



## 32 Taken Ill After Party in California City

Eleven Hospitalized Of Food Poisoning At Housewarming Fete

CONCORD, Calif. — Thirty-two Issei and Nisei who attended a housewarming party in Concord have become seriously ill from food poisoning and one Nisei has been in a coma for two days at Concord Community hospital, Dr. Henrik L. Blum, county health officer, reported on April 5.

He said the 32 were stricken after attending a party last Sunday at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Miyoshi Yamanaka, who moved here recently from Linden.

Most critically ill is Tokiko Satake, 24, of Concord, who is in the local hospital.

Others include Mrs. Sankichi Oye, 50; her son Kenji, 23; Mrs. Kotomi Satake, 29, and Mrs. Kotoyo Otani, all of Linden area who were in the San Joaquin county hospital in Stockton.

Dr. Blum said five others were in the county hospital at Martinez and four in a Fresno hospital.

The others of the 32 who became ill are recovering at their homes.

The remnants of the menu served to 54 guests Sunday are now being checked by state health department laboratory men, Dr. Blum revealed.

It consisted of octopus (tako), turkey, fish (sashimi), chicken, mochigashi, kamaboko, potato salad, hard-boiled eggs and three kinds of meat in sandwiches.

## RECOGNITIONS

### GROUP CITES

#### PATRICK OKURA

CHICAGO—The National Recognitions Committee, JACL, will now release weekly the nominations submitted to it for Leadership Awards. The first to be released is:

Pat Okura, past president of the Omaha chapter, employed on the welfare staff of the famed Boys Town. First president of the chapter, Pat held that office for the past several years. He was instrumental in organizing the unit and in the development of its policy and program which is serving the civic, recreational and social needs of the entire Japanese community of some fifty families. The chapter, also, is notable in the fact that, undoubtedly under his influence, if not his personal direction, a number of non-Japanese were welcomed into membership at the outset.

## Spelling Meet

HOLLISTER, Calif. — Louise Yamanishi of Olympia school and Vernon Matsuura of San Justo were two of the ten finalists in the San Benito County spelling championships here on March 29.

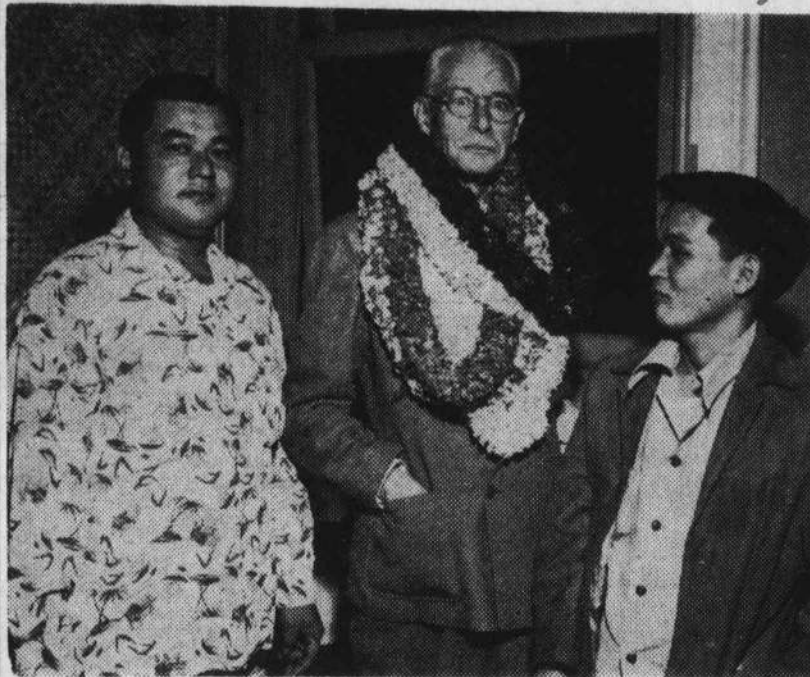
The championship was won by Betty Ann Fuhs of Fairview school.

## Tsurutani Will Take Japan Depositions in Citizen Cases

LOS ANGELES — Henry J. Tsurutani, attorney, will leave for Tokyo April 24 to take depositions from witnesses in Japan concerning the Japanese conscription law and the general elections held during the occupation.

The testimony is to be used in court cases filed by attorney A. L. Wirin in behalf of Nisei who seek to re-establish their right to American citizenship lost through service in the Japanese army or by voting in Japanese elections.

Testimony will also be taken from witnesses pertaining to the law of Japan applying to teachers and others who were employed by the Japanese government.



HONOLULU, T.H.—Anthony Coldeway of 20th Century-Fox Studios was met by veterans of the 442nd combat team when he arrived in Honolulu last week to gather material for a film scenario to be based on the story of the combat outfit. His is the second major studio to schedule a film based on this famous fighting group.

Among the veterans who appeared at the airport to welcome Coldeway to the islands were Sidney Oshiro, left, and Terumi Kato, who represented disabled vets of the 442nd.

Pan American Airways, photo.

## 20th-Century Assigns Writer To Story About Nisei Soldiers

HONOLULU—A second Hollywood studio has indicated its interest in producing a movie about the 442nd Combat Team.

Writer Anthony Coldeway of 20th Century-Fox arrived here March 31 to gather material for the proposed film, still in its formulative stage.

Twentieth Century-Fox plans an "entirely different" approach from that announced earlier by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, the writer announced.

Coldeway is being given valuable assistance by the 442nd Veterans club in assembling data about the wartime regiment.

Although the Hollywood writer would not elaborate on details, 442nd club officials hope to persuade Coldeway to record the origin of the 442nd in Hawaii.

MGM has assured Hawaii Nisei veterans they would get due credit in the movie, "Go for Broke," for their war-time role in the 442nd. But the studio has indicated that most of the actors and the locale will be from the west coast.

As a result, Hawaii veterans hope to sell 20th Century-Fox on the theme of a Hawaii-made film in which the emphasis will be on the role of the island veterans.

## Expect State to Appeal Ruling Outlawing Alien Land Statute

### Utah City Posts Reward as Cemetery Vandals Sought

PRICE, Utah — The city of Price has offered a "liberal reward" for information leading to the capture and conviction of vandals who recently mutilated more than 30 headstones in the Japanese section of the Price cemetery.

The reward offer was made by Royal Frandsen, cemetery superintendent.

The vandals cracked many of the marble headstones after knocking them from their bases.

City police are investigating the incident.

