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Nineteen Japanese Americans Win Election as Delegates to Hawaii Statehood Convention

HONOLULU—Nineteen of the 63 delegates who will write the constitution of the future state of Hawaii are of Japanese ancestry.

Eight were elected outright in final runoff Tuesday.

The net score shows that one out of every two and a half Japanese American candidates ultimately made the grade. A total of 46 Nisei were in the starting lineup.

The 19 Nisei will sit with the rest of the 63 delegates in convention in Honolulu starting April 4 to draft a constitution which will serve as the territory's basic law if and when statehood is granted by congress.

In Tuesday's election, these 11 candidates of Japanese ancestry were named:

Richard Kageyama, Oahu supervisor; Clarence Y. Shimamura, attorney; Dr. Masao Kanemaru, dentist; Rep. Steere G. Noda, Nelson K. Doi, deputy attorney, Hawaii county; Rep. Joe Takao Yamachi, James K. Yamamoto, professional sports referee; Sakuichi Sakai, Hawaii supervisor; Peter Kawahara, school teacher; Harold T. Kido, airlines employe; Toshio Serizawa, Kauai supervisor.

The eight previously elected outright are:

Dr. Katsumi Kometani, Yasutaka Fukushima, Tom T. Okino, Thomas T. Sakakihara, Teruo Ihara, Kazuo Kage, Jack H. Mizuha and H. S. Kawakami.

A previous story in the Pacific Citizen listed Supervisor Sakuichi Sakai as having been elected outright February 11. A subsequent tally showed he had missed outright election by only a few votes.

He was elected Tuesday by a big margin.

Biggest upset was the defeat of Rep. Mitsuyuki Kido, Democratic legislator from Oahu, who placed ninth in a field of 10 in his district.

Expect "Japanese Problem" To Be Raised at Statehood Parley, House "Red" Probe

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—Nisei in Hawaii will have much at stake in the proceedings and the outcome of two historic events scheduled to take place next month.

One is the state constitutional convention opening April 4. Delegates to the convention were elected this week to write the constitution for the future state of Hawaii, if and when Congress admits the territory into the Union.

The other event is the congressional investigation by the House unAmerican activities committee into alleged subversive activities. Hearings will open here April 12.

Both events are without precedent in Hawaiian history. Each undoubtedly will bring out debate on the so-called "Japanese problem." Discussions on statehood and communism have seldom failed to raise the question of the "Americanism" of the Nisei.

Coming at practically the same time, the constitutional convention and the unAmerican activities hearings will have a critical bearing on whether Congress will enact statehood legislation in this session. The house voted for it several weeks ago and the senate is being urged to act on it soon.

If the territory gets a clean bill of health on the charge that Communism is a serious threat to the islands, the chances are rated excellent that the senate would take up the statehood enabling bill in this session. Statehood backers do not deny that there are Communists in Hawaii but they contend that the problem is no worse here than in many other parts of the country.

As far as the constitutional convention is concerned, hardly anyone doubts that a constitution will be drafted that would compare favorably with the best of the mainland states. Statehood supporters take it for granted that the constitution will be a credit to the high caliber of the delegates elected and to the electorate which selected the delegates.

The credit will be shared by the Nisei as well as the rest of the racial groups.

The problem thus simmers down to whether the territory can meet the challenge of the critics who are certain to question the ability of the Nisei to carry their burden as full-fledged citizens of a state, in view of the allegation that they are susceptible to Communist indoctrination. This allegation is intended by anti-statehood elements to illustrate that the Americans of

Japanese parentage have not been imbued fully with or have not accepted wholeheartedly, the democratic way of life.

The finger of suspicion is being pointed at the Nisei because the only admitted Communist in Hawaii happens to be a Nisei and because some of those accused of being Communists or sympathizers are also Nisei. These number only a handful, according to evidence available now; yet, statehood opponents appear prepared to make the most of this situation in a desperate attempt to block statehood.

At first it was feared that the hearings by the congressional committee might jeopardize the chances of early statehood. But the view is being taken now that the hearings should be a boon rather than an obstacle to statehood. The unAmerican activities committee, if it is out to get facts and not to engage in a witch hunt, can stop the irresponsible talk about Communist infiltration into the islands. For several years now, loose and unsubstantiated charges of strong Communist influence in Hawaiian politics and labor have been widely disseminated. It is hoped that these allegations can be pinned down and either verified or else dispelled once and for all.

If the Communists are a major threat to Hawaii, as charged, then the hearings ought to point the way to clearing out the agitators. If the Communists are no more than a minor problem, then the hearings ought to make that fact known so the record can be kept straight.

The Nisei undoubtedly will be placed "on the spot" again, notwithstanding their demonstrated loyalty to the United States during World War 2. They cleared themselves—if that was necessary—by their devotion to duty. There should be little doubt that they can do it again by their testimony and record before the congressional committee next month.

Detroit JACL Plans Blood Bank for Nisei Community

DETROIT, Mich. — A blood bank to be available to the Japanese American community in Detroit has been set up by the local JACL at the American Red Cross.

The first group of donors, consisting of Pres. Mark Kondo, Setsu Fujioka, Louis Furukawa, Sud Kimoto, Ray Kaneko and Shig Kado, went to Red Cross headquarters Feb. 18 and donated a pint of blood each for the reserve supply.

The project is under the direction of Kaneko and Miss Fujioka.

JACL to File Brief in Cases On Segregation

Court Will Hear Three Test Suits On Jim Crow Laws

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Three significant cases, attacking the "separate but equal" doctrine on which segregation has been legally practiced will be heard by the Supreme Court the week of April 3. The three cases are:

Heman Marion Sweatt, a Negro refused admission to the University of Texas Law School; Elmer Henderson, fighting segregation on railroads, and G. W. McLaurin, opposing segregated classes at the University of Oklahoma.

The JACL ADC and a number of Nisei attorneys now are co-operating in the preparation of a brief as a "friend of the court" in the McLaurin case.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, said the Nisei of the country, and every other citizen, will be affected by the fashion in which the Supreme Court meets and decides the issues involved in the cases.

Recently 11 Southern States filed a brief before the Court charging that if it decides Negroes must be admitted to white classes, the results will destroy the South's public school system.

The States took the stand in the Sweatt case. They asserted a decision favorable to Sweatt "would be a tragedy to the public generally, both white and Negro, in the states concerned."

"If (the separate but equal doctrine is) overruled, the power to prevent conflict and violence in schools, pools and other public facilities" would either close them or require police protection for the few who would use such facilities, the Southern States claimed.

Their brief made no reference to mixed schools which meet peacefully throughout most of the country.

States filing the brief in defense of the segregated school system were: Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Ando Re-elected JACL President By Denver Group

DENVER, Colo. — Tosh Ando was re-elected president of the Denver JACL with John Noguchi, Mami Katagiri and Min Yasui as 1st, 2nd and 3rd vice presidents.

Betty Kanegaye was named recording secretary, while Dorothy Hayano will be corresponding secretary. Ken Imamura was named treasurer.

Installation rites will be held at a dinner Wednesday, March 29 at the Manchu Grill.

The chapter has been pushing the ADC financial campaign. Approximately 60% of the goal has been reached at the present time.

House Appropriations Group Slashes 20 Per Cent from Evacuee Claims Payment Fund

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The House Appropriations Committee has proposed a sharp slash of more than 20 per cent in Justice Department funds for the payment of evacuation claims to persons of Japanese ancestry during the fiscal year of 1951, the JACL ADC reported this week.

The cut in funds by the committee is in line with other whacks Congress has taken at the President's omnibus appropriations proposal.

As reported out by the committee, the omnibus bill reduces overall evacuation claims funds from \$5,304,000 to a flat \$4,000,000.

The original Justice Department budget request to Congress was for \$5,000,000 to pay claims and \$304,000 to administer the program. The current omnibus bill, which comes before the House Monday, specifies only \$250,000 out of the \$4,000,000 allocated may be used for administrative purposes.

"The proposed reduction in administrative funds will slow the whole program to a snail's pace next year if it goes through," Mike M. Masaoka, legislative director of JACL ADC, commented.

"Administrative funds are currently the most important part of the evacuation claims payment program," he added. "Every one of the 24,000 claims filed by evacuees of Japanese ancestry must be adjudicated individually before payment. The longer this takes, the slower the program moves."

"JACL ADC will fight to get

the original appropriation restored in the House or Senate.

"I am sure many congressmen do not realize how serious the budget cuts will be. The present 'economy' attitude on this matter could drag out the claims program for years, costing extra thousands of dollars because of the waste of time involved."

"The cut of \$1,250,000 off the claims payment fund is important but, this year it is not too significant. Claims cannot be paid unless adjudicated. The smaller administrative funds get, the slower the adjudication and the longer the program is dragged out."

"The first concern is to speed the adjudication of claims. The Justice Department is anxious to clean up the program but can move no faster than Congress will grant funds for the work involved."

"JACL ADC will fight to get the original appropriations restored in the House or Senate. Letters are now being drafted to key supporters of the evacuation claims bill urging their help."

JACL ADC Asks Congress To Restore Claims Fund Slash

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Restoration of a \$1,000,000 cut in funds to pay evacuation losses has been asked of individual members of the House by the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Unless sufficient funds are voted, the program might be dragged out for 15 or 20 years, said the Anti-Discrimination Committee.

An appeal sent March 24 to 115 representatives, including members of the appropriations committee which made the million dollar slash, asked that the originally proposed appropriation of five million dollars, plus administrative costs, be kept in the interests of common sense, economy and justice.

The appeal asked that the representatives bring the matter to the floor for action.

The JACL ADC said that the Justice department's original claim for \$5,000,000, plus \$304,800 to administer the program for 1951, had been cut to \$4,000,000, including \$250,000 for administrative costs by the appropriations committee.

Processing and payment of claims has already bogged down because of insufficient administrative funds, the JACL ADC said.

"Any further reduction would critically hamper the whole program," the organization warned.

