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See Senate Delay on Issei Citizenship Bill

Walter Resolution Must Await Next Call of Calendar

WASHINGTON, D.C.—DP legislation again will occupy the Senate on Friday and much of next week, the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee said this week. This means the earliest possible calendar call, when action can be taken again on the Walter Resolution, is at least a week away.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, pointed out that it is not even definite the Senate will call the calendar after the vote on DP legislation.

More than 40 amendments have been tacked on the legislation. Under Senate rules, an hour's debate is permitted on each one. Should the maximum debate be taken, a DP vote might not be held until the second week in April.

Scheduled to follow the DP vote is a flood control measure, which, in turn, will be followed by a conference on the Basing Point law, a law designed to permit manufacturers to absorb freight costs in setting prices.

Mr. Masaoka said some Senators are urging another call of the calendar in an effort to get a few non-controversial bills passed.

It is possible the calendar will be called before action on flood control.

The Senate, incidentally, probably will not recess for a spring vacation; the House will recess from April 6 to 17.

However, since many Senators have been taking leave in recent weeks to campaign at home in lieu of no spring recess, this factor is delaying a calendar call.

When the calendar does come up for action, Mr. Masaoka said he is "hopeful" Senator Richard B. Russell, (D., Ga.) — whose lone objection to the Walter Resolution has kept it from becoming law this session—will no longer oppose it.

Sen. Russell may be prepared to offer an amendment to the Resolution which would affect the bill only in a technical sense. It would have no effect upon the basic concept of the measure—that naturalization shall not be denied any person because of race or color.

San Mateo Ends Successful Drive For Membership

SAN MATEO, Calif.—The San Mateo JACL increased its membership by 100, following an intensive drive under direction of Bob Sugishita.

Pres. Kaz Kunitani this week reported the chapter now has 285 members. The final count showed an almost 100 per cent coverage of San Mateo, where the bulk of the membership is recruited.

Name Leslie Abe Chairman of UCL Twin Cities Drive

MINNEAPOLIS—Leslie Abe has been named chairman of the Twin Cities United Citizens league's ADC fund drive. His appointment was announced by UCL president Takuzo Tsuchiya in an ADC kick-off party last weekend.

Abe, a Mill city importer-exporter, succeeds George Yanagita, last year's ADC drive chairman. The Twin Cities quota is \$1,000 this year. The community fell \$200 short of its goal last year. Issei of Minneapolis and St. Paul comprised the contributing majority in the drive a year ago.

Nitta Heads Buddhists

STOCKTON, Calif.—Fred Nitta of Watsonville was elected president of the Western Young Buddhists Adult league at the 2nd annual conference last week in Stockton.

Gows Move Into New Home



DENVER—The Katsuto Gows of Denver moved into their new home Tuesday of this week after a restrictive covenant on the property held up purchase for several weeks. Fernor Black, left, Denver realtor, opened the door as the family crossed the threshold of the house at 2718 Gaylord street. Gow's wife, Tomoe, carried Gail, 6-months, while Larry, 3, and Patsy, 4, pitched in with heavy boxes.—Photo courtesy of Denver Post.

Denver Nisei War Veteran Wins Right to Home as Race Restrictive Covenant Ignored

DENVER—Katsuto K. Gow and his family moved into their new home at 2718 Gaylord street this week despite the restrictive covenant which held up purchase of the house for several weeks.

The purchase was originally stalemated when the RFC and the VA refused to approve Gow's application for a loan because Denver title insurance companies refused to insure title because the property had a restrictive covenant limiting occupancy to persons of Caucasian ancestry.

A Kansas City title insurance firm and a Denver company came forward last week to offer their help, and Gow secured the \$9000 loan required after the initial down payment.

The case attracted national attention after it was publicized here by the Denver Post.

"I never felt as happy about anything in my life," Gow said as he moved his wife and three children into the two-story house. "I knew this could be worked out."

Publication of Gow's story by the Post brought immediate offers of help from the Kansas City Title Insurance Company, the National FHA and A. E. Wilson & Co., the company that finally made the loan.

The loan transaction was closed Tuesday by Albert J. Moyer, vice president of the Wilson firm. Moyer disclosed that local RFC official had indicated they would purchase the loan.

Without such assurance, Moyer said, his company could not make the loan. The RFC, however, will not be called on to make the purchase for another two weeks.

Previously the Kansas City Title Insurance Company and Washington FHA officials offered their services. The National FHA offered to review the loan application immediately.

FHA officials said they would disregard the restrictive covenant. The FHA said it takes the position such covenants cannot be enforced.

Meanwhile A. D. Stanley, Denver attorney for the Kansas City Title Insurance Co., announced his firm would insure the \$9,000 loan at regular premium rates.

Stanley and his legal assistant worked late into the night to complete their search of the title and study of the restrictive covenant.

"We decided our firm would issue a policy covering the mortgages against all loss under this covenant," Stanley said. "There is no question but what these restrictions have been unenforceable by the Supreme court. Secondly, the nature of the neighborhood has changed to such a degree that even old decisions appear to invalidate the restriction."

Stanley said he considered the

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Judge Clarke Denies State's Motion for New Trial in Masaoka Land Law Test Case

LOS ANGELES—The State of California's motion for a new trial in the Masaoka Alien Land law test case was denied on March 29 by Judge Thurmond Clarke of the Superior court.

Following Judge Clarke's decision on March 16 holding the Alien Land law of California unconstitutional and in direct violation of the 14th Amendment, the state asked for a new trial on the grounds that the law was valid and that the findings of the court pertaining to the loyalty record of the Masaoka brothers was not relevant to the case.

The state was represented by Deputy Attorney General John F. Hassler.

Meanwhile, formal judgment in the Masaoka case was signed by Judge Clarke on March 29.

In his decision Judge Clarke declared that the Alien Land law was "directed against persons of Japanese ancestry solely because of race."

The state is expected to appeal the decision but notice of appeal has not yet been filed.

The case involves the efforts of the citizen sons of Mrs. Haruye Masaoka, a native of Japan, to buy a home for her in California. Five of Mrs. Masaoka's sons served in the army in World War II. One, Pvt. Ben Masaoka, was killed in action in France.

Hail Decision Outlawing State Land Law in Masaoka Case

Express Hope for Affirmation in Higher Courts

SAN FRANCISCO — "It is a landmark decision and I hope that it foretells a final favorable decision in the higher courts," Galen M. Fisher said this week in congratulating Joe Grant Masaoka, plaintiff in the recent Masaoka vs. California disclaimer suit.

Mr. Fisher was one of the organizers of the wartime Pacific Coast Committee on American Principles and Fair Play.

Judge Thurmond Clarke in his decision March 16 ruled the alien land law of California unconstitutional in the Masaoka case.

Similar congratulations came from Annie Clo Watson, director of the San Francisco International Institute; Edward Howden, director of the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity; Richard Dettering, director of the California Federation for Civic Unity; Mrs. Ruth Kingman, who with Dr. Fisher was active in the former Committee on American Principles and Fair Play; and J. Rupert Mason. Judge Robert McWilliams of the San Francisco Superior Court also offered his felicitations to Masaoka.

Congratulations were also received from Shosuke Nitta, Santa Ana; Ken Dyo, Pasadena, secretary of the Joint Conference on Alien Land Law; the JACL Pasadena Chapter; Kihei Ikeda, Sacramento; J. I. Rikimaru, Redwood City.

Locally, attorneys minimize the Masaoka ruling in pointing out that the legal effect of the Masaoka decision is binding on that case only unless reversed upon appeal. It is valid only in the jurisdiction of Judge Thurmond Clarke's court, the Superior Court of Los Angeles.

It was pointed out, however, that it does have a favorable psychological effect in an appeal to the higher courts.

Attorneys declared that the value of the Masaoka decision would be lost unless the California attorney general takes an appeal to the district court of appeal.

Attorney Guy C. Calden in answering the query as to whether Issei could and did own residential properties before the war, stated that no Issei could own residential, commercial, business, or agricultural lands under the alien land law at any time. The ineligible alien can lease residential, commercial, business, but not agricultural land. Residential homes, commercial or business structures can be owned by Issei as separate from the land. Under California law residential, commercial and business buildings can be leased by citizens and aliens alike for an indefinite period. Leasing of agricultural lands is limited to 15 years and prohibited entirely to ineligible aliens.

The impression that the alien

land law concerns agricultural land only arose, said Attorney Calden, when the original 1913 alien land law permitted leasing of agricultural land to ineligible aliens for three years. This clause was dropped in the 1920 initiative act and leasing of agricultural and ownership of all land was barred to ineligible aliens. The Masaoka case, if sustained by the higher courts, would permit Issei to acquire agricultural as well as residential land.

In the evacuation claims meeting sponsored by the JACL at the U.S. Attorney's Grand Jury Room in San Francisco on March 21, Field Director William H. Jacobs declared that the Department of Justice was setting aside claims for losses on land pending a final decision on the alien land law.

Strandee's Right To Return for Hearing Upheld

HONOLULU, T.H.—The State department was ordered on March 24 to permit immediate return to Hawaii of a Nisei in Japan to testify in a court case to establish his American citizenship.

Judge D. E. Metzger ruled in the case of Nobuo Ishimaru.

Ishimaru was presumed to have lost his American citizenship through service in the Japanese army.

His suit to regain citizenship has been pending for 15 months, but U.S. consular officials in Japan have refused to allow him to come to the United States for his court trial.

Judge Metzger ruled that U.S. consuls may not delay permitting Nisei to return to this country for the purpose of testifying in their citizenship cases. He issued an order commanding the State department to allow Ishimaru's immediate return to Hawaii.

Judge Metzger further ruled that when a United States consul refuses permission to such a Nisei, an appeal to the secretary of state in Washington is not necessary before a court order will issue.

In his citizenship case Ishimaru has claimed that his enlistment was made under coercion from his parents and Japanese authorities.

Graduation Rites

LOS ANGELES — The second graduation exercises of the naturalization classes for Issei, conducted by Reed Lawton and sponsored by the JACL and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, will be held on the evening of Thursday, April 13, at 8 p.m. at the Union Church of Los Angeles at 120 North San Pedro, it was announced by the JACL regional office this week.

JACL Brief in McLaurin Case Opposes Jim Crow in Education in Southern State

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Fourteenth Amendment has never been "exercised fully without racial segregation," the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee declared this week.

It took this stand in a brief filed as a "friend of the court" in the appeal of V. W. McLaurin to the Supreme Court for full and equal treatment as a student at the Graduate College of the University of Oklahoma.

The case will be heard the week of April 3.

McLaurin has been required to sit apart from other students, is served in the school cafeteria at other than regular cafeteria hours and is otherwise subjected to discriminatory treatment, the JACL ADC brief shows.

The brief was prepared by Edward J. Ennis, JACL ADC legal counsel, with the assistance of a number of Nisei and other attorneys, all of whom are JACL members.

The brief observed that the Supreme Court "has never expressly approved as constitutional the racial segregation practiced in the public school systems of many states and the District of Columbia. The doctrine of so-called 'separate but equal' public accommodations has not been held to satisfy the 'equal protection of the laws' required by the Fourteenth Amendment in any of the cases involving racial segregation in public education which has come before the Court.

"The fact that in practice the separate public educational facilities for Negroes or other racial minorities are never equal to the facilities for the white majority has been established beyond serious question."

