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## Court Declares Alien Land Law Invalid



Three of the principals in the Masaoka test case are shown discussing the issues involved with Attorney Saburo Kido of Los Angeles

(right). They are Mrs. Haruye Masaoka, Mike M. Masaoka and Joe Grant Masaoka.—Photo courtesy of Toyo Miyatake studio, Los Angeles.

### Superior Court Judge Rules California Statue Illegal in Masaoka Family Test Case

LOS ANGELES—California's 37-year-old Alien Land law was declared unconstitutional by Superior Court Judge Thurmond Clarke on March 16 in the Masaoka test case.

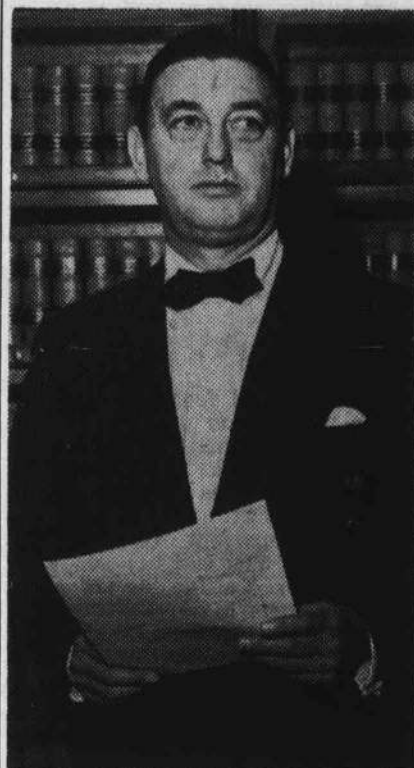
Judge Clarke's opinion, brushing aside legal precedence and enactments established during the 37 years in which the Alien Land Act has been in force in the state, was presented in a two paragraph memorandum decision. He declared the Alien Land law to be "directed against persons of Japanese ancestry solely because of race" and to be in direct violation of the 14th Amendment.

The case, involving the efforts of citizen sons to buy a home for their Japanese alien mother in California, was heard on the Superior court's short cause calendar before Judge Clarke on March 13.

It is believed that attorneys for the Masaoka family may move to take the case directly to the State Supreme Court on the ground that a constitutional question is involved.

Judge Clarke, whose lower court decision ruling racially restrictive covenants in real estate unconstitutional was lately upheld by the Supreme Court, declared in his Masaoka case decision:

"This case involves the constitutionality of the California Alien Land law. The facts are simple. Five Americans of Japanese ancestry seek to make a gift of a home to their widowed mother who was born in Japan but who has lived in the United States continuously since 1905. Five of her six sons served in the United States army in World War II. One of them was killed in action in France and the other four were all wounded, two seriously. The sons proposed to pay for the home partially through disability benefits received through the government. There can be no question of the loyalty of the plaintiffs to the United States. Nonetheless, under the terms of the Alien Land law, these sons may not make a gift of land to their mother; indeed, if the law is valid, the mother loses her home and her sons their investment because it escheats to the state. (Section VIII, California Alien



Judge Thurmond Clarke of Los Angeles Superior Court is shown reading over his decision of March 16 invalidating the California Alien Land law in the Masaoka test case.—Photo by Toyo Miyatake studio, Los Angeles.

Land law). Plaintiffs seek to quiet title to the land to prevent that escheat.

"I am satisfied that the alien land law is directed against persons of Japanese ancestry solely because of race. It is clear that

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### American Bowling Congress Will Recommend Removal Of "White Males Only" Ruling

Milwaukee Journal Reports Rules Committee Will Suggest Discriminatory Membership Provisions Be Dropped at Columbus Meeting

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—The American Bowling Congress' rules committee will recommend removal of the "white males only" membership restriction from the ABC constitution, the Milwaukee Journal reported on March 15.

The Journal said the recommendation will be made at the ABC convention in Columbus, Ohio, May 9 to 13.

The Journal said it had learned the rules committee met in Milwaukee two weeks ago and "voted to recommend all reference to 'white' race be stricken from the constitution and by-laws."

The matter of membership eligibility, the Journal added, "will be turned over to the leagues, with each league to have the power to decide whom it would accept as a member."

The ABC's constitution currently restricts membership to "male Caucasians."

Court cases challenging the ABC's discriminatory policy are now pending in Wisconsin, New York and Illinois. It also has been reported that suits may be filed against the ABC in Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Ohio and California. The Journal has criticized the ABC's race policy in editorials published on Jan. 30 and Feb. 3.

### President Okada Hails Decision In Masaoka Case

Hito Okada, national president of the JACL and chairman of JACL ADC, this week hailed the decision of Superior Court Judge Thurmond Clarke in the Masaoka test case on the California Alien Land law and said that "it presents the California statute in its proper perspective as an instrument of racial discrimination and intimidation against persons of Japanese ancestry in the state."

Mr. Okada said that the JACL has supported the Masaoka case as a means of bringing about a direct challenge of the constitutional issues involved in the California law.

### Tule Renunciant Regains U. S. Citizen Rights

LOS ANGELES—Yukiko Nakanishi became a full American citizen again this week despite renunciation of her citizenship while at the Tule Lake relocation center.

Her American status was restored by Federal Judge Leon R. Yankwich.

In ordering her citizenship restored, Judge Yankwich made her the second Tule Lake renunciant to recover citizenship status through a court case with the consent of the Department of Justice.

Mrs. Nakanishi was born in New-castle, Calif., in May, 1922.

During her confinement at the Tule Lake center she renounced her American citizenship and left for Japan.

She was permitted to return to the United States to testify in her case. She said she gave up her citizenship because of fear and rumor and that she went to Japan to take care of her husband's mother.

She returned to the United States to rejoin her husband. Under the court decision she is now permitted to remain permanently in the United States as a citizen of this country.

### Yasui Relected

DENVER—Min Yasui, attorney, was reelected as secretary of the Denver Urban league at the group's annual elections last week.

### Rep. Douglas Urges Senate Approve Walter Resolution

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas, (D., Calif.), has urged Senate approval of the Walter Resolution, according to the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this week.

In a House address, Rep. Douglas called attention to the Resolution, and said:

"It was adopted by the House unanimously last year and was unanimously approved by the Judiciary Committee of the other body last fall.

"When it came up on the floor of the other body—objection was raised and the Resolution was passed over.

"Fear has been expressed in certain quarters that if this Resolution is adopted all sorts of aliens at present in this country because of special status—students, treaty merchants and so forth—would be blanketed in and naturalized.

"Not only is that not true, but both the House and Senate reports expressly state that this resolution does not affect the status of any but long-time residents. Therefore, it does not and cannot affect any persons who have come in under special arrangements . . .

"Injustice and racial prejudice in our nationalization laws must not be permitted to continue. These persons of Japanese and Korean

descent have been residents of this country for more than 25 years. They have demonstrated their loyalty and devotion to their adopted country these many years. Almost all of them had sons and daughters who served the armed services during World War II and many with distinction.

"In all fairness to this minority in our midst, we should hasten to correct this all-too-long injustice and inequity, and grant these people the recognition and dignity which is justly theirs. I sincerely hope when this resolution comes up again in the Senate it will be unanimously approved, as the House has long since done."

### Indians Protest

VICTORIA, B.C.—The return of Japanese Canadian fishermen to northern British Columbia waters was protested on March 8 by representatives of Indians in the Skeena River district.

They petitioned Lands Minister Kenney to keep the Japanese Canadians from "our inherited livelihood grounds."

About 20 Japanese Canadians reportedly have returned to commercial fishing in the Skeena River area.



## 'Anti-Japanese' Record Denied By Beck in Hawaii Interview

HONOLULU—Dave Beck, international vice president of the AFL teamsters' union, asserted here on March 8 he does not have an "anti-Japanese record."

He told a press conference he is a staunch friend, not an enemy, of the Japanese Americans.

He was asked to state his attitude towards the Nisei in view of accusations that he is prejudiced against the Nisei.

The charges had been made by Harry Bridges' CIO International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's union on the occasion of Beck's first visit to Hawaii recently.

The ILWU pointed to the teamsters' wartime actions as evidence of Beck's "anti-Japanese" attitude. It recalled, among other things, that the teamsters' union had gone on record as opposing the return of evacuated Japanese to the west coast.

To a direct query, Beck replied: "I have no anti-Japanese record. I am 100 per cent for America. I have been associated with the Japanese people on the Pacific coast for many years."

"I went to school with them. Some of the finest friends I have are Japanese. When it came time to choose between America and Japan, I chose America."

He said he favored wartime evacuation of the Japanese from the

west coast because he felt the country "should take no chance of jeopardizing the welfare of America." He termed this a "little sacrifice to be made by Japanese Americans" in the interests of "guaranteeing absolute safety for the welfare of America."

Beck said the teamsters' union accepted Japanese into membership "20 years before the war." He said Japanese Americans were in the union before, during and after the war.

Asked if it was true he or the union opposed the return of the Japanese to the west coast, Beck answered, "we did no such thing."

"I have never discriminated against the Japanese and I never will. There are more Japanese in our union than in the ILWU, 10 to 1, and for that matter, more Negroes, 190 to 1."

He said further: "I organized the Japanese dry cleaners in Seattle 18 or 20 years before the war. The question is, 'Is he an American, regardless of his racial background. If he believes in any other country before ours then I am against him.'"

He concluded by remarking that any one who makes the statement that he is anti-Japanese "does so for the purpose of trying to benefit himself in any dispute alleged or otherwise, with the teamsters."

(Ed. Note: See "Dave Beck and the Record" on page 4.)

## Los Angeles Judge Declares State Alien Land Law Invalid

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state legislation which seeks to impair the constitutionally protected civil right to acquire real property violates the due process and equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment (Shelley vs. Kraemer, 334 U.S. 1; see also Oyama vs. California, 332 U.S. 633; Takahashi vs. Commission, 334 U.S. 410; Namba vs. McCourt, 185 Oregon 579.) Accordingly, I hold that the Alien Land law of California in the facts of this case is unconstitutional because it violates the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution both as to the alien mother and the citizen sons."

Judge Clarke's verdict overruled the 1947 decision of the California Supreme Court which affirmed the validity of the Alien Land law in the Oyama case. (Ed. note: In the Oyama case in 1948 the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the right of citizens to receive gifts of land from "ineligible alien" parents but did not rule on the constitutionality of the Alien Land law.)

In the memorandum submitted to Judge Clark following the hearing on March 13 on the Masaoka case, Attorneys A. L. Wirin, James C. Purcell, Saburo Kido and Loren Miller pointed out that a decision upholding the constitutionality of the Alien Land law would result in the following:

1. The alien mother, Haruyo Masaoka, would be deprived of the life estate in the real property created for her by her sons and upon which they intend to build a home wherein she and her mother may reside.
2. The citizen son who created the life estate to his mother with the remainder over to himself and his four brothers would forfeit his interest in the land.
3. The five citizen sons would forfeit to the state their interest in the land consisting of the remainder coming to them upon the death of the mother because of their attempt to provide a home for their mother and grandmother by the creation of a life estate in the alien mother.
4. The alien mother is deprived of the right to have her citizen sons provide maintenance by the means adopted by them in this case.
5. The citizen sons are deprived of lending aid to their mother whose sole means of support is the \$60 a month referred to in the evidence.

When informed of Judge Clarke's decision Mike Masaoka, one of the plaintiffs who is here from Washington for a meeting with his attorneys, declared:

"All persons of Japanese ancestry and other Americans of goodwill should have renewed confidence in our judicial system as a result of Judge Clarke's decision which, although unprecedented in California jurisprudence, is nevertheless

in keeping with the federal Constitution. Judge Clarke has again affirmed his belief that human rights and values are paramount as he did in the racially restrictive covenants cases more than three years ago when he was the first to hold these discriminations null and void. We are hopeful that the Supreme Court will again uphold Judge Clarke's decision and that the alien land laws of all the western states will be declared unconstitutional in the near future."