### Action May Follow Court's Decision Denying New Trial

LOS ANGELES — The Masaoka Alien Land law test case, in which Superior Judge Thurmond Clarke ruled on March 16 the California statute was unconstitutional, is expected to move to the appellate or State Supreme Court on appeal by the State of California.

The state has 30 days in which to file the appeal.

A motion by the state for a new trial on the ground that the findings of the court pertaining to the loyalty record of the Masaoka brothers was not relevant to the case was denied last week by Judge Clarke.

The ruling by Judge Clarke, which declares the Alien Land law invalid and racially discriminatory toward persons of Japanese ancestry, is only binding within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Superior Court.

### Hurt in Idaho Crash

ST. ANTHONY, Idaho—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kamachi of Salt Lake City were seriously injured on April 1 when they were involved in a head-on auto collision on the highway near here.

The Kamachis were in Idaho to visit a brother, Mike Kamachi, who lives in St. Anthony.

They were taken to the St. Anthony hospital for treatment.

It was reported the driver of the other car, already had narrowly missed colliding with another vehicle, when he crashed into the Kamachi car.

## Possibility for Early Senate Action on Walter Measure Looms Through Calendar Call

By I. H. GORDON

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The possibility of early Senate action through a call of the calendar on the Walter resolution for equality in naturalization was brighter this week.

There was speculation on Capitol Hill that the Senate calendar may be called on Tuesday or Wednesday, April 11 or 12.

If the House-approved Walter resolution comes up on the calendar, it can be passed by unanimous approval.

### Teru Shimada Sings for Role With Columbia

HOLLYWOOD—Teru Shimada was signed this week for a feature role in Columbia's "That Bedside Manner," which will co-star Larry Parks and Barbara Hale.

Shimada, who was featured in Columbia's "Tokyo Joe," will play the part of the old butler in the forthcoming film.

Meanwhile, it was reported that Shimada will not take a role in 20th Century Fox's "American Guerrilla in the Philippines" because of the Columbia commitment. Previously, he was scheduled to fly to Manila to join the company which is now on location for "American Guerrilla."

## Iseri Enters Council Race In Oregon City

ONTARIO, Ore. — Mun Iseri, local insurance man, became the first Nisei to file for political office in Oregon history when he became a candidate for city councilman on the Democratic ticket.

Iseri, an active member of the Snake River Valley JACL chapter, relocated here from Auburn, Wash. during the war. He is active in civic affairs and is a member of the Kiwanis club.

Iseri is one of 16 candidates for the six seats on the city council.

## DESPONDENT NISEI FARMER LEAPS TO DEATH

IRVINGTON, Calif. — Reportedly despondent over ill health, Thomas Takizawa, 24, Irvington district truck farmer and a war veteran, climbed a 35-foot Pacific Gas & Electric Co. power pole and jumped off on April 4.

He was dead when his sister, Martha, who saw the jump from the Takizawa home, reached him.

The Senate this week completed action on the displaced persons bill and recessed until Monday.

Upon reconvening, the Senate is scheduled to take up flood control and may complete action before adjournment on Tuesday.

Proponents of quick action on the basing point legislation hope to take up a conference report when the Senate finishes with flood control but may delay their request until after the call of the calendar.

A spokesman for the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, chief sponsors of the Walter resolution which will open the way for naturalization of some 90,000 Japanese resident aliens in the United States and Hawaii, said that "every effort is being made to encourage unanimous approval of the Walter resolution."

On a previous call of the calendar opposition was voiced by Sen. Richard Russell, D., Ga. Sen. Russell later indicated that his opposition was based not against citizenship for resident Japanese aliens but on the possibility that the Walter resolution may make "treaty visitors" eligible for citizenship.

It was understood that JACL-ADC has indicated to congressional supporters of Issei citizenship that it will not oppose a minor, technical amendment to the Walter resolution if such an amendment will assure favorable action.

"The only purpose of the amendment will be to make sure that treaty visitors will not be eligible for naturalization," the JACL ADC spokesman said. "Otherwise the amendment will not affect the basic purposes of the bill."

"The basic liberality of Congress on immigration and naturalization has been exhibited by the action on the displaced persons legislation," he added. "It is hoped this attitude will prevail when the Walter resolution comes up."

## ADC Discontinues PO Box Address

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this week announced discontinuation of its Post Office Box Address in Washington, PO Box 1628. Hereafter, all mail addressed to the JACL ADC Washington office should be sent directly to the street address, 300 5th St., N.E., Washington 2, D.C.

## Seek Seniority Rights for Nisei Postoffice Workers

LOS ANGELES—Following conferences with Nisei postal workers in the Los Angeles area and with officers of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, AFL, Mike Masaoka, national JACL-ADC legislative director, announced this week that the Washington office would again attempt to secure administrative or legislative sanction to authorize seniority and other rights lost as a result of the west coast evacuation of 1942.

Hiroshi Neeno, Kazuo G. Ichiriu, James G. Kaneda, and Frank S. Emi, postal workers, and John W. MacKay president, and Al Aron, chairman of the legislative committee of the AFL local, met with Masaoka and Tats Kushida, Pacific Southwest JACL regional representative, to discuss the injustices to which Nisei post office workers were subjected because of the evacuation and through no fault of their own.

Masaoka explained that the Washington office has been interested in this specific problem of alleged discrimination for several years but that few Nisei post office employees had responded when the JACL had requested those involved to write in. He promised to re-examine the subject in the light of the information given him and the support promised by the labor union.

In order that no Nisei postal worker will be left out in these representations, Masaoka again requested all those who lost seniority and other rights because of the evacuation and who have not written to him previously should do so immediately. Letters should be sent to Mike Masaoka, Washington Office, JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, 300 Fifth Street, N.E., Washington 2, D.C.

## Amendment to Enemy Trading Act Urged by JACL ADC

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC Anti-Discrimination Committee legislative director this week urged Sen. Pat McCarran, (D., Nev.), Senate Judiciary Committee chairman, to schedule early committee hearings on S. 1017, a bill to amend the Trading with the Enemy Act.

Introduced early in the present Congress by Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.), the bill would permit resident aliens interned or paroled during the war to file for a return of debt claims held by the Office of Alien Property, and extend the time for filing debt claims two years from the passage of the bill.

In a letter to Sen. McCarran, Mr. Masaoka pointed out the Trading with the Enemy Act specifically excludes aliens who may have been interned or paroled during the war from filing for a return of investments or other property held by the OAP.

