which Meade Lux Lewis and Kitty White, popular entertainers, are participating. Proceeds from the program will go to the widow, Mrs. Martha Promise Ledbetter. The Negro ballad singer and composer died last year after a lengthy illness.

watari, 34, in Sacramento.
Florence T. Watanabe, 21, and Kiyokazu Sakayaki, 25, in Seattle.
Sumi Tsuriu, 22, and Kaun Onodera, 31, in Seattle.
Kumiyo Frances Nakamura, 29, Elk Grove, Calif., and Pete Hidetaka Kato, 30, Winters, in Sacramento.
Kikuye Horita, 20, Penryn, Calif., and William N. Hirohata, 27, Loomis, in Auburn, Calif.
Sally Sadako Watanabe, 24, and Mitsuru Miraoka, 32, in Sacramento.
Mary T. Tonomura, 24, San Francisco, and Harno M. Nishimura, 22, U. S. Army, in Seattle.

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Nisei Evacuee Finds Career In Famous New York Store

NEW YORK CITY—Among the many Nisei women who have found success lies in reversing the old adage, "Go west, young man, go west," is "Lee" Seo, only Nisei employee with Saks Fifth Avenue.

Now in her late twenties, she is one of many Nisei women who are doing well for themselves in their chosen careers. Many Nisei hold responsible positions in manufacturing companies, garment houses and department stores, having found that their opportunities lie in the east, where they can discover themselves as individuals.

Mrs. Seo, who is the wife of Joseph U. Seo, has made a success of not only her career, but also her homelife.

Mrs. Seo works in the out-of-town-shops department, supervising communications. Aside from

her busy career life, she finds time for professional modeling for artists and photographers. She is currently posing for Adolf Fassbender, one of the nation's foremost photographers. Painters like Alice Arvine and Second Jackle and commercial artists, including Anna Wilson, have used Mrs. Seo as a subject.

Mrs. Seo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred I. Kokubu, graduated from Lincoln high school in Portland, Ore., with high honors. She was awarded scholarships to Linfield college at McMinnville, Ore., and to Multnomah college, Portland.

She majored in dietetics and worked in that field for several years prior to the war. The war interrupted her work and she came to the east.

JACL, Resettlers Open Drive For Registration of Voters

CHICAGO — The Chicago Resettlers Committee and the local JACL chapter are working together to stimulate interest and a sense of responsibility among the eligible Nisei to register to vote in the April primaries.

Abe Hagiwara of the Resettlers Committee emphasized the program will be educational, not political. The city-wide educational campaign will be aimed to reach organizations and groups. Literature is being prepared for distribution to these groups.

"A more positive effort is needed to assure Nisei participation," Hagiwara said, "because of the lack of political participation among the Issei, which is caused by the country's naturalization laws."

A community spot survey will be taken to see what percentage of Nisei are registered. Another survey will be taken following the program.

Wiley Higuchi, chairman of the Chicago JACL chapter's Community Affairs Committee, has already initiated the campaign to set up registration teams in every precinct and ward in which there is a Japanese American community.

"The only legitimate and democratic way in which we can pay off the congressmen and aldermen who have been considerate of our demands is to vote for them at election time," said Higuchi. "It is absolutely imperative that the Nisei register and exercise their franchise."

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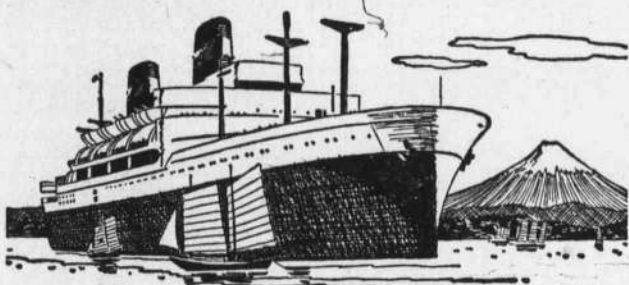
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Beach Hotel Will Be Site of Southwest Meet

Fifteen Chapters Will Send Delegates To Regional Parley

LOS ANGELES—"Where Pico Boulevard meets the sea"—the Chase Hotel—was named the site of the 1950 Pacific Southwest District JACL Council convention on July 1 and 2.

Convention Chairman Bill Takei notified the 15 JACL chapters of the Southern California and Arizona region this week that the convention site was selected and that the affair would be held the first weekend of July. The four Los Angeles chapters serve as hosts.