Another plaintiff, Joe Grant Masaoka of San Francisco, stated: "It looks like the long and tragic story of the Alien Land law is nearing its end. We hope we are in the writing of the final chapter and that it will end on a happy note."

On hearing the good news Yoshi Shibata of Mount Eden, chairman of the Joint Conference which is backing the Masaoka case, emphatically observed: "Thank God for Judge Clarke. He had the courage to step out and say it's time to make the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution mean what it says. The Alien Land law violated this guarantee of equal protection and Judge Clarke declared it unconstitutional."

The Joint Conference is composed of the JACL, the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, the Civil Rights Defense Union of Northern California, the Legal Defense Fund of Southern California and the Kika Kisei Domei of Northern California.

Setsugo Sakamoto of Fresno, chairman of the CRDU, hailed the court victory, adding "the Issei have long looked forward to this day when their rights as permanent residents of the United States would be recognized together with our Nisei associates."

Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Los Angeles, chairman of the Legal Defense Fund, declared "this is the first time in the 37-year old history of the Alien Land law that the courts have given a break to our parent generation."

"We look to the higher courts to sustain this decision," Dr. Nishikawa added. "We have been confident that when the courts view in true perspective, as in the Masaoka case, they will rule in our favor."

K. Koda of South Dos Palos, chairman of the Northern California KKD, declared: "Late though this ruling comes—and we hope the final decision in the higher courts will be identically favorable—when the Alien Land law is void it will give Issei an independence and security they have been denied for 37 years. We hope that day will be hastened."

John Maeno of Los Angeles, chairman of the National JACL's legal committee declared that the facts in the Masaoka case "appear to be unbeatable."

## U. S. Congress Plays Cupid



MITSUE SHIGENO Pan-American Airways photo.

## Japanese Girl Arrives Here To Wed Occupation Sweetheart

By YURI YAMASHITA

SAN FRANCISCO — Mitsue Shigeno, pretty 24-year old Tokyo born fiancée of Carol L. Klotzbach, arrived at the San Francisco airport on March 15, on her way to join her prospective American husband in Washington D. C.

Romance budded in the land of cherry blossoms—some two years ago when horticulturalist Klotzbach, 49, an ex-marine captain, met Miss Shigeno while he was attached to the 8th Army as a civilian adviser at the Hydroponics farm at Chofu, Japan. She was an attendant at the officers mess where he regularly had his meals.

Some six months later they became unofficially engaged. When Klotzbach returned to America a year ago, he had Senator Spessard L. Holland of his home state of Florida introduce a private congressional bill to bring his fiancée to America. He kept in close touch with the Washington office of the JACL-ADC. Finally, on Feb. 14, Valentine day, this year, the measure was passed and signed into law by President Truman permitting Miss Shigeno's entry into this country.

The 29-hour trip from Japan allowed Miss Shigeno a day's stopover in San Francisco. After a short rest at Aki hotel Miss Shigeno awoke to find phones ringing and a battery of news reporters and photographers from the metropolitan press waiting to meet the Japanese bride-to-be who was able to come over by a special act of Congress.

Eyes sparkling and dimpling easily, she answered through an interpreter questions like "what is your impression of America" ("I'm anxious to learn all about American customs and way of living"), "do you like it here" ("I want to stay a long, long time"), "was it love at first sight?" ("..blush.."). Then she agreeably posed prettily for pictures.

Miss Shigeno then got her first real stateside view of America during an afternoon sightseeing tour by car of Oakland, Berkeley and San Francisco through the courtesy of Photographer R. B. Laing, arranged by Mrs. Michi Onuma.

Anticipating the trip to America, Miss Shigeno said that for the past year she had been concentrating on a study of English through a now thumb-worn conversation English book. She received letters in English, because her fiancé doesn't know Japanese (though he did learn to write her name in Japanese characters). So, she faithfully wrote English letters in replying every week to him, admitting though that she used to refer to her Japanese-English dictionary quite a bit.

She was familiar with the bill

now in Congress to permit naturalization to resident Japanese issei, that it had passed the lower house and was in the upper, but that it had failed of passage the last time because of just one Senator's objecting. She hoped it would pass soon.

Miss Shigeno is one of the very few fiancées or brides from Japan of American soldiers and veterans who have been permitted legal entry into the United States by a private congressional bill. Under the JACL ADC sponsored amendment to the Soldier Brides act some 824 Japanese brides of U.S. soldiers had been granted entry into the country but since the expiration, only the passage of a special private bill will permit entry of Japan brides and fiancées of American soldiers and veterans. Although more than a hundred such private bills have been introduced, only a small portion of these have actually been made into law.

Miss Shigeno's brief stopover in San Francisco ended when she again took off on Wednesday night, looking forward to the reunion with her husband-to-be the next afternoon in Washington, D. C.

The wedding date has been set for this Sunday in the capital city. The ceremony will have an East-West touch, with the bride to wear "susomoyo," the traditional marriage kimono of Japan, at the groom's wish. After the marriage, the couple will probably make their home in Florida.

## Begin Moving of Oakland Church to New Location

OAKLAND, Calif. — The mammoth Oakland Buddhist church was scheduled to start moving this week, the largest building ever "transplanted" here.

The church is the first large building to be removed from a strip of land between Fifth and Sixth streets from Broadway to Fallon st. The land has been purchased by the state division of highways as right of way for the Eastshore freeway.

The Buddhist church building will be literally cut in half and moved in sections from its present site at Sixth and Jackson streets to a new spot three blocks away. Preparation of the future site on the southwest corner at Ninth and Jackson has been under way for the past three months.

Meanwhile, the size of the moving project has required special preparatory work on the route that will be used to transplant the

## Nisei Veterans Plan Clubhouse In Honolulu

100th Battalion  
Members to Build  
\$50,000 Edifice

HONOLULU—Plans for the construction of a clubhouse this year have been announced by Club 100, the organization composed of men who served in the famous 100th Infantry Battalion.

Mitsuyoshi Fukuda, chairman of the building committee, said this week the club will decide on an architect soon so that construction can start in about three months.

The clubhouse will be located on 21,600 square feet of land near Kapiolani Blvd. and Date street. Cost of the building and land is estimated at about \$50,000.

Mr. Fukuda said it is hoped to complete the building by the end of the year.

Club 100 sold its first clubhouse several years ago and has been renting space in the Young Buddhists association building.

## Clevelanders Hold "JACL Night" at Famed Karamu House

CLEVELAND, O.—The Cleveland JACL chalked up another successful event when approximately 150 persons turned out for their annual "JACL Night" at Karamu House on Wednesday evening, March 1.

Highpoint of the evening was presentation of a musical play, "The Wise Maiden," by the Karamu players. It was preceded by a short play, "Sermon in the Valley."

The stage of the newly-constructed Karamu theater was centrally located with the audience seated around the stage, creating an informal and intimate atmosphere. The play, which was presented for the first time in America, is of German origin and was well received by the theater goers. The players won a warm ovation at the end of the performance.

Coffee was served after the play in the theater's Green Room, where the audience was given an opportunity to meet some of the performers.

"JACL Night" was the first project of the year for the program committee under chairmanship of Bill Sadatoki.

## FIFTEEN NISEI GET POSTS AS CENSUS TAKERS

LOS ANGELES—Some 15 Nisei census enumerators have been given employment during the decennial national census which is scheduled to get under way on April first.

One of them, Mrs. Marvel Miyata of Boyle Heights, has been appointed crew leader in charge of 50 enumerators. Almost all of the Nisei enumerators were placed through the Southern California Regional Office and will count heads in the 14th and 19th Congressional districts which include the Downtown, Southwest and Boyle Heights areas.

Each of the two sections will be about 50 feet high, 100 feet long and 65 feet wide. Each section will fill not only the street but most of the sidewalk area. This has forced removal of trees and light poles from the church's path. The height of the building will also make it necessary to raise electric and telephone wires as the sections pass up the street.

To clear the path for the church, the main trunk lines of the utility systems must be severed at the intersections to be crossed, according to Cecil Myers, construction company official. Special arrangements are being made by both Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. to provide continuous service during the moving.

Arrangements for the church's part in the relocation project are under direction of Mitsutera Nakashima, board president, and the Rev. Gyoju Hirabayashi.



## House Passes Private Bills On GI Brides

WASHINGTON, D.C. — During the past two weeks, the House has passed more than 20 private bills to admit Japanese brides or fiancées of GIs and ex-servicemen, the JACL ADC reported this week. None of the bills has been acted upon by the Senate.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, said that of the dozens of private "bride's bills" introduced in Congress since last year, only a handful have become law. The House has been more lenient than the Senate, however, in passing these private bills, Mr. Masaoka said.

He pointed out that since the end of the GI Bride's Act, the only avenue open for bringing a wife, fiancée or children of Japanese nationality into the U.S. is by private bill.

Recently, he said, Congress seems to have become a little more willing to act on private bills than was the case even a year ago.

## French Camp JACL To Honor Issei

FRENCH CAMP, Calif.—Issei pioneers of the French Camp community will be honored this Saturday evening, March 18, at a dinner and program at the French Camp hall.

Twenty-three Issei, who are over the age of 60 among the women and 70 among the men, will be paid tribute.

George Ogino will be toastmaster.

The program has been planned by John Fujiki, general chairman, and the following committeemen: Harry Itaya, stage setting; Bob Takahashi, technician; Tosh Hotta and Fumio Kanemoto, table arrangements; Ayako Tsugawa, decorations; Taye Iwata, invitations; Bob Ota, finances; Helen Tomita, statistician; Yo Tanaka and Yoshiye Taniguchi, food; Yoshiko Yonemoto, hostess; Satsuki Iwata, boutonnieres and corsages; Harry Ota and Ben Hatanaka, PA system.

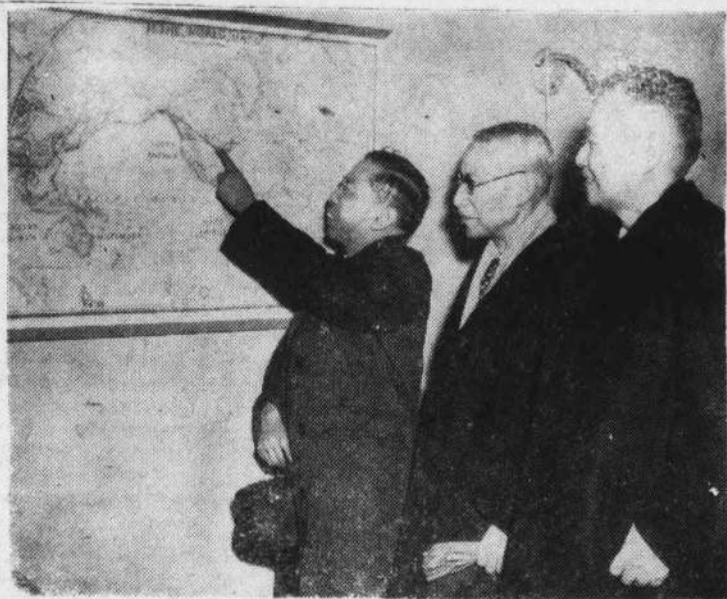
## Cagney's Bodyguard Subdues Ex-Butler In Domestic Tiff

HOLLYWOOD — Kenneth Kuniyuki, 39, was booked on battery charges on March 9 following a wild judo battle in the home of James Cagney.

Police said Kuniyuki, former butler in the home of the film star, called to see his estranged wife, Elizabeth, 29, employed as a domestic in the Cagney home. She expressed fears for her safety and sought the aid of Jack Sergel, Cagney's bodyguard.