The Justice department gained the necessary experience in 1949 to administer the program, the JACL ADC said, but it must have an adequate budget this year to "set up necessary field offices, staff them and begin the long, involved task of adjudicating claims."

Since passage of the act, only a few dozen of the 24,081 claims entered have been adjudicated and paid.

In recounting the passage of the original evacuation claims bill, the JACL ADC said that Congress was motivated "in no small measure" by the "magnificent" war record of Japanese Americans.

"The evacuation claims act approved by the 80th Congress was remedial legislation which, at the time, was described as 'simple justice—the kind of justice everyone in our country is entitled to receive,'" said the JACL ADC.

"It must be pointed-out in this instance," the message said, "that neither economy nor justice can

NISEI VETERAN SEEKS TO WED GIRL IN JAPAN

SUMNER, Wash. — A Nisei army veteran will be able to wed a girl he met while on occupation duty in Japan if a bill introduced recently in Congress by Rep. Thor C. Tollefson, R., Wash., is passed.

The veteran is James Y. Arima, 21, of Sumner who is now a pre-dentistry student at the University of Washington.

Rep. Tollefson has introduced a bill which will permit Asako Tsuchida of Japan to enter the United States for three months and to remain if she marries Arima within that time.

Obtains Use of Rancho School Hall

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. — Chapter meetings of the Albuquerque JACL and other activities of the local Japanese American community will be held at the Rancho school hall, according to Pres. Sam Yonemoto.

Use of the hall has been secured through the help of John Milne, city superintendent of public schools.

New Mexico Group To Register Voters

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. — The Albuquerque JACL will soon hold a meeting to register all members who have not yet registered for the national elections this year.

The chapter's last meeting featured a talk by Theodore Chase, state attorney general.

The local JACL recently completed its JACL ADC financial drive, conducted a Red Cross drive and held a membership campaign.

Fourteen new members, including four from Belen, were initiated at a recent party.

be served in dragging out the program for many more years. From a common sense standpoint, the earlier the program is completed, the less will be the total cost for administering it."

500 Claims Filed by Evacuees For Loss of Contraband Goods

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Approximately 500 claims were filed under Public Law 7 to compensate persons of Japanese ancestry for such contraband articles as radios, cameras and binoculars lost or damaged while in custody of the Justice Department or its agents, the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee was advised last week. Deadline for filing claims was March 15.

Mike Masaoka, JACL ADC legislative director, said the Justice Department expects to pay out somewhat less than \$30,000 on the claims. This means the \$40,000 the department received recently to complete the contraband articles claims program should more than meet the entire cost of payments.

Mr. Masaoka said the Justice Department also reported it has paid out approximately 180 claims to date. These have averaged roughly \$60 each.

Smallest claim so far paid has been \$2.50 for a lost box camera. Some claims have exceeded \$200.

The Justice Department is moving rapidly to complete claims payment under this special program, Mr. Masaoka said, and he commended its efforts to complete this particular job.

He said the Department still has "several thousand" contraband items in storage around the country which it is seeking to return to original owners.

"While some may have lost receipts for these, it still is possible to establish proof of ownership through other means," he pointed out. He urged any person of Ja-

pinese ancestry who still has a contraband article held by the Justice Department, or local police and sheriff's offices which acted as Justice representatives, to make application for their return.

"Of course, if it is subsequently discovered that the articles are damaged it now is too late to put in a claim for the damage, but it is not too late to make a claim for an article which may still be in custody."

He said the Department is planning to dispose of these articles and unless claimants come forth soon, the items are apt to be destroyed or otherwise gotten rid of.

Claims payments for contraband articles were authorized by a special bill introduced at the behest of the JACL ADC by Sen. Pat McCarran, (D., Nev.) Mr. Masaoka cautioned that the contraband articles claims law should not be confused with the Evacuation Claims Act, a completely separate matter.

Printed Forms Prepared for JACL Queen Nominations

CHICAGO—The National JACL Queen Contest Committee is making available to the various JACL chapters throughout the United States a printed form for the nomination of candidates for chapter queens. The forms will be mailed to the local chapters in a few days and will serve as a guide for a uniform and orderly procedure.

The National Committee is requesting all chapters and district councils to cooperate by the use of the forms. The National Committee is also requesting all chapter and district committees to contact the National Committee for assistance in the interpretation and enforcement of rules and regulations. Correspondence can be directed either to the National JACL Queen Contest Committee at the Midwest JACL Office, 189 West Madison Street, Chicago 2, Illinois, or to the Committee Chairman, Franklin Chino, 228 N. LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Tokyo Girl Will Marry Student At Ann Arbor

ANN ARBOR, Mich.—One of the three "Valentine brides" from Japan will be married on March 25 when Riyo Sato of Tokyo weds William F. Corkery, University of Michigan student.

Riyo's arrival here was authorized in a bill passed by Congress on Feb. 14 and signed by President Truman.

She stepped off a plane at Willow Run airport on March 19 to greet the young man she met while he was in the army intelligence service in Tokyo. They had not seen each other for two years.

"It seems more like ten years," Corkery, a resident of Providence, R.I., said as he embraced his bride-to-be.

Corkery, a student of Far Eastern history, told of some of the couple's plans.

"The first thing Riyo wants to see is a super market," he said. "We'll have to buy some food, anyway, as she is going to live with my sister in an apartment near the campus until we're married."

"When we were in Tokyo," he added, "the only place we could go together was to baseball games as most places were off limits for me. Now we're going to have a whirlwind courtship before we get married."

Two-Year Old Child Flies Pacific to Parents in Japan

SACRAMENTO — Robert Joe, only two years of age and formerly of Sacramento, recently completed a flight alone via Pan American Airways from San Francisco to Tokyo to join his parents, Pvt. and Mrs. Takaki Joe.

A year ago a soldier buddy of his father accompanied young Robert Joe here from Korea.

It all came about this way. Pvt. Joe was transferred from Korea where the Nisei GI had married a Korean girl and was sent to Japan. Eventually he arranged to have his wife join him and together they concentrated on arranging passage for their son, Robert, who was sent to stay with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Takai, in Sacramento. The Takais took little Robert Joe to San Francisco on March 13 and he left at midnight for Tokyo in the care of a Pan American stewardess.

Seeks Parents Of Girl in Japan

Charles Moore of 1804 Cadiz st., Dallas 1, Texas, this week asked the aid of the JACL in seeking the parents of Tamiko Kudo, now a resident of Sendai, Japan.

The girl was left with relatives in Japan when her parents came to the United States about 15 years ago, bringing one daughter with them. One or both of her parents may be schoolteachers, Mr. Moore said.

The parents may be living in Utah or some other western state. The girl's present address is Sendai-shi, Tori Machi 207, Japan. Any information on her parents should be sent to Mr. Moore.

Modern-Day "Butterfly" Weds GI Sweetheart in Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"The Rainbow" reversed the old Madame Butterfly legend this week and married her American sweetheart, Carrol Klotzbach of Florida, in a ceremony March 20 in the All-Souls' Unitarian church.

Their marriage ended a year-long battle by Klotzbach to get Mitsue "Rainbow" Shigeno, 24, into the United States to become his bride. It entailed passage of a special bill by Congress to grant her entry and permanent residence here.

More than 800 friends and spectators witnessed the ceremony.

The bride wore a Japanese robe. She was attended by Fumiko Sato Dixon and Toshiko Morgan, both Japanese wives of Americans, and Kiyo Morita, a student from Japan. All wore native kimonos.

A Japanese wedding ceremony followed at the home of Klotzbach's best man, Horace M. Baxter.

Mitsue and Klotzbach first met 26 months ago while he was in Japan as American director for a horticultural project. Mitsue was a waitress. Though Klotzbach speaks about a dozen words of Japanese and Mitsue about the same number of English words, they found the language handicap was no barrier to their international romance.

Last June 21 a special bill for Mitsue was introduced, primarily through the effort of Sen. Spessard Holland of Florida. It passed the Senate Oct. 17 and the House on Feb. 7. It was signed by the president on Valentine's day.

Mitsue landed in San Francisco March 15 and from there began the last lap of her long journey to join her husband-to-be.

Her trip across the continent was accented by camera bulbs and press interviews at every stop, topped off by a regular VIP's reception by the press when she arrived in Washington.

Quickly dubbed "Rainbow" by Washington newsmen, (rainbow is the English equivalent of her name) Mitsue captivated time-

hardened news and cameramen with her petite charm.

Reporters grown used to interviewing presidents and senators broke into lyrical language as they described her voice "as soft as the flutter of a butterfly's wings" and her figure, "as fragile as the finest doll."

Klotzbach, a little more realistic, described her waistline as being "three beer bottles around." "Rainbow," Klotzbach and the press made a tour of the capital city upon her arrival.

They saw the Washington monument.

"It's 555 feet high, which is 111 times as high as you," said Klotzbach.

"Like big pencil," Mitsue said. Their car came to the Lincoln memorial.

"He make emancipation for dark people," said Klotzbach.

"But Washington," asked the Rainbow, "he number 1 man?"

"Yes, but Lincoln, he number 2."

"Washington number 1 man, Lincoln number 2," said the Rainbow.

Mitsue caressed the blossoms on the cherry trees, overjoyed with the beauty of the trees transplanted years ago from Japan.

At lunch she said she wanted "one dozen children."

The happy couple remembered to deliver wedding invitations to Vice Pres. Barkley and Speaker Rayburn. They also met Sen. Holland, who posed on the Capitol steps with them.

Otsuka Slips Inside Atom City In Protest Against Armaments

Apprehended After Getting Three Miles Inside Restricted Area

OAK RIDGE, Tenn. — In a demonstration protesting the use of income tax money for armaments James Katsuki Otsuka, 27, a Nisei who was a wartime conscientious objector, slipped three miles inside the restricted area of this super-secret atom city on March 15.

When he was finally discovered by security guards and hustled off the project, the Nisei was carrying a placard reading: "Don't work on the atom bomb strike."