"During the war," he wrote, "several thousand Japanese aliens were interned and subsequently paroled, merely as a security measure. Those found dangerous were long ago deported."

"In determining the loyalty of these persons during the war, it was never contemplated that internees or parolees would—or should—be penalized by being denied the right to file claims for debts owed them by the former owners of property vested by the OAP."

Mr. Masaoka declared that "under existing law, many benighted Japanese American war heroes are handicapped in their efforts to continue their education, establish businesses, build homes and raise families because their parents cannot file for a return of their life-savings."

"Many Japanese aliens who were interned and paroled and later released, as well as the overwhelming portion of the Japanese population in this country not subjected to alien enemy proceedings, have claims against the former owners of vested property."

"It is entirely inequitable that some Japanese aliens who were completely released or never subjected to alien enemy proceedings should be able to file claims for the recovery of deposits in Japanese branch banks in the U.S. while neighbors who may have been interned or paroled for a very brief time and then completely released should be prohibited from filing for similar claims."

"The problem is a practical and immediate one, for it appears the OAP will have millions of dollars of the assets of vested foreign institutions to satisfy claims by depositors and debtors."

"At the same time I should like to point out a number of alien enemies neither interned nor paroled failed to file claims against vested institutions either through lack of knowledge of existing time limitations or through the mistaken opinion that they were prohibited from filing claims."

"If internees and parolees are to be allowed to file claims, in view of the fact the government must continue to administer claims, it would not be a burden upon the government to allow any other debtors a reasonable extension in which to file."

"Thus, I urge that the Judiciary Committee bring S 1017 up for consideration so that Congress, in the interests of simple justice, may have an opportunity to act on this proposal before the end of the session."

## Dr. Yatabe, Col. Miller Will Speak at Eastern JACL Meet

Expect Two Hundred To Attend Council Parley in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Two hundred JACLers, including 30 from Washington and 60 from New York, are expected in Philadelphia April 15 and 16 for an Eastern District council rally.

Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe and Col. Virgil R. Miller will be special guests.

Dr. Yatabe, member of the National JACL board, will speak on the future of the JACL and will also lead a discussion on "Blueprint for Tomorrow" at the closing session of the two-day meeting.

Col. Miller, former commanding officer of the 442nd combat team and now head of the ROTC at Lehigh university at Bethlehem, Pa., will talk on his experiences with the Nisei combat team.

The Philadelphia YWCA at 2027 Chestnut street will be the scene of most of the activities. A full program has been planned with special emphasis on entertainment for the large booster delegation expected. On Saturday a banquet and dance will be special attractions. Extra features planned for Sunday include a breakfast, a tour of historic Philadelphia and a bowling tournament.

Major attraction at the Saturday night banquet will be selection of a queen to represent the EDC at the Chicago national convention this fall. One of the best dance bands in the city, the Irving Fox orchestra, will provide music for the dance. Intermission entertainment, including a skit showing activities of Philadelphia Nisei, has been slated.

The rally will open at 12 noon on Saturday with a cabinet meeting for EDC officers and chapter presidents. This will be followed by a general assembly and subcommittee meetings. Recommendations of these groups will be reported at the Sunday breakfast meeting.

The closing business session will center on the discussion of the JACL's future with Dr. Yatabe as resource leader.

The bowling tournament will go on Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. At least 12 teams from New York, Seabrook, Washington and

Philadelphia will compete for district honors.

Thomas T. Tamaki will be convention chairman. Naomi Nakano will assist as general arrangements chairman.

Other committee heads have been announced as follows:

William Sasagawa, banquet; Jack Ozawa, dance; Yone Okamoto and Sumi Kobayashi, registration; Shoji Date, housing; Isamu Ueyehara, transportation; Hiroshi Ueyehara, program; Tetsuo Iwasaki, business meeting; Garry Oye, decorations; Mariko Ishiguro and Naomi Nakano, hospitality; George Saki, finance; Jack Ozawa and Mariko Ishiguro, publicity; Noboru Kobayashi and Shoji Date, bowling tournament; and Shoji Date, queen contest.

## Ogden JACL Will Sponsor "Momotaro"

OGDEN, Utah — The Japanese children's classic, "Momotaro," will be presented by the Brigham Young university language department at the Fourth ward, 21st and Jefferson ave., on Friday, April 14, at 8:30 p.m., under sponsorship of the Ogden JACL.

Students will present the play entirely in Japanese. Colorful costumes and stage settings will enhance the performance.

Prof. M. Higa is director of the class, composed primarily of Caucasian students who have served in the Japanese mission of the LDS church. Prof. Higa will be narrator for the entertainment.

A short movie on Japan will also be shown. Issei and Nisei are invited to attend.

## Tokyo Teacher Enters University of Georgia

ATHENS, Ga. — Tsuyako Sakamoto, Tokyo school teacher, began a year's graduate study at the University of Georgia on March 24.

A graduate of Nara college, Miss Sakamoto is the foremost teacher of domestic science and home economics in the Tokyo schools.

Since her arrival in this country she has appeared on radio programs and been interviewed by the press.



CHICAGO, Ill.—The traditional grace and beauty of the Japanese dance will be brought to the sixteenth annual National Folk Festival in St. Louis April 12 to 15 through Tomeko Uyeda, left, Christine Ito and Haruko Uyeda, right. The Uyeda sisters, noted Japanese dance artists, will appear with a number of their students at the mammoth folk festival which will feature a thousand folk performers from 25 states of the union and Canada.

## Nisei Will Appear in Annual National Folk Dance Festival

CHICAGO, Ill. — Haruko and Tomeko Uyeda, noted Japanese dance stars, and their students will appear in the sixteenth annual National Folk Festival, a colorful pageant of folk singing and dancing, in St. Louis April 12 to 15.

The mammoth pageant will present a thousand selected folk performers from 25 states and Canada in two performances a day at the St. Louis opera house.

A tremendous hit in their debut last year at the festival, the Uyeda sisters were the first Oriental group to appear on the festival program. This year the group will appear on Friday, April 14.

They will be sponsored jointly by the Chicago and St. Louis JACL chapters. Shig Wakamatsu and Joseph Tanaka, presidents of the JACL groups, will make arrangements for the program.

Appearing with the Uyedas will be Mariko Ann Akiyama, Toyoko Kitahata, Christine Ito, Makiko

Kato and Kiyoko Nozawa. Eileen Nagatomo will provide musical accompaniment. Frances Hori Sekiguchi and George Maruyama will be vocalists with the group.