The wife told police that Kuniyuki, a judo instructor, struck her and then Sergel went into action. He is a former Los Angeles police department judo instructor and soon restrained Kuniyuki.

Cagney took no part in the melee.



**HONEYMOON OVER**—Three of the 14 members of the Japanese diet which recently visited the United States observed on a world map the nine major cities they visited. They are: Nobuyuki Iwamoto, Takeshi Yamazaki and Tatsuro Sakurachi. With their traveling over, the solons must now prepare for their campaigns for reelection. The general election for Japan's house of councilors, the upper house of the diet, is scheduled in June.

The group visited San Francisco, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Columbia (S.C.), Boston, New York, Albany, Washington, D.C., Twin Cities, Seattle and Honolulu. UCL News Bureau—St. Paul Dispatch photo.

## Japan Legislators Gain New Perspective on Homeland

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—"For the first time we are seeing Japan as the Americans do."

That comment packs more meaning than any one of scores of other observations Japanese diet (parliament) members gained on their recent tour of the United States.

Under army sponsorship, the delegation of 16 persons traveled extensively on the mainland at the American taxpayers expense.

Ten diet members, four aides and two SCAP representatives made up the party. In Honolulu for two days stopover en route home, the visitors summed up the 60 day tour as "very profitable."

Frank T. Matsumoto, Harvard-educated member of the Japanese house of representatives, said he thought his group got more out of the "see democracy in action" trip than any previous delegation.

What made the tour especially valuable, he said, was the inclusion in the itinerary of "everything we asked for — Negro homes, the slums and the farms."

The delegation concentrated on the legislative processes that

make the American republic work — congress, state legislatures and city councils. It was their attempt to attend a session of the Boston city council that nearly caused an "international incident." The Boston council refused them this opportunity — thereby bringing upon itself a heap of denunciation from many other sections of the country, including congress.

The Japanese shrugged off the incident, reminding themselves that General MacArthur had cautioned them beforehand they would see both "the good and the bad in America."

The Japanese and "haole" (white) communities in Honolulu joined in a warm welcome to the visitors during their brief stay before they headed home to Japan.

The fact was, the Diet party was kept so busy making social calls, attending receptions, making speeches and sightseeing, they appeared fatigued when they departed by plane March 11.

Applauded by a large audience of 1,500 Japanese, the visitors related their experiences on the mainland and told of Japan's wartime and present day conditions at a public meeting March 10.

Rep. Matsumoto expressed Japan's "earnest desire" of being accepted into the family of nations. The first step already has been taken, he noted happily. This is in the field of sports in which Matsumoto's name figures prominently.

He managed the Japanese swimming team (Furuhashi and others) who broke nine world records at the Los Angeles swimming meet last August.

Japan's economy, he said, is recovering rapidly, especially in her goal to attain a \$1,000,000,000 a year report. An economically strong Japan, in his opinion, is essential for two reasons: to lighten the burden on American taxpayers paying the cost of occupation and to defeat communism.

"Communism breeds misery," Rep. Matsumoto commented. He said communism is no longer an "acute threat" in Japan.

Switchover of labor leadership into the hands of conservatives and moderates has weakened the "punch" of communism, he added. Moderate leadership controls two thirds of 4,000,000 organized workers in Japan today, according to Matsumoto.

Hawaii Japanese were heartily thanked for their material aid to the people of Japan.

## New Phrasing May Overcome Objection of Sen. Russell To Equality in Naturalization

WASHINGTON—With further action on DP legislation suspended by the Senate until March 31, the JACL ADC this week anticipated a call of the Senate calendar, permitting another test on the Walter Resolution, within the next week to ten days.

Twice when the resolution, granting naturalization privileges to all legal immigrants, has come before the Senate, Sen. Richard B. Russell (D., Ga.), has blocked its passage.

He has been the only Senator to object to the measure, which must have unanimous approval to pass on the Senate calendar.

After his last objection, Sen. Russell said he was not opposed to the bill, nor its major objectives, but he feared the measure, as drawn, might possibly grant naturalization privileges to so-called treaty visitors, merchants, students and others in the United States for temporary residence.

In a letter to Sen. Russell, Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, wrote:

"It is our thought that the difficulty which concerns you may lie in the legal interpretation of the phrase: 'all immigrants having a legal right to permanent residence' . . . rather than in the language of the resolution proper. Thus, to cite a specific example, the language of the resolution proper would have no effect in any way upon Chinese treaty merchants, since the latter are not now barred from citizenship 'because of race.'"

"If the difficulty does lie with the language of the title (of the act) we suggest that it be changed to read as follows:

"(An act) to provide that the privilege of becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States shall not be denied or abridged because of race."

(The title now reads: To provide the privilege of becoming a naturalized citizen of the United States to all immigrants having a legal right to permanent residence.)

"We feel certain this new phrasing would be acceptable to the sponsor, Rep. Francis E. Walter, (D., Pa.), and would be approved by the House."

"We hope the above suggestion may be of value to you. If, on the basis of such an amendment, you would be willing to call up H. J. Res 238 (the Walter Resolution) at an early call of the Calendar, we would be most grateful."

Sen. Russell has not commented as yet upon the letter.

Meantime, the Senate Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization which has spent more than two years preparing a major omnibus immigration and naturalization bill, announced its bill will not be introduced for at least another month or two.

The bill recently was scheduled to be submitted around March 1.

Funds for the Subcommittee's staff, headed by Richard Arens, ran out March 1. A recent Resolution calling for the appropriation of an additional \$80,000 for the staff to complete its work has been held up in the Senate for the past few weeks by Sen. Scott D. Lucas, (D., Ill.), Senate Majority leader.

Although the reason for Sen. Lucas' action has not been revealed, it has been reported that the Majority Leader's action is a reprisal against Sen. Pat McCarran, (D., Nev.), chairman of the Subcommittee, for impeding progress on the DP measure, an act the Administration had hoped to have out of the way by now.

## Honolulu Newspapers Support, Oppose Masaoka Suggestion Of Nisei for Federal Bench

HONOLULU—All of Honolulu's major newspapers — two English and two bilingual—have spoken their piece on the controversial suggestion by Mike Masaoka that a Nisei be appointed to the vacancy on the territorial circuit bench.

The two English dailies—the Honolulu Star Bulletin and the Honolulu Advertiser—took different editorial views on the matter. So did the two Japanese dailies—the Hawaii Times and the Hawaii Herald.

The Star-Bulletin, first to criticize, was joined by the Herald in condemning the suggestion. But the Herald was not as harsh as The Star-Bulletin, which termed Masaoka's proposal a "disservice" to Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Stated the Herald: "We recognize — as apparently the JACL doesn't—that discrimination in favor of a racial or nationality group is just as truly race discrimination as its discrimination against the members of such a group. It is just as insidious. It is fully as antithetical to the principles of democracy. If anything it is more dangerous, for proposals along this line sometimes get the unthinking support of well-meaning people who would not wittingly countenance undemocratic procedures."

Hewing to a different line, the Advertiser editorial was titled: "Neither Should Race Be Reason for Disqualification," in answer to the Star-Bulletin which said earlier that "race is not a proper qualification for a judge."

"Masaoka, national legislative director of the Japanese American Citizens League, may have been a bit enthusiastic in pressing for the interests of the group he represents," the advertiser said. "But even from the vantage point of Washington, Masaoka recognizes that Americans of Japanese ancestry represent about one third of Hawaii's population, have contributed

numerous excellent attorneys to the bar but are not represented upon the bench."

"They are not now, nor have they ever been, represented on most of the territory's important commissions, appointment to which they are entitled to on merit."

The Times editorial, titled "Why Apologize?" took somewhat the same attitude.

"Boiled down to essentials," the editorial comments, "the situation seems to be a disagreement between those who feel that attorneys of Japanese ancestry have been discriminated against in the appointment of judges and those who feel that it is in poor taste to even argue the question of whether or not race is concerned."

"It is ridiculous to say 'don't bring race into this question' when obviously race has been brought into it . . . because it appears it is only race that has prevented appointment of some of the fine lawyers of that race to the bench."

"If the attorneys of Japanese ancestry are being discriminated against in any way, all of the people of Hawaii should rise up and demand a fair deal. The Japanese people should feel no embarrassment in taking a full part in demanding justice for this group, just as they would if the attorneys, or the physicians, or the architects of Chinese, or Hawaiian or other racial group were being discriminated against."

## JACL Chapter Seeks to Gain Use of Recreation Center

OXNARD, Calif. — The Ventura County JACL won the first round in its efforts to regain use of the Seventh Street recreation center building when the City Council of Oxnard on March 7 unanimously approved the motion of Councilman Hubert Catlin, seconded by Councilman Reginald Vela, ordering the Recreation Commission to vacate the building by midnight, March 21.

The Recreation Commission, according to Ventura County Chapter president Toby Otani who has been pressing the issue since October, 1949, will not vacate the building. The city will petition the Superior Court in Ventura for a writ of mandate to force the Commission to move out. City Attorney William Reppy said that the

court will also decide whether the JACL has legal right to the building which is located at 126 E. 7th Street.

A 20-year lease to the building was given the JACL by the City Council in 1936. Following the evacuation in 1942, the city took over the building to undertake a recreation program. Today there are six years remaining on the lease.

Representing JACL is attorney Roy Gustafson who, according to the Oxnard Press-Courier of March 8, agreed that the action of taking the issue to the court would be the best solution short of permitting the JACL to have the building back without question. The councilmen had previously admitted the existence of a moral obligation to do so.

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## EDITORIAL:

### Judge Clark's Decision

"I am satisfied that the alien land law is directed against persons of Japanese ancestry solely because of race. It is clear that state legislation which seeks to impair the constitutionally protected civil right to acquire, own and enjoy real property violates the due process and equal protection clause of the 14th amendment... Accordingly, I hold that the alien land law of California violates the 14th amendment of the United States..."

With these words Superior Court Judge Thurmond Clarke this week declared unconstitutional a law that for a generation has harassed both American citizens and aliens of Japanese ancestry. Ruling in the Masaoka test case, Judge Clarke scored the law which has impeded the economic and social progress of Japanese Americans.

His decision marks the second great legal victory over the California land act, the first being the Oyama decision of 1948 from the U. S. Supreme court. Unfortunately that ruling sidestepped the issue of the law's constitutionality, though it ruled out the "presumptive clause," which held that a Nisei property owner could be held responsible for providing proof that no alien had provided any part of the land's purchase price.

The law is written in a period of intense anti-Orientalism in the state of California. It was reinforced from time to time by such patently unjust amendments as the presumptive clause amendment. With the start of World War II, the state began in earnest to escheat property under the act. All property belonging to Nisei was jeopardized.

The Oyama decision halted escheat proceedings on the part of the state, but it left the land act on the books.

Judge Clarke's decision does not rule out the law, but it may mark the beginning of the end for this discriminatory act. In all probability the Masaoka case will now go before the State Supreme court. A decision from that court affirming Judge Clarke's decision will be necessary to kill the land act. There is hope today that this law will soon become only history, and only a symbol of anti-race legislation that went off the books in a more enlightened generation.

### Fair Play in Bowling

The capitulation of the American Bowling Congress to the demand for the removal of its "Caucasians only" membership regulation became inevitable once the organization lost the battle of public opinion.

In recent months the ABC has been reduced to the necessity of making querulous and carping statements defending an untenable position as the attorneys-general of three states, New York, Wisconsin and Illinois, moved to outlaw the organization on the ground of race prejudice.