Otsuka was grilled by security officers who said he was apparently after publicity and not seeking to obtain any restricted information. Otsuka promised to leave immediately for Cincinnati.

Otsuka, a native of San Diego and a student at Earlham College in Indiana, is a Quaker and was a conscientious objector during World War II. Last year he refused to pay the percentage of his income tax which he declared would be used by the government for armaments and was convicted in Federal court in Indianapolis and sentenced to a term at the federal reformatory in Ashland, Ky. Members of a pacifist organization staged a demonstration at Ashland on the day of Otsuka's release last year.

Otsuka said that he reached the gate of the huge gaseous diffusion uranium separation plant before patrolmen accosted him. He said no one had challenged him, nor asked him to show a pass, up to that point.

The Oak Ridge security office issued a statement saying that the well-dressed Otsuka gained admittance to the vicinity of the atomic plant on a work bus while posing as a construction worker. During rush hours no one aboard or at the gates is checked for identification.

Reaching the outside of the inner gate Otsuka began to hand out leaflets protesting the use of tax money "in large part for the destruction of the world."

The security office minimized the significance of the incident in a

statement issued following Otsuka's ouster:

"According to standard procedure, the AEC patrol was notified when Otsuka did not report immediately to the plant entrance for work with proper credentials. He was under observation from the time he alighted from the work bus and had no access to the carefully guarded plant."

Otsuka is a member of Peacemakers, a national organization of persons refusing to pay taxes for armaments.

In Wilmington, Ohio the Rev. Ernest R. Bromley, who organized the demonstration for Otsuka at Ashland last year and who is the chairman of the tax refusal committee of Peacemakers, said their purpose in promoting demonstrations against the income tax on March 15 was "to demonstrate nonviolent resistance to evil after the manner of Mohandas K. Gandhi of India."

Nursing Course

LOS ANGELES—A Red Cross home nursing course has been started by the 37th Street School P-TA under Mrs. Pauline U. Johnson. Members who attended the first class are the Mmes. Hideo Muto, Lucille Ingram, William Atkinson, Ruth Jackson, John Naka, Bernard Muto and S. Yamanaka.

Members of the 37th Street School P-TA include Mrs. Jerry Yamanaka, first vice president, and Mrs. Muto, treasurer.

Legislative Conference Votes Support for Nisei American Rights

SANTA CLARA, Calif.—The recent California Statewide Legislative Conference held in Los Angeles went on record "in support of the fight of the Japanese Americans for equal rights and first class citizenship," the California Farm Reporter noted in its March issue.

The conference also condemned the "so-called FEPC" bill passed recently by the House as a "miserable subterfuge."

No Further Mass Eviction Notices, Says Seabrook Chief

JACL Officials Meet On Situation With Head of Project

SEABROOK FARMS, N.J.—No further mass eviction notices will be given to families at Seabrook Farms, the project owner said recently in an interview with several JACL officials.

Seventy families of Japanese descent are among the numerous project families who have been given orders to evict their homes.

Seabrook was interviewed by Akira Hayashi, Tets Iwasaki, Thomas T. Hayashi and Vernon Ichisaka concerning the current removal notices.

Approximately 1100 persons of Japanese ancestry presently live at Seabrook Farms. Of these 400 are employed.

Seabrook pointed out that the evictions were ordered by reasons of administrative efficiency. He said that the project operation efficiency is impaired by an undue ratio of dependents to employees. Each dependent student, he said, costs the project \$400, and Seabrook Farms officials would like to keep the number of dependents to employees at a 1-1 ratio. The present ratio, he said, is 2½ dependents to 1 employee among persons of Japanese ancestry.

The Seabrook Farms owner said that in extreme hardship cases, either of dependency or old age, adjustments would be made and evictions will not be ordered.

Following the present evictions, Seabrook said, there will be no further mass evictions, though periodic reviews of employment efficiency will be made. Persons not meeting with the employment standards will be terminated from their jobs.

Seabrook emphasized that the proportion of eviction notices to Japanese American families was smaller than the ratio of notices for Caucasian employees.

The JACL officials investigating the situation reported that several JACL members are among the persons served with removal orders. They pointed out that accusations on the project that JACL members are being favored by the project and are not subject to eviction notices were contrary to fact.

Complete Drive For Membership

BLANCA, Colo.—Completion of a successful membership drive resulting in a total of 87 members has been reported by Pres. Francis Wakasugi of the San Luis Valley JACL.

This result was achieved despite the fact that a number of members moved away from the valley during the past year.

Nisei Employed As Teacher In Los Angeles School

LOS ANGELES—A Nisei teacher, Kimiko Okanishi, is now in charge of the A2 and B3 grades at the 37th Street school. She has been at the school since the fall semester after her graduation from UCLA last summer.

Miss Okanishi has had her heart set on a teaching career since her third grade days in Delano, Calif., her home town. Her schooling was interrupted during the war. She graduated from high school at the Poston WRA center.

Miss Okanishi's class was featured in the March program of the 37th Street school P-TA.

The Nisei teacher lives in Westwood and is the daughter of Mrs. Riki Okanishi.

Long Beach Chapter Installs New Cabinet At Dinner Dance

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Pres. Fred Ikeguchi and members of his new cabinet were installed at the installation dinner dance of the Long Beach JACL on March 11 at the Lakewood Country Club.

Among the guests at the affair were City Manager and Mrs. Samuel Vickers, Mr. and Mrs. George Wade and the Rev. and Mrs. Herman Klemme of the Japanese Presbyterian church.

Mr. Vickers spoke on "City Government."

Mike M. Masaoka, national legislative director of JACL-ADC, gave a report on the progress made by Japanese Americans since the evacuation.

In addition to President Ikeguchi, the following members of the new cabinet were installed by Tats Kushida, JACL-ADC regional director; Robert Munemori, 1st v.p.; Min Kato, 2nd v.p.; Harry Hayashi, 3rd v.p.; Eugene Sugiyama, treas.; Mizuye Kurihara, rec. sec.; Kazuko Matsumoto, corres. sec.; Gertrude Ikoma, historian; Mrs. Frank Ishii, correspondent, and Dr. Masao Takeshita, official delegate.

John Morooka, retiring president, was presented with a pearl-studded JACL pin.

Frank Ishii was toastmaster. Tets Bessho and his Nisei Serenaders played for the dance which followed the dinner.

Community Picnic

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.—The Albuquerque JACL will hold a community picnic in the Sandia mountains on Easter Sunday with Helene Saeda and Fumi Yamamoto as co-chairmen.

Masaoka Lauds Bill Stern for Anti-Bias Talk

Commentator Raps
Racist Policies of
Bowling, Cycle Groups

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Bill Stern, NBC's top sportscaster who recently lashed out at the American Bowling Congress and American Motorcycle Association for their un-American "color" policies, was lauded this week by Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director.

Said Mr. Masaoka in a letter to Mr. Stern:

"If more persons in your position had your courage and clear sense of fair-mindedness, this nation would be a better place in which to live."

His letter read:

"On behalf of persons of Japanese ancestry, I wish to take this personal opportunity to congratulate you for your recent broadcast assailing the intolerance and un-Americanism of the American Bowling Congress and American Motorcycle Association."

"It may interest you to know that besides banning Negroes, both the ABC and AMA also maintain a curious lily-white attitude towards other non-Caucasian minorities."

"Despite the brilliant war record of some 33,000 Americans of Japanese ancestry in the war, and the fact that the all-Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Europe was the most highly decorated outfit in our military history, our people nonetheless also are banned from the ABC."

"If more persons in your position had your courage and clear sense of fair-mindedness, this nation would be a better place in which to live. You deserve the commendation of every man who believes that sports have a place in the American way of life—a way of living that is open to everyone, not just to those with say, red hair, green eyes, or a particular skin color."

Junko Shimizu Places Third in Oratorical Contest

LOS ANGELES—Junko Shimizu, 17, San Pedro high school senior, won a semester's tuition to Chapman college when she placed third in the 3rd annual Los Angeles Daily News oratorical competition on March 15.

Italian Farmer Finds Remains Of 100th Battalion Soldier

HONOLULU, T.H.—The remains of a 100th battalion soldier who was killed Feb. 10, 1944 in the battle for Cassino have been discovered by an Italian farmer, according to information received here.

The body has been tentatively identified as that of Pfc. Richard M. Honda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seisaburo Honda of this city.

First news of the discovery was sent in a letter from Potone Antoncio of Cassino, who discovered the body, to Mrs. Honda Tamane, widow of the deceased veteran.

The letter, translated from the Italian, read as follows:

"Gentle Lady:

"Eight days ago while walking up the mountain looking and digging vegetables, I discovered the body of your husband, Tag No. Richard M. Honda, No. 30100958, T-43. With all due course I notified the American command in Rome and they immediately took the body to the American cemetery. I am sending you my condolence from an Italian, Potone Antoncio."

The letter was dated Jan. 1 of this year.

An intensive search for clues leading to recovery of Pfc. Honda's remains has been underway for many months by the American

Opera Star Joins Chapter



CHICAGO—Hizi Koike, memorable star of "Madame Butterfly" and member of the San Carlo Opera Co., is signed as an honorary member of the Chicago JACL during the chapter's intensive membership drive. Watching while Miss Koike signs up are (l to r) Smoky Sakurada, 2nd vice pres.; Dr. Frank Sakamoto, membership drive chairman, and Mary Hata, Northside team captain.—Photo by Ed Zobel.

Nisei Veteran Refused GI Home Loan Because of Race Covenant

DENVER, Colo.—A Nisei war veteran, his wife and three small children have been barred from moving to their prospective new home by a racially restrictive covenant, the Post reported on March 22.

Because of the covenant, the Veterans Administration and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation this week refused to authorize fully a \$9,000 loan on a brick home at 2718 Gaylord street for Katsuto K. Gow, 29.

The action was based on title to the two-story house containing a provision permitting only white persons to purchase the property until Jan. 1, 1990. Similar restrictive covenants were held unenforceable by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1948.