The festival originated in St. Louis in 1934. It was designed to help preserve the traditions brought to the United States by immigrants from the various countries from which the nation's people have come. The festival sponsors hope to encourage the continuation of these cultures and also demonstrate the universal similarities in the traditional heritages of all groups.

A motion picture of last year's four-day program was filmed and shown to people in occupied countries in Europe and Asia by the State department. A featured place in the sixty-minute film was given to Japanese dances. Another film will be made this year, as well as "Voice of America" recordings for use in State department broadcasts to other countries.

## Necessity of Mass Evacuation Debated at College Symposium

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — "Was the relocation of Japanese Americans in World War II necessary?"

Emphatically not, was the consensus of those who heard a symposium discussion on this subject sponsored by the speech department of San Diego State College.

Two retired Army colonels who served on General DeWitt's special staff at the Presidio of San Francisco during the early stages of the war, Colonel Donald Scofield and Will Kidwell, and the son of another Army colonel who was attached to DeWitt's staff, Dave Wurfel, now a student and outstanding debater at the College, argued the military view.

Frank Chuman, national JACL vice president and an attorney of Los Angeles, Mike Masaoka, national JACL-ADC legislative director, Washington, D.C., and Fusa Fujimoto, a freshman student of speech at the Southern California school, presented the case for the Nisei.

Colonel Scofield defined the role of the military in wartime and outlined the relocation program as one which involved only "enemy aliens."

Chuman explained that the issue involved related not to "enemy aliens" who were interned by the Department of Justice

but rather American citizens of Japanese ancestry and their loyal, alien parents. He pointed out that since no disloyalty was ever proved against the group, the whole evacuation and relocation program was contrary to American traditions of justice and fair play, since guilt is an individual question and not one of mass association.

Wurfel agreed that the evacuation and relocation of persons of Japanese ancestry in the last war was a violation of civil rights and a discrimination against one racial group but insisted that in total warfare such injustices were bound to occur. He declared that because of the potential danger of espionage or sabotage, the Army was justified in its actions.

Fusa Fujimoto pointed out that all available records proved that before, during and after the attack on Pearl Harbor, no resident Japanese, citizen or alien, engaged in any acts of espionage or sabotage and that, therefore, the Army based its evacuation decision on racial rather than military security grounds.

Kidwell held that one of the prime reasons for the evacuation was the protection of the Nisei and the Issei themselves from violence by other Americans who were inflamed by the hate and prejudice

## North California Council to Hold District Meet

Affiliation with Civic Unity Group Will Be Discussed

STOCKTON, Calif. — Affiliation with the California Council for Civic Unity for coordinated action on matters affecting racial minorities in California will be considered at the meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL district council on April 16 at the YBA hall.

More than 100 delegates and boosters are expected to attend the meeting.

Edward J. Ennis of New York, special JACL ADC counsel on evacuation claims, will speak at the meeting.

The district council also will consider the possibility of instituting a court case challenging the present "discriminatory policy of the American Bowling Congress in California."

According to Bob Takahashi of French Camp, chairman of the district council, the delegates will discuss the organization of a district council credit union, the sponsorship of a candidate for the JACL national convention queen contest and the subject of transportation to the national meeting in Chicago.

The delegates will hear a report on the adjudication of evacuee claims under the present Justice Department procedures.

## Topaz Co-op Donates \$1,035 to JACL As Final Business

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. — A check for \$1,035.12, representing the balance of funds of the Topaz Consumer Cooperative Enterprise, Inc. was presented to the JACL April 3 by E. S. Ishizaki and H. S. Nozaka, trustees.

Presentation was made to Joe Grant Masaoka, regional director in this city.

The trustees, with Dr. George Ochikubo, were authorized by the Topaz Co-op Congress in September, 1945, to wind up affairs of the center cooperative and make a contribution of the balance to the JACL.

All accounts of the Topaz relocation center cooperative have been closed and the donation to the JACL is the final transaction of the co-op group.

Ishizaki and Nozaka asked that the contribution be used to promote the general welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry and underwrite expenses of current projects of the JACL.

## YPCC Installs New Cabinet

FRESNO, Calif. — Mac Hase and his cabinet were installed in office at an impressive candlelight service by the Rev. George Uyemura.

Other cabinet officers are George Takeda, 1st vice pres.; Caroline Matsuyama, 2nd vice pres.; Art Shoji, treas.; Martha Hirose, rec. sec.; Phyllis Osato, corr. sec.; Ronald Kooda, publicity chmn.; Betty Kinoshita, historian; and Min Okubo, publications chmn.

A post-conference meeting of old and new cabinets, committee chairmen and fellowship presidents was held April 2 at the Fresno Japanese Methodist church.

of the war against the Japanese enemy.

Masaoka stated that the theory of protective custody was un-American and in keeping with Hitler's explanation for his treatment of the Jews. He quoted General DeWitt's statement regarding the Japanese American and compared them with those made by Hitler. He contrasted the wartime treatment of the Japanese in Hawaii with that of the west coast, pointing out that every argument advanced by DeWitt was even more applicable to those in Hawaii. He charged that the real motives for evacuation were economic and that General DeWitt, because of his racial prejudice, was a willing instrument for those who desired to evacuate the Japanese population for selfish gain.

Advocates for the military point of view conceded that they were impressed with the arguments advanced by the Nisei and that they personally felt that the west coast evacuation was both unnecessary and unfortunate.

# Eye-Opener for Mainland Nisei: Pamphlet Reveals Tremendous Pressure Exerted During War To Relocate Hawaii Japanese

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—A grim reminder for Hawaii Nisei, and an eye-opener for mainland Nisei, is a 38-page pamphlet published here in 1942. It is titled, "Shall the Japanese be Allowed to Dominate Hawaii?"

Its author was the head of one of Honolulu's biggest firms who, in that turbulent, war-jittery period soon after Pearl Harbor, sought to remove 100,000 of Hawaii's Japanese to the mainland United States.

The pamphlet is useful today mainly because it serves as a reminder to the Nisei in Hawaii that some of the most prominent men in their community were not their friends in that crucial period. A few, like the author of that pamphlet, already had been labeled as anti-Japanese; others, however, did not keep faith with the Nisei when the chips were down. They had posed as friends of the Nisei, only to betray them behind-the-scenes.