This week the Milwaukee Journal, one of a number of leading newspapers which have criticized the ABC in editorials for its undemocratic membership standards, reported it had learned that a special meeting of the ABC's rules committee had been held two weeks before and a decision reached to recommend the removal of the "Caucasians only" requirement. Since the suggestions of the rules group are generally affirmed by the membership, there is a strong possibility that the ABC will be opened to all Americans following the annual convention in May in Columbus.

In dropping its "white males only" rule, the ABC will recommend that eligibility for membership be left to the jurisdiction of local leagues. There is still a possibility of the continuation of a discriminatory policy through the actions of local groups but since the ABC presumably will charter, once the race restrictions are removed, any leagues asking for its sanction, regardless of the race or ancestry of the bowlers involved, it should be possible for those bowlers not now eligible to enter state, regional and national tournaments.

It would have enhanced the dignity of the ABC had it acted before the public demand for a change in its membership rules became so compelling it no longer could be ignored. In addition to the suits filed against the ABC, other suits are being considered in at least four other states. In addition, the actions of the New York Journal-American and the Chicago Herald-American, both Hearst newspapers, in cancelling their annual tournaments because of ABC's race restrictions, have focused national attention on the anti-democratic attitude of the bowling group.

The ABC's race restrictions have been in effect since 1916 but it was not until 1947 when the National Committee for Fair Play in Bowling was organized with the aid of the CIO that organized action was taken. The JACL was one of the charter organizations in the formation of the Committee for Fair Play in Bowling and has played an active part in the campaign to rid the ABC of white supremacy.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Dave Beck and the Record

Dave Beck is either a man with a very short memory or one who considers the people of Hawaii particularly gullible and naive.

Mr. Beck, the western chief of the AFL Teamsters who yearns to be the boss of everything on wheels, gave an amazing interview to the press in Honolulu last week in which he protested he had never been "anti-Japanese."

It seems that Mr. Beck is drooling over the possibility of moving in on the Hawaiian labor field heretofore dominated by the CIO's ILWU, headed by his West Coast arch rival, Harry Bridges, and is anxious to rid himself of any taint of racism. In Hawaii, where a considerable percentage of the population is not of Caucasian ancestry, a racist background such as that possessed by Mr. Beck is something to be avoided.

Instead of admitting that he was mistaken in his anti-Nisei and anti-Oriental attitude during and before the war, as a number of Pacific coast politicians have done, Mr. Beck chose to play innocent.

"I have no anti-Japanese record," he told the Honolulu press. "I have been associated with the Japanese people on the Pacific coast for many years. I went to school with them. Some of the finest friends I have are Japanese. When it came time to choose between America and Japan, I chose America."

Mr. Beck's last sentence, of course, is a dead giveaway. Although he protests naught but love and regard for persons of Japanese descent, it is apparent that he still considers them "Japanese" and not "American."

It appears that the burly Mr. Beck hasn't learned.

Dave Beck apparently does not credit the people of Hawaii with any knowledge of his record as boss of the Teamsters on the coast. His pose is reminiscent of that of another Pacific coast race-baiter, State Senator Jack Tenney of Los Angeles, who made some speeches in Hawaii last year and who also denied that he had indulged in race hatred against evacuees of Japanese ancestry during the war years in California. The record, however, revealed Mr. Tenney in a different light and he was exposed as a false prophet.

Dave Beck, who now presents himself as a staunch friend of the Nisei, is the same Dave Beck who sought to organize Nisei and other Oriental Americans into segregated locals before the war and who opposed the relocation program of the WRA and attempted a boycott to prevent the return of the evacuees to the Pacific coast wholesale produce industry.

It will be of interest to the people of Hawaii that the International Teamster, a monthly publication published in Indianapolis, sought to prevent the relocation of Japanese American evacuees in the Midwest in 1944 by circulating the lies about Nisei sabotage at Pearl Harbor, although these stories had been officially discredited long before.

In the late 1930s Mr. Beck's persuaders, it would be vulgar to call them "goons," undertook a drive to organize teamsters of Japanese and Chinese ancestry. His campaign did not succeed because the Nisei soon learned, though threatened with strongarm tactics, that they were to be lumped into a segregated auxiliary and would be expected to pay dues but would not derive any of the benefits of regular membership in the Teamsters locals, in which they were not welcome at that time. The Teamsters, like most of the old-line AFL unions of the period, were operating under the principle that membership was a privilege to be enjoyed by the white man. The war and the non-discriminatory policies of the rival CIO changed this and Nisei and other minority group workers are accepted into Teamsters membership today without question.

In recent years, however, the most vicious examples of labor discrimination against Japanese Americans have been provided by Dave Beck and the Teamsters in his own bailiwick of Seattle in their studied attempt to prohibit the reopening of evacuee-operated businesses in the produce, floral, dry cleaning and other fields in which

teamsters are involved. A similar policy was attempted by the leadership of the AFL Teamsters in Los Angeles to exclude Japanese Americans from the wholesale produce markets in 1945 but was withdrawn through the action of the rank and file membership which refused to go along with the projected program of discrimination.

In the Seattle situation the Post-Intelligencer reported on May 31, 1945 that business agents of the "powerful AFL Teamsters Union" were keeping a close watch on the "Japanese situation" and added that Teamsters business agents were reiterating "the anti-Japanese policy publicly announced by their union's chief, Dave Beck, on several occasions." The Post-Intelligencer further reported that Teamsters agents had threatened to "pull their help" if produce grown by farmers of Japanese ancestry was sent through Seattle's "produce row."

Dave Beck's policy in his home town of Seattle in maintaining discrimination against Japanese Americans had nothing to do with the war being fought in 1945 against Japan. Produce grown by Nisei and Issei farmers in the Pacific Northwest was a contribution to the American war effort and refusal to handle such produce, resulting in the wastage of food, can be described only as a disservice to the American production effort during the war. The only group to be benefited by such a restrictive policy as was described by the Post-Intelligencer were competitive produce houses which did not want Japanese Americans to return to "produce row" and competitive farm groups which did not want the evacuees to reestablish themselves in agriculture.

In May, 1945 when the exploits of the 442nd Combat Team in France and Italy were already history, Dave Beck declared in a public statement to the Post-Intelligencer that the "government... has placed a big question mark after their (Nisei) names by refusing to permit their employment in ports of embarkation, in airplane plants and munitions factories and in other places where the safety and security of our war effort are involved without special investigating and processing by Army and Navy intelligence officers... We feel that until our government accepts the Japanese on the same basis as people of other nationalities, and until it is willing to place its complete trust in the loyalty of all Nisei and admit them to all phases of secret and confidential war work, our policy is absolutely correct."

"Our government now questions their loyalty—so do we," Beck said. This was after V-E day, after Bruyeres and the Po and the Apennine campaigns. Mr. Beck still ascribed his policy of race discrimination to patriotism.

It is apparent that Dave Beck is anxious to extend his influence in Hawaii and is willing to take the chance that his false and ridiculous statements will not be answered. It would have been far better for Mr. Beck to have admitted his past prejudices since they are too well known to be hidden. It should also be noted for the record, however, that the AFL Teamsters in Hawaii have been outside Mr. Beck's racist orbit and have been no party to the hate-inciting shenanigans in which Mr. Beck indulged on the coast during the war.

The subject of Mr. Beck's race prejudices, as exemplified in his overt acts of discrimination against the Nisei—as well as in the anti-Nisei editorials of the International Teamster during the war, is one of considerable importance in any organizing campaign in which the large majority of the workers involved are not of Caucasian ancestry. The racist skeleton in Dave Beck's closet must be quieted if the Teamsters are to make any headway against the rival CIO-ILWU in Hawaii.

### Organize Lodge

SEATTLE—Formation of a Japanese American court of the Independent Order of Foresters was announced this week by Hiro Nakashima, Seattle accountant, who is organizing the lodge.

## Vagaries

### Hoodlums...

Two Nisei veterans, one a winner of a Distinguished Service Cross, were "attacked and beaten by a gang of teenage hoodlums at 140th St. and Hamilton Place" in New York, according to a letter in the New Daily News. The veterans reportedly were members of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Combat Team... Many of the witnesses who testified in the "Tokyo Rose" treason trial will be on hand when John David Provo, 33-year old former U.S. Army sergeant, goes on trial for treason in New York City before Federal Judge Harold Medina. Incidentally, Provo's name was mentioned on several occasions in the "Tokyo Rose" trial. Provo is charged with twelve overt acts of treason from the time of the fall of Corregidor until V-J day. Among the U.S. government's witnesses will be Lieut. Richard Sakakida, one of the Nisei who were taken prisoner with other U.S. Army personnel at the time of the fall of Corregidor.

Carl Iwasaki's photos of the blasting of a Denver smelter are given a two-page spread in the March 13 issue of Life magazine... Rep. Thomas Sakakihara, veteran Hilo legislator, may run for the territorial senate this year... Karie Shindo made her network debut on Mutual's weekly "Hawaii Calls" program last Saturday from Honolulu. The Nisei singer was the featured vocalist on the show which included Esther Williams and Shirley Temple.

### Hiroshima...

Now that Sessie Hayakawa is re-established in American films since "Three Came Home" and "Tokyo Joe," there's talk that he may star in a Japanese production of John Hersey's "Hiroshima." One of Nippon's major studios, Daii, has been in contact with the author regarding a film version of the story of the August morning when the atom age was born... Hayakawa is now finishing his first Japanese picture in more than twelve years and has several personal projects for possible production if "Hiroshima" does not materialize... A film like "Hiroshima" will probably be the first Japanese feature to get world-wide circulation. Before Pearl Harbor there was some effort to interest the United States in Japanese productions but few were of the artistic caliber to sustain the interest of a non-Japanese audience... A documentary produced in post-war Japan, "Kenji Comes Home," which has been shown before many Nisei groups by the Protestant Film Commission, is up for an Academy "Oscar."

### Film Star...

Claudette Colbert had a bad time making "Three Came Home," in which she takes a number of slappings and beatings at the hands of Japanese prison guards, because of the fact that most of the Nisei actors who portrayed the Japanese soldiers were not professional actors. "The trouble was," she said recently, "to get Jap faces they wanted to hire people from all over Los Angeles who weren't professional actors and didn't know how to fake blows." These actors either hit too cautiously, necessitating retakes or too hard, leaving bruises... She referred to her experience with one Nisei actor in these words: "One big fellow would land each blow with a tremendous slap. Afterward he came up and said proudly, 'I guess you didn't know I was a professional wrestler, did you?' Ouch!"

S. I. Hayakawa, author of "Language in Action," is one of the three members of the selection committee of the Semantics Book Club whose latest selection is "Science and Goals of Man" by Anatoli Rapoport... Yuriko (Amemiya Kikuchi), now touring with the Martha Graham company, went to New York directly from the Gila River relocation center in Arizona during the war. Two weeks ago she returned to Arizona for the first time since war relocation and appeared with the Graham company in Phoenix. "It was a happy but an unusual feeling to be in Arizona, this time, free and able to do what you wanted to do," she told the Rafu Shimpo in Los Angeles. One of Yuriko's roles on tour is that of Cordelia in "The Eye of Anguish," inspired by the legend of King Lear.



# MINORITY WEEK

## This Week's Quote

"The corruption of the best is the worst of corruptions." It is the college president who earnestly justifies the quota system who is inwardly corrupt, because, supposedly enlisted in the age-long struggle for human dignity, he rationalizes himself out of the struggle when it goes counter to the local mores and the prejudices of his board. It is the minister of the church who timidly suggests that Negroes go elsewhere who is inwardly corrupt, because he denies the Master he asks people to serve. It is the respectable people who would not dream of letting a Negro enter by the front door who are inwardly corrupt because they are willing to insult without even knowing that they insult.

"What prejudice does to the prejudiced is, in subtler or in grosser ways, to work this inner corruption. This is the image we need to build of the people who claim white supremacy and Christian superiority. They are intellectually and morally sick people. What is worse, they are sick people who try to make their own sickness the measure of their society's health." H. A. Overstreet in "The Gentle People of Prejudice," Saturday Review of Literature.