The brief continued that it is "believed that universal and non-discriminatory public education, perhaps more than any other single factor, would rapidly lift (Negroes) to an equal social and economic status . . . would achieve a mutual understanding which would eliminate the old hostility. But every effort at such common education . . . (in the South) has been resisted and finally defeated under the patent evasion of 'separate but equal' education facilities."

The McLaurin appeal, said the brief, "presents an opportunity not only to protect those constitutional rights, but also to unfetter the forces of democratic public education without segregation which will do more than any other factor to remove the racial tensions in our country."

Those signing the brief include: Thomas T. Hayashi, Harold R. Gordon, Jiro Yamaguchi, Charles Tatsuda, Minoru Yasui, Mas Yano, Clyde C. Patterson, Joseph I. Imachi, Mas Yonemura, Chiyoko Sakamoto, William Y. Mambu, Toru Sakahara, John F. Aiso, Frank F. Chuman, Saburo Kido and John Maeno.

Chicago JACL Backs Referendum on City Government

CHICAGO—The Chicago chapter of the JACL has endorsed legislation designed to improve the functioning of the city government through the establishment of night and holiday court sessions, appointment of referees to assist in the disposal of Municipal Court business, and to create a social service department and psychiatric institute as branches of the Municipal Court of Chicago.

The legislation has passed both houses of the Illinois Legislature and must be approved by referendum on April 11th.

Approval of the legislation has been expressed not only by the Chicago Chapter of the JACL, but by other non-partisan civic organizations including the Cook County League of Women Voters, the Church Federation, Parent Teachers Association, Women's Bar Association, John Howard Association, Parkway Community House, Cook County Bar Association and the Welfare Council.

The Chicago Chapter has designated its legislative information committee to cooperate with other interested organizations. Franklin Chino, co-chairman of the committee is a member of the Citizens Committee for the Amendment of the Municipal Court Act which is comprised of delegates from the various civic groups and prominent Chicago citizens.

Joins Symphony



Percussionist Tom Tsuji joined the Minneapolis symphony last week. The San Diego-born tympanist took over his new post after performing most of the current season with the New Orleans (La.) symphony. Tsuji will fill out the rest of the season with the Mill city group.—UCL News Bureau-Minneapolis Tribune photo.

Ex-GI Wins Right To Purchase Home

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Gow case "a real test" of democracy.

He said his company is governed in such cases partly by the question of whether or not restrictive covenants are strictly enforced by other property owners in the neighborhood in question.

Veteran Gow expressed his delight over the news from Washington and from the title insurance firm.

"This is perfectly wonderful," he said when told the title firm would insure the property for him. "I know we will be good neighbors and a credit to the community. My wife and I have worked for this for years."

Earlier Gow had told reporters that he had saved for three years to get the \$2500 down payment required for the house.

After the initial story broke, a Post writer, Edward Lehman, surveyed the east Denver neighborhood in which the house in question is located and found that restrictive covenants have been broke "at least fifty times in the same district within the radius of a few blocks."

Similar covenants restricting property to whites appear in many homes in the area, according to Lehman.

Other residents of the district have related stories of threats and

Nisei ex-POW Paints Mural At Fort Lewis

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — Sgt. Frank Fujita of Abilene, Tex., a Nisei GI who was captured in Java and spent 42 months as a prisoner-of-war of the Japanese, recently completed a mural depicting World War II scenes for the 38th Field Artillery Battalion Officers' club.

The mural, 10 by 30 feet, shows light artillery and supporting weapons in action.

Fujita, who was held at Sugamo prison by the Japanese, was scheduled to be a defense witness at the "Tokyo Rose" trial in San Francisco last year but was not called.

District Group Will Support Fresno Office

FRESNO, Calif.—Continued support for the Fresno regional office of the JACL was voted at a special meeting of the Central California district council March 12 at the Fresno Buddhist church.

A ninety-day raising campaign will be initiated by the CCDC, to run from May 1 to Aug. 1. A Chevrolet sedan will be offered as a prize for a drawing, with tickets to be sold during the three-month period.

Tom Nakamura will be general chairman. Chapter committees will be named at a later date.

Toru Ikeda, Central California JACL director, reported to the group on the activities of the regional office.

Chapter chairmen for the 1000 Club were announced as follows by Tom Nakamura, CCDC 1000 Club chairman: Mas Abe, Reedley; Kenji Tashiro, Hiro Mayeda and Tom Shimasaki, Tulare county; Joe Katano, Delano. Parlier and Fresno chairmen will be announced later.

After the meeting the Issei relations committee, composed of Chorge Kaku, Johnson Kebo, Ikeda and John Kubota, met with the newly organized Japanese association to explain the continuance of the regional office and to ask for further support.

Yoshihara Elected

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Ben Yoshihara was elected president of the graduating class recently at San Jose high school.

difficulties experienced when they placed their homes up for sale.

Mrs. Elmer H. Bertram of 2253 Vine street said she has received telephone threats that their porch would be blown off if they sold their home to anyone but a white person.

"We've had our house up for sale since last August when my husband got a job in Aurora," Mrs. Bertram said. "As soon as the 'for sale' sign went up, the telephone calls started. Even our real estate agency received calls threatening legal action and worse. During all these months, the only people who have come to see our house have been Negroes and they are a credit to America. When we bought the property no one ever told us of the restriction that supposedly applies until 1990."

Work of Masaoka, JACL Known in Japan, Says Finch

HONOLULU — Earl Finch, friend of the Nisei, said upon his return from Japan recently the work of Mike Masaoka and the Japanese American Citizens League is well known and appreciated in Japan.

The former Mississippi rancher-businessman who now makes his home in Honolulu said he found "all classes of Japanese people are interested in Mike Masaoka and know what he has done."

Finch, best known as the "One Man USO" for his wartime hospitality to the 442nd combat team, said he told many Japanese audiences about the JACL and its functions.

Finch, who made the trip to Japan to inquire into business op-

portunities for Nisei veterans, found time too short to accomplish this mission.

But he said he learned of the plight of Nisei veterans who are unable, because of immigration restrictions, to bring to the United States their brides or prospective brides who are Japanese nationals.

Finch said there are about 150 Japanese Americans faced with this problem. There is great interest, therefore, in seeing legislation in congress passed to remove racial restrictions which now prohibit admission to this country of wives, present and prospective, of World War II veterans.

Such legislation has been proposed by Delegate Joseph R. Farington of Hawaii.

Nisei to Teach in Seattle



SEATTLE, Wash.—Miss Amy Claire Suguro enjoys the distinction of being the first Nisei to be appointed to a teaching position by the Seattle School Board. A graduating senior in education at Seattle university, Miss Suguro is shown at her desk in the university faculty office where she works part time. When asked if she would prefer to be assigned to Bailey Gatzert, of her grammar school days, Miss Suguro said that it would indeed be an interesting assignment, but of course eagerly awaited duty in any Seattle grade school where a vacancy may occur. Teaching posts will be determined for 15 new Seattle teachers before the opening of the fall classes.

While visiting Japan, Miss Suguro was stranded for the duration of the war; joined the interpreter force of the Occupational government after V-J day, and returned to Seattle in 1946. She lives with her mother and younger brother, Kallio, at 516 26th Ave. South.

The appointment of a Chinese teacher, Mrs. Lillian Lum, another "first," was announced at the same time by School Superintendent Samuel E. Fleming.—Photo by Elmer Ogawa.

On Territorial Politics: Hawaii Election Results Show Coming of Age of Nisei Group

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—The coming of age of Nisei in Hawaiian politics has been clearly demonstrated by the number of novices who have been elected along with oldtimers as delegates to the coming State Constitutional convention.

The election record shows that more newcomers among the candidates of Japanese ancestry were elected than those who have had previous experience in elective office.

Of the 19 Nisei elected, 11 are first-timers in island politics.

The 19 will sit with 44 delegates of other racial ancestries in a historic convention opening here April 4 to write the constitution of the future state of Hawaii.

The Nisei delegates represent 30 percent of all delegates (19 out of 63) or slightly less than the proportion of the Japanese residents to the whole population (about 33 per cent).

No one racial group will dominate the convention. Every major racial group, except the Filipinos, will be represented at the convention.

Because so many new Nisei made the grade in their initial entry into politics, political observers predict that at least some of these novices will try for elective office in the biennial elections this fall.

The constitutional convention elections are not classified as regular elections inasmuch as candidates ran non-partisan; that is, they were not labeled as to party affiliation on the ballots.

This is the first and probably the last time such an election will be held.

The primary election for convention delegates, held February 11, showed the Nisei candidates possessed unusual strength in getting votes. Of the 46 Nisei who started, eight were elected outright in the primary, 24 nominated and 14 defeated.

In the final election held March 21, the Nisei did not fare as well but nevertheless came through in good style. Of the 24 nominated, 11 were elected in the final runoff. This number probably would have been higher had it not been for the fact that in three contests where only two candidates were vying for one seat, both candidates were Nisei. This automatically eliminated one Nisei in each of these contests in the final count.

In addition, in a few cases where four or more candidates were running in the same race, two or more of them were Nisei.

Even in defeat, several Japanese American candidates did surprisingly well, considering the formidable opponents they faced.

A few upsets were registered. Most serious setback was suffered by Rep. Mitsuyuki Kido, who as

a Democratic candidate, had won two elections (1946 and 1948) to the territorial house of representatives with the highest vote in his district. But in the final election to the constitutional convention, he placed ninth in a field of 10 candidates.

(His brother, Harold T. Kido, a political novice, was elected from another island.)

Another legislator who was defeated was Rep. Tom Tagawa, a CIO union official.

The Nisei candidate who scored most successfully was young Nelson Doi, a newcomer in politics. He became a deputy county attorney in 1949 shortly after his graduation from the University of Minnesota law school. In getting elected to the convention, he won over two veteran senators by a comfortable margin.

A new candidate who looked good even in defeat was Akira (Sunshine) Fukunaga, the executive secretary of the 442nd Veterans club. He barely missed election, and then only because his opponents were older men of long standing reputation in the community. Those who came ahead of "Sunshine" were two senators, two former territorial attorney generals and two veteran public educators. Even those who trailed Sunshine were considered strong vote-getters.

Of the 19 Nisei who were elected, seven are in the legal profession — five attorneys and two district court practitioners. Two are dentists; three are public school teachers and the rest are businessmen.

The delegates who succeeded in their first try at elective office were: Dr. Katsumi Komatsu, Yasutaka Fukushima, Teruo Ihara, Kazuo Kage, H. S. Kawakami, Clarence Y. Shimamura, Dr. Masao Kanemaru, Nelson K. Doi, James K. Yamamoto, Peter Kawahara and Harold T. Kido.

Those elected who have previous experience in elective office are: Rep. Thomas T. Sakakihara, Rep. Joe Takao Yamauchi, Rep. Stearns G. Noda, Supervisor Jack H. Mizuha, Supervisor Richard Kageyama, Supervisor Sakuichi Sakai, Supervisor Toshio Serizawa, and ex-County Attorney Tom Okino.

Masaoka Hails JACL Record In Venice Talk

VENICE, Calif.—Fumi Utsuki of Venice was elected president of the Venice JACL chapter at a dinner meeting held at Stern's Restaurant on March 24.

More than 50 members, Issei and other guests heard Mike Masaoka point to the JACL record to prove how the efforts of the organization at national and local levels on the part of Nisei leaders who devoted their time and efforts to the Nisei cause had resulted in advances for all persons of Japanese ancestry.

"This," he emphasized, "despite the fact that there are many who condemn or refuse to support the organization, yet who are usually among the first to take advantage of the benefits achieved for them by the JACL."