The anti-Japanese pamphlet also has value today because it can demonstrate to the Nisei on the mainland, particularly those on the west coast, that tremendous pressures were applied here to relocate the Japanese out of the territory. The difference is that the same type of pressure succeeded on the west coast where it failed in Hawaii.

Have these men, who spoke against the Nisei when they needed friends most, changed their opinions about the Nisei since the war? The answer can not be given because the men have kept that answer to themselves. They have not expressed publicly their post-war attitudes towards the Nisei.

The author of the pamphlet mentioned, who will remain unidentified in this article on the outside chance that he has changed his mind about the Nisei since then, is no longer an active business executive in Hawaii. After his retirement, he moved to the mainland. But at the time he wrote the following words, he was the top man of a big firm which, he boasted, stopped hiring persons of Japanese extraction on his orders.

Here was his introduction to the pamphlet:

"It is my contention that if the Japanese are left in their present numbers as the largest racial group the position of all other racial groups and that of their descendants will be jeopardized, and as these people gain even greater political and economic control we shall be forced out of our jobs and our homes."

Then followed the most amazing illustration of a type of mind that would impose "punishment without crime." The author attempted to solve the so-called Japanese problem—to quote his own words—"not in a spirit of vindictiveness or revenge on these Hawaiian-Japanese." But, in the next breath, he would uproot the Japanese from their homes without their consent and scatter them throughout the width and breadth of the mainland states. To top the tragic farce of his proposal, he presumed to say that the entire scheme would be for the best interests of the Japanese themselves and that "within 10 years from the date they are moved from Hawaii they will have cause to congratulate themselves that this was done because of the larger opportunities which they will find on the mainland."

The author's ideas about the Japanese and how to deal with them under the pretext of military necessity and for the long-range welfare of the territory were addressed to the military authorities who at that time had the last word over civilian affairs.

Much as they have been criticized for their usurpation of civilian powers when that was no longer necessary under martial law, the military authorities, it must be readily and heartily acknowledged, dealt with the Japanese in Hawaii in the fairest manner possi-

ble under the difficult wartime circumstances.

The author of the pamphlet first proposed his suggestion of moving "at least 100,000 Japanese... to inland mainland farming states" to Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, then commander-in-chief of the U. S. Pacific fleet.

Admiral Nimitz turned the pamphleteer's letter, dated Aug. 6, 1942, to Lt. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, army commander in Hawaii.

Gen. Emmons acknowledged the letter with the assurance that the matter of the Japanese population was being given a "great deal of investigation." But subsequent policies gave evidence that Gen. Emmons and the war department as a whole had more faith in the Nisei than did the businessman who would evacuate the Nisei.

Failing to impress the military, the businessman then put the proposition to an interior department official who had just been appointed director of the division of territories and island possessions. But the interior official replied only briefly and was non-committal.

To west coast Nisei, it is of interest that the businessman took his case to the people with a long and unenviable record of anti-Japanese movements, principally H. J. McClatchy, executive secretary of the California Joint Immigration Committee.

McClatchy informed the Honolulu businessman that Gen. De Witt, west coast army commander at that time, had "handled the Japanese situation with speed and efficiency. There are none loose, and their former strongholds in cities like Los Angeles, San Francisco look like blighted areas. The Japanese are definitely out of here for the duration. We hope to make it permanent."

The Honolulu businessman in turn told McClatchy, "It is my opinion that a large number (of Japanese) should be moved out of this territory in much the same manner as you have handled the situation in California and this exodus or migration should be under the auspices of the United States government."

Because of local opposition to removing the Japanese out of the islands, the businessman said, "I feel that most of the spade work on this project will have to be done by organizations such as yours throughout the states of California, Oregon and Washington."

That these race-hating efforts, on the west coast and in Hawaii, failed miserably is a matter of record today. The credit goes largely to the military officials who would not be stamped into action by the hot-heads; to the many non-Japanese businessmen who would not be swayed by emotional appeals against one race, and to Washington authorities who were willing to give the Nisei the opportunity begged for by them to demonstrate their loyalty to the United States on the battlefield and on the home front.

## Register Voters

OAKLAND, Calif.—A high percentage of voter registration for Nisei in Alameda County is the present goal of the Eastbay chapter of the JACL.

Six members of the JACL chapter recently were deputized as voter registrars in Alameda County. They are Mrs. Marion Wake, Frances Kaneko, Mrs. Jane Imamura, Masuji Fujii, Yo Yanagi and Hiro Katayama.

## Segregation Issue Discussed by Akagi, Tanaka in Chicago

CHICAGO—"Voluntary Segregation and the Nisei Future" was the topic discussed by Togo Tanaka and Richard Akagi with William Hohri acting as moderator, at the Armitage Methodist Young Peoples group on April 2.

Mr. Tanaka is the senior editor of the American Technical Society and also the editor-in-chief of "Scene" magazine. Richard Akagi is the Midwest Regional Representative of the JACL. Mr. Hohri is a recent graduate of the University of Chicago.

The Nisei pastor of the Armitage Methodist Church is Rev. Norio Yazaki.

## Ennis Confers On Evacuation Claims Problems

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Because of numerous complaints received by the JACL arising from the delay and technicalities involved thus far in the adjudication and payment of Japanese evacuation claims, Edward J. Ennis, legal counsel for the JACL-ADC, arrived in Los Angeles on April 2, for a series of conferences, it was revealed by the JACL regional office on April 6.

Ennis, former director of the wartime office of the Enemy Alien Control Unit in the Department of Justice and also special assistant to the Attorney General during his 15 years with the government, is considered an expert in administrative procedures of the government.

He will confer with JACL officials, Nisei attorneys and the evacuation claims field office of the Department of Justice in order to study and aid in expediting and facilitating the program of claims adjudication. He will remain in the Los Angeles area for two weeks.

## Appoint Kanemoto

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Wayne Kanemoto, local attorney, has been deputized a registrar and will register all voters as his office at 565 North 5th street from 8 to 5 p.m. Deadline for June primaries is April 13.

All Nisei who have had their previous registration cancelled or changed due to marital status, change of address or failure to vote at the last election are urged to consult Kanemoto regarding their present status.

The United Citizens League will hold a registration night at its next meeting Thursday, April 13.

## Edgar Zobel Holds Exhibit of Photos

CHICAGO — Edgar F. Zobel, prominent in the Chicago Chapter JACL activities and long the unofficial photographer for the Chicago chapter, is holding a photo exhibit at the Benedict Art Gallery until April 30. The Benedict Art Gallery is located in Hull House, 800 South Halsted Street, Chicago.