## In Step

Keeping in step with the times, the Protestant Film Commission has produced three motion pictures to help spread the gospel of fair play and religious and racial understanding.

Produced at a cost of \$90,000, they are designed for use with 16-mm. sound projectors. Each runs 30 minutes and is especially useful for Sunday school classes, youth groups and civic organizations. Titles are "The Birthday Party," "A Job for Bob," and "What Happened to Jojo."

They can be rented at a small service charge.

Organizations wishing to use the best of modern propaganda techniques to teach interracial understanding would do well to inquire into these films.

## On the Bookshelf

SEGREGATION, A Challenge to Democracy." By Margaret McCulloch. Published by the Race Relations Department, American Missionary Association Division, Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn. 40 pp.

Here is a 40-page pamphlet on segregation that gives the how, why, who and wherefore of one of the most disgraceful aspects of our contemporary American culture. And it winds up with a what-can-we-do-about-it that makes sense.

Author Margaret McCulloch is not content to discuss segregation on the airy level of theory, which is where we would like to keep such discussion. She brings it down to the dollars-and-cents level, which is the level we understand. She discusses it at the level of human dignity, too, and in relation to written law, moral law and religious law.

Read this little pamphlet. You'll find a lot of nuggets of information you'll add to your store of things-I-never-knew-till-now. And you'll find out what you can do to bring about changes in this far-from-perfect world of ours without getting up on a soapbox, and without donning the robes of the prophet.

## Here's To You

Sometimes the cup that cheers isn't just a convivial drink; it's a measure of the discrimination we practice.

That's why spokesmen of the Confederation Indian tribes this week asked repeal of discriminatory federal laws banning sale of liquor to Indians.

Indians are supposed to be free and equal, they point out, but when it comes to buying a drink, they find out otherwise. One spokesman pointed out that a large majority of Indians in Nevada are of mixed blood and the law concerning the sale of liquor is violated every day. The regulation is not only morally wrong, it's also impractical, he said.

The Indians, of course, weren't primarily concerned with the question of liquor this week. They also asked for establishment of a junior college at the Indian school at Stewart, an addition to the Indian hospital at Schurz and legislation that would enable them to acquire and dispose of land, eliminating tribal and other restrictions.

## Add Quotes

"New York was always referred to as the 'melting pot'—it is but a simmering saucepan, however, when compared to the west and especially Southern California. In the Los Angeles area there are some 200,000 Negroes, an increase of more than four times since 1940, 300,000 Spanish speaking people and persons of Mexican descent, 40,000 Japanese, about 20,000 Chinese and 25,000 Indians. This mushrooming growth in population has tended to keep racial, religious and nationality segregation from taking on the rigid pattern found in other large cities. It is our task to keep the cancerous sore of segregation from setting in." George L. Thomas, consultant on intercultural relations, Congressional conference.

# Minnesota Commission Reports On Japanese American Group

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — The Minnesota governor's interracial commission this week made public its report on "The Oriental in Minnesota." The report, the commission's sixth in a series on ancestral and minority study of the state's population, was presented to Gov. Luther Youngdahl.

The conclusions and recommendations of the commission deals with Japanese, Chinese and Filipinos. It estimates there are about 2,000 persons of Oriental ancestry in the state.

The commission noted that the question of full acceptance of Orientals has significance inasmuch as the state of Minnesota has been lagging in population growth and that the state may need them. Although the nation has shown an overall population increase of 10 per cent, Minnesota has barely increased seven per cent, it was reported by the commission.

Concerning the Nisei, the report gives praise to their mili-

tary record at Fort Snelling and Camp Savage, and in Italy. Special emphasis was given to the 34th Division, where many Minnesota national guard personnel also served.

A large number of Nisei are attending the University of Minnesota and other colleges. The commission gave the report that enrollment in colleges among Japanese Americans is higher than that of the general population.

There are 150 Issei, 500 Nisei and 100 Sansei in the state, although at one time, it has been estimated there were more than 6,000 residents, both military and civilian. Majority have gone back to the west coast or have gone further east.

The commission reports there are about 700 Chinese and between 300 and 500 Filipinos in Minnesota.

Data concerning the Japanese Americans was prepared by Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa, Nisei Christian ministry director, and the Twin Cities United Citizens league.

## Bill Hosokawa:

# FROM THE FRYING PAN

## Modern Man Is Helpless

Denver, Colo.

The battery in the family jalopy gave up the ghost the other night. In a fine fit of forgetfulness, we left the headlights burning while we ran into a store. A half hour later when we got back, there was only enough life in the battery to produce a few sad grunts from the starter, and we were properly stuck until a fellow motorist provided a shove.

Back in the old days, before automobile manufacturers were completely sold on the idea of a battery-operated starter, a crankhandle used to be standard equipment in new cars—along with a jack, tire iron, spark-plug wrench, screwdriver and another wrench to be used in changing wheels. In the Model T Ford, the crankhandle dangled from a hole under the radiator like a pipe in a man's face. But nowadays cars don't come equipped with crankhandles. Even if they did, however, it is doubtful that modern, city-dwelling man has the muscular oomph to spin the multicylinder, high-compression jobs that they put under the hoods.

All this helped develop a train of thought on the subject of what would happen come the day they start dropping A- and H-bombs all over the place, and in the process incapacitating power plants, steel mills, hydro-electric dams and sundry other producers of energy and gadgets. How well are we prepared to survive without electricity? If we knew how to raise wheat by hand, could we grind it into flour and bake bread? If we could kill an animal, would we know how to prepare and preserve the flesh, and could we tan the hide for clothing?

Despite all our great progress, we're almost totally helpless in the very elemental business of surviving through the strength and skill of our

hands. Perhaps what is needed—besides perpetual automobile batteries—is a new emphasis on the Boy Scout movement wherein youngsters learn to make fire by rubbing two sticks together, and other similarly marvelous feats.

## Could Brings News on China

Randall Gould passed through town this week and stopped by to say howdy. The Chinese Communists kicked Gould out of Shanghai last fall and thus ended a quarter-century of distinguished newspapering in the Far East. Japanese militarists have good reason to remember Gould. He ran his Shanghai Evening Post in the old American tradition of fiery and fearless editors, and he and his newspaper got under the skins of a good many sabre-rattling sons of the samurai.

Gould told of a couple of developments that are a commentary on our times. Some of China's leading liberals, he said, have fled to Tokyo, much in the manner in which European leaders fled to England when the Nazi tide rolled to the Atlantic. From Tokyo, these Chinese are working in their various ways to keep the fire of liberty burning in China. And thus Japan, only a few years ago the stronghold of reaction and fascism, quickly has been converted by the occupation into a refuge and perhaps a springboard for democracy in Asia.

Another little-publicized development is the stranded Americans in China who have gone over to the Chinese Reds. These renegades are few, of course, but it is interesting to see them reacting under pressure (and ideology) much as a very few stranded Nisei reacted during the late unpleasantness in Japan. Some day, perhaps, we shall learn more fully what the promise of economic betterment had to do in this tragic coat-turning, how much of the decision was affected by pressure, coercion, ideology and unabashed opportunism.

# A NATIVE'S RETURN

## Race Discrimination Remains A Factor on the West Coast

By JOBO NAKAMURA

Berkeley, Calif.

In CALIFORNIA we would be utterly crazy even to mention "social integration," a popular topic among some Nisei in Chicago. Such a movement—individual or collective—is simply out of the question in these parts.

Once in a while we have unwittingly brought up the question of social assimilation of Oriental groups, and the local boys have virtually laughed in our faces with a strident rebuke, "What's the matter with you, ashamed of your racial background?"

One does not need to poke around long to see that our friends and their families have come home to pick up the old threads where they were cut off when the Nisei and Issei were hustled off to the evacuation centers. Their lives are being woven to the same form and pattern as before the war. The river that was momentarily disrupted flows today in the same channel it has occupied for a half century.

The traditional barrier against Oriental minorities is still a strong factor on the west coast. The social pattern of the "Japanese towns" is reconstructed again. There is an unmistakable air of defeatism. Perhaps the Nisei want it that way—maybe.

The subtlety of race prejudice in California is lost immediately that one looks for a job. A Nisei friend, a college graduate, has been looking for an accounting job for months. Today he is willing to settle for something on the janitorial level. As he says, "At least out in the east, your prospective boss will take the time out to talk to you. Here you don't even get a word in. Those people at the personnel offices are so exasperating, smilingly nice as they brush you off. If one would honestly tell me to 'get the hell out of here,' I would congratulate them for possessing the virtue of honesty."

This economic picture in the proverbial nutshell may be distorted inasmuch as many Nisei are now filtering across the once impossible barriers into occupations formerly unheard of in the Japanese community. Conspicuously notable is the acceptance of Nisei girls in private and institutional offices.

Then there is the Nisei who looks toward Japan as did many of them in the old days when Mitsubushi and Sumitomo invited promising Nisei college graduates to a life of greater security. Today the picture has changed color, but the form is the same. The Nisei, like hundreds of others, has tasted the life of occupied Japan on military duty or as a civil service employee and he is anxious to return to that life which gave him a new status in society, a role with greater prestige. (To go to Japan for prestige's sake seems unrealistic to us, because it only manifests an

escape from a struggle to define our place in America, where we will inevitably return).

In the old days we frequently read idealistic essays by young Nisei who envisioned their role in cementing Japanese-American friendship. Nisei with the dubious background of both cultures would be appropriate emissaries. As a matter of fact in those days Nisei had hardly any real concept of American civilization, just as he had no real understanding of Japanese culture. As Roku Sugahara said in an earlier Pacific Citizen column, we were only crude mannered children who embarrassed our immigrant parents with inadequacies of language and manners.

Today, as a consequence of the war, occupied Japan has thrown open a wide and new vista for Nisei opportunists. In deference to the observation made by Mr. Sugahara that the Nisei will play a major role in diplomatic and business relations between this country and Japan, the indications are imminently apparent on the west coast, judging by certain Nisei activities.

Besides getting on the import-export bandwagon, Nisei are constantly alert to the announcement of civil service job openings in occupied Japan. One sees daily the stream of Nisei scanning the bulletin board of the overseas government job agency.

The number of Nisei students on the University of California campus doing intensive study of the Japanese language and history is not, by any means, small. A classmate of ours before the evacuation, Key Kobayashi, is back on the campus completing his study in international relations, emphasizing the far eastern situation.

Kobayashi has been in the U S army for several years, doing a long hitch in the Orient. With the vision of a career in the Far East, he has undertaken his study with a mature interest not found in the old days when Nisei took Japanese history courses with only a vague notion of their significance.

Another veteran who saw service in occupied Japan is William Osuga, who recently completed his requirements for a master's degree in history, writing his thesis on

## "Loaded Weapon"

Editor, Pacific Citizen:

In reading the article "The Loaded Weapon," by Larry Tajiri on Feb. 24 something of vital concern to all Nisei and Issei came to my mind.

Every Nisei and Issei who spent some time in the concentration camps was required to take a written oath (it was the last pointed question in the questionnaire covering several pages) that they would forever refrain from taking part in any subversive (including semi-subversive and near-subversive) activities.

It is hoped that the majority of the Nisei and Issei are living up to that oath, knowing the group responsibility of the Japanese. For it is a club that can be used most effectively against all those who stray from the straight path.

Yours truly,  
Kenneth M. Nikaido,  
New York City.

## Youth Confab Draws 100 Delegates

IDAHO FALLS, Ida.—At least a hundred young people from northern Utah and southern Idaho met recently for a two-day Intermountain Christian youth conference at the Idaho Falls Trinity Methodist church.