Denver real estate men said similar covenants covering property in the neighborhood have been broken in the past two years since the supreme court ruling.

Gow kept his emotions under control Wednesday as he told of his eleven-week efforts to buy the house, only to be turned down when the clause was discovered. He watched his children playing about their two-room apartment and said:

"I can't believe I've worked eight hours a day and extra at night to save up \$2,500 for a house and then have this happen. Both the govern-

ment agencies authorized the loan and we bought our furniture. Then they found that only white persons could occupy the property."

Gow's wife, Tomoe, held their 6-month-old baby, Gale, on her lap. The other children, Patricia, 2, and Larry, 3, pedaled toy cars around the room.

"There must be some way," Mrs. Gow said, "that we can work this out."

Government officials explained their stand Wednesday.

James H. Sogn, Denver attorney for the Reconstruction Finance corporation, said the organization has a strict rule that it cannot make "secondary loans" on property having a restrictive covenant unless the title is covered by an insurance policy.

Efforts to get local title firms to cover the title with insurance were unsuccessful because local firms refused to risk an expensive lawsuit for a premium of less than \$100.

"Ordinarily, under an RTC-veterans administration joint loan, the VA agrees to repurchase the property in event of a default," Sogn explained.

Sogn said the RFC was not permitted to grant loans unless it appeared a "sound investment." He said he conferred at length with their Washington office but was advised that they could not grant a loan on an uninsured title where there was "a possibility of future legal action."

W. E. Bickel, VA assistant loan guaranty officer, said it had been the policy of the veterans administration "to be absolutely impartial on issues of race, creed or color." By making their usual form of joint-loan, they would agree to repurchase the property from the RFC should a default occur.

In view of a 1948 decision by the United States supreme court, many attorneys believe that restrictive covenants are unenforceable.

Gow was born in Greeley. His wife, Tomoe, was born in Watsonville, Calif. Both are of Japanese descent.

Art Yamada Elected President of Puyallup JACL

PUYALLUP, Wash.—Art Yamada will head the Puyallup Valley JACL during 1950.

His vice presidents will be Pete Sasaki, Summer district; Henry Tanabe, Tacoma district; and George Kawasaki, Fife district.

Other officers will be Fudge Fujita, treas.; Chieko Tanabe, corr. sec.; Fudge Sasaki, rec. sec.; and Robert Mizukami, board delegate.

Kaz Yamane heads the list of retiring officers.

FEPC Debate May Defer Possible Senate Action on Walter Measure Until April

WASHINGTON, D. C.—With the Senate now scheduled to take up the Fair Employment Practices bill sometime within a week, it is likely action will be deferred on the next call of the calendar until April, Mike Masaoka, national JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee legislative director, said this week.

He pointed out no action on the Walter Resolution will take place until the calendar is called.

The Democratic Policy Committee has tentatively placed Senate consideration of FEP "around March 24."

The legislation is almost certain to be met by a Southern filibuster. However, action on FEP will be temporarily laid aside March 31 for final Senate action on the Displaced Persons bill.

Under a debate limitation agreement, the Senate is expected to start voting on the DP measure April 3 or 4. Thereafter it would immediately resume debate on FEP.

Not until both of these controversial measures are out of the way is the Senate expected to consider a call of the Calendar.

Mr. Masaoka said the Senate also is considering a spring vacation during April. Should the vacation come immediately after action on FEP and DP bills, the next Calendar call may not be held until the end of April.

The ADC legislative director said he has "high hopes" Sen. Russell, (D., Ga.), the only objector to the Walter Resolution when it twice has come up for consideration, will withhold his objection the next time the measure is brought before the Senate.

"Sen. Russell has said he is not opposed to the broad objectives of the Resolution. He has been afraid it might do more than intended. We have tried to clarify his objection, and I have high hopes that Senator Russell no longer will object to the measure," he said.

The Walter Resolution passed the House last June, was reported out of the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously in October and will become law only if it meets with no objection on a call of the calendar.

Meanwhile, Mr. Masaoka said the JACL ADC still is seeking to have the Democratic Policy Committee permit the Resolution to come up for debate and a roll call vote. Should the Committee schedule independent action on the Walter Resolution, it could pass the Senate by a simple majority vote.

The Policy Committee has promised to give attention to the Resolution, but so far has taken no action on it.

Salt Lake JACL Plans Social Night

A night of games, movies and dancing has been scheduled for the March 31 meeting of the Salt Lake JACL by Bill Mizuno, chairman for the evening, and Rodney Toma, the chapter's social chairman.

The meeting will be held in the YWCA lounge. A short business meeting will precede the social activities.

Ask Democratic Policy Group To Support Walter Proposal

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Monroe Sweetland, Salem, Ore. newspaper publisher and a national sponsor of the JACL, this week was asked to urge the Democratic national resolutions committee to support the Walter Resolution.

Mr. Sweetland recently was named to the 1950 resolutions committee by the National Democratic Committee.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, in a letter to Mr. Sweetland, wrote:

"Although liberality in our immigration and naturalization laws long has been a tenet of the Democratic party, the party itself has never made any specific reference to a particular type of legislation necessary to achieve these ends."

"Today, the Senate has before it the Walter Resolution which is designed to remove race as a requirement for citizenship by persons

otherwise qualified. "Some 90,000 persons would be affected, of whom roughly 95 percent are Japanese, the remainder Koreans and persons of other Asian or Polynesian races."

"These people have lived in this country an average of almost 30 years. They have long since proved their worth, by every standard, for naturalization. Most of them had sons or daughters who served with distinction and honor in the military forces during World War II."

"Because of your intimate knowledge of the problems of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country and the need to remove ancient, outmoded and racist concepts from our laws wherever they exist, I should like to urge that you ask the Democratic Resolutions Committee at its next meeting to support affirmative action on the Walter Resolution."

Nisei Represented At Americanism Meet In Michigan Capital

DETROIT, Mich. — Dr. Mark Kondo, president of the Detroit JACL, and Ray Kaneko represented the Japanese American group in Michigan at a meeting of a new commission to promote Americanism in the state.

Dr. Kondo and Kaneko are among the 142 delegates who met in the chambers of the House of Representatives in Lansing on Feb. 23.

Dr. Kondo told the meeting of the work done by Nisei Americans.

The commission, instituted by Gov. G. Mennen Williams, has the promotion of Americanism as its aims. The group will emphasize and dramatize the meaning of Americanism and bring to the people of the state the problems faced by the various groups in achieving their rights as Americans.

Ex-State Department Official Will Speak To New York JACL

NEW YORK CITY—Dr. Hugh Borton, former member of the State department, will address the New York JACL Friday, March 31, on the subject, "Is Japan Ready for a Peace Treaty?"

A panel of graduate students of Columbia university, including John Tanaka, S. Sata, Mas Tanaka and LeRoy Kajiwaru, will be presented.

Dr. Borton served as chief of the Northeastern Asia Affairs division during the past war and in other State department positions. He is the author of "Japan Since 1931, Its Political and Social Development."

At present he is acting director of the East Asian Institute of Columbia university and, except for the war years, has been on the Columbia faculty since 1937.

The meeting will be held in the Green Room of the Hotel Masters at West 103rd street and Riverside drive. It will begin at 8:30 p.m.

The program is the first to be presented by the newly formed educational committee. Members are Midori Watanabe, chairman, Pete Aoki, Adrian Sumi, Alice Miyazawa, Tosh Miyazaki, Amy Hiratsuka, Ina Sugihara, Marg Ota and Mrs. Sammy Oyama.

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EDITORIAL:

A Nisei and Race Covenants

A Nisei veteran of World War II has been denied the right to buy a home in Denver.

The Veterans Administration and the RFC have refused to accept Katsuto K. Gow's application for a loan because the house carries a restrictive covenant and will therefore not be accepted by a title insurance company.

In this instance neither the VA nor the Federal Housing Authority is acting in accordance with their responsibilities. A scant three months ago the national FHA indicated it would no longer be party to such discriminatory actions as are contained in racially restrictive covenants. It ordered that no loans would be made on properties that carried restrictive covenants.

It is more shameful, perhaps, that the VA has not more fully protected the right of veteran Gow in this proceeding. Committed to protecting the welfare of all veterans, it has noticeably failed in its duty in this instance.

The Nisei veteran, no more and no less than other veterans of the recent world tragedy, is entitled to those rights, privileges and responsibilities of democracy for which he presumably fought. These rights should not be restricted because of race and ancestry.

A Commendable Appointment

Nomination of Dillon S. Myer to the post of commissioner of Indian affairs is a highly commendable one.

As director of the War Relocation Authority, Myer showed himself to be a man of rare insight, administrative ability and humanity. Early in his WRA career he made the rare observation that his first desire was to "work himself out of a job." But rarer yet, he did just that. The WRA launched a program of self-elimination; it worked out a program of relocation and return for the 110,000 evacuees under its control. It accomplished, within an incredibly short period of time, its program of returning the evacuated Japanese Americans to normal life.

The situation of the American Indians is in some respects, certainly, akin to that of the Japanese Americans in the early and mid-forties. There are problems of segregation upon government-operated projects, problems of discrimination, problems of public education and acceptance.

The difficult situation of the American Indians is deepened by conditions of poverty and long isolation. But we feel certain that Dillon Myer will take to his new job the same courage and ability he displayed as WRA administrator. No better choice could have been made for this vital post.

An Agenda for Action

A seven-point agenda for 1950 has been released by the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity. It is a program that officials, civic organizations and minority groups might look into.

Specifically it recommends:

1. In housing and urban redevelopment: investigation of the practice by some real estate brokers of spreading and profiting by misconceptions as to race and property values; nondiscriminatory occupancy policy for new residential developments; and support of redevelopment area housing for lower and middle income families.
2. In employment: passage of FEPC.
3. In recreation, investigation and correction of violations of the state civil rights code in recreational facilities and other places of public accommodation.
4. In health: equal opportunity for physicians in hospital and clinic practice; equal access to medical and nurse training; and elimination of remaining racial segregation of hospital patients.
5. In law enforcement: study of police methods in handling of minority group individuals.
6. In education: study of potential sources of race tension in schools, teacher training affecting intergroup relations and study of those practices which permit or encourage racial concentration in student bodies.
7. In informational work: public meetings, radio and press activities and handling of an information service.