"I think it will be of great interest not only to the JACL members but to the entire Japanese American community," said Richard Akagi, Midwest Regional Representative of the JACL, speaking of the exhibit, "to see Mr. Zobel's works. Mr. Zobel has been extremely helpful to us and considerate of our needs and demands."

## Sixty Nisei Girls Will Dance Under Capital's Cherry Blooms

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Washington's annual cherry blossom celebration will be highlighted this year by the dancing of sixty kimono-clad Nisei from New York and Seabrook.

The capital's annual festival, to be held this year on April 16, will be sponsored by the Washington Japanese Association. This marks the first time that a Japanese American group is in charge of the event. The Chamber of Commerce

## Idaho Supreme Court Upholds Nisei Plaintiff in "Fine Print" Case Against Insurance Firm

BOISE, Idaho — The Idaho State Supreme court last week upheld a Nisei plaintiff in a case involving "fine print" in an auto insurance contract.

The People's Auto Inter-Insurance Exchange, defendants in the case, were ordered to pay \$9329.95 to Henry Wakimoto of Caldwell, Idaho.

According to evidence presented in the case, Wakimoto was involved in an accident in May, 1948 and the driver of the other car, who took his case to court, was awarded \$9329.95. Wakimoto asked the Exchange to pay the claim.

Insurance experts reached for Wakimoto's policy, glanced down the fine print and said he had made false statements in taking out the policy. When they refused to pay, Wakimoto took his case to court.

He testified that he "could not read or understand the fine print on the policy."

Last week the Idaho State Su-

preme Court agreed with Wakimoto.

The justices said the fine print on insurance policies was prepared by experts to be read by experts. Wakimoto's difficulty, the judges declared, was "not hard to understand."

The justices also said the false statements in question were known to the insurance agent at the time the application was made.

## Daughter of Japan Legislator Will Enter Army as WAC

A daughter of a Japanese prefectural assemblyman will join the U.S. army next week as a WAC.

Takako Saka, 24, daughter of Hiagoro Saka of Wakayama, Japan, will leave here April 12 for Camp Lee, Va., for basic training. She passed WAC examinations at Fort Douglas, Utah, early in March.

Born in the United States, Miss Saka spent her childhood years in Guadalupe, Calif. Her parents returned to Japan in 1939, taking their four daughters with them. A son was later born to them in Japan.

Miss Saka spent the war years in Japan, returning to the United States May 27, 1949.

She said she experienced no difficulty over proof of her American citizenship since her parents had registered her and her sisters as American citizens immediately upon their arrival in Japan. Other Nisei strandeers in Japan have had to resort to court procedure to prove their citizenship status.

Miss Saka graduated from high school in Tokyo and then attended Japan Women's University, majoring in English literature. She completed her college course in April, 1948.

After the war she worked for the American government military team in Wakayama as an interpreter.

Miss Saka has signed for three years with the WACs.

Asked why she had joined the women's army, she pointed out she had no brothers eligible for U.S. army service. (Her younger brother, born in Japan, is a Japanese citizen.)

"I thought it would be nice for one person in the family to join up," she said.

While in Salt Lake City she is staying with a sister, Mrs. George Mochizuki, wife of the Salt Lake JACL chapter president. Mrs. Mochizuki returned to the United States a year before Miss Saka.

## Wins Certificate

SUNNYVALE, Calif. — Masao Fukumoto was named last week as the winner of the annual Bank of America achievement certificate in social sciences at Fremont high school.

## New Chapter Seen In Rocky Ford Area

ROCKY FORD, Colo.—Thirty-five Nisei in the Arkansas valley have petitioned for a JACL chapter to establish the ninth JACL chapter in the Mountain Plains region and presumably the 79th in the national organization.

The Nisei met April 4 with Roy Takeno, Mountain Plains regional director.

Ugi Harada of Rocky Ford was elected president of the new group. Harry Shironaka of Crowley, Frank Shiba of Las Animas and Henry Hirose of Granada were named first, second and third vice presidents. George Ushiyama, Rocky Ford, was elected treasurer. Other posts will be held by Mrs. Yoshiro Iwata, recording secretary, and Alice Masuda, corresponding secretary.

The following persons have been asked to serve as cabinet members-at-large:

James Hiraki, Swink; Sam Kawata, Rocky Ford; Sam Maruya, Kat Akagi and Henry Hiraga, Crowley; Elma Sakai, Fred Maruyama and Elmo Fukunaga, Las Animas; and Mrs. K. Matsunaga, Emory Namura, Taro Hirama and Fred Morimoto, Granada.

Pres. Harada was asked to contact potential members in Pueblo, where a JACL committee was organized some three years ago under Sanzo Shigetani.

Z. Kanegaye and T. Kako of Denver, chairman and vice-chairman of the Kika Kisei Domei, reported on the ADC legislative program to the Issei.

## Montanans Hold Membership Dance

LAUREL, Mont.—The Montana JACL celebrated its membership campaign here recently with a dance at the IOOF hall.

Charles Kataoka and Bill Utsunomiya were co-auctioneers at a box lunch preceding the dance. Mary Kawano won a prize for making the highest bid, made by Charles Nagashima. Judges for the decorations on the boxes were Yugo Nayematsu, Barry Yomamoto and Nagashima. Other prizewinners were Mmes. Kataoka, George Kawamoto and Jun Mikami.

Sam Kawahara of Livingston, new member of the chapter, has agreed to canvass his community for more members. Pres. Tom Kawano announced. Other new members are Yoshiko Taniguchi and Dorothy Fujio.

During a brief meeting members agreed to purchase a chapter scrap-book for the historian and to present a farewell gift to Byron Hunkawa and his family, who are leaving for Los Angeles.

The group also voted to enroll as honorary members these three persons: Sam Ujifusa, Joe Miyagishima and Tom Nanto.

Future activities will include a combined Memorial day graduation dance on May 27 and a Fourth of July picnic.

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## EDITORIAL:

### "Separate But Equal"

The use of religion and the name of God to defend the right of the south to keep its Negro citizens "within their place" is a disgraceful spectacle of sacrilege.

On Monday of this week, Rep. Sam Hobbs of Alabama, speaking before the U. S. Supreme Court, said, "God is the author of discrimination."

Rep. Hobbs was speaking in defense of the south's "separate but equal" facilities tradition which is challenged today in the highest court of the land. This is the policy that makes for separate Negro schools, separate public facilities, separate places on trains and buses. This is the policy that divides, that puts one group of citizens above another by reason of color alone. It is an unreasoning and un-Christian form of separation.