Dr. Forrest W. Werts of Twin Falls was the speaker at the opening service. The Rev. Don Ian Smith of Salmon, Ida., was the main speaker at the Saturday night banquet.

The cabinet and official delegates held a business meeting Sunday morning at the Hotel Rogers, at which time the following 1951 officers were elected:

Ted Matsushima, pres.; Ronald Okawa, vice pres.; Miye Morimoto, rec. sec.; Marie Ohashi, corr. sec.; Kay Tokita, treas.; and Katie Inoway, historian.

Ogden will be host city for the next convention.

## Dr. Yatabe Joins Olivet Trustees

CHICAGO—Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, prominent in civic and JACL activities, has joined the board of trustees of the Olivet Institute, one of the largest community centers in Chicago, according to Wallace Heistad, director.

The board is comprised of leaders from Chicago's professional, business, industrial and civic life.

Olivet Institute was founded in 1888 and serves the many religious, racial and national groups in its community.

Shintoism. He is continuing his graduate study along this line.

Many Nisei like Kobayashi and Osuga who have seen the new Japan are fully cognizant of the importance of academic preparation to meet the great challenge that lies ahead.



# PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

## Nishita Fans Fifteen in Mound Debut

Bill Nishita, the slender schoolboy star from Hawaii who may one day be the first Nisei hurler to make the grade, in bigtime baseball, made an auspicious start for Santa Rosa J.C. last Saturday when he struck out 15 to help his team to a 3 to 2 win over the Cal Aggies. Nishita, acclaimed the best prep pitcher in Hawaii last year, is reported to be headed for the University of California. In his first appearance he gave up seven hits over the nine-inning route... The Dinuba Mustangs recently won the Class A Central California Nisei championship by defeating Reedley in a 32 to 31 encounter last week at Parlier, Calif.... The Midwest Tennis club is planning the first national tennis tournament to be held in Chicago in conjunction with the National JACL convention this fall... The West Los Angeles Lucky Doks are the champions of the Southern California Nisei Athletic Union basketball league. They won the AA title by besting the Saints, 40 to 35, last week. The Lucky Doks, with all-city high school star Herb Isono sinking 22 points, also won their second round game in the Los Angeles city tournament by defeating the Sons of Pericles, 49 to 44... The Hawaii AJA all-star bowling team, runnersup in the National JACL tourney, lost matches to Vogue Bowl, the 1949 champions, and the Johnny DiLuccia team in Los Angeles before leaving for Hawaii last week.

George Goto and the Placer College team lost in the semi-finals to San Mateo College in the district tournament to decide the team which will go to the national jaycee tourney in Hutchinson, Kans. San Francisco City College, which also defeated Placer for the Northern California title in a three-game playoff, won the district laurels... Ralph Yakushi, first-string forward for Galileo high, San Francisco city basketball champions, did some quick thinking but to no avail last week when his team lost to Salinas in the annual "tournament of champions." With Don Bragg, Galileo's only six-footer and all-Northern California center, charged with four personal fouls with ten minutes still to go, the referee's whistle blew when several players dove for the ball. Yakushi, with only two personals, immediately raised his hand to signify that he had fouled but the referee saw otherwise and charged the foul to Bragg. With Bragg out of the game Galileo team lost to Salinas... Nancy Ito, the Denver teenager who is one of the best feminine basketball players in the west, finished the season as the team's top scorer as the Hudsonettes defeated the Denver Chevrolets for the city championship last week. Miss Ito scored ten points in the title game. She is also the short-stop for the Denver Trivolis, outstanding women's baseball team in the Rockies.

## Tommy Kono Is New Weightlifting Star

Weightlifting is one of the sports in which Nisei have excelled in recent years. Three Nisei, all weightlifters coached by Hawaii's Henry Koizumi, were members of the 1948 U.S. Olympic team. Harold Sakata, now a professional wrestler on his first mainland tour, took second at London in the light-heavyweight class while Emerick Ishikawa, former National AAU champion, and Richard Tomita placed sixth and eighth respectively in the featherweight division. Tomita, on the basis of his recent performances in Hawaii, is rated as a coming national and Olympic champion... Last week in Berkeley, Calif., two Nisei won Northern California championships in weightlifting. Tommy Kono of Sacramento broke Northern California, state and Pacific coast records in the 148-pound division by lifting 745 pounds. Kono is the present Pacific coast champion. Bob Yamashiro of Monterey won the 123-pound class title by lifting 515 pounds.

## Behind the AAU Ban on Hawaii Cagers

Behind the National AAU's reversal of its decision to forbid the Hawaii AJA All-Stars to play in Japan is a hassle in the Hawaiian AAU whose committeeman, Manuel Ferreira, originally sent National AAU Secretary Dan Ferris a letter requesting that the Hawaiian Nisei team be denied permission to play in Japan. Despite the efforts of the Japanese Amateur Basketball Association, which cabled Ferris, the National AAU refused to rescind its order. Then Takeo Yoshioka, president of the Hawaii AJA Athletic Association which sponsored the tour, finally was granted a hearing by the Hawaiian AAU after being denied one earlier. After a stormy meeting the Hawaiian AAU acceded to Yoshioka's request and recommended that the AAU lift its ban on the Nisei cagers. The Nisei team, en route to Nippon aboard the President Wilson, was informed of the changed decision just before they landed... Ferreira tendered his resignation as chairman when the Hawaiian AAU voted to ask the national body to change its decision. Ferreira had charged that Yoshioka, operator of a travel agency, was profiting from the trip. Yoshioka replied that he had received \$250 as a commission but that he had donated \$1,500 toward the trip. Yoshioka's trump card was evidence that his Nisei group had written Ferreira on Jan. 5, 1950, requesting approval for the trip, but that this letter had not been acknowledged or answered. AAU rules specify that such requests must be acted on within five days.

## Yonamine Has New Offer from Tokyo

Dispatches during the past week out of El Centro, Calif., where the San Francisco Seals are in training have carried little about the progress of Wally Yonamine in his bid to make the big jump from the semi-pro Hawaii Baseball League to Class AAA ball with the San Francisco Seals. However, Yonamine stayed with the Seals' A team when the B squad went off to Mesa, Ariz., to tangle with the Oakland Oaks and the Nisei flycatcher opened one of the Seals' exhibition games against Seattle. Yonamine will have his work cut out for him, however, if he is to make the Seals' first-line outfield. Also on the Seals' roster as outfielders are Don White, formerly of the Philadelphia Phillies; Neill Sheridan, Walt Judnich, formerly of the Cleveland Indians, Jackie Tobin, Brooks, Jack Bocciocco and Herman Wedemeyer... Yonamine will have two choices if he does not stick with the Seals. He may be offered a spot in Class A ball or with Yakima, the Seals' Class B link in the Western International, or with Salt Lake City or Phoenix. The Nisei star also has been offered a top salary of 100,000 yen a month (approximately \$300 in U.S. currency) plus his room and board to join the Tokyo Giants of the Japan professional league. The offer to Yonamine is a salary which rates with the best being paid in the Japanese pro league and indicates that Richard Uehara, who scouted Yonamine on behalf of the Tokyo Giants, was impressed. Uehara also hopes to get several other Nisei stars to join the Tokyo team.

Alice Ichinaga is a member of the College of Sequoias coed bowling team of Visalia, Calif., which is currently in third place in the second quarter of the 11th annual national intercollegiate telegraphic bowling tournament. Iowa State is first and San Jose State second... Yoshitsugu Hokama at 160 pounds is a member of the UCLA

## Aihara Beats Brown In Broad Jump at Long Beach Relays

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Henry Aihara, co-captain of the University of Southern California track team became one of the first Americans to clear 24 feet this year as he won the broad jump at the annual Long Beach relays on March 11.

Aihara's winning leap of 24 feet 2 inches nosed out George Brown, last year's high school sensation, who is now attending Compton College.

Bob Watanabe, UCLA dash star, was only two steps behind Lloyd La Beach but went unplaced in a 9.6s century.

## Hawaii Stars Seeded First In Tournament

### San Jose Zebras Get Second Spot In Salt Lake Meet

The Hawaii AJA All-Stars have been seeded first in the 15th annual Salt Lake Nisei invitational basketball tourney which will get underway March 23 at Westminster gym.

Seeded second are the San Jose Zebras, with Salt Lake's Zephyrs third. Rounding out the eight-team tourney participants are the Denver All-Stars, Harlem AC of Salt Lake City, the Idaho Falls JACL, Murray Taiyos and the Ogden YBA.

Hawaii will probably get its toughest competition from the Zebras, whose race-horse type of fast breaks makes it one of the most feared teams in the tourney.

Another stumbling block for the Hawaii team may be the Salt Lake City entry, the Zephyrs, who are champions of the local JACL league and titlists of the Idaho Falls JACL invitational tournament. The game will go on at 10 p. m. Thursday.

Hawaii's first hurdle will be the Harlem AC, runners-up in the Salt Lake league. At 8:50 p. m. the Zebras will make their court debut against the Idaho Falls JACL.

The tournament will start at 6:30 p. m. with the Zephyrs matched against the Taiyos. Games to follow on that day are the Denver All-Stars vs. Ogden YBA at 7:40, Zebras vs. Idaho Falls, 8:50, and the Hawaii All-Stars vs. Harlem at 10.

Losers and winners will play off the following day and on the concluding day, March 25, with the championship game scheduled for 7:30 p. m. on Saturday.

The tournament will end with a victory dance, beginning at 8:40 p. m., Saturday, immediately after the championship game. Awards will be presented at 10 p. m.

## New York Court Refuses Request Of Bowling Group

NEW YORK — The State Supreme Court on March 13 refused a request from the American Bowling Congress that it order the attorney general to prepare a new complaint in the case charging the ABC with racial discrimination.

Attorney General Nathaniel Goldstein charged that the ABC's request was a delaying move.

The state has been asked in the suit to bar the ABC from New York state on the grounds of racial discrimination in its membership provisions.

## CIO Enters Case Against American Bowling Congress

CHICAGO—The Superior court on March 9 permitted the CIO to enter the state's lawsuit challenging the American Bowling Congress' exclusion of non-Caucasians from membership.

boxing squad... George Shindo is now wrestling in main events in the Denver area... Tom Kanamine of Nebraska finished fifth in the 100-yard freestyle at the Big Seven conference swimming tournament in Norman, Okla., last week... Yets Higa is trying to sponsor a series of intrasquad games of the San Francisco 49ers in Honolulu this fall... Bill Makishi of the University of Colorado wrestling team lost in the quarter finals of the 115-pound division in the Sixth District AAU tournament in Fort Collins, Colo., on March 10. Wiebere Shimoda of Colorado A & M also lost in the preliminaries... Tak Iseri of the Sacramento YMCA won the 200 yard breaststroke in 2:42.9s as his team defeated San Francisco State, 38 to 29, on March 11... Tommy Okagaki started at second base as San Jose lost their opening game to California, 5 to 7, last week.

## Wisconsin Commission Will Investigate Ouster of Nisei From State Bowling Tourney

MADISON, Wis.—The Governor's Commission on Human Rights announced this week it will investigate the ouster of an American war veteran of Japanese ancestry from the Wisconsin State Bowling tournament last week in Fon du Lac because of the "white males only" membership rules of the American Bowling Congress.

Mrs. Rebecca Barton, commission director, said the incident in which Kenneth Koji of Sparta, a former member of the 100th

Infantry Battalion from Hawaii, was barred from the team event at the state tourney is an example of the racially discriminating policy of the ABC.

Koji said in Sparta he bowled with the Bacon and Hanson team from Sparta in the singles and doubles events on March 10. On the following day he said Clarence Jonen, secretary of the Wisconsin State Bowling association, an affiliate of the American Bowling Congress, refused to let him bowl.