This is a well-rounded program of activity. It recognizes the fact that prejudice is a disease which infects every facet of our lives and that discrimination is an evil that must be attacked upon every level of activity.

Case workers in race relations have long recognized that the tenets of democracy, enunciated in the classroom, cannot be violated upon the playground without danger to the child. In the same manner, democratic principles must be recognized in every field of activity, in recreation as in housing, in employment as in education.

Nisei USA

Nisei and the Theater

A Nisei writer who considers writing a play on a Nisei theme heretofore has been faced with the bleak prospect that it probably will never be produced, even though his creation may have some dramatic merit. The thought of a Broadway production, of course, is beyond the farthest ken of his rosiest dream. He is thinking rather in terms of a play for the experimental or "little" theater.

Similarly, the Nisei who are interested in stagecraft, particularly as actors, have been frustrated by the lack of available dramatic material. Here again the emphasis is not on the commercial stage but on productions within the perimeter of his interest and ability. He can join a community theater group but soon finds that he is relegated to occasional walk-on bits as an Oriental servant.

The stage, unlike the modern dance and the ballet, has not advanced to the point where the racial visibility of the actor is ignored. Actors usually are cast because they fill the physical requirements of the role. If he can speak and act, so much the better. On the other hand the dance theater, largely through the pioneering of such leaders as Martha Graham, proves that a first class talent, such as that of Yuriko Amemiya Kikuchi, does not need to be bound by the conventions of racial identity. The Graham company, now in the final weeks of a transcontinental tour, has presented four productions, "Diversion of Angels," "Deaths and Entrances," "Eye of Anguish" and "Every Soul Is a Circus." Yuriko appears in all of them and in "Eye of Anguish," inspired by the legend of King Lear, she plays Cordelia, one of the three daughters of the king. Yuriko is effective in all of her roles ("She is my star," Miss Graham told us after the company's performance in Provo, Utah last Saturday). In other Graham productions in New York Yuriko has appeared as a Salem maid in "Salem Shore," as a pioneer woman in "Appalachian Spring" and in the many other productions of the Graham repertoire. The producers of the legitimate stage, however, with the possible exception of Margaret Webster's Shakespearean productions, have not advanced to point where accomplished players are used, regardless of race or color.

This lack of dramatic material, as well as the conventions of the theater of today, poses a serious problem for the Nisei actor. The writer can write plays filled with Anglo-Saxons, if he chooses, but the actor is stuck with his face. The problem is one which faces not alone the few Nisei, among them Michiko Okamoto and Shiro Takehisa who have been interested in careers as professionals, but the many who would be interested in acting in community groups and in campus or experimental theaters.

Recently a Nisei experimental theater group was organized in Los Angeles to provide an outlet for persons interested in writing, acting and in other phases of stagecraft. Although the group, because of its geographical proximity to the motion picture industry, probably has attracted a few who mistakenly believe that its members are primarily interested in motion pictures or the commercial stage, the majority of its present members are those who see in it the embryo of a community theater.

This Los Angeles group is receiving assistance from such groups as the faculty at City College, which has an excellent drama department, the Orchard Gables Repertory, the Los Angeles Negro Theater and Actors Lab in Hollywood. Its members, according to an article in the spring issue of Independent, have agreed that it will be primarily a Japanese American endeavor (mainly to give Nisei experience in all phases of stagecraft), that all aspects of the theater will be studied and that "rather than present material alien to Nisei problems, psychology, etc., original material pertinent to Nisei life, written by Nisei, would be presented."

This Los Angeles group, if it fulfills the promise of its beginnings, will provide a partial answer

to the dramatist who may want to write a Nisei play and to the Nisei actor who wants to act as something besides a menial on the stage.

The Los Angeles group has announced that its direction will be along the path of the contemporary German dramatist, Bertold Brecht, which is reminiscent of the Chinese theater, and away from the Broadway-naturalistic theater of today. It would seem, however, that the naturalistic theater provides a far better medium for the presentation of social themes as well as for providing audience identification and participation. Such examples of Broadway naturalism as Tennessee Williams' "Glass Menagerie" and "Streetcar Named Desire" and Arthur Miller's current "Death of a Salesman" have an impact on the audience which is not found in such examples of the Chinese theater as Sidney Howard's "Lute Song," adapted from the Chinese "Pa-Pa-Ki."

The new Los Angeles group is not the first of the little theaters among the Nisei on the mainland. In the early 1930s there were at least two in California, the Little Tokyo Players in Los Angeles, and a San Francisco group headed by Stella Sato and Dave Yamakawa. The Little Tokyo Players, who got much of their impetus from Joe Hirakawa who came to Los Angeles from the University of Washington Theater to act in Hollywood movies, put on several productions. The most successful was "The Age of the Gods," adapted from Japanese legends by Hirakawa. The production, in which the performing actors wore masks created by Hideo Date, required two casts. While the actors pantomimed their roles, a second cast read the lines into a microphone.

The failure of the Little Tokyo Players and of other similar groups to survive can be traced to the fact that its interests were aligned with that of the commercial theater and not of the minority group from which it stemmed. The repertoire of the group was largely drawn from the Samuel French catalog with emphasis on farce comedy. In the period after World War I it was the experimental theater, such as the Provincetown and the Washington Square, which first introduced the naturalism of such playwrights as Eugene O'Neill and Sidney Howard and gave the Broadway stage a new vigor and concept. The Nisei little theater groups in the 1930s were unable to establish the sort of contact with its audience as that provided by such vital dramatists of the period as Clifford Odets and Irwin Shaw because they were still immersed in the farce comedies of the previous decade which had little or no relation to the life which the Nisei led in the ghetto islands of the pre-evacuation Pacific coast.

Although Nisei writers have contributed little to date, there is much more in the way of possible dramatic material available to such groups as the new Nisei experimental theater in Los Angeles. A number of plays have been produced by little theater groups in Hawaii in recent years, among them the English version of a post-war Japanese play titled "The Defeated." Another is a play by a Hawaiian playwright, called "The Haunted City," which is about some men of the 442nd Combat Team who return to Hawaii. Another play inspired by the 442nd story also was produced two years ago in Honolulu.

There are also such plays as Pearl Buck's, "The First Wife," with a Chinese background, in which Teru Shimada toured the eastern United States, and Ted Pollock's "Wedding in Japan," which has a Japanese occupation background and which played three weeks last year in an off-Broadway theater with Michiko Okamoto in the leading role.

Among the unproduced plays is Joseph Anthony's "Some of the Sky," for which a Broadway production was sought three years ago by Larney Goodkind, former story editor for Universal Pictures. Mr. Goodkind knows a good script and he had faith in the possibilities of the Anthony play which concerns a Caucasian GI who brings a Nisei bride home to a small Midwest

Vagaries

Abstraction . . .

An abstraction by Tad Miyashita, titled "New York No. 2," is catching the attention of New York art critics at the Roko gallery down in New York's Greenwich Village . . . Yasuo Kuniyoshi's "Upside Down Table and Mask" is one of the paintings in the retrospective show called "In 1940" at the Downtown Gallery in New York.

Indian Service . . .

As Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Dillon S. Myer will be the boss of a number of Nisei teachers, dentists and doctors who once lived in the WRA centers and who preceded Myer into the Indian Service. Among them are Dr. Toyo Shimizu, formerly a Los Angeles dentist, who is now at Fort Defiance on the Navajo Indian reservation in Arizona and Dr. George Takeyama, former L.A. physician who is reported to be with the Indian Service in North Dakota.

The Side of the Hill Press Myopia Ignores Facts

By I. H. GORDON

WASHINGTON — The learned men of the press in this world capital once again are beginning to discover signs that Truman is weakening, and a "sure thing" Republican victory is in the making.

They do not describe the forthcoming GOP victory in the fall elections as absolute. The lessons of '48 are still too close at hand. What is being written, though, is that Truman's popularity has, as one correspondent expressed it, "slipped noticeably since his surprise election two years ago."

This particular correspondent, though, made a tour to sample "grass-root sentiment." Apparently he took to heart the abject apologies of newspapermen who wrote the day after the election that they should have done more footwork and less armchair guessing to gauge opinions throughout the nation.

But if the newspaperman now in question, writing for the North American Newspaper Alliance, is an indication of things to come, 1950 will be a repetition of 1948, i.e., a foregone fact, according to Washington newspapermen, of a Republican landslide, followed by another amazing upset when the Democrats retain control of Congress.

The NANA correspondent set forth from his comfortable Washington office and for two weeks sounded out farmers in Western and Midwestern states. But which farmers?

Well, in New Mexico he talked to, and quoted, George Ellis, operator of the 130,000 acre Bell ranch; in Arizona he sounded out John A. McLeod, president of the Arizona Cattlemen's Association; in California he interviewed Howard Vaughn, president of the National Wool Growers' Association, and in Utah Don E. Kenney, former mayor of Richfield and general manager of the Salt Lake Union Stockyards.

I'll accept only one guess as to the political climate the NANA writer discovered on his "grass roots" tour.

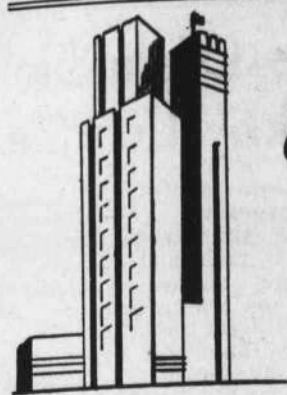
All of which leads us to believe that while the lessons of '48 are freshly remembered, the techniques of today's high paced journalism, and the conditioning to which newspapermen are subjected by their papers has led the newspaper of today further and further from the reaches of the ordinary citizen of this vast land.