"God almighty made people of different colors," Rep. Hobbs said. "God is the author of discrimination and His creatures have proved they liked His handiwork."

Some exponents of segregation defend it on the basis of pseudo scientific reasoning, others on grounds that elimination of race separation in the south would lead to social upheaval. These reasons are bad enough. But to use the name of God to defend an inhumane system is reprehensible.

The Henderson case is one of three before the Supreme Court today that challenge the traditional separation of races in the south. In other cases Herman Marion Sweatt asks recognition of his right to admission to the University of Texas law school and G. W. McLaurin asks that his right to equal use of classroom and other facilities of the University of Oklahoma be recognized. At the present time McLaurin has been accepted as a student at the university, but he is required to sit in a separate place in classrooms, in the library and cafeteria.

The "separate but equal" policy is not only tradition in the south, it is law. The Supreme Court has been asked to rule that this doctrine is contrary to the fourteenth amendment.

The Nazi rule of "divide and conquer" is as successfully applied to America's many racial groups as it was to the conquered countries of Europe during the Hitler regime of hate.

We hope that the court will see fit to eliminate this vestige of slavery from the American scene.

We hope, too, that the court, in finding for the plaintiffs in the Henderson, McLaurin and Sweatt cases, will set Rep. Hobbs right on the origin of discrimination. It is the product of men who are afraid, men who are mean. We hope the court, in its decision, will show its contempt for men who would use God to place other men in a modern form of slavery.

### The Japanese American Population

The decennial census which is now being taken of the population of these United States will record the success of the War Relocation Authority's wartime resettlement program for evacuees of Japanese ancestry. The census returns also are expected to show an increase in the mainland and Hawaiian population of Japanese descent.

From 1880 when the Bureau of the Census first recorded the presence of persons of Japanese descent (the total was 148, including 14 females), the population of Japanese ancestry in the continental United States has been concentrated on the Pacific coast in 1940, 112,353 out of the total of 126,987 resided in the three west coast states, with 93,717 in California. The 1950 census will show large increases in the Japanese American population of such eastern and midwestern urban centers as New York, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago and the Twin Cities, as well as increases in such mountain states as Utah, Idaho and Colorado. Since most of the Japanese Americans who have moved eastward are now permanent residents of their respective areas, the eastward shift in the geographical distribution of the group will be a lasting one.

Although the 1940 census showed a decrease in the population of persons of Japanese ancestry of 8.6 per cent in the ten years since 1930, the new census is expected to show an increase so that the 1950 population will probably disclose a figure which will correspond to the Japanese American population in 1930 which was 138,834. Included in this figure will be approximately 4,000 Nisei stragglers who have returned from Japan since V-J day. Similarly, recent estimates indicate that the Japanese American population in Hawaii has increased from the 157,905 reported in 1940 to more than 175,000.

### City Council Candidate

We congratulate Mun Iseri of Ontario, Ore., candidate for the Ontario city council and first Nisei to file for elective office in Oregon.

He represents the fuller participation in civic affairs that is the aim of the Japanese American group which is generally limited to political expression through the ballot.



Members of the delegation of Japanese women leaders who recently visited New York City are shown sightseeing on Lexington avenue in downtown Manhattan. The Chrysler building spire is in the background. New York Times photo.

### Tea at the Astor:

## Japanese Women Leaders Marvel at U. S. Wonders

By MITSU YASUDA

New York City

We were invited to tea—tea at the Astor. We were to meet eleven Japanese women leaders visiting the United States under General MacArthur's democratization program. Later in the week we were to accompany them on a trip to the United Nations—a trip sponsored by the General Federation of Women's clubs.

The whole thing had come about because Joan Amberg, our erstwhile roommate in the Tokyo occupation days and inseparable partner in crime, turned out to be, in stateside life, the niece of Mrs. William Dick Sporborg, an impressive name in New York society, and a driving force behind the powerful federation.

Details are complicated, but nonetheless, late Monday afternoon found us swimming up Broadway, bucking against a fierce wind, borrowed finery flapping around our knees. We hit Times Square, and then posh Hotel Astor. A friendly desk clerk propelled us gently to the North ballroom, and we were on our own.

Bedlam there. Flash bulbs exploding, news cameras whirring, reporters running around. The guests of honor, scattered around the room, were surrounded by be-furred, bejeweled society ladies.

We started to circulate, and were right pleased to find ourselves a nub of attraction. That is, 'til they found out we were native, and not a part of the delegation. After that, "Miss, say Miss, will you please move out of the camera range . . . ?"

Ah well . . . The eleven guests were picked by different groups in Japan as the most representative of the Japanese woman's new status in national life.

They are a part of the 60 some Japanese who are now touring the states in small groups, and is the only group specifically designated as the women leaders' group. They are Mrs. Tsuneko Akamatsu, member, House of Councillors; Fuji Egami, Broadcasting Corp. of Japan; Shun Goto, Democratic Liberal party; Mrs. Ai Kume, lawyer; Michiyo Marusawa, National Railway Workers Union; Mrs. Katsuko, Nomura, Consumers' Union League; Matsuyo Omoro, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry; Mrs. Setsuko Tomita, Ministry of Labor; and Kazuko Ito, interpreter.

Item: On Friday, all of us including our hostesses from the federation crowded into a big Army bus, and bulged our way through the traffic toward Lake Success. We picked out various sights along the way and explained the wonders in detail, but nothing impressed our guests too much—not until our bus was blocked on a side street by a hulking sanitation truck, one of those rumbling incinerators on wheels.

When we explained that daily tons of waste food and garbage are dumped into the hole in the back of the truck, ground up and burned within the truck's innards, the women's eyes mirrored all kinds of things.

Special item: We were treated royally at the United Nations. Everybody went out of their way to welcome the visitors. We heard an inspiring talk by Mrs. Lakshmi Nandan Menon, chief of the status of women section. We especially remember the part where she said that "the emancipation of women does not necessarily mean that we are out to get the men's jobs, or to run the country. It means simply that we want to be treated, first, as human beings, and then, as women." That "women, with our natural instinct to preserve life, would fight more than men to prevent war . . . The family unit is the most important thing in a woman's life, yes. Then take an active interest in your government . . . fight to preserve that family unit."