Koji said Jonen told him he had to follow the ABC's rule permitting only white males to roll in ABC-sanctioned events.

Robert Bacon, captain of the Sparta team, told newsmen he replaced Koji after Jonen explained the ABC rule to him.

In Milwaukee, Jonen said Bacon agreed that Koji was ineligible to compete in the tourney because of the ABC's Caucasians only rule.

"I was merely doing my job of seeing that everyone lives up to the rules," Jonen said.

Koji, 32, moved from Hawaii to Sparta after the war. He said he had paid four years' dues to the ABC. He trained at Camp McCoy, near Sparta, with the 100th Battalion of Japanese Americans and served in eight overseas operations. He said he chose Sparta as a place to live because he liked the town while in army training. Sparta residents erected a plaque to the 100th Battalion after the war.

Meanwhile, interest was mounting because of the Koji incident in the case started recently by State Attorney General Thomas E. Fairchild to force the American Bowling Congress to revise its membership rules to eliminate race restrictions.

The national headquarters of the ABC are located in Milwaukee.

## Grace Makabe Wins Top Place In California Fencing Tourney

SAN FRANCISCO—First place honors were won by Grace Makabe of Loomis in the annual Northern California Intermediate Women's Foils Tournament held March 10 at the San Francisco State College. Miss Makabe was the only Nisei among the ten finalists.

As Northern California winner, she is qualified to take part in the Pacific Coast championship fencing tournament matches to be held in Los Angeles in May.

In 1948 Miss Makabe won the Pacific Coast Women's Foils tournament in the junior class. Last year she held first rank in the Women's Open Foils of Northern California.

Annual amateur championships are decided in the novice, junior, intermediate, and senior classes, as well as in opens. Pacific Coast winners would qualify for elimination tournaments toward national championships.

Miss Makabe is a member of the Halberstadt School of Fencing in San Francisco. She has also organized a fencing club which meets twice weekly at the YMCA in Sacramento.

Among other activities, Miss Makabe is chairman of the Home Department of the Griffin Farm Bureau Center of Loomis, where she lives and assists her father and brothers in the Makabe orchards.

## MONTANA NISEI WINS SCHOOL SPORT HONORS

HARDIN, Mont. — Tom Yamamoto, senior at Harlowton, Montana, high school has been picking up athletic and student leadership honors right and left.

Chosen during the past season on the all-state class "B" football team, he helped the team secure one of the top positions in the state. Captain of the varsity basketball team, Tom was materially instrumental in its capturing the district championship.

Laying aside a recitation about his athletic prowess, young Yamamoto was a delegate last year to the annual Boys' State Camp. A much-coveted distinction, one or two outstanding students are chosen each year from the schools for this camp sponsored by the American Legion.

## Chicago League Plans Bowling Meet in May

### Cleveland Keglars Will Return to Defend Titles

CHICAGO — Approximately \$2,000 in cash prizes will be awarded bowlers competing in the second annual Chicago men and women's bowling tournament May 20 and 21 at the Gold Coast bowling lanes.

Trophies donated by Chicago merchants will also be presented to champions in each event.

Bowlers from Cleveland dominated the tournament last year, capturing all five first place trophies. The city will send two powerful men's teams to this year's tourney.

One squad will be captained by T. Tosaya and will include last year's singles champion, H. Takada, and the all-events winner, J. Kishida. Second entry will be led by M. Furukawa and I. Matsumura, who captured the men's doubles event a year ago.

Challenging Cleveland's supremacy will be three of the leading teams from the Northside bowling league. National Chicks, the current leaders, will be paced by A. Fong, top bowler in the League with a 174 average, and G. Morooka, who holds the individual high game honors with a 258.

All entries must be received by May 1. Forms may be obtained from Soc Kojima, secretary, Second Annual Nisei Bowling Tournament, c/o Gold Coast Bowling Lanes, 1211-1215 North Clark st., Chicago.

## Oxy Frosh Star Wins Century at Conference Relays

EAGLE ROCK, Calif. — Jody Maruyama won the freshman 100-yard dash in 10.3s at the Southern California Collegiate conference relays on March 11 at Paterson Field.

Maruyama also tied for first place in the pole vault at 11 feet 3 3/4 inches. He also ran the anchor leg on Oxy's winning 4-man 800-yard relay team which set a new frosh record of 1:33.5s.

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## Vital Statistics

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sakaoka a boy on March 2 in Sacramento.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Nitta, Acampo, Calif., a boy on Feb. 24.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Tamotsu George Kikugawa a girl on Feb. 27 in San Francisco.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Calvin Suenaga a boy on March 2 in San Francisco.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Seichi Milo Sumii a boy on Feb. 25 in San Francisco.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kikoshima a girl on March 5 in Seattle.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Hiro Morimoto, Irvington, Calif., a boy, Mark Hiroshi, on Feb. 27.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Kosie Frank Nakamoto a boy, Yukimasa Joe, on Feb. 28 in San Jose.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Tatsuta a boy, Keith Yukio, on Feb. 23 in San Jose.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Nitta a boy on Feb. 22 in Stockton, Calif.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Naborie Suyama a boy on March 10 in Seattle.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Saito a girl, Susan, on Feb. 23 in Portland, Ore.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Oishi a boy in Berkeley, Calif.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Kenichi Akagi a girl in Berkeley.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Raitaro Otsuka a girl in Berkeley.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Shimada a boy in Oakland, Calif.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Kameya a boy, Glen Choichi, on Feb. 27 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Tadao Tsuchiyose, Pasadena, Calif., a girl, Kathleen Tamiko, on Feb. 28.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Yoshimoto, Beverly Hills, Calif., a girl, Kathleen Tamiko, on Feb. 28.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Yoshimoto, Beverly Hills, Calif., a girl, Gail Ann, on Feb. 28.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haruo Yoshimura a girl, Nancy Lynn, on Feb. 28 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Torao Nishimoto a boy, Seichi, on March 7 in San Francisco.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Kenichi Morishita a boy on Feb. 25 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ono a boy, Gary Steven, on Feb. 22 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Kameo Fujioka, Gardena, Calif., a boy, Dick Sumu, on Feb. 27.  
To Mr. and Mrs. George Hiluo Ito, Pasadena, Calif., a boy, James Alan, on Feb. 27.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Mits Robert Kato, Pasadena, Calif., a girl, Annette Yukiko, on Feb. 24.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Akira Kitada a girl, Joam Masaye, on Feb. 26 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Kay Kazuo Hanami a boy, David Minoru, on Feb. 27 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Keiji Hiraga a girl, Donna Kay, on March 6 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Takumi Omi a

boy on Feb. 11 in Fresno.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Fred T. Saka-segawa a boy on Feb. 11 in Fresno.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Andy Aratani a boy on Feb. 26 in Mitchell, Neb.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ushio a boy in Alliance, Neb.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Nishikawa a girl, Mariye, on March 6 in Portland, Ore.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Kay Nakamura a girl on March 13 in Seattle.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Takishi Tada a boy on March 13 in Seattle.  
To Mr. and Mrs. George Mizushima, Grand Junction, Colo., a boy, Howard, on Feb. 14.

## DEATHS

Charles T. Miura, 76, on March 12 in Colorado Springs, Colo.  
Gohei Kanase, 72, on March 13 in Santa Ana, Calif.  
Mrs. Hana Kamo, 67, on March 11 in Guadalupe, Calif.  
Yoshikai Masuda, 17, on March 14 in Brighton, Colo.  
Mrs. Nobuko Taguchi, 31, in Reedley, Calif., on March 7.  
Naokichi Tanji on March 8 in Livingston, Calif.  
Shigezo Hashimoto, 79, on March 8 in San Jose, Calif.  
Ioroi Torakichi, 77, on March 6 in Seattle.  
Take Kumasawa on Feb. 26 in Portland, Ore.  
Kichiji Tsuji, 70, on March 9 in Fresno, Calif.  
Mrs. Yuki Osaki, 64, on March 6 in Chicago.  
Mrs. Kuni Nakashima (Mrs. Chujiro Nakashima), 82, on March 10 in Caruthers, Calif.

## MARRIAGES

Kiyoko Ikeda to George Masayoshi Fujikawa on March 12 in Los Angeles.  
Linda Misako Hikida, Greeley, Colo., to Pat Eio Inouye, Rock Springs, Wyo., on March 12 in Denver.  
Ori Komatsu to Tamio Kitano on March 14 in Chicago.  
Tokiko Kimura to Kunio Takeshita on March 5 in Chicago.  
Michiko Mizutani to Roy Deguchi on March 8 in Kingsburg, Calif.  
Jane Matsubara to Noboru Ota on March 3 in Fresno, Calif.  
Sally Sadako Watanabe to Mitsuru Hironaka on March 5 in Sacramento.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Jane Haruko Hamamoto, 24, and Fred Shigeo Tanigawa, 27, Elk Grove, Calif., in Sacramento.  
Frances Miyako Oda, 27, Florin, Calif., and Henry S. Marubashi, 27, Gridley, in Sacramento.  
Kiyo P. Niguma and Yasuo R. Omoto in Seattle.  
June Sakaki, 27, and Teizo Okuda, 26, in San Francisco.  
Sadame Hara, 21, and Mitsunobu Kojimoto, 25, in San Francisco.  
Fusaye Nakamura, 25, and Kayzo Kano, 31, Layton, in Ogden, Utah.  
Umeyo Sakagami, 30, and Ta-

## Nisei Talent Show To Open Tourney

A topnotch slate of performers will star in a Nisei talent review to be held Wednesday, March 22, as a prelude to the 15th annual Nisei invitational basketball tournament in Salt Lake City March 23 to 25.

Singers, instrumentalists and dancers will be on the program. A series of skits is also planned. A welcome dance to honor visiting cagers will be held after the talent show. Feature of the dance will be coronation of the tournament queen, who will reign over the three-day affair.

The dance will begin at 8:30 p.m. Locale is the Ladies Literary club, 850 East South Temple street.

## Sakadas Take Over First Place in Chicago JACL League

CHICAGO—The Sakada Optometrists, the hottest team in the league in recent weeks, took over undisputed possession of first place in the Chicago JACL bowling league on March 8 by defeating Coed Beauty Shop, 3 to 1, while Plaisance Cleaners lost all four to Murukami & Sons.

R. Honbo led Murakami's with a 554.

The Nisei Vues, now tied with Plaisance for second, lost three to Wah Mee Lo, while Hyde Park Restaurant remained in contention by taking three from Berns Store.

F. Hamasaki had high totals of 568 as Tellone Beauty Salon blanked O.T. Men's Wear, while Quality Cleaners disposed of Jan Jan T by the same 4 to 0 total.

G. Seto of Mark Twain hit 568 as his team defeated Petite Cleaners, 4 to 0.

## St. Paul Institute Plans Cultural Night

MINNEAPOLIS—The St. Paul International Institute will sponsor a Japanese culture night along with their membership dinner on Wednesday, March 24. Working in conjunction with the Institute are the Twin Cities United Citizens league and the St. Paul Nisei club.

The dinner is sponsored monthly by different international groups among the Institute's membership. Heading the United Citizen league's committee is Tozie Teramoto of St. Paul. Others on the committee include: Mrs. Tomiko Ogata, Mrs. Nobu Kuramoto and Mrs. Sao Teramoto.

dashi Koga, 32, in Ogden, Utah.  
Jane Haruko Hamamoto, 24, Sacramento, and Fred Shigeo Tanigawa, 27, Elk Grove, Calif., in Sacramento.

Frances Miyako Oda, 27, Florin, and Henry S. Marubashi, 27, Gridley, in Sacramento.  
Sallie Tsugawa, 20, and Frank Goro Kashiwada, 23, in Sacramento.