"Our fight has just begun," said Masaoka, reciting a vast list of remaining discriminations affecting persons of Japanese ancestry throughout the United States. "In the same spirit of self sacrifice and devotion to fellowmen and country exemplified by the Nisei GIs of World War II, we must continue to work and fight on an organized basis to protect our rights as well as gain equality of status and treatment for all persons of Japanese ancestry. It is regrettable that a few JACL leaders of the 77 communities in which we have chapters have had to bear the cross in the face of apathy and often denouncement by other Nisei, but because of JACL, which is both our sword and shield, persons of Japanese ancestry have obtained their present place in American society, a far cry from their place behind barbed wire fences a short eight years ago."

Following the election, the new officers were officially installed by Frank Chuman, JACL national second vice president. The 1950 cabinet is comprised of Miss Utsuki; Paul Shiozaki, 1st vice pres.; Kiyo Nishi, 2nd vice pres.; Isamu Yumori, 3rd vice pres.; James Yasuda, treas.; Matsuko Kato, rec. sec.; June Tsutsui, corres. sec.; George Mikawa, auditor. Mikawa is the retiring president.

Toastmaster George Inagaki introduced the guests: Issei supporters E. Maruyama, K. Kushida, M. Wakamatsu, and Rev. Kashitani; Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, chairman of the Pacific Southwest District Council and his wife; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chuman; Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda, president of the West Los Angeles Chapter, and his wife; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tayama, and Tats Kushida, regional director. Also present were Eddie Imazu, art director at MGM, and his wife.

"Fair Market Value" Used as Yardstick in Evacuee Claims

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "Fair market value" is a term which will have increasing significance to persons of Japanese ancestry making claims under the Evacuation Claims Act, according to the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, this week.

Fair market value of either real or personal property at the time of evacuation will be one of the determining factors in establishing the worth of a claim, the JACL-ADC said.

One of the more exhaustive inquiries into just what is meant by fair market value was made recently in arguments before the Commission on Japanese property claims in Canada by Robert J. McMaster, Canadian West Coast counsel for Japanese evacuees.

In the Canadian study, which should be helpful in understanding what is meant by fair market value, are a number of principles which probably will be applied in American evacuation claims settlements.

Although the factors may be theoretical, they include:

A willing and able purchaser; a willing vendor, but one not obliged to sell, and an understanding of the best uses to which property can be put.

In addition, Canadian Japanese argued that settling a theoretical fair market value cannot be ar-



CLEVELAND, O.—In preparation for the day when they may obtain US citizenship, approximately 80 Issei of Cleveland have enrolled in a newly formed citizenship class which was initiated by the Cleveland JACL.

Under the supervision of the Cleveland adult board of education, classes are held twice a week at Thomas Edison high school and will extend for a period of ten weeks.

Pictured above is Ralph Crow of the board of education.—Photo by Masao Kondo.

Cleveland Issei Prepare for Eventual U. S. Citizenship

CLEVELAND, O. — Some of Cleveland's best Americans are barred from citizenship. They are the Issei.

So says Albina Molek in a recent article in the Cleveland News.

Miss Molek's article, featuring five photographs of Cleveland's Japanese Americans, was a recent home magazine feature in the News.

"Many of them older persons," the article says, "they have embraced our government and traditions devotedly despite the fact that under the law, they, as Japanese immigrants cannot apply for naturalization papers. Hoping that this bar some day may be raised, the aging Japanese spend long hours studying American history and government."

Half a hundred Issei have enrolled for a naturalization class at the Cleveland YMCA, Miss Molek says.

Meanwhile the JACL spearheads a campaign to urge Congress to ease the naturalization prohibition against the Issei.

The Japanese Americans are Cleveland's newest nationality group. More than 400 Issei and 800 Nisei moved to this city during the war years, settling mostly

on the east side between E. 55th and E. 105th streets.

They are active in many societies, the JACL being the largest. The chapter was started four years ago with approximately 50 persons. Today more than 250 have been added.

Its mouthpiece is the JACL Bulletin, a monthly publication managed by John Matsushima.

Concerning other groups Miss Molek writes:

"Cleveland has a Young Buddhist League, which is currently planning a Memorial day convention here. Japanese of the city also belong, variously, to Roman Catholic and Protestant churches and have formed the Issei Christian group (which meets in the Old Stone church) and the Christian Fellowship Association.

"Other active societies are the Fujin Kai, made up of immigrant women, the Shinwa Kai, also composed of first generation Japanese, and the Nisei Athletic Association which include bowling, baseball and basketball teams.

"The Debbishire Club of teen-aged girls is one of the many social clubs organized here since the arrival of the Japanese."

Nisei and Issei photographed for the article are Mary Ebihara, May Oga, Frank Shiba, Mrs. Retsu Obata, Seiichi Nako, Diane Shiba, Kim Yokota, Shig Fujimura, Toru Ishiyama, Mike Asazawa, George Furukawa and Mrs. Seiichi Nako.

Invite Applications For Scholarship

LOS ANGELES — Applications are now being accepted for the 1950 Chi Alpha Delta alumnae scholarship to UCLA to be awarded this fall.

The scholarship covers tuition and incidentals for one semester. It is open to all women students planning to enter UCLA as a freshman or transfer.

High school and college transcripts should be sent to Mrs. Toshi Miyamoto, 2016 7th avenue, Los Angeles.

Selection will be based on scholarship, leadership and student activities.

New Books Slated For Ellis Library

CHICAGO — Two hundred new books will be added to the Ellis community center library, sub-station for the Chicago public library.

The new addition will enlarge the children's department.

The Ellis community center was chosen last year as a sub-station for the Kenwood area.

uses to which property was adapted and might in reason be applied."

Washington Post Asks House Restore 20 Per Cent Slash In Evacuation Claims Funds

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Washington Post on March 31 urged Congress to restore the claims funds of \$5,304,800 originally asked for by the Justice Department to carry out its program under Public Law 886 to repay West Coast evacuees of Japanese ancestry for business and property losses sustained as a result of the mass evacuation in 1942.

The House Appropriations Committee slashed 20 per cent from the Justice Department's request, paring the proposed funds down to \$4,000,000.

Stockton to Host Meeting of District Council

STOCKTON, Calif. — Approximately one hundred delegates are expected in Stockton Sunday, April 16, for a meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada district council of the JACL.

Registration will begin at 9 in the morning. The meeting will take place at the Buddhist church YBA hall.

Joe Grant Masaoka, regional director, visited with the Stockton chapter on March 28 to lay plans for the meeting.

South Alameda JACL Adopts Constitution

CENTERVILLE, Calif. — The Southern Alameda County JACL, which is the reactivated unit of the former Washington Township chapter, has officially taken its new name with adoption of a constitution, according to Pres. Yas Kato.

The chapter ended its membership drive at its meeting March 24. George Fukui, campaign chairman, announced that 20 new members were signed during the drive.

The chapter has organized an athletic division in an effort to encourage active participation by younger members of the group. Yukata Handa was named director.

Speller

SAN FRANCISCO—David Yamakawa represented James Lick junior high school in a San Francisco city-county spelling bee March 28.

Honolulu Veterans of 442nd Observe Seventh Anniversary

HONOLULU—Veterans of the 442nd combat team observed the seventh anniversary of their famed wartime regiment with a big birthday party March 25.

About 400 members of the 442nd Veterans club, their wives and guests, including government and civic dignitaries, attended the party. A Chinese dinner, a short program and dancing were the order for the evening.

The veterans heard the guest speaker, Oren E. Long, secretary of Hawaii, extend the challenge of improving the welfare of the community through the "Big Five of a Sound Social Order."

Secretary Long said the five tests of a good community are the extent of home ownership, good health facilities, adequate recreational facilities, sound religious program and educational opportunities.

In all, except home ownership, Hawaii rates high, the speaker said. Mr. Long said home and land ownership should be spread to more people in the territory.

"The challenge I give you," he told the veterans, "centers around this problem. Difficult as it may seem, progress can be made."

Long was selected as keynote speaker in recognition of his excellent work as chairman of the joint veterans memorial committee. He met every memorial ship bringing home the remains of Hawaii's war dead and participated in every public memorial service in their honor.

The memory of comrades who died overseas was honored in the welcome address by Daniel Aoki, president of the 442nd Veterans club, and in the invocation by Ben Ono, first vice president.

George T. Miki, past president,

"The Evacuation Claims Act," the Post said in an editorial, "was adopted by Congress as a matter of simple justice to people who had suffered hardships through no fault of their own."

"The Department of Justice asked Congress, in the interest of economy, for an appropriation of only five million dollars for actual claims payments and \$304,800 for administrative expenses. The appropriations committee cut this request to a total of \$4,000,000, of which only a quarter million may be spent for administration."

"The effect is to thwart the hope that the act extended. It is . . . one of those pennywise pieces of economy that must in the end prove foolishly extravagant."

"The inadequacy of the funds available for administrative purposes, even more than the meagerness of the sum allotted for actual settlement of claims, confines (the Justice Department) to mere nibbling at the job instead of tackling it and getting it done. Neither economy or injustice will be served by dragging this program out over a period of years. The longer the delay, the more difficult will be problems of adjudication. Many claimants are now of advanced years. Restitution, long overdue, must be made promptly if it is to be meaningful. We hope that the House will restore at least the full amount needed to carry forward the task efficiently."

Essay Director

CHICAGO — James Nishimura, publisher of Scene magazine, has been named essay contest chairman for the JACL 1950 national convention by Dr. Randolph Sakada, chairman of the convention board.

was master of ceremonies.

Officers took part in a birthday cake cutting ceremony. Daniel Inouye was chairman of the banquet.

Copies of an anniversary special edition, titled "Go for Broke Bulletin," were distributed to those present. The bulletin contained news of club activities, including a 1949 review of the club's most active year since its incorporation in 1946. It also contained an exchange of correspondence between various Honolulu persons and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer executives on the forthcoming movie on the 442nd regiment.

Both Dore Schary, MGM producer, and Writer Robert Pirosh promised due credit will be given Hawaii's part in the history of the combat team.

The bulletin carries a tribute written by Riley H. Allen, editor of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, to "that great combat team which attained imperishable glory in Europe."

Allen said the men of the 442nd, through their war service, "not only gave a complete answer to the doubters and skeptics who had questioned their loyalty—they also set for themselves and all their associates in and out of uniform a standard to meet in times of peace."

In the editorial titled, "A Continuing Obligation," Allen said the Nisei veterans have made a happy and quick readjustment to peacetime living.

He said the men of the 442nd and their families are carrying out their continuing obligation of building good homes and becoming self-supporting members of society and of giving generously to community service.

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EDITOR

EDITORIAL:

Lewis Exposes Own Ignorance

It has been our conviction for some time that Fulton Lewis, Jr., the Mutual network's voice of rugged individualism from the 19th century, is just plain careless with the truth.

Mr. Lewis has played hard and fast with the facts on a number of recent issues, including that which was provoked by G. Racey Jordan and the Moscow-bound atomic data, and he was true to form on the night of March 24 when he discussed the appointment of Dillon S. Myer as Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Mr. Lewis was a vigorous opponent of the War Relocation Authority's resettlement program during the war, preferring to let Americans of Japanese ancestry remain in the relocation camps. He criticized Dillon Myer on many occasions during the war and was a foremost national spokesman for the West Coast racists who wanted the gates shut on the relocation camps and the key thrown away. He carried on his vendetta against Dillon Myer in his March 24 broadcast:

"Dillon Myer (was) head of the WRA which had charge of the internment camps where Japanese civilians were held on the west coast—notably Tule Lake," Mr. Lewis said. "The Japanese prisoners were allowed to run virtually at will, going on picnics, fishing trips and pleasure trips with no pretense of a guard with them. The Tule Lake camp in particular was a constant source of controversy and contention, almost to the point of scandal."