Yet another: We were having lunch at the Delegates' dining room when a group in a corner burst out into the "Happy Birthday" song. The last line went "Happy Birthday, Admiral Nimitz." Everybody else kept their seats, but the Japanese women, led by us, shot up and stared.

Mental note: The official interpreter, Kazuko Ito, had never been in the United States. Yet she listened to long paragraphs spoken by the various officials, and gave perfect split-second interpretations. Giving a wide margin for Japanese women looking much younger than they are, Miss Ito still can't be over 30.

"Bigger and Better" forever: We were rumbling back to the city. We pointed out an A & P supermarket occupying one-third of a block, and explained things. "Mahhh," they said. We looked again and saw a Safeway supermarket right next to A & P, taking the rest of the block. "Ala mahh," they said. We blinked three times when we saw a Grand Union super-market going up immediately across the street. The

## Vagaries

### Bunco . . .

"Montana Joe" Ito, arrested recently by Federal agents in Chicago and charged with complicity in the case in which an Idaho Nisei was swindled of \$5,000 last April, has been brought back to Pocatello for trial. Ed So of Denver was found guilty last January by a Pocatello court on the bunco charge and was sentenced to a maximum of 14 years in prison. One other suspect is being sought in the case. None of the money has been recovered to date.

### Tokyo Rose . . .

Although she's been eligible for release on \$50,000 bail pending a higher court hearing on her appeal, Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino still is in the Federal women's prison at Alderson, W. Va. Representatives for Mrs. d'Aquino have been unable to arrange for bail. Bondsmen either don't have that much cash or are unwilling to put it up. . . . Meanwhile, the Tomoya Kawakita case is still awaiting a ruling on the defense appeal of the Federal court conviction. Kawakita is still in Los Angeles county prison. His attorneys claim that the jury in his case was held out too long by the court and that this constituted coercion. As in the "Tokyo Rose" case, the jury was divided for several days before the final guilty verdict was reached.

### Headliner . . .

Karie Shindo, the Los Angeles girl who got her first break in "Tokyo Joe," has been headlining the show at Waikiki Lau Yee Chai, Honolulu's biggest night spot. . . . New York's Downtown gallery is currently devoting its walls to an exhibition of the work of Yasuo Kuniyoshi. . . . Suelo Serisawa recently joined with other artists who live on Mount Washington in Los Angeles in a special showing of work by resident painters. . . . Mary Estelle Iwamoto, 23, recently arrived here from Japan for an American concert tour. Miss Iwamoto, a violinist, is the daughter of Masahito Iwamoto of Tokyo and the former Marguerite Magruder of Ohio. Mr. Iwamoto is a graduate of Harvard. . . . One of a number of operas dropped from the Metropolitan's repertoire under the new Rudolf Bing management is "Madame Butterfly." Another Puccini opera, "La Boheme," also has been dropped.

### Cooper . . .

John S. Cooper, the liberal Republican from Kentucky who was named as a political adviser to Secretary of State Acheson last week, was one of the architects of the present Evacuation Claims Act. Cooper, then senator from Kentucky, was chairman of the special Senate subcommittee on evacuation (Continued on page 5)

women made some kind of noise, and we said "Oh my goodness."

Is Laddie lethargic?: Red light, and we picked out a pretty billboard, an advertisement for dog food—a picture of an appealing pooch begging for "vitaminized meatmix." "Meat? For dogs?" the lawyer asked. "Big business," we said. She said nothing.

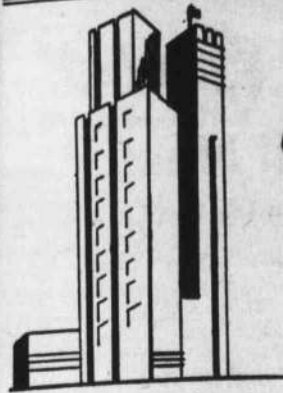
The upper-upper and the lower-lower: "I wish," the representative said, "that instead of meeting only the people in the higher brackets, we could see how the lower class live. Surely all the American people don't live in such style . . ."

"I wish," she added as a disconnected, we're sure, afterthought, "that we could find time to go to a Nisei gathering, or something."

Then we both laughed. And finally: The bus pulled up at their hotel and we piled out. We shook hands warmly with each one. Then the "senator," that is, Mrs. Akamatsu of the House of Councillors and the only one in the crowd dressed in a kimono, slipped up. She bowed low in the traditional custom of old Japan and said formal words. And just as mother said it would when the occasion arose, we too bowed low, and the correct phrases flowed out.

"If you could make it," we added, "do come up for some oshinko and okoko. . . oshinko atsumono . . ."

"You mean pickles," she said, and grinned. We grinned back. Then we raised our hands, wiggled our fingers, and ran for the subway.



# A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

## My Cousin Willie Gets the Eye

A little bit of flattery goes a long way. Especially so when it comes to my cousin Willie, it goes a darn good long way and then some.

The other afternoon Willie is driving his flashy red convertible, en route home from his daily tussle with the lettuce and spinach at the Ninth street market. When he swings west on Jefferson avenue he is usually singing to himself, happy as a boy, proud to be purring along the road with his dazzling tomato-hued vehicle.

At Vermont he stops for a red light.

"Hello, Willie," coos a melodious young voice out of nowhere.

Flustered and fascinated, Willie turns his neck at a sharp 180-degree angle, eyes bulging and searching, and sees the sweet young thing who is by now waving gently at Willie.

It is Katherine Kodama, 16, a sophomore in high school, who lives just around the corner from Willie's home.

"Why...hello...Cathy..." he manages to stutter, "hop in and I'll give you a ride home." This being so sudden, he is a little uneasy.

As his car sped away from the corner, Willie begins to regain his confidence. Soon, he is turning on all that charm, that dynamic market salesman personality, and winds up with that super-duper pitch that he usually reserves for the reluctant chain-store buyers with the fishy eyes.

Willie is all teeth and chatter, grinning from ear to ear like a pot-bellied daruma, and talking in terms of the big deals he made during the day. By the time the convertible comes to a sliding halt in front of the Kodama home, he has theoretically sold enough apples, strawberries and oranges to keep metropolitan Los Angeles supplied for a week.

Cathy, no fool herself, and who has been just dying to ride in Willie's sleek shiny convertible, takes it all in, nodding her shapely head quite demurely and blinking her large expressive eyes in feigned wonderment.

Somewhere in the one-sided conversation she manages to tell Willie how "distinguished" he looks and that his car is "utterly beautiful."

That is just enough to set into motion a chain reaction