Ample facilities of the popular Santa Monica hotel were pointed out by Dr. Tom Watanabe and Elmer Uchida, general arrangements committeemen, to include the grand ballroom, which will be the scene of the banquet and coronation dance on Saturday night of the convention, the Garden Room, the Arabian Room and the Tudor Room for business sessions, and a swimming pool and parking lot for use of conventioners.

Lancaster Completes ADC Fund Drive

LANCASTER, Calif.—The first community in the Pacific Southwest to complete its 1950 ADC drive is Lancaster, the Southern California JACL regional office announced this week. Sensaku Uyeda served as chairman of the drive which raised \$235, surpassing their goal of \$200 by \$35. Last year the Lancaster ADC goal of \$250 was surpassed by \$37. Fourteen ADC supporters from Lancaster, Rosamond and Palmdale participated in the campaign.

Victory Dance

A victory dance will climax the 15th annual Intermountain Nisei invitational basketball tournament being held in Salt Lake City March 23 to 25.

The dance will follow the championship game on the final day of the tourney. Bob Gray, his guitar and orchestra will be featured.

The tournament queen will present approximately 25 trophies to winners of team and individual honors during the dance intermission.

Square Dancing

MURRAY, Utah—Square dancing featured the last meeting of the Mt. Olympus JACL at the Murray youth center, with the Rev. Clifford Nakagawa and Skip Tebata as instructors.

Selection of Marie Akagi as queen representative for the Murray Taiyos at the coming JACL Intermountain basketball tournament was announced.

Convention Personalities:

MARI SABUSAWA

Says Nisei Must Become Politically, Socially Conscious

By CHIZU IYAMA

Chicago Interviewing Mari Sabusawa was going to be a pleasure, I decided, when Mari, clad in casual slacks and sweater, opened the door and graciously led me into her apartment.

For Mari, who is chairman of public relations for the 1950 JACL national convention, is articulate and interesting as well as attractive—a "natural" for a personality sketch.

She has a deeply inquisitive nature, often reversing the role of the interviewer by asking all kinds of questions. One can't be in the room for five minutes with Mari without realizing that here is a woman with wide horizons, looking beyond the hub of personal affairs, interested in events that happen in other countries to other people.

"Tell us about yourself," we asked bluntly of this young lady who, even in slacks, looked like something out of Mademoiselle.

"Well," replied Mari with a twinkle in her eye, "I haven't really done anything interesting. I was born in Colorado, moved to Los Angeles, went to Poly high—oh yes, that's the second largest high school in the country." She grinned. "I guess that's not important."

"Then came the war," she continued, "and as I worked with the WCCA, I began to realize the tragedy that befell many Issei with the evacuation."

A scholarship to Antioch opened a new world of ideas to Mari.

"You know that Antioch, with a work-study plan, was established by Horace Mann as a 'laboratory of democracy.' Give Antioch a plug—it's a wonderful school."

"What made you active in the JACL?" we asked. Mari was the first woman president of the Chicago JACL and the first woman elected an officer of the National JACL board. (She is national secretary.)

Spring Fantasy

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—For the third successive year, Puella Societa will sponsor its "Spring Fantasy" dance, this year on May 6 at the Odd Fellows temple.

Dick James' orchestra will play for the semi-formal event.

Betty Morita and Chickie Iwamoto will be co-chairmen. They will be assisted by the following committee chairmen: Rose Asoo, bids and program; Yoshiko Moriya, posters; Keiko Uyeno and Sadako Hori, decorations; Frances Iida, refreshments; Chizu Ishida, cloakroom. Mary Morita, Puella president, will be mistress of ceremonies.

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"Well, as a Nisei interested in minority group problems, it's only natural that I joined the organization; in fact, I was an associate member before the war. Incidentally, I won an oratorical contest in 1941. Gosh, I wonder what I talked about. I only recall one 'dramatic' phrase about 'Roosevelt gave a clarion call to the people.'" She laughed.

"What is the biggest problem facing the Nisei today?" I asked the \$64 question.

Without batting an eyelash, she exclaimed, "The employment situation is getting bad. The cooperation between the USES and the JACL is a small but important step in helping Nisei find jobs appropriate to their skills. But the Nisei are not the only ones affected by unemployment, and it would be better if we can think of ourselves as members of a larger community and participate in the organizations that will better that community. We've got to become more politically and socially conscious."

"We've had enough of the 'profound,'" I suggested, "how about something with human interest."