"The House Un-American Committee," (we are still quoting Mr. Lewis) "was 'severely critical' of Dillon Myer. It said that 'he was to blame for most of the trouble,' if not all of it by his poor administration of the projects. It is said that he knew nothing about his job and less about the Japanese, and made no attempt to learn anything about either."

Mr. Lewis went on with other charges against Dillon Myer but the two paragraphs quoted above are enough to show his ignorance of the entire government war relocation program. The WRA under Dillon Myer, of course, was concerned solely with the resettlement of wartime evacuees and had nothing to do with internment camps which were under the Department of Justice.

Mr. Myer proved in his administration of the WRA program to be a man of humanitarian principles who resolved a situation, created by prejudice and war hysteria, in a matter consistent with the democratic traditions of our nation. On occasion, such as when the House Un-American Committee launched a politically-motivated investigation of the WRA program, Dillon Myer showed that he could fight back and expose the mean and selfish motives of his detractors.

Fulton Lewis, Jr. has neglected to mention that the House Un-American Committee's attack on Dillon Myer and the WRA, which he quotes in his broadcast, was thoroughly discredited and the investigation was suddenly dropped in 1943.

Most evacuees, who certainly had a better knowledge of the war relocation situation than Fulton Lewis, Jr., will agree with Secretary of Interior Oscar Chapman who praised Dillon Myer last week for "an outstanding job in the maintenance and relocation of the Japanese evacuees from the Pacific coast."

Interest in the Primaries

Increased political activity by Nisei voters, both as individuals and in organizations, is evidenced in recent years on the west coast and in those cities to which they relocated after the war.

Many JACL local chapters have been pushing intensive campaigns to register a 100 per cent signup of voters for coming elections. In many areas Nisei registrars have been appointed, showing that local officials recognize the voting strength of this group.

In Chicago the local chapter has planned a political program that will feature appearances by four candidates running for nomination in the fifth senatorial district. And in San Francisco the Northern California-Western Nevada district council has sent out suggestions for local chapters by which they can concentrate locally upon full Nisei participation in primary elections.

These are ways in which local JACL groups on the state and city level can demonstrate the interest of Japanese Americans in their local governments.

Where they constitute a sizeable voting bloc, the Nisei can indicate to candidates the needs and wishes of the minority groups.

Racial bloc voting, as such, is not a desirable thing. But in the arena of political action, there is a need on the part of the voting population to show their strength as well as their needs. Political candidates sometimes need to be reminded their voting districts are comprised of Americans of many ancestries. The Nisei can do a major service for minority groups by their activity at the polls.

Nisei USA

The Break in the Dike

It may be that because the Nisei are a pretty small minority some of the transgressions against the individual rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry during the war were accepted without protest by the general citizenry. Mass evacuation, of course, was the greatest outrage of all but there were other violations of the sanctity of citizenship in a democracy.

Some of these transgressions of the citizen rights of the Nisei were petty and some were mean. Others, however misguided, were evoked by a genuine concern for security.

In the wake of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor a series of local sanctions and restrictions upon persons of Japanese ancestry preceded the announcement of mass evacuation. One of these, the dismissal of Nisei employees by the State Personnel Board, set a precedent for the wholesale ouster of citizens from jobs on the basis of suspicion alone. The incident is one which probably has been forgotten by most Californians but its disregard for constitutional guarantees of citizen rights is a forerunner of such contemporary controversies as the loyalty oath issue which has been of major concern in recent weeks to the faculty of the University of California.

What happened to the approximately 400 Nisei in the employ of the State of California who were summarily dismissed because of their ethnic affiliation with the people of an enemy nation was without precedent. They were fired because the finger of suspicion was pointed at them as potentially disloyal, although no effort was made to grant individual hearings or to provide proof. The fact of race was enough.

There was a break in the seawall of our civil liberties in 1942 but there was no brave little Dutch boy on hand to plug the hole in the dike.

The first attack on the traditional guarantees of individual civil rights in the case of Nisei employees of the State of California occurred on Jan. 16, 1942 when State Senator John Howard Swan of Sacramento introduced a resolution which urged a loyalty investigation of all Nisei civil service workers. Producing a photostatic copy of a payroll sheet of the Department of Motor Vehicles which he said showed only Japanese names, Sen. Swan contended that this was a plot "to get Japanese on the state payroll and allow them to bore from within." The names on the sheet were mostly those of young Nisei girls, hired as filing clerks and junior typists by the department. In the eyes of Sen. Swan and a colleague, Sen. Jack Metzger of Red Bluff who later sponsored much of the anti-Japanese legislation considered by the State Senate, these young girls, fresh from business college or high school, were potential saboteurs.

The Swan resolution did not pass entirely without comment. The conservative Sacramento Union criticized it in an editorial which said in part: "The idea of simply making an investigation into the racial composition of the state's personnel looks like a plain example of racial persecution . . . We hope the investigation it may touch off will not be a witch hunt."

While the State Personnel Board was still debating the demand for dismissal, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Jan. 26 ordered the discharge of 56 county employees who were of Japanese ancestry. The City of Los Angeles followed by firing its 39 employees of Japanese descent. Within a few days the State Personnel Board suspended all of its Nisei employees.

In the years since 1942 not a single charge of disloyalty has been proved against a single federal, state or municipal employee of Japanese ancestry in California or elsewhere. The evacuation, which came later, has served to obscure the pattern which was set in the treatment of a group on whom the finger of suspicion had fallen. Had it not been for the evacuation, it is possible that the action of the State Personnel Board, as well as the city and county of Los Angeles, in ignoring the individual rights of the employees who were dismissed would have been chal-

lenged. Since all persons of Japanese ancestry were evacuated soon afterward, the state employees undoubtedly reasoned that they would have been forced to give up their jobs and, after all, evacuation was the greater offense.

Later suits were brought against the State Personnel Board by a number of the suspended Nisei, seeking restitution for salaries lost during the period of suspension. The cases were settled through the payment of salaries from the time of suspension until the date of the forced mass evacuation. The State Personnel Board in 1945 withdrew its blanket charge which presumed that all persons of Japanese ancestry were potentially disloyal and this action led to the reemployment of a number of the former employees.

The principle of wholesale dismissal on loyalty grounds, however, has not been repudiated.

This fact is of importance today because once again there is an issue of loyalty involving state employees in California, in this instance the members of the faculty of the state university, as well as a loyalty issue in the federal government which has been raised by Sen. Joseph McCarthy of Wisconsin. It is indicated that the question of the professors' loyalty oath probably will be settled through compromise, while the latter is presently in the full-blown stage, through trial by headline and innuendo.

The years since Pearl Harbor have seen a gradual weakening of the guarantees of individual civil liberties, particularly those of the employees of government. The question is not one of security since the government has a stringent loyalty program in operation. The question is one of the protection of the individual from the sort of irresponsible character assassination indulged in by the Senator McCarthy of the present day, as it was by such practitioners as Congressman Dies and State Senator Tenney of California in the past.

It may be that at this moment of history a concern for individual rights is but a futile gesture. It is indeed difficult to adjust the values of a pre-atomic world to the new age of the H-bomb. But it may have been of some use if the principle of mass dismissals on the presumption of group disloyalty, however insignificant it may have seemed at the time, had been successfully challenged in the case of the 400 California Nisei employees. The hole in the dike is much bigger now.

West Coast Newsreel:

THE FOG DRIFTS IN

By JOBO NAKAMURA

San Francisco

AT SUNDOWN a billow of fog drifts ominously from the hills, in and out of the alleys of San Francisco. When the lights flicker in the mist, the whine of the nani-wa-bushi (Japanese recitation) comes to an abrupt halt in the Japanese community. Mr. Togo quietly rolls up the sidewalk in front of his shop and goes to bed.

He sleeps with one eye open and cocked at the neighbor with whom he now shares his old ghetto. Without solicitude for Mr. Togo, the raucous blare of juke boxes and the wail of hot trumpets in the cabarets, the laughing and screaming voices pierce the foggy, foggy dew.

An Issei man with gnarled hands and furrowed brow totters back from his house-cleaning job in the plush homes on the hill, wondering how long he will last. He typifies the tragedy of Issei parents who had counted on their children's support in their old age, only to discover that their offspring have no desire to shoulder this responsibility after they are married. The question in many Nisei couples' minds seems to be: To what extent are we obligated to our parents?

The Japanese restaurants in San Francisco hire Kibei girls to wait on their customers. Their quaint Tokyo "do-za" and "arigato" lend a hospitable air; in the sukiyaki restaurants we knew in Chicago's Clark and Division district, the Nisei girls were curt and impersonal in their services. The chop suey houses in Nihon-machi serve cheap but substantial meals—you can get a plate of buta-dofu or

Vagaries

New Chair . . .

The story of Tsuguharu Foujita, wartime activities which forced the Japanese artist to live in virtual seclusion during his recent visit to the United States is told by Eiko Shimano in the April issue of Scene. Foujita, once famous as an embodiment of the Bohemianism of the Left Bank in Paris, shunned by many U.S. artists because of his paintings glorifying rampant Japanese militarism. The new plywood chair designed by Ray Komai, formerly of Los Angeles, and now a furniture designer in New York is featured in the April issue of Consumer's magazine which calls the Komai chair "one of the most interesting designs to turn up this season." The chair is shaped in plywood and has steel legs.

Jack Kawano, head of the longshoremen's union in Honolulu, was the guest of honor recently at a reception at San Francisco's Mount hotel. Featured artist at the fete was Billie Holiday who undoubtedly sang one of the songs she has made famous and which is particularly appropriate for the occasion: "I Cover the Waterfront." . . . The "Tokyo Rose" is discussed by Nathaniel West in his new book, "Treason: The Story of Disloyalty and Betrayal in American History" (Public Affairs Press, \$4.50.) . . . Nisei are active in the formation of the International Buddhist Association, Tokyo which was organized to bring together those interested in Buddhism regardless of their nationalities. English services are now held every Sunday for a predominantly Nisei congregation.

Nisei Curator . . .

A number of Nisei extras expected to appear in MGM's "Pagan Love Song," which is being filmed on Kauai in the Hawaiian Islands with Esther Williams. Mario Lanza gave two concert appearances in Hawaii last year under the sponsorship of Matsuo . . . Sixteen-year-old Fusako Kajiwara of Denver was one of six teenagers who were a KOA program on March 1 with Bob Hope . . . According to Carl Kondo, the only Nisei curator of an art gallery in the U.S., Joe Ishikawa at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, Neb., who wrote sports for the Rafe Shimpco in Los Angeles before WW II, has an article in the current issue of Art Digest in which he discusses the Nebraska Art Association's 60th annual exhibition at the gallery in Lincoln. Among the artists in the show were painters and two sculptors of Japanese ancestry, Yasuo Kuniyoshi, Saneo Serisawa, Henry Sugimoto, Isamu Noguchi and Leo Amiel.

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MINORITY WEEK

Happy Ending

There's a heartwarming story out of Washington, D. C. about the return of the legitimate theater to the capital city.

Most people will remember that it was race prejudice that—in a manner of speaking—ran it out of town.

Last year Washington had a single legitimate theater—the National. But it had a discriminatory admission policy. Its doors were closed to the city's Negro population. Actors' Equity demanded the policy be discontinued, but the National held fast. Equity said it would boycott the capital so long as the theater held its segregation policy. The National said it would become a movie theater, rather than capitulate. Equity did and the National did.

Thus the capital city was left without a single legitimate theater. It was then that a burlesque house, with the gaudy name of the Gaiety theater, decided that Washington needed a theater.

The Gaiety sits in one of Washington's lesser districts. The navy yard is nearby. And the theater itself is redolent with memories of burlesque.

But the Gaiety decided to go legitimate. How stately Washington would react, no one knew. How would the average theater-goer, not to mention the society set, react to the idea of attending a stage play with a non-segregated audience in an ex-burlesque house?

The first play was that tried and true "Barretts of Wimpole Street." Susan Peters played the lead.

City authorities waited apprehensively for opening night.

They need not have worried. The diplomats came out, as did the society set. So did the rest of Washington—college students, homebodies, government people, and the Negroes for whom Equity had fought.

There was a definite air about opening night. Washington had come out to welcome back the legitimate theater, but others felt there was something else in the air—a definite effort on the part of the people present to show their agreement with Equity that the theater was for all the people, whatever their race or color.

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Quick Quote

"We fought a war not so many years ago mainly because of the very issue at stake here—the right of people to live a free and decent life. Bullets didn't stop to ask any questions. Draft boards made no distinction."—Bill Stern, NBC's sports broadcaster, in demanding the American Bowling Congress and the American Motorcycle Association eliminate their "whites only" policy.

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Portland Scene

The city of Portland was stopped in its tracks last week.

Early this year it proclaimed itself the second city in the nation to adopt an anti-discrimination ordinance. It had been unanimously passed by the city council and had the backing of numerous civic organizations.

The ordinance was set to go into effect the last week of March. It was a fitting climax to the city's long hard pull to bring racial democracy to its citizenry. Portland's work in race relations during 1949 had been so outstanding that the National Conference of Christians and Jews in February cited it as the city most improved in race relations during the year.

The new civil rights ordinance was scheduled to go into effect March 24. On March 22 the opposition showed its hand. It held the joker. It consisted of petitions with 25,000 names to refer the ordinance to the voters in November. Thus the ordinance will be held up at least until that time.

Meanwhile supporters of the ordinance have come forward to charge that many of the signatures on the petition are false or were obtained under threat.

The minorities committee of the Multnomah county Democratic central committee charged that tavern and night club employees got signatures from persons who were intoxicated when they signed them and that apartment house and hotel operators obtained signatures through "misrepresentation and threat."

The Rev. Myron C. Cole, chairman of the mayor's committee on intergroup relations, charged that distributors of the petitions used "spurious" methods and "deliberate ruse" to get signatures.

As the Portland Journal commented: "And Portland recently won the national award for greatest progress in harmonious race relations."

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It's the Law

One day last fall four young men, ranging in age from 19 to 23, went out on a ride to celebrate the birth of a son to one of them. They did some drinking. Somewhere along the way they came across a sheep. It would make a fine pet for a baby, they said, and they took it along in the car.

They were arrested. Today they are serving 14 years in prison, each of them, for theft of the sheep.

They were tried on an 86-year-old law which derives from frontier days. According to that law, the taking of a "horse, cow, steer, Jack, goat, jenny, sheep or hog" is regarded as grand larceny. The men, who are totally or nearly illiterate, agreed to waive the right of counsel and they pleaded guilty.

Many citizens wonder what, if any, the penalty might have been if the men had not been Indians. The case only recently came to light when the Daily Idahoan carried an editorial in the men's behalf. The Association on American Indian Affairs of New York City is presently preparing a brief as friend of court for the Supreme court.

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Four Spades

Last September the Greater New York Bridge Association voted to admit Negroes into membership. Last week two Negro women, Mrs. Chauncey Gibson and Mrs. Byron Brooks, became the first Negroes to win the women's pair championship in the eastern states tournament.

Now that they are regional champions, they should be ready to compete in the national championship tournaments. To date, however, Negroes have not been admitted in the national meets. The American Contract Bridge league voted against Negro membership at the time the New York group voted for it.

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Goody Good for You

The House labor committee last week voted against racial discrimination in federal aid to schools. The amendment will not "interfere" with the traditional separate schools for Negroes and whites in the south, but it will require that federal funds for any school district be divided equitably among white and Negro schools. It also will aid Negro education in southern states by requiring that the "needy" states provide at least \$60 per student annually in poorer schools before allotting any federal funds to schools already above that level.

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More on NY Housing

A New York construction firm, called Independent Builders, Inc., has started the first of a series of housing projects that will be open to persons of all or any nationality. FHA recently agreed to a whopping \$565,900 for the first project, to be built in St. Albans, Queens.

Bill Hosokawa:

FROM THE FRYING PAN

The Battle Against Housing Bias

Denver, Colo.

The case of Katsuto Gow vs. Restrictive Covenants is ended. Gow, a Nisei war veteran, his wife and three young children have moved into the home that governmental red tape would have denied them. His mortgage has been placed in a satisfactory manner. The skirmish is happily concluded. But certainly the battle isn't.

This, in brief, is the story. Gow found a house to his liking and was ready to place a down payment. He sought to finance the balance through a G.I. loan. The Reconstruction Finance Corp., a government agency and for practical purposes the financial agent of the Veterans Administration, turned down Gow's application when a restrictive covenant was discovered in the title to the property.

Even though the United States Supreme Court had ruled restrictive covenants unenforceable, RFC refused to take up the mortgage. It argued that the title could not be insured against loss from possible lawsuits resulting from the covenant, and therefore the mortgage was not a good risk.

Eventually, the Kansas City Title Insurance company agreed to insure the title, and a Denver real estate firm accepted the mortgage. Only then did RFC juggle its rules to agree to purchase the mortgage.

Actually, the issue of restrictive covenants had been resolved long before the Gow case ever came up. There had been no hint of lawsuits in this instance; no opposition from the neighbors. RFC, a federal body, had been first to take alarm and the only party to insist on recognizing the old racist covenant. It is apparent that for some reason RFC is out of step with the federal anti-discrimination policy.

This, obviously, is a situation that demands

clarification. RFC should make its stand known, for certainly the federal government cannot be a party to discrimination against any American on racial grounds.

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Role of the Denver Post

The press, namely the Denver Post, played an unusual role in getting the facts of the Gow case before the public. Without this service the entire incident very well could have been buried among life's innumerable other minor tragedies; publicity helped to bring about justice.

When Gow was stymied by the federal agencies, his agent, Fernor Black, first went to the Rocky Mountain News which usually is quick to rush to the aid of the downtraded. Editors listened sympathetically, but offered nothing in the way of space. So Black took his sad tale to the Post which promptly assigned a reporter to the story, and followed up his daily reports with both an editorial cartoon and an editorial.

Public reaction in Denver generally was sympathetic toward Gow. A number of minority organizations joined in protesting RFC's actions and the entire situation stirred up a small scale hornet's nest.

Here is an excellent example of judicious use of the power of the press in uncovering an unsavory situation, and arousing the necessary public opinion to help bring about a correction. Minority groups would be wise to file away the Gow story for future reference as an example of what can be done to right a wrong.

Much credit reflects also on the Post, which has been increasingly aware of civil and minority rights since Palmer Hoyt took over as editor and publisher some four years ago. The Post has rendered the city of Denver a fine public service.

From the Side of the Hill:

Moods Along the Potomac

By I. H. GORDON

Washington, D.C.

This might be entitled a monologue on Moods Along the Potomac.

He's a fine, aggressive fellow. Individually, he's a normally handsome American male; roughly forty, with a wife and a couple of children.

For the past seven years he's been with the Department of Agriculture. During the time he's served in various capacities, one of which was as an advisor on an American mission to Germany.

Both he and his wife have long taken an active part in community affairs.

Several structures stand as monuments to their mutual abilities . . . a cooperative grocery store; an improved home government for a depression "federal town" which stands today as one of the model communities in this area.

So, all things considered, he's one of the more welcome type of individual that make up this cosmopolitan nation.

Recently, they moved to a new community. He's still active, but in a sub rosa sort of way. He'll serve on any committee of the neighborhood community group, but dislikes such titles as "chairman," or "officer."

"You see," he explained, "it's like this. It's just not considered good to have it reported on your government files that one is 'very active in community life.'"

It's an old but standing joke around Washington. Whenever a phone connection is bad, someone always comments that the FBI wire-tappers must be having trouble with their equipment.

Washingtonians could be among the nation's best informed citizens on matters of state. The volume of space in Washington papers devoted to national and international affairs is phenomenal. In one issue, for example, the Washington Post, in a 34 page paper devoted 278 column inches to affairs of Congress.

At a recent community civic association meeting, someone brought up the Brannan plan. Out of 27 people, only three actually knew what the Brannan plan was.

Of course, the other 24 may have been feigning ignorance because they didn't want to be placed in the position of Cassius as "thinking too much. Such men are dangerous."

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Working for the government can be disconcerting at times.

Some months ago, Dr. John R. Nichols, president of New Mexico A & M College, who had served as a member of the Hoover "task force" on Indian Affairs, was asked to take the commission of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Twice he rejected the job. Finally, at the insistence of former Secretary of Interior Krug, he reluctantly accepted. Once in, Dr. Nichols gave the job his whole and undivided attention. He traveled widely, talking with almost every Indian tribe in the nation. He began a slow, but steady reorganization of the Bureau, and came out with the most positive program for the American Indian since Collier. He differed in one major respect from Collier: Where Collier foresaw a withdrawal of the Indian, if he chose, into a museum-piece recreated old culture, Dr. Nichols wanted, significantly, an informed and educated Indian who could occupy a responsible position in the American scheme.

Not until he was called to comment upon it by newspapermen did Dr. Nichols learn that, casually in a press conference, President Truman had announced from Florida he was nominating Dillon S. Meyer as Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

For several hours Dr. Nichols was left dangling in the air, until he was called into a conference by Interior Secretary Chapman who explained he wanted him to accept the delicate task of studying America's trust territories in the Pacific with an eye towards:

1. Working out a program for civilian control of the territories which now are ruled by the Navy;
2. Drafting a program to provide for the application of the President's Point IV program in the Pacific.

Myer, as head of the WRA program, proved a liberal and capable person who won the respect and admiration of Japanese Americans.

It's not that the Indian Bureau will suffer with this change of administration. Probably as much as any two persons, Myer and Dr. Nichols have indicated the same general philosophical approach to the problems of peoples in trouble.

What is discomfiting is to see the administration so casually mis-handling the whole affair.

The Administration needs capable and liberal leaders, especially men who are astute and will fight for a principle. It cannot afford to alienate, or disturb those who meet these qualifications and are willing to serve in a government capacity.

Although few in this country are aware of it, Dr. Nichols headed a six-month special mission to Japan at the request of Gen. MacArthur to help in the reorganization of the Japanese public school program.

One interesting sidelight of his character was revealed as far back as 1941. Despite then-current war talk involving Japan, Dr. Nichols, Executive Dean of University of Idaho, South, at Pocatello, instituted a course in Japanese at the University, and enrolled as its first student.

Nakamura:

NEWSREEL:

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public then, would have crippled the resettlement program . . . Ted Hondo, who is the sole distributor of a refrigerator defrosting mechanism in the San Francisco bay region, once aspired to become a Chinese chef. He spent a whole year in Chinatown just to learn the art . . . The Pine Methodist church of San Francisco holds luncheons for its congregation immediately after services. Mrs. Shimada, wife of the minister, explained that it is an outgrowth of the hostel formerly operated by the church. "So many Nisei are just passing through the city," she said, "the combination of o'sushi and fellowship is appreciated by the transient Nisei."

How impressive can a JACL inaugural ceremony be? While Shig Sakamoto was being sworn into office as publicity chairman of the Sacramento chapter, he passed out completely. When he came to, he asked, "What hit me?" . . . The Japanese war bride of a California Nisei was so homesick that she packed up to go back to Japan. After much red tape she was given permission to sail. But enroute to Honolulu, the pasture she had just left became greener. She beseeched authorities to take her home to her husband. She is now reported to be making better adjustment in this country . . . The Rev. Kanmo Imamura of the Berkeley Buddhist temples holds down a job as a preparator in the University of California's anthropological museum . . . According to reliable sources, Dr. Ernest Takahashi, clinic director at Chicago Optometry college, was offered a chance to initiate and head an optometry school in Japan.

Letter from Japan

Dear Editor:

Although you have not heard of me or seen me, yet I take this opportunity of writing to you as I am seeking correspondence with pen friends from your country, irrespective of age and sex.

I'm a Japanese boy and 18 years old now. I'm going to graduate a technical senior high school in this month.

After I graduated, I shall be a bookseller because my father's career is this, and he is too old.

My main hobbies are reading and amateur photography. I like to make snapshot by my camera.

Please introduce me to your readers.

Sincerely yours,

Kozo Kuruta,
Horonai-Shigai, Mikasa-cho
Hokkaido, Japan.

Graduation Party

NAMPA, Ida.—Next social on the calendar for the Boise Valley JACL will be a party honoring college, high school and business college graduates. Tony Miyasaka will be chairman for the event, which has been scheduled for June.

PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

Matsubu Will Play for Kansas Team

Hank Matsubu, the one-half of Modesto's all-Nisei battery last season, has been assigned by the Pittsburgh Pirates to Hutchinson, Kansas, of the Western Association. Matsubu impressed sportswriters while at Modesto with his speed and baseball know-how behind the plate... Fibber Hirayama, first-string catcher for Fresno State college and a good hitter, has been working out at third base and in the outfield as Coach Pete Beiden of the Bulldogs has been experimenting in order to get more batting strength into the lineup. Howard Zenimura, who batted .412 for the Bulldogs last year in the CCAA, has been alternating between left field and second base. He was a regular at the keystone sack last year.

California Schools Will Welcome Goto

It's reported a number of California colleges are interested in George Goto, the Placer College star cager who established himself as one of the outstanding jaycee basketball players on the Pacific coast during the past season. Goto, an ex-GI, reportedly has been offered a full athletic scholarship at San Jose State which established itself as a major basketball power during the past year, ranking among the "top 20" in the Associated Press ratings. UCLA, the Coast Conference champions, also is another school which will welcome Goto... Jiro Tsukamoto, the southpaw who pitched Sacramento JC to a Northern California conference championship, is now hurling for Sacramento State College. Tsukamoto, on the basis of his jaycee hurling, received several pro ball offers, including one from the St. Louis Cardinals chain. Tsukamoto has been bothered by a sore arm but is believed to be ready for action again. Incidentally, during the 1948 season Tsukamoto engaged in several pitching duels with Jiro Nakamura, then pitching for San Mateo JC. Nakamura, who was the other half of the first Nisei battery in pro baseball history for the Modesto Reds of the California league, will forego pro ball this season and will pitch instead for the San Jose Zebras. The Zebras will come up with one of the best pitching staffs in Nisei baseball history on the coast this season. Besides their regular moundsman from last year, Johnny Horio, they will have Nakamura and Junius Sakuma who was a GI pitching star in the Far East and who was offered a tryout by the Brooklyn Dodgers. Sakuma hurled for the Suisun AC last year after getting his army discharge but has since moved to the San Jose area... Jiro Nakamura, incidentally, showed himself to be a superlative basketball player last weekend in the Intermountain Nisei tournament at Salt Lake City. He was voted the tournament's "most inspirational" player. Some of his hook shots had the fans gasping.

Aoki Tries Out with Spokane Indians

If Andy Aoki, Nisei hurler now in training with Spokane of the Class B Western International league, makes the grade he will be the first Nisei to play in the Pacific Northwest circuit since the days of Sammy Takahashi who played briefly with Tacoma in the late 1920s. Takahashi later played for the L. A. Nippons and went to Japan in 1935 to play pro baseball... George Nagai, formerly with the Denver Nisei nine, will open the season in right field for Denver university this season... Joe Tom, who played with Wally Yonamine last summer in the outfield of the Honolulu Athletics, one of the top Nisei teams in Hawaii, is a regular this season for the University of Oregon nine. Tom also has played two years for Coach Jim Aiken's football team... The Ontario, Ore., Nisei Athletic club will enter teams in the Border and Intermountain leagues this season.

Wally Yonamine Likes His Rice Bowl

One reason Wally Yonamine asked to be sent to Salt Lake City in the Pioneer League is that he has many friends in the Utah city. Another reason is that Wally, one of the outstanding athletes developed in Hawaii, likes his daily diet of rice. He wrote to a sports writer in Honolulu recently that he missed his daily rice while in training with the San Francisco Seals at El Centro... While training in 1947 and 1948 with San Francisco of the All-American Football conference the 49ers' training table provided rice for Yonamine... Besides being outstanding in football and baseball, Yonamine also played basketball. He once played on a Hawaiian all-star team against the Harlem Globetrotters... Among Yonamine's friends in Utah are Jimmy Miyasato, baseball and basketball star with Weber College, and Herbert (Gunner) Sumida who is expected to be a member of the Utah Varsity basketball team next year. Wally Doi, the former University of Hawaii football player who lost a leg while fighting with the Nisei combat forces in Europe, is the proprietor of the Aloha Fountain in Salt Lake City. Doi's younger brother, Mansfield Doi, will be the captain of the 1950 University of Hawaii football team. Another brother, Herbert, was first-string center on the 1949 team... Incidentally, Hawaii will play three mainland games in 1950 with Fresno State, Lewis and Clark in Portland and College of Idaho in Caldwell.

Nishita Lives Up to Advance Notices

Bill Nishita, the 18-year-old Honolulu pitcher, is continuing to live up to advance notices as Santa Rosa JC's mound star. Nishita allowed only one run and two hits in seven innings as Santa Rosa defeated San Francisco City College, 21 to 1, last week. Fujishige caught part of the game for Santa Rosa... The Berkeley Nissei are playing a two-game series this weekend in Los Angeles with two of Southern California's top Nisei cage teams, the SCAPs and the West Los Angeles Lucky Doks.

Utah Nisei Enters College Billiard Meet

Three Utah university Nisei are out of the state this week representing the school in intercollegiate tournaments. Lyle Kuriaki, Jr., is half of a two-man Utah U team at the national intercollegiate billiard championships at Case Institute in Cleveland. He is entered in the pocket billiards division... Amy Toda and Catherine Toda are members of the Utah women's ski team which is entered in a tri-state three-day meet at Berthoud Pass in Colorado.

Tadao Sako, now in San Francisco, is the only participant to bowl on two National JACL championship bowling teams. Sako was a member of the 1948 champions, Okada Insurance of Salt Lake, and is a member of the current champions, John S. Towata Florists of Alameda, Calif... Using a No. 2 iron Robert H. Kimura got a hole-in-one on the 180-yard, par three hole at the Fresno municipal golf course on March 18... Mike Nakamura has hit four games over 250 in the Salt Lake JACL bowling league since Jan. 23, when he came up with a 266. Bowling for the league champions, Star Cafe, the

Terada Signs Pro Ball Contract With Browns

Terry Terada of Salt Lake City will go into spring training with the Redding, Calif., club of the Far West League, a St. Louis Browns affiliate, on April 2.

Terada, an infielder, caught the eye of Browns scouts while playing for the Fourth Air Force team in New Mexico. He is a former resident of Loomis, Calif.

He has been playing basketball as a guard for the Harlem AC of Salt Lake City.

HAWAIIAN NISEI SWEEP 8-GAME TOUR OF JAPAN

TOKYO — The Hawaiian Nisei All-Stars made a clean sweep of their eight-game tour of Japan last week as they defeated the all-Japan all-stars in two games at Tokyo on March 21 and 22.

The Nisei cagers won, 73 to 56, before 9,000 on March 21 and defeated the same team by a 51 to 48 margin the following day. Wallace Tome's 30 points was high in the first game while Hal Tome took honors in the final game of the tour with 21 points.

Kobayashi Places Third in Century At NCAA Swim Meet

COLUMBUS, O.—Herbert Kobayashi of Honolulu, sophomore member of the Ohio State swimming team, placed third in the 100-yard freestyle event at the NCAA championships here on March 25.

Ohio State won the tournament with 64 points.

Spokane Nisei Wins Honors As GI Athlete in Far East

TOKYO—If the armed services in the Far East were to choose an all-round athlete, Staff Sgt. Frank H. Miyaki of Spokane, Wash., would be a leading contender.

Now 22 years old, Miyaki joined the Air Force in February, 1946. He is attached to the 2143rd Air Weather Wing in Tokyo.

He made the football, baseball and track teams at North Central high school in Spokane and also won an AAU medal for the 50-yard freestyle swim.

In 1945 he earned a place on the varsity football squad at Washington State College and soon thereafter set a Pacific Coast Conference record for an intercepted pass runback. Playing his first college football game, Miyaki took a University of Idaho pass on his own 4-yard line and ran all the way for a touchdown to win the game for the Cougars.

After entering the Air Force, Miyaki joined the Far East Command's GHQ football squad, starting at left end. Then he played on the command's Tornado basketball team which took the all-Japan title in 1947 and 1948.

Playing third base and pitching in softball, again with the Torna-

Yonamine Named as Regular In Salt Lake Bees' Outfield

Wally Yonamine will open the season in the outfield for the Salt Lake Bees of the Pioneer league, Claude Engberg, secretary of the Bees, declared this week.

Engberg saw the Hawaiian Nisei star in action with the San Francisco Seals at El Centro and was impressed by Yonamine's speed, batting power and throwing arm.

Yonamine and Tommy O'Laughlin, veteran Bee outfielder who led the Pioneer league in batting while playing for Pocatello three years ago, are two players already slated as regulars when Manager Earl Bolyard and his team open the local season at Derks Field on April 29 against the Ogden Reds.

The Bees go into training at Palo Alto, Calif., on April 2 with a squad of 22 players. Additional help is expected from the San Francisco Seals and the Boston Red Sox.

It is reported that Yonamine was offered a contract by the San Francisco Seals with their Yakima farm in the Western International league, a Class B loop, but requested that he be sent to Salt Lake City. Yonamine has many friends

in the Salt Lake area, including several Hawaiian athletes now attending Utah schools.

On the basis of his showing with the San Francisco Seals in spring training, Yonamine is expected to be one of the leading hitters of the Bees.

Two other Hawaiians, Enne Neves and Charles Luis, have played with the Bees in recent years.

Yonamine is expected to be a box-office attraction in the Pioneer League. Teams in the league are Salt Lake, Ogden, Pocatello, Boise, Idaho Falls, Twin Falls and Billings and Great Falls in Montana.

San Jose Defeats Hawaii To Win Intermountain Title

The San Jose Zebras dethroned the Hawaii All-Stars, defending champions, to take the 15th annual Salt Lake Nisei invitational basketball tournament last weekend at Westminster gym.

The California team came through with triple honors during the tourney, winning also the team sportsmanship award and the most inspirational player award through Jiro Nakamura.

Nakamura was given the Fred Toyota sportsmanship trophy.

San Jose placed one man on the tournament all-star team, Chi Aki-zuki, forward. Hawaii's Kenji Odo,

forward, and Robert Iwamoto, center, were also on the all-star list which was rounded out by Herbert Sumida, Harlem AC, guard, and Lucky Yamaga, Denver, also a guard.

The Salt Lake City Zephyr placed third in the tourney, followed by Harlem AC, the other local entry.

The Zebras met the Hawaiians in the finals of the three-day tournament. The San Joseans capitalized on their fast breaks and superior backboard work to subdue the Hawaiians 61-48 for the title.

The Zebras led 31-26 at the end of the first half in the tournament final game. The Zebras gained momentum in the second half with Nakamura and Toby Yamamoto alternating in the post position. Nakamura accounted for 20 points of the Zebras' total, with Yamamoto ringing five field goals and two foul throws for 12 more.

In the consolation championship Harlem AC, with height and fast breaking play on their side, smothered the Idaho Falls JACL 56-35. Sumida hit the basket for 27 points. Shiro Ueda of Idaho came through with 17.

The Zephyrs took third place with their 42-28 lashing of the Denver All-Stars. Nakamura was high for the winners with 13 points. Paul Fukima led for Denver with 6.

Ohio Citizen Asks Injunction Against ABC Tournament

COLUMBUS, O. — A Columbus resident, charging racial discrimination, sought on March 28 a court order to prevent the American Bowling Congress from holding its national tournament here beginning April 15.

Harold V. Burt, asking an injunction in common pleas court, accused the ABC of limiting its membership to "individuals of the white male sex."

He named as co-defendants the ABC, the State Board of Agriculture and its members. The board has jurisdiction over the State Fair grounds where the tournament is scheduled.

Burt asked an injunction, restraining the ABC from holding its tournament so long as it continues to practice discrimination. He also seeks to enjoin the State Board of Agriculture from permitting the ABC to use the fair grounds "so long as such discrimination continues."

Burt is financial secretary of the United Steelworkers of America, CIO, at the Columbus plant of the Timken Roller Bearing Co.

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BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Hank Nishiura a girl on March 20 in Seattle.
To Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nitta, Newcastle, Calif., a girl on March 8.
To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Matsui a boy on March 11 in Sacramento.
To Mr. and Mrs. Tsutomu Sakai a boy on March 13 in Sacramento.
To Mr. and Mrs. Akira Horiuchi a boy on March 10 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Jun Honda a boy, David Ross, on March 16 in Berkeley.
To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Osaki a boy, Franklin Richard, on March 11 in Fresno.
To Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Kanagawa a boy, Dallas, on March 13 in Fresno.
To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Nagasawa a boy, Aaron Keith, on March 10 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Kenji Nishiyama a boy, Dexter Kiyoshi, on March 5 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Tsugio Kawaguchi, Arlington, Calif., a girl, Makiko Diane, on March 11.
To Mr. and Mrs. David Shoichi Miyamoto a girl, Beverly Jean, on March 11 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Torinoshin Nakamura, Torrance, Calif., a boy, Gene Susumu, on March 11.
To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Enomoto, Venice, Calif., a boy, John Lester, on March 14.
To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Toshio Tomioka a boy on March 18 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Ted Watanabe a boy on March 19 in Denver.
To Mr. and Mrs. George Hiromu Wada a girl, Mara Lee, on March 10 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. J. Mizote a girl, Marilyn Jane, on Feb. 23 in Portland, Ore.
To Mr. and Mrs. Shig Hongo a girl, Wendolyn Thea, on March 4 in Portland, Ore.
To Mr. and Mrs. John Yamamoto a boy on March 19 in Walnut Grove, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Yuki, Los Gatos, Calif., a boy, Herbert Deni, on March 15.
To Mr. and Mrs. Sadichi Soda, San Martin, Calif., a boy, Rodney Lee, on March 13.
To Mr. and Mrs. Susumu Yonekura, Watsonville, Calif., a girl, Christine, on March 18.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Henry Shiono a girl on March 18 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Genjiro Nakata, Sanger, Calif., a boy on Feb. 16.
To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Nakao, Florin, Calif., a boy on March 16.
To Mr. and Mrs. Togo Yokota a boy on March 18 in Auburn, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Charles Manabu Toyooka a boy on March 9 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Toshiaki Sakaguchi a girl on March 13 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsura Yagura a girl on March 13 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kinichi Yamasaki, Penryn, Calif., a girl on March 20.
To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Yokota a boy on March 22 in Sacramento.
To Mr. and Mrs. Fujio Iwasaki a girl on March 23 in Salt Lake City.
To Mr. and Mrs. Wataru Arishita a girl on March 18 in Salt Lake City.
To Mr. and Mrs. Toshiyuki Yamamoto a boy on March 20 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Isokawa a girl in Oakland, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Shiro Tokuno a girl in Oakland.
To Mr. and Mrs. Masami Hataye a boy in Oakland.
To Mr. and Mrs. Taki Aoki a boy on March 22 in Seattle.
To Mr. and Mrs. George Y. Toya, Gresham, Ore., a girl, Evelyn, on March 15.
To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Y. Nakahara a girl in Berkeley, Calif.

DEATHS

Kiyo Hidaka (Mrs. Kuniaki Hidaka), 53, on March 20 in San Jose.
Kenji Kurata, 65, Acampo, Calif., on March 20 in Stockton.
Jean Yonehiro (Mrs. George Yonehiro) on March 15 in Chicago.
Shizu Yanagidate (Mrs. Kiyosuke Yanagidate) on March 19 in Chicago.
Genshu Watanabe, 73, on March 23 in Lomita, Calif.
Goro Masuda, 72, on March 18 in Seattle.
Harry T. Eto, 21, on March 23 in Watsonville, Calif.

MARRIAGES

Misako Kimoto, Watsonville, Calif., to Kiyoji Shiba on March 26 in Los Angeles.
Sumiye Okumoto, Compton, Calif., to Takeo Kawakami on March 26 in Los Angeles.
Ruth Tameno, Jamieson, Ore., to Hideo Harada on March 18 in Ontario, Ore.
June Sakaki of Berkeley to Teizo Okuda on March 19 in San Francisco.
Lillian Ujifusa to Tom Nakamura on March 26 in Salt Lake City.
Ayako Hosaka of Reedley to Noboru Yamaguchi of Chicago on March 26 in Fresno, Calif.
Fumiko Tachibana to Taro Kasai on March 26 in Los Angeles.
Riyo Sato to William Corkery on March 26 in Ann Arbor, Mich.
Ruth Takahara to Ken. M. Iseri of Washington, D.C. on Feb. 11 in New York City.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Dolly Kuramoto, 21, and Mitsumoto Ouye, 28, in San Francisco.
Katsuko Wakinaka, 23, and Kamaichi Matsumoto, 27, in San Francisco.
Kiyoko Ikenoyama, 21, and Tamotsu Tom Abe, 28, both of

Sakada Team Wins First Place in Chicago League

CHICAGO—The Sakada Optometrists won back the lead in the Chicago Nisei Bowling league after the "position round" on March 22 when the teams were paired in matches according to the standings. The Sakadas swept four points from the Nisei Vues, booting the latter out of the top spot as Mas Sakada knocked over 564 pins. Tak Fujii's 555 and W. Nakamura's 552 topped the Nisei Vues.

Plaisance Cleaners stood off the challenge from Hyde Park Restaurant, 2 to 2, to retain third place. High man for the game was Frank Kebo of Plaisance with 589, while Dyke Miyagawa had a 558. R. Nakahara topped Hyde Park with 548.

Quality Cleaners gained on Murakami & Sons, 3 to 1, while Wah Mee Lo with the high handicapped series of the night, 2812, took all four from Tellone Beauty Salon despite F. Hamasaki's 550. G. Nakano led the winners with 554.

J. Kitsuse's 563 led O.T. Men's Wear to four straight over Coed Beauty Salon. J. Eto also had a 556 for the winners.

JACL Staffer Weds

Miss Lillian Ujifusa, secretary at National JACL headquarters in Salt Lake City, was married to Tom Nakamura, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Nakamura of Salt Lake City, in rites Sunday, March 26, at the Japanese Christian church.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ujifusa of Worland, Wyo.

The bride was attended by her sister, Clara, maid of honor. Mike Nakamura, brother of the groom, was best man. Another brother, Harry, and George Ujifusa, brother of the bride, were ushers.

The Rev. Clifford Nakadegawa performed the ceremony. A reception followed at the Dawn cafe.

The bride's parents, who came down to Salt Lake City for the wedding, will remain in this city for another week, after which they leave for San Francisco enroute to Japan for a visit with relatives in that country.

New York Rites

NEW YORK CITY—Miss Ruth Takahara became the bride of Ken M. Iseri Feb. 11 in a beautiful ceremony at the Riverside church. Dr. Evar Hellstrom officiated.

The bride was attended by her sister, Aki. Arthur M. Kaneko of Washington was best man.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nisaburo Takahara of this city. The groom is a son of Mrs. T. Iseri of Los Angeles. He is an active member of the Washington JACL.

The couple now live in Washington.

Clarksburg, in Sacramento.
Sayoko Yoshifuji, 25, San Mateo, and Sam Sekino, 32, in San Francisco.

Haruko Jofuku, 28, Fresno, and Tom Toshiaki Ichikawa, 31, Sunnyvale, in San Jose.
Shigeno Togami, 27, and Shuzo Ikegami, 31, in San Jose.

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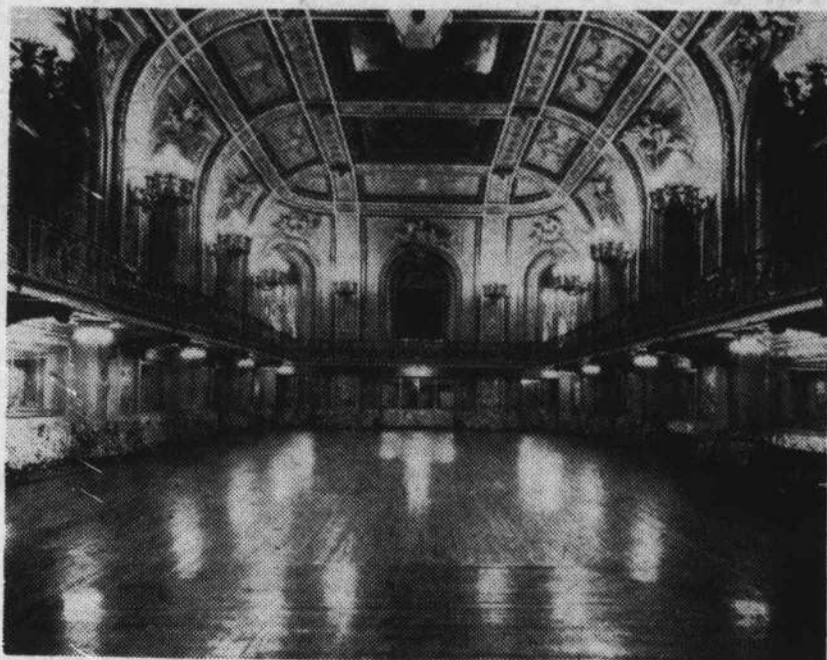
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CHICAGO—The Gold Room of the Congress hotel will be the locale of the Anti-Discrimination Committee testimonial banquet, one of the features of the JACL national convention in Chicago Sept. 28 to Oct. 2. The banquet will honor those persons who have consistently worked to bring into effect the JACL ADC program. Jack Nakagawa will be chairman for the dinner.

Minnesota Considers Case Against Bowling Congress

By PETER OHTAKI
MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota's Attorney General, J. A. A. Burnquist, will wait until after the American Bowling Congress' meeting in May, to decide whether to bring legal action against the ABC because of its racial discrimination.

New York Asks Court to Bar ABC Activity

NEW YORK—Attorney General Nathaniel L. Goldstein asked the State Supreme Court on March 27 for a temporary injunction to hold activities of the American Bowling Congress in New York pending a trial on charges of racial discrimination.

Goldstein originally sought a permanent order to oust the ABC from New York because of its "whites only" membership rule.

A request from ABC attorneys that the court direct the attorney general to serve an amended complaint separately stating the causes of the action was denied by the court on March 13.

Goldstein said he had been advised the ABC would appeal the court ruling, adding:

"It is now evident that technical steps will prevent the trial of the basic issue of the ABC racial discrimination for some time.

"Therefore, in the public interest, I feel it is necessary for an immediate injunction to balk the ABC activities in this state pending trial."

Tom Hayashi, national vice president of the Japanese American Citizens League, declared in New York this week that the JACL is cooperating actively with national and local organizations in combating the discriminatory racial policies of the American Bowling Congress.

Hayashi has conferred with Henry Hillman, executive assistant to Mr. Goldstein and Assistant Attorney General Abe Wagman regarding the effect of the ABC's racial policies in excluding approximately 5,000 bowlers of Japanese ancestry in the United States and Hawaii from membership.

it was learned here by the UCL News Bureau.

Burnquist was told by Minnesota officials that they believe the ABC will remove the restriction at its meeting in Columbus, Ohio.

The attorney general had been asked by the Minnesota conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to bar the ABC from Minnesota because of its restricted membership.

Meanwhile executive-sports editor Charles Johnson of the Minneapolis Star, one of the upper-midwest's most influential newspapers, revealed his stand against the ABC's race bias in a sports editorial last week.

His move was another step in the battle against the ABC from the upper mid-west. Only recently, Thomas E. Fairchild, Wisconsin's attorney general, started a suit against the ABC after Kenneth Koji, Hawaiian-born bowler from Sparta, Wis., was ousted from a Badger state tournament.

Nishita Wins Another For Santa Rosa

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Bill Nishita, brilliant young hurler from Honolulu, won his fourth game in a row for Santa Rosa JC on March 28 as he let down San Mateo JC with only four hits in a 5 to 3 game.

George Fujishige, the other half of Santa Rosa's all-Hawaiian battery, was behind the plate.

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Two Nisei Regain Citizenship Through Hawaii Court Action

**Judge Metzger Holds
Wartime Actions of
Pair Involuntary**

HONOLULU—Two young Nisei—a 28 year old woman who voted in the Japanese election of 1946 and a 27 year old man who did guard duty in the Japanese army in China—have regained their standing as full-fledged American citizens through court action here.

Hatsuye Ouye and Iwao Motoyama won their case in a decision handed down March 24 by Federal Judge Delbert E. Metzger.

The judge held that the actions of the two Nisei were involuntary and did not deprive them of their American citizenship.

Both Nisei were allowed by the state department to return to Hawaii to testify in the federal court hearings.

Both had been denied passports by American consular authorities in Japan when they attempted to return to the territory after the war.

Miss Ouye, taken to Japan at the age of 5½, had no choice about going and little choice about staying there, the judge ruled in a decision from the bench.

He said that a directive of Gen. Douglas MacArthur persuaded the woman to vote. "I don't know any reason in justice or law for her to lose her citizenship," he added.

Miss Ouye, born on Maui, had lived in Hiroshima since childhood. She was wounded in the atomic bomb explosion there August 13, 1945. Her 65 year old grandmother was killed.

According to government attorneys, Miss Ouye renounced U.S. citizenship when she voted in the first Japanese election in 1946.

Motoyama, a graduate of a Honolulu high school and son of a Honolulu wholesale drygoods dealer, went to Japan to study language and commerce in 1940.

He testified he submitted to conscription because he feared bodily harm and possibly death if he refused. While in the army, he was stationed for some time with Japanese troops in China, he said.

In his case, the judge maintained that Motoyama had gone to Japan at his father's direction.

"I think it's pretty generally known," said the judge, "that in the Japanese race, children are by nature—unless they choose to be outcasts—subject to obeying their parents."

Motoyama could not foresee the war, the judge commented, any more than people in Hawaii could predict it accurately.

"After the war broke out, he had to get in line and march along. I feel that this is a reasonable and proper exception to the law relating to losing citizenship by serving in an army of a foreign state."

The two young people were represented by A. L. Wirin, Los Angeles attorney, and Wilfred C. Tsukiyama, Honolulu attorney.

French Campers See Movie Shorts

FRENCH CAMP, Calif.—Several movie shorts were scheduled as a feature of the March 31 meeting of the French Camp JACL.

Discussion during the evening was slated to be on voters registration, the local JACL queen contest and a community picnic slated for April 23.

Edith Yonemoto was program chairman. Yo Tanaka was in charge of refreshments.

Engagement

The engagement of Miss Rosie Yukiko Kumagai, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kikuchi Kumagai, to Mike Masakiyo Kishi of West Los Angeles was told at a family dinner March 25 at the Kumagai home in Salt Lake City.

The groom to be is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Masajiro Kishi.

The wedding will take place in June.

San Mateo County JACL Holds Bowling Meet for Members

SAN MATEO, Calif.—Emiko Honda and Eichi Adachi walked off with a large share of the prizes at the San Mateo County JACL handicapped sweepstakes March 18 at the San Carlos Bowling Center.

Awards will be presented at the league's April Fool's social Saturday, April 1, at the Lawrence grammar school gym. Award donors have been invited to make the presentations. Bob Spiller has been asked to present his trophy, the perpetual all-events trophy won by Harry Higaki.

Miss Honda copped the women's all-events prize with a 1040 total, plus handicap. She also took high game honors with a 207 and high series with a 485. Two second place medals, one in the singles and the other in the mixed doubles, completed her prize list.

Adachi rolled two 550 series to take men's high series honors. With his brother Cap he took first place in the men's doubles and paired with Ann Sutow for third place in the mixed doubles.

Higaki, aided by a generous handicap, beat out Adachi for the Spiller trophy. Higaki had an 1810 total against Adachi's 1757.

Bob Sugishita, chairman of the event, bowled a 231 game in the mixed doubles to take the men's high game prize. He and his wife Haru came in first in the event with an 1123 total, plus handicap.

George Higashioka's 174-173-167, plus 120, won first place in the men's singles. Grace Yamaguchi had 140-151-156 plus 118 for first place in the women's singles.

Deputy Registrar

CENTERVILLE, Calif.—Kiyoko Kato has been deputized a registrar for Alameda county by Supervisor Chester Stanley of Livermore, according to the Southern Alameda County JACL.

She has been making personal contact with eligible voters in an effort to get 100 per cent registration of Nisei in this area.

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Nisei to Address Methodist Women

FLORIN, Calif.—Mrs. Mary Tsukamoto of Florin will speak at the national convention of the Methodist Women's Assembly in Cleveland April 18-21.

She will be on a panel discussing the subject, "Christian Woman's Responsibility for Human Rights."

Mrs. Tsukamoto is the former secretary of the JACL Northern California and Western Nevada district council. Her husband, Alfred Tsukamoto, is an ex-president of the Florin JACL.

Judo Class Ends

NAMPA, Ida.—Judo classes held under supervision of Mas Yamashita, sponsored by the Boise Valley JACL, have ended for the season.

Some thirty Nisei turned out for the judo sessions.

The class will be enlarged next year and the group plans to participate in judo activities sponsored by the clubs on the west coast.

Meanwhile handicraft classes have started under the direction of Mrs. Mae Takahashi. Members meet alternate Wednesdays at Midway Lunch in Caldwell.

The group is currently making an afghan to be sold at a jamboree to be held this summer.

Chicago Wedding

CHICAGO—A simple but impressive ceremony united Miss Atsuko Shimasaki of this city and Paul Kusuda of Springfield Sunday, March 26, at St. James church.

The bride was a popular member of the Ellis community center and was employed in the city's social welfare department. The couple will live in Springfield, where Kusuda is a social research analyst.

Farewell Luncheon

CHICAGO — Mary Matsumoto, popular program director at the Ellis community center, was honored at a farewell luncheon Sunday, March 26.

She will be married to Kats Arimoto on April 2, after which they will make their home in California.

Miss Matsumoto was director of the Ellis nursery school. She was instrumental in developing the after-school and children's activities at the center and also served as a Sunday school teacher.

The Rev. George Nishimoto will officiate at her wedding, which will be held in the Graham Taylor chapel.

Annual Picnic

FRENCH CAMP, Calif.—Bob Takahashi will be chairman for the French Camp JACL's annual picnic, to be held this year Sunday, April 23.

He was named at the last executive board meeting. Hiroshi Shimoto and Yoshiye Taniguchi will be assistant chairmen in charge of preparations, and John Fujiki was named chairman for the day of the picnic.

Newlyweds Honored

NAMPA, Ida.—Approximately 175 persons attended a party held here recently in honor of newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tanikuni by parents of the groom.

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JACL CHOPSTICK SMORGASBORD — The Twin Cities United Citizens League sponsored a Japanese culture night at the St. Paul International Institute last week, including in its program a sukiyaki dinner and a kimono display.

Giving advance instructions on the intricate use of the ancient Oriental chopsticks to guest Hugh J. MacLeod are JACL members Martha Kitaoka and Lucy Torii, all of St. Paul. The local JACL chapter sponsored the program for the Institute's monthly membership dinner.

—UCL News Bureau-St. Paul Dispatch photo.

Rival Political Candidates Will Speak Before Chicago Chapter

CHICAGO—"Candidates Night," sponsored by the Chicago JACL chapter, will feature the four candidates, two Democrats and two Republicans, running for their party's nomination for the Fifth Senatorial District in the April 11th primaries.

"Candidates Night" will be held Thursday evening, April 6th, 8 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, whose pastor is Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa. The chairman for the evening is Shigeo Wakamatsu, president of the Chicago JACL chapter.

"As a political factor, the Japanese American community here in Chicago," said Wakamatsu, "is yet an unknown. We are at this point wholly indifferent as to the Nisei's political persuasions but we are keenly interested in getting them to take an active interest in political issues."

"We felt that we could capitalize on a hot primary fight for the Fifth Senatorial District to arouse the

Nisei interest in politics and at the same time by means of such a meeting as this to further their political education."

The candidates who are appearing are: Willoughby Abner, who has been endorsed by the CIO and the Independent Voters of Illinois, who will be running for the Democratic nomination opposing Marshall Korshak, the regular Democratic Party candidate. Korshak has also expressed his intention of participating in the meeting. The others are Benjamin Crockett, the regular Republican Party candidate and Gale Marcus, an independent Republican.

"Candidates Night" has been endorsed by the Chicago Resettlers Committee, Oakland - Kenwood Planning Association, the First Baptist Church, Ellis Community Center, Southside Buddhist Church, Chicago Shimpo, Nisei Veterans Club, Southside Congregational Church, Rome-Arno Post of the American Legion.

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