Nor is there much likelihood of any major changes in the future.

As long as publishers insist that the truth as they see it must be the truth as it is, for that time newspapers will reflect as little as they do now of what you and I really feel, honestly think, and hopefully desire.

community. It takes anywhere from \$25,000 to \$100,000 to mount a play for Broadway these days and the angels were unavailable for the proposed production.

The organization of a Nisei experimental theater offers a challenge to Nisei writers. The progress of the new Los Angeles group will be watched with interest.



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

Dollars for Kiyosato

Can or will Japan become a Christian nation now that she is under American jurisdiction?

Ministers throughout the country are preaching on this theme: that now is the golden opportunity to spread the Gospel over there.

It is quite possible. A majority of the Japanese in this country have become Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, and members of other denominations without too much difficulty. This being a dominantly Christian nation, it was inevitable that many immigrants and their children embrace the prevailing religion.

Japan is a different story. The Shinto and Buddhist religions have been predominant there for thousands of years. The people have been conditioned to the temples and the teachings of these two sects for centuries. There is a historic pattern that has been followed for many generations.

There is a possibility, but it will take time.

One project now being carried out by the Episcopal church is the Kiyosato Community, in Yamanashi Prefecture, designed along Christian and democratic lines to demonstrate to the Japanese how Christian democracy works on a small local community level.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Japan has undertaken this project and is slowly winning many converts. Around the nucleus of a church, a school, a hospital, a library, and planned recreational and vocational programs, the natives of Kitoma County are given an insight into the American way of life and worship.

A project of this nature takes money. It takes a hard, long campaign to raise funds.

The guiding spirit behind this drive of dollars for Kiyosato has been Paul Rusch, a former lieutenant-colonel in the army who had been stationed at GHQ in Tokyo for many years and who has also been a long-time resident of Japan before the war.

A Thankless Job

Have you ever tried to raise about \$175,000 through donations? It's a tough and thankless job. Especially so when it is for a church in Japan. Many people are still reluctant to help an enemy nation; the sorrows and heartaches of bloody battlefields on South Pacific islands are still too fresh in their memories.

Anyway, Paul Rusch is desirous of raising funds for Kiyosato. Primarily, Mr. Rusch is desirous of seeing Japan become a Christian nation and he believes that Kiyosato and other similar Christian communities will be the salvation of Japan.

For a six-month period Mr. Rusch is driving his station-wagon across the entire country. He is covering almost every state in this country, from Maine to California, and spreading the Kiyosato story to all he can reach. He has been averaging two or three speaking engagements each day for the last three months. His audiences are usually service club members or church groups, and are leaders of the various cities and towns that he visits. He has spoken over the radio and over television to help the cause along. He has had to stay up until all hours of the night to explain the work of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew in Japan in order to receive contributions for this work.

Right now Mr. Rusch is headed west, he should be somewhere in Texas or Arizona by now. He is contacting as many charitable people as possible to raise the funds for Kiyosato. It takes a lot of time and plenty of persuasion to realize substantial donations for a church in a foreign country.

A Nisei, formerly a major in the army, Shig Yasutake of Gardena, is presently helping Rusch in this campaign to enlist dollars for Kiyosato. It is really heartening to know that Americans as Paul Rusch are doing all they can for the less fortunate people who live in Japan.

When this team was in New Orleans, several weeks ago, they had only about 25 per cent of the goal raised. I hope, by this time, that their quota has been filled.

I am sure that Nisei throughout this country will do all they can to assist Paul Rusch in his work when he comes to their particular community.

Interest in Japan Increasing

As I said before, I heard Paul Rusch speak in New Orleans. A large crowd turned out in one of the finest churches in that city. The audience was intensely interested in post war Japan and to hear this story from such an eminent authority as Mr. Rusch.

Perhaps the threat of Communist Russia in the Far East has given the American public an increasing interest in the status of Japan in the past few years.

Mr. Rusch paints a rather dismal picture of the present economic life of Japan, showing how the war has greatly impaired the economic output and destroyed the morale of the people. He fears that the present unsettled conditions present fertile grounds for the introduction of Marxian thoughts; that democracy and Christianity must triumph over the hammer and sickle of the Red army.

He feels that the Japanese people today are very receptive to America and to the American way of thinking and living. The Japanese people are confused, bewildered and uncertain. He feels that the success of typical democratic Christian communities as Kiyosato can give living proof to the people of Japan that democracy and Christianity can be a great blessing to that country.

Everywhere he has gone Mr. Rusch says that he has received wonderful response. Interest in Japan and things Japanese is very high at present and the general attitude of the people in this country quite favorable. Of course, donations have been slow and small but the overall picture is quite encouraging.

How Long?

Since the early 1930s Japan has been asking for some kind of relief and assistance. The Japanese in this country have been asked for almost 20 years continuously to help their less fortunate cousins overseas. Now, it appears, the need is greater than ever before.

Were it not for the generous assistance of such church groups as the Episcopalians, Friends and other groups, there would have been tragic consequences for many Japanese.

The question now is to determine how long it will be before Japan becomes a self-sustaining nation. From the present looks of things it appears that the era of economic independence for Japan will be several decades away.

If Christian communities as Kiyosato succeed and increase in number I am sure that the days of self-sufficiency will be realized much sooner. It takes a new way of life in a new era to become self-sufficient.

In the meantime, Japan can be thankful and glad that there are public-spirited and helpful men as Paul Rusch to boost them on their road back to normalcy and perhaps to a better life.

Honolulu Newsletter:

Sharp Debate Evoked by Issue Of Race-Labeling by Police

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—Is race-labeling by police "indecent and illogical?"

A sharp debate on this question is being carried on between a law firm and the Honolulu police department. The firm of Bouslog & Symonds, which has figured in several prominent civil rights cases in Hawaii, charges the police with encouraging racial bias because they practice race-labeling of defendants. The specific case involves the identification of a man as a "Negro" on a police traffic ticket.

Harriet Bouslog of the firm contends that race-labeling is "indecent and illogical" because "The constitution of the United States and the civil rights act require that there be no discrimination based on race or alienage and that equal protection of the laws be accorded to all."

"But this labeling, by calling attention to the race of a defendant, makes it convenient for those with prejudice to exercise such prejudice in violation of American democracy."

"In Honolulu, a city which prides itself on the harmonious relationships between races, this practice of the racists is completely out of place. Further, in a community with the many complex ethnic mixtures found here, any attempt to categorize a defendant by race is both unscientific and absurd."

She has asked the police commission to "take steps immediately to see that this practice of race-labeling is stopped." But the commission has turned her down.

In defense of the practice, here is what Police Chief Dan Liu contends:

"It has been the practice of police ever since I've been a policeman—and that's been for quite some time—to identify persons by their nationality. We are not prejudiced against any individual, race, color or creed. There is often a similarity of

names and the racial extraction is necessary to make positive identification. The race is also needed for statistical purposes. We often have calls from various agencies requesting information which concerns racial extractions."

"The race of an individual is a very important factor in police identification and investigation."

The chief says that the Honolulu police record system went into effect in 1932. It is patterned after the system recommended by the National Association of Chiefs of Police and the federal bureau of investigation, and is in effect throughout the United States, according to the chief.

"We can often determine the modus operandi of an individual by his racial extraction," he explains.

On the basis of the arguments advanced by the two sides, the police appear to have justified their practice on the grounds of practical necessity.

The complaining attorney could have made a stronger case had she questioned the extent to which police race-labeling might be necessary instead of attempting to have all references to race or nationality removed from police records.

Without question, race-labeling of a person does make it "convenient for those with prejudice to exercise such prejudice." This would be true whether the

person involved is seeking employment, campaigning for political office or even pleading for justice before a judge presumed to be fair and unbiased.

But the Honolulu police department is not known to have a record of race discrimination of an oppressive nature. That charge is not made explicitly by the complaining attorney; nor does she offer evidence to support such a charge if she meant to so charge.

The chief of police himself is of Chinese ancestry. He was selected by a commission of all Caucasians. A great many of the officers who serve under him are of Oriental ancestry. The entire force, for that matter, is as cosmopolitan as the population over which it watches.

If the occasion was there and they had accused the police department of, say, anti-union bias, the attorneys of Bouslog & Symonds could make a more tenable argument. The history of the Honolulu police is not noted for its soft handling of labor unions in the past, as the attorneys themselves have cited in various court cases. The attorneys have upheld so-called unpopular or "radical" causes almost as a specialty in their profession.

Much to their credit, the two attorneys have undertaken to challenge the constitutionality of some long standing laws which they contended to be biased against their clients, principally the International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union (CIO). As an example, their attack upon the territorial unlawful assembly and conspiracy laws has resulted in the overhauling of the composition of the local grand juries so they are today more representative of the community, from a racial and economic standpoint, than they had been heretofore.

But Mrs. Bouslog appears to have over-stepped the boundary of fair criticism when she takes to task the police practice of race-labeling. Her indignation lacks the logic of practical consideration demanded by police work. As the chief of police has explained, the identification of an individual by race is an essential factor in police investigation. Racial identification is probably as important as the description of a defendant by his weight, height and other physical features.

If the complaint was that race-labeling is being practiced indiscriminately by police, in cases where no such designation is necessary, then the criticism might merit consideration. But to condemn the entire system of race-labeling because it may be unnecessary in some instances is as unreasonable as to condemn the entire judicial system of this country because the system permits some judges who are racial bigots to hold office.

Nisei Linguists Play Integral Role in Success of American Occupation of Japan Islands

TOKYO—Hundreds of Japanese Americans in the uniforms of the United States armed forces were reunited with parents and with relatives when they arrived in Japan for the first time on occupation duty after V-J day.

Typical of these Nisei serving the United States army in the Japanese islands are the men of the interrogation section of the First Cavalry Division.