Annie Seto, 27, Sacramento, and Haruo Hironaka, 36, San Francisco, in Reno, Nev.

Satsuko Hamataka, 27, and Takaaki Okani, 25, both of Sacramento, in Oakland, Calif.

Teruko Hitomi, 22, El Cerrito, Calif., and Abe Watamura, 29, Berkeley, in Oakland.

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Top (left to right) Yoshiaki Moriwaki, team trophy donor congratulates John S. Towata, sponsor of the Towata Florist champions; Kayo Hayakawa of the S. F. Bowling league and members of the Towata squad: Gish Endo, tourney chairman; Chy Kawakami, 2nd place winner in sweepstakes; Dick Ikeda, all-events champion; Tad Sako and Fuzzy Shimada.

Lower: Joe Masaoka presents the women's team trophy to Yoyo Konishi of the winning Seattle squad. Other team members are Miye Ishikawa, Jean Terao, Sue Lew and Fumi Yoshida. Miss Yoshida is holding an orchid presented to her for making the highest game score during the tournament—232. Ruby Ikeda of the San Francisco Nisei Women's league is behind Masaoka.

—Photos by Tom Doami, courtesy Nichi Bei Times.

## Uyeda Sisters Will Entertain Oldsters

CHICAGO—Haruko and Tomeko Uyeda, Japanese dance exponents, will join Michael Hagiwara, tenor, in entertaining residents of the Presbyterian old peoples home in Evanston on Saturday, Mar. 25.

Highlighting the program will be four seven-year-olds, Mariko Ann Akiyama, Sadako Fujii, Toyoko Kitahata and Beatrice Okubo; and Christine Ito, Makiko Kato and Kiyoko Nozawa, who will present classical numbers.

## Doll Exhibit

SAN FRANCISCO—The 1950 membership drive of the Buchanan St. YM-YWCA opened March 12 with an exhibit of Japanese dolls at the home of Dr. Kazue Togasaki.

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## New Chapter Names First Cabinet

GRESHAM, Ore. — Sixty Nisei residents in the vicinity of Gresham met March 11 at the Gresham-Troutdale hall to discuss plans for the newly-formed Gresham-Troutdale JACL, 77th chapter in the Japanese American Citizens League.

Officers elected to head this new organizations are Shio Uyetake, pres.; Masao Takeuchi, 1st vice pres.; Ruby Takashima, 2nd vice pres.; Toshio Okno, treas.; Kazuo Kinoshita, assistant treas.; Mrs. Joe Kato, rec. sec.; Mrs. Hawley Kato, corr. sec.; Henry Kato, board delegate; Henry Oguri, sergeant-at-arms; and Mrs. George Onchi and Yosh Kinoshita, social chairman.

## Nisei Elected Prexy Of P-T-A Chapter

ATWATER, Calif. — Mrs. Ben Nagai was elected president of the Mitchell-Union elementary school PTA at the group's regular meeting March 9.

Elected to serve with Mrs. Nagai were Mrs. Henry Maguire, vice pres.; Mrs. George Hunt, treas.; Mrs. Samuel Carson, sec.; Mrs. Harold Holman, historian; Mrs. Manuel Jacobs, parliamentarian; and Harold Holman, auditor.

They will be installed at the group's April meeting.

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## Hawaii All-Stars Win First Three Games of Japan Tour

### Hawaiians Defeat San Francisco Protos

SAN FRANCISCO—En route to the Intermountain Nisei tournament in Salt Lake City where they are defending champions, the Hawaii AJA All-Stars stopped off in San Francisco on March 10 to defeat the YBA Protos, 48 to 41.

The two stars of the Hawaiian team, however, were two GIs stationed at the Monterey Presidio who joined the squad are in San Francisco. S. Nishihama scored 11 points while Tets Odo tallied 10.

### Welcome Social

LOS ANGELES—The Seattle Mercuries, who will play two games with Los Angeles cage teams March 21 and 22, will be welcomed at a get-acquainted social sponsored jointly by the West Los Angeles and Los Angeles YBAs on March 20 at the Nishi Hongwanji temple, according to Lily Inouye, social chairman of the Los Angeles Buddhist youth group.

TOKYO—The Hawaii Nisei All-Stars opened their eight-game tour of Japan by winning their opening game against the all-Japan collegiate stars, 64 to 46, before 10,000 persons at Tokyo's Sports Center on March 11.

The Hawaiians won their second game over the Japanese amateur champions, the Japan Steel Tube company team, 60 to 53, again before 10,000.

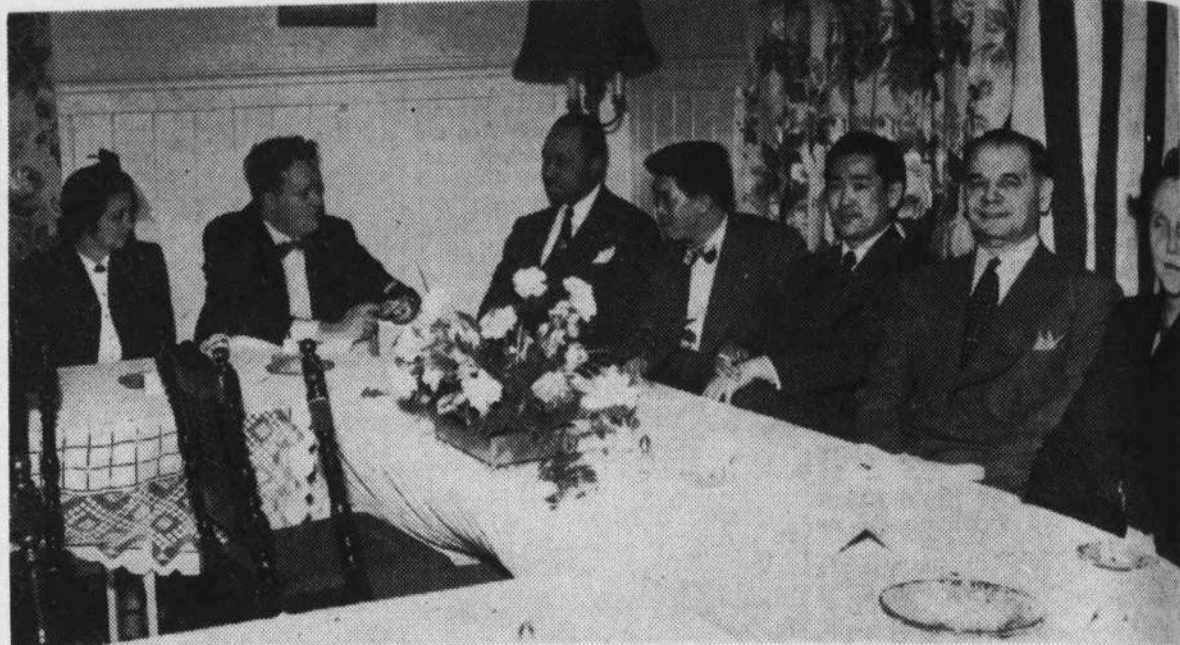
A large group of Nisei GIs, now on occupation duty in Japan, greeted the Hawaiian visitors at both games.

Wally Tome scored 16 points while Hal Tome fired in 13 in the first game.

The Nisei visitors made it three straight on March 15 at Osaka by defeating the Kobe Gakushi team, 49 to 47, before 5,000 fans.

### Stags Beat Hawaii

SACRAMENTO—The Sacramento Stags, abetted by George Goto, Placer College star, defeated the Hawaii AJA All-Stars, 84 to 65, on March 12.



MILWAUKEE, Wisc.—Prominent local citizens were among guests of the Milwaukee JACL as the chapter held installation ceremonies for its 1950 officers at a dinner Feb. 25 at The Surf. Left to right in the photo above are Mrs. Ernest Friend, Robert C. L. George, executive secretary of the Mayor's Commission on Human

Rights; George Brawly, chairman of the commission; Richard Akagi, Midwest regional director of the JACL; Robert Dewa, toastmaster; Ernest L. Friend, general secretary of the YMCA; and Mrs. Pauline Gardescu, executive secretary of the International Institute of Milwaukee.—Photo by Tamio T. Suyama.

### Sports Clinic

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—A sports clinic featured the March 3 meeting of the Philadelphia JACL, which was also devoted to perfecting plans for the EDC pre-convention rally to be held in this city April 15 and 16.

A panel of experts was recruited from the membership by Sim Endo, program chairman, to lecture on their particular sports.

Philip Furukawa spoke on swimming, Yoshi Yamaki on canoeing, Edwayd Miyamasu on golf, Betty Watanabe on badminton, Roy Tanaka, softball, Susan Sawagawa, horseback riding, and Gilbert Hayashi on bowling.

Mariko Ishiguro, president, reported on the chapter's activities on behalf of the naturalization bill. She read a letter of acknowledgment from Senator Edward Martin on the chapter's request for his favorable consideration of the measure.

### To Register Nisei

PENRYN, Calif.—The Placer JACL will make a concerted drive to register all Nisei voters for the coming elections.

The drive will be part of the chapter's program to enlist Nisei in political activity.

The deadline for registration for the primaries is April 14. Members were warned to register by this date by Tom Yego, who has been a deputy registrar for a number of years. Yego will help in registering potential voters.

Yego reminded the Nisei that all persons who have changed their place of residence, their precinct or party affiliation must reregister. Persons who did not vote in the last general elections must register also.

### Newly-weds

CALDWELL, Ida.—Miss Bette Arima of Homedale was united in marriage to Ben Uda of Boise on Sunday, March 12, in ceremonies conducted by the Rev. I. L. Shaver at the First Methodist church.

Bridal attendants were Mary Arima, sister of the bride, who was maid of honor, and Sachi Kawamura and Alice Uda, bridesmaids.

Walter T. Yamada of Caldwell was best man. Tony Miyasako, Jaxon Tachiyama and Minor Aono were ushers.

### Matsumiya Named YBA President

LOS ANGELES—Dean Matsumiya was elected president of the Southern District Young Buddhist League during a meeting of the board and official delegates Feb. 25 and 26.

Matsumiya is president of the West Los Angeles YBA. He will be assisted during the year by Ben Jinkawa of Los Angeles, men's vice president, and Misao Nakamura of Los Angeles, women's vice president.

Others on the cabinet are Mary Yanokawa, rec. sec.; Amy Nomi, corr. sec.; Mitsugi Fukuhara, treas.; Takashi Kiyohara, auditor; Robert Otani, research chmn.; Yuki Toya, music chmn.; Masako Deguchi, literary chmn.; Lefty Kiyohara, men's athletic chmn.; Midori Koba, women's athletic chmn.; George Akimoto, social Fusako Takemoto and George Hada, members at large.

The Pasadena YBA was unanimously accepted as a member chapter of the league.

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### Anna Imai Leads In Queen Contest

Anna Imai was in the lead this week in the contest to choose the queen for the 15th annual Salt Lake Nisei invitational basketball tournament set for Salt Lake City March 23 to 25.

Miss Imai had 112 votes this week, closely followed by Marie Akagi of the Mt. Olympus JACL, who had 107 votes.

Voting will end Wednesday, March 22, when the girls go before judges for the final selection.

Also in the race are Aiko Anzai, June Kobayashi and Mary Usui.

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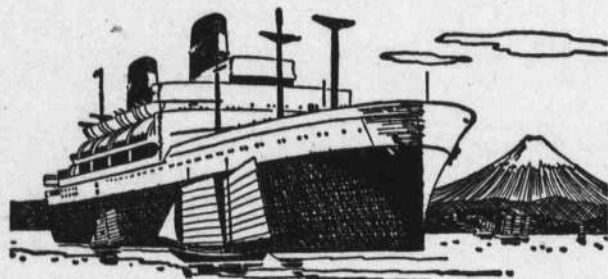
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