"I collect Indian head pennies," she retorted. "Oh yes, tell your readers that I would welcome any Indian head pennies they can send my way."

"What are the qualities you like in a man?" we wondered, as Mari is a most eligible young woman.

She lowered her eyes in an exaggerated manner, then said, "Why, d'you know that all the members of the executive board are married but me? But don't put that down. But seriously, I think that intelligence is very important. Then, he must have character—I don't like spineless men. A sense of humor is essential, and he should be sincere and kind. He must not be a Babbitt. But I sure don't ask for much," she chuckled.

But Mari is not all "sweetness and light." She is sharp and clear in her thinking, and frank to the point of bluntness, an anathema to those who believe in male superiority. She is poised and articulate, definite assets in her job as chairman of public relations for the national convention. She loves the theater, reads avidly, is an inveterate concert-goer. She belongs to the Urban League and the NAACP, among other organizations.

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Chicago JACL Plans to File Brief Supporting State Suit Against Bowling Discrimination

CHICAGO—An amicus curiae brief supporting the State of Illinois' suit against the American Bowling Congress will be filed by the Chicago JACL chapter, Harold R. Gordon, Chairman of the local chapter's legislative committee, reported this week.

Gordon, who is also the 1000 Club chairman for the Midwest area, has been conferring with Melvin Wingersky, assistant state's attorney, regarding the nature and scope of the discriminatory policy as it affects Americans of Asian descent; namely, Filipinos, Chinese and Japanese Americans.

Public Invited To Meeting on Evacuee Claims

LOS ANGELES—A public report on progress on evacuation claims will be given March 8 at the Tenrikyo building, 2727 East First st., beginning at 8 p.m.

William Palmer, head of the evacuee claims office in Los Angeles, will discuss the payment program.

The ADC and the alien land law will also be discussed. Frank Chuman, attorney, will speak on the alien land act and Tats Kushida, local representative of the JACL ADC, will discuss the Anti-Discrimination Committee. Speeches will also be given in Japanese.

The public is urged to attend the meeting.

Koyama Installed As Chapter Prexy

LAUREL, Mont.—Tom Koyama, president of the Montana JACL, and other cabinet members were installed in office Feb. 21 in a ceremony at the IOOF hall in Laurel.

Roy Takeno, regional JACL director from Denver, administered the oath of office.

George Kawamoto was general chairman for the meeting and Charles Kataoka was master of ceremonies for the entertainment program, which included musical numbers and recitations.

Pres. Koyama presented chapter awards to Dorothy Fujio, senior at Laurel high school, for winning a recent nationwide book-keeping contest, and to Lillian Kawamoto, fifth grade student in Hardin, for winning first place in an essay contest.

Engagement

CHICAGO—Mrs. Tsuruyo Sawada announced the engagement of her daughter, Midori, to Fred Ohi, son of Mrs. Fusano Ohi, at a recent dinner.

Miss Sawada attended Wm. Penn college and is a graduate of Selan school of beauty culture. She is employed by the Phil Gordon advertising agency.

Mr. Ohi graduated from Santa Monica junior college and has attended Northwestern university. At present he is with the production office of the Regensteiner Corp. He was formerly public relations chairman of the First Baptist church YP Fellowship.

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inatory policy as it affects Americans of Asian descent; namely, Filipinos, Chinese and Japanese Americans.

James Kozuma, chairman of the Nisei Bowling league sponsored by the Chicago JACL chapter, has also participated with Harold Gordon in informing Mr. Wingersky about specific cases of discrimination. Kozuma is now securing the names of individuals who regularly bowl on company teams and whose teams were informed that they would not be eligible to participate in ABC sanctioned tournaments so long as they contained any personnel except "white males."

"We are attempting to show that the contention of the ABC," said Gordon, "that they are a private fraternal organization with the right to choose their own members, is untenable since the American Bowling Congress has a monopoly on the local bowling alleys."

Similar action has already been taken in two other states.

Wakasugi to Head San Luis Chapter

ALAMOSA, Colo.—Francis Wakasugi is the 1950 president of the San Luis Valley JACL, following recent elections.

Other cabinet members are Roy Inouye, vice pres.; Mrs. Mable Yoshizaki, corr. sec.; Mrs. Y. Yoshizaki and Shig Nozawa, social chairman; S. Yoritomo, Joe Uemura, George Nishikawa, Charley Hayashida, Kiyoshi Katsumoto and Horace Aigaki, members at large.

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