While the Japanese vocabulary of the majority of occupation personnel is limited to a few necessary phrases of salutation, expressions of gratitude and parting remarks, the Nisei linguists who have been especially trained for occupation work are able to converse easily with Japanese nationals about any subject, ranging from the success or failure of the rice crop to the international issues of the day.

Originally the First Cavalry Division Language Team in the Admiralty Islands and later the 168th Language Detachment, the section has been reconverted to become a sub-division of the G-2 section and is now composed of two officers, a warrant officer and 16 enlisted men.

These Nisei officers and enlisted personnel are typical of the more than 5,000 trained Japanese American linguists who have served in the United States army from Bataan to Tokyo in the Pacific war and who have been an integral part of occupation operations after V-J day.

Military duties of the linguists in the First Cavalry Division include a constant survey of daily papers from which material of military value is extracted for translation and incorporation into G-2 reports. Expert interpreters are needed for courts-martial as well as black-market and other investigations.

During 1949 alone, a total of 5,587 documents were translated, in addition to hundreds of instances of interpretation in court hearings and in investigations.

"But what do these men, who speak Japanese fluently, do during their off-duty hours?" the Nippon Times asked recently in a feature article on these Nisei in Japan.

The paper found that many of these Nisei GIs have tried to contact their Japanese relatives and most of them have succeeded.

Chief Warrant Officer Ernest Hirai of Los Angeles was with the

initial American occupation troops to enter Camp Drake. Soon after his arrival he decided to visit his wife's uncle living in Shizuoka. His first journey to the prefecture proved to be a useless one since the uncle had not yet returned from Manchuria. Later, when he returned to his post, he learned from his relatives that the Japanese in the vicinity had been suspicious and afraid of him.

"Each household had posted guards throughout the night with long bamboo spears in case their homes should be entered," Hirai said.

"On the other hand, I wore a pistol on a holster around my waist. Seeing the weapon only increased the fear of the citizens. Therefore, although neither of us intended to molest the other, we unconsciously gave each other reason to be afraid."

However, Mr. Hirai adds, the anecdote has a happy ending.

"Now that I have come to know the people in that section and visit with them, we have all had a lot of laughs over that first visit."

First Lieut. Walter Tanaka of Long Beach, Calif., language officer of the interrogation section, has contacted an aunt, Mrs. Kinuko Murase, living in Kyoto.

Lieut. Tanaka told of his experiences in Japan, adding:

"My father went to the United States when he was 16 years old and has remained there for 50 years without having returned to Japan even for a visit. Similarly, my mother arrived in the States 40 years ago and has never returned to her homeland. So it was really a wonderful experience for me to come to the land where my mother and father had been born and reared."

"We flew in by plane from

Okinawa on Aug. 30, 1945 and were greeted by the sight of Mount Fuji. Before long I visited my aunt in Kyoto and accompanied her to the graves of my grandparents, who had still been alive when my mother left for the United States. We placed flowers on the graves and I took pictures of them to send to my mother."

When First Sergeant Ted Kishishita arrived in Japan he had a happy reunion with his mother, Mrs. K. Kishishita, who lives in Wakayama prefecture.

"My mother lived in California for 30 years before she returned to Japan in 1946," he said, "but now she intends to return someday to the United States to live with her children in Los Angeles."

In 1949, upon arriving in Japan, Sgt. A. Yonekura was reunited with his father, Hashio Yonekura, of Miyuki in Mie prefecture.

"My father is part owner of a silk screen manufacturing company there," the sergeant reported. "He was in America for 25 years and my grandmother, who now lives with him, was in the United States for 20 years."

Relating the reaction of the Japanese people to his family in Mie, Sgt. Yonekura said that the children of the village always follow him or cluster about him when he visits his father.

"They ask me hundreds of questions," he said, "about the United States, baseball games and just about anything else you can think of. In the same way the elder people always congregate in my father's home to hear stories from him about the United States."

Sgt. Alexander Katanō of Wai-pahu, Oahu, T.H., looked up Tatsuyi Ito, his great uncle, residing in Niigata city. He also visited four aunts since coming to Japan.

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Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Tami Takagi, Copperfield, Utah, a girl on March 16 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mich Otsuki a girl, LaDene Marilyn, on March 1 in Long Beach, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tatsumi Tajima a girl in Alameda, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Kishi a girl in Oakland, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masayuki Fujimoto, Boring, Ore., a boy, Dwight H., on Feb. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chus Ito a boy, Ryan Tadashi, on March 6 in Los Angeles.

To the Rev. and Mrs. T. Shibata a boy on March 17 in Ontario, Ore.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Dimi Masamitsu a boy, Jon Alan, on March 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Matsumoto a boy, Glenn Kenji, on March 10 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Torao Matsunaga a boy, Alan Ichiro, on March 3 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsui Abe a boy on March 18 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yukio Saito, Lathrop, Calif., a boy on Feb. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Iwamina a girl on March 12 in Marysville, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isao Ogawa, Gilroy, Calif., a boy, Jeffrey Alan, on March 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Masao Ozawa, Palo Alto, Calif., a girl Chryl Diana, on Feb. 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sasaki a girl on March 20 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Kanemoto, Stockton, Calif., a boy on March 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sasaki a boy on March 20 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jiro Todo a girl in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Takashi Miyake a boy on Feb. 16 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Tsugio Watanabe a girl on Feb. 18 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Suda a boy, Richard, on March 9 in Chicago.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Kataoka a boy on Feb. 20 in Kingsburg, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy K. Matsumoto a boy on Feb. 19 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Koshiharu Nishimoto a boy on March 12 in Auburn, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Luis Aihara a boy, Douglas Luis, on March 15 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bunsei Ishii a boy, Craig Shigeru, on March 1 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tetsuo Matsumoto a girl, Karen Akemi, on March 3 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yukio Sakata a boy, Mark Yoshio, on March 1 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Toshiki Sakioka a boy, Roy Toshio, on March 1 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hisaichi Yamamoto a boy, Hideto Henry, on Feb. 27 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Matsuguma a girl, Sandra Lee, on March 5 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ted Teruo Osaki a girl, Christine Mayumi, on March 5 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Sakai, Gardena, Calif., a boy, Richard Teruo, on March 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ikumori Sakihara, West Los Angeles, a boy, John, on March 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masami Fujikawa, Compton, Calif., a girl, Reiko Linda, on Feb. 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masaru Ohigashi a boy, Dale Yoshio, on March 8 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ukichi George Sakamoto a boy, Gary Michael, on March 7 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Usaburo Amimoto a girl, Barbara Sachiyo, on March 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Keiji K. Kusumi a girl in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takeshi Ito twin girls in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. William I. Oba a boy in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond K. Nimura a boy in Denver, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mitoshi Wada, San Diego, Calif., a boy on Feb. 7.

DEATHS

Matajiro Igata on March 18 in Denver.

Jitsutaro Nakamura, 66, on March 17 in Ontario, Ore.

Etsuji Kawaye on March 15 in Redwood City, Calif.

Makoto Oishi, 73, on March 11 in Palo Alto, Calif.

Robert Nakao, 4 months, son of Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Nakao, on March 5 in Chicago.

Eugene Matayoshi, 26, on March 7 in Detroit, Mich.

Otokichi Nomura, 72, on March 12 in Seattle.

Seneca Matsumoto, 77, on March 18 near Manteca, Calif.

Kyujiro Aoki, 75, on March 18 in Los Angeles.

MARRIAGES

Mitsue Shigeno, 24, to Carroll L. Klotzbach, 49, on March 19 in Washington, D.C.

Helen Mayeda to Cy Shimono on March 15 in Golden, Colo.

Mary Maeda, Ontario, Ore., to Joe Watanabe, Caldwell, Idaho, on March 14 in Ontario.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Fusako Kondo, 41, and Tadae Toyoji, 43, in Sacramento.

Shizuko Susie Taguma, 25, and Jack Takeichi Furutani, 26, Sun Valley, Calif., in Sacramento.

Suzanne Nakano, 22, and Noboru Endow, 27, Richland, Wash., in Seattle.

Betty F. Hoshino, 20, and Masato Yoshinaka, 26, in Seattle.

Nisei Is Named
Coach of the Year
By Cage League

HELPER, Utah—Dr. Toshio Furukawa was named the outstanding coach of the year by the Helper city basketball league this week at an awards presentation.

He was presented with a warm-up jacket. This is the second consecutive year that Dr. Furukawa won this honor.

Dr. Furukawa is president of the basketball association and general chairman of the first annual Kiwanis invitational basketball tournament which is held the week of March 20.

Chicago Membership
Committee Sponsors
Box Lunch Social

CHICAGO — Under the chairmanship of Mrs. Betty Mimura, the box lunch social sponsored by the membership committee of the Chicago JACL chapter on March 11th at the Loop Center "Y" was a huge success.

The auctioneering by Joe Sagami and Harry Sabusawa was hilarious and the highest bid for a lunch was the fabulous sum of \$5.25. Among the many attractive box lunches, the following snagged prizes for: (a) the cleverest to Mrs. Paul Otake with a box topped off with a miniature bottle of real wine; (b) the most intricate to Fumi Iwatsuka with a box fluffed out with crepe paper like a Spitz dog; and (c) the prettiest to Mrs. Harry Sabusawa with a green-wrapped box crowned with a huge pink paper blossom and pink buds on the sides.

Fellowship Meeting

FRESNO, Calif.—John Berlese of Fresno State College will be the speaker at the Fresno Joint Fellowship meeting this Sunday at the Methodist church.

The Fresno Teenage Crusaders and other youth fellowships have been invited.

Twin Cities Plan
Golf Tourney

MINNEAPOLIS—The Twin Cities JACL chapter has announced the sponsorship of its second annual golf tournament.

Co-chairmen for the United Citizens league's contest include: Hank Omachi, Ray Tachibana and Tom Ohno. The tourney, which will be held late this spring, is expected to draw about 40 Nisei participants from Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The committee's plans include the awarding of individual trophies to first, second and third flight winners. Winners in last year's UCL tournament were Ray Tachibana, Junji Hanada and Dave Imagawa.

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Urge "Compassionate Action"
For Passage of GI Brides Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee in a letter on March 22 to Sen. Pat McCarran, (D., Nev.), again urged "compassionate action" on a soldier brides act.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, declared there is a "great need for such legislation."

"The dozens of private bill introduced in Congress over the past several months are proof love cannot be trimmed 10 per cent like the budget or pigeonholed like an unwanted bill," he said.

"As long as GIs are stationed for months, and in some cases years, in foreign countries, we must have legislation permitting them to bring in spouses and children without regard to immigration restrictions."

He pointed out that in Japan the fact a GI can bring a spouse or fiancée into this country only through a private bill is creating a serious moral problem.

"Many young Nisei soldiers and veterans stationed there have met and wish to marry Japanese nationals."

"In some cases, such marriages have been entered into, although they are not recognized by American courts, nor will the army approve marriages between soldiers and Japanese nationals."

"This situation has created a moral problem which only immediate legislation can solve."

He said the JACL ADC has received dozens of letters from GIs in Japan seeking help in bringing fiancées or wives to the United States. He quoted from some letters such excerpts as:

"If we could be married we would gladly wait our turn to come to America..." "I put in a marriage application (but the army) disapproved because there is no law permitting my wife to enter the United States..." And from an attorney: "I have been

Chicago Wedding

CHICAGO — Grace Watanabe, daughter of Mrs. A. R. Katsuno and the late Rev. Paul Y. Watanabe, became the bride of Dr. T. Eugene Kimura on Feb. 12 at the Graham Taylor chapel of the University of Chicago. Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa officiated at the ceremony.

Attending the bride were Mrs. Minoru Suyama, matron of honor, and the bride's sister, Ruth Watanabe, bridesmaid. Attending the groom were Aaron Ganz, best man, and Shigeo Wakamatsu, usher. Brenda Hayano, cousin of the bride, was flower girl. William Fujii rendered two vocal selections.

The bride formerly of Los Angeles, is a graduate of Abilene high school, Abilene, Texas and received her bachelor of arts degree in business administration from Hardin - Simmons university, Abilene, Texas. She has been working in Chicago.

The bridegroom formerly of Seattle, received his bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees from the University of Nebraska, and received his doctor of philosophy degree in pharmacology from the University of Chicago in 1948. At present he is employed as a pharmacologist in the Pyridium Corporation in Yonkers, New York, where the couple now reside.

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approached by several parents who have sons stationed in Japan. Under existing regulations, these boys, most of whom are married, must either be separated from their parents or wives..."

In his letter to Sen. McCarran, Mr. Masaoka wrote:

"Though the Soldier Brides Act has terminated, there still is a serious need for legislation permitting GIs stationed in foreign countries to bring wives, fiancées or children into the United States without regard to immigration quotas."

"The need for such legislation is as serious today as when such laws were in effect during the latter days of the war and early in the Occupation."

"I wish to call to your attention the large number of private bills, more than a hundred at this time, introduced during the past several months in behalf of GIs and veterans hoping to bring Japanese nationals here as their wives."

"Only broad legislation giving them this permission can solve this problem. It is one that demands compassionate action."

"As long as this nation maintains occupation forces in other lands, it should provide a legal and moral way in which soldiers and veterans stationed in those lands, sometimes for years, may bring wives, fiancées or families back here without regard to immigration restrictions."

"I know that you are personally interested in this matter as shown by a soldier brides bill you have introduced during the present session of Congress. I would like to take this opportunity to ask that you undertake whatever action you feel would be appropriate to speed passage of such legislation."

Mr. Masaoka pointed out two other similar soldier brides bills have been introduced in the House, one by Del. Joseph R. Farrington, (R., Hawaii), the other by Rep. Frank Chelf, (D., Ky.).

Nisei Vues Gain
Top Rung in Chicago
Nisei Bowling Play

CHICAGO—The Nisei Vues, the league's high average team, took over first place from the Sakada Optometrists in the 27th round of play in the Chicago JACL bowling league, defeating the latter, 4 to 0. F. Oishi with 552 and Tak Fujii with 546 led the winners.

The Plaisance Cleaners remained in contention although they split, 2 to 2, with 'Wah Mee Lo. Dyke Miyagawa was high for the match with a 550 series.

Hyde Park Restaurant and Murakami & Sons, tied for fourth place and only three games behind the league leading Nisei Vues, kept pace with 3 to 1 victories over Mark Twain and Qued Beauty Salon respectively. Spud Tsuji had a 554 series for Hyde Park.

Despite F. Hamasaki's 563 Tel-lone Beauty Salon lost three to Quality Cleaners.

P. Watanabe's 573 showed the way for Jan Jan T to a 3 to 1 win over O.T. Men's Wear. Jan Jan T's 2828 was the high handicapped team series of the night.

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Vandals Wreck Headstones in Utah Cemetery

PRICE, Ut.—At least 30 headstones in the Japanese section of Price city cemetery were mutilated or toppled over the weekend of March 4, according to Royal Frandsen, cemetery superintendent.

Some of the marble stones were cracked or broken after being turned over, Frandsen said.

City police officers were reported investigating the destruction. A liberal reward will be paid by the city, Frandsen said, for information leading to capture and conviction of the vandals.

Demonstration

FRESNO, Calif. — A demonstration on making Chinese dishes was given recently by Mrs. Jerry Kawakami at an Elle club meeting at the YWCA. The food was enjoyed at a dinner following the demonstration.

The club is now preparing a meeting which will feature a book review. Chiyo Fujimura will make arrangements for the speaker.

Montanans Push Membership Drive

LAUREL, Mont.—The Montana JACL's membership drive went into high gear on March 18 with a campaign dance and box lunch social at the IOOF hall.

Pres. Tom Koyama announced that the chapter's three vice presidents, together with Terie Shirasago, would form the campaign committee. The vice presidents are Charles Nagashima, Roy Yamamoto and Bill Utsunomiya.

The chapter's membership last year was 51.

Sam Shirasago was named chairman of the finance committee at a recent cabinet meeting. Members of his committee include Miyako Miyagishima, Rose Fujioka, Joe Nagashima and King Satake.

Other committees and their chairmen have been named as follows: athletics, Tom Ogoshi, chairman, and Tak Shirasago, Dave Nagashima, Charles Kataoka, Yugo Nayematsu; courtesy: Harriet Nagashima, chairman, Kay Utsunomiya, George Yamamoto, Mary Fukado and Rose Kawamoto; program and activities: Terie Shirasago, chairman, Aki Kataoka, Kay Shirasago, Emi Koyama, Lois Mikami and Joe Mikami.

Idaho Falls Boosts JACL '1000' Club



IDAHO FALLS, Ida.—The Idaho Falls JACL indicated its all-out support for the 1000 club at a dinner March 18 at the Rogers hotel with more than 60 persons present, including members from Snake River, Yellowstone and Pocatello.

Speaker for the affair was Mas Satow, national director, who told of some of the less publicized accomplishments of the JACL.

"We have a particularly soft spot for Idaho Falls with regard to our 1000 Club," Satow told his audience, "since it was here in 1947 that the 1000 Club was launched when our national board met here. Also, proportionately, our Idaho Falls

chapter has more members in the 1000 Club than any other chapter in the country."

Sud Morishita, 1000 Club chairman for Idaho, reported that seven new members were enrolled by the Idaho Falls JACL, making a total of 22 members from this organization.

The dinner was directed by Morishita. Joe Saito of Snake River, 1000 Club representative for the Intermountain district, was toastmaster.

(Above) left to right—Masao W. Satow, Sud Morishita, Joe Nishioka, president, Idaho Falls JACL, George Sugai and Joe Saito.

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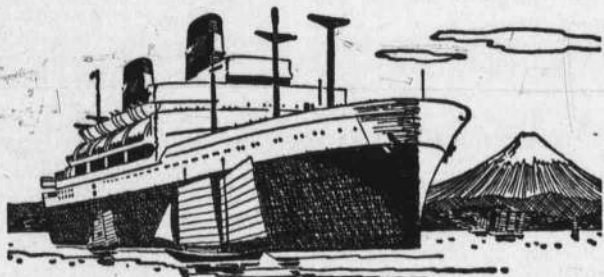
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Nisei Designer Wins \$1,000 in Homes Contest

CHICAGO — Gyo Obata, Nisei designer, won a \$1000 first prize in the Chicago Tribune's 4th annual better homes competition with his kitchen design.

He also placed fourth in the extra room section.

J. K. Maeda was a \$100 winner with his fourth prize in the double bedroom classification.

Obata is with an architectural firm. He is a son of Chiura Obata, University of California art instructor.

Minnesota Asked To Seek Injunction

ST PAUL, Minn.—The state was asked this week to seek an injunction barring the American Bowling Congress from Minnesota until it removes its racially restrictive membership provision.

State Attorney General J. A. A. Burnquist said the request was made by the state conference of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People.

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20-40 Club

FRESNO, Calif. — April and May activities of the 20-40 Club will include a panel discussion and an outing at Roeding park.

Seichiki Mikami will be the moderator for the panel discussion which will be held April 21 at the Methodist church. Tak Morita, Ted Yamada, Grace Mano, Ray Hasegawa and Kei Kitahara will be on the panel.

On May 21 the group will hold its Roeding park outing.

Velma Yemoto is scheduled to address the group in June on her experiences in Japan.

Most recent activity of the 20-40 Club was a treasure hunt on March 24. Grace Mano and Caroline Matsuyama were in charge.

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Tops Goal in ADC Fund Drive

SAWTELLE, Calif. — The ADC fund drive of West Los Angeles went over its goal of \$1,650 by almost \$200, the JACL West Los Angeles Chapter president, Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, reported this week.

Spearheading the campaign were Elmer Uchida, Nisei chairman of the ADC, and Gisuke Sakamoto, president of the West Los Angeles Japanese Community Council.

Uchida announced that the JACL regional office will prepare a financial report including the names of all contributors which will be mailed to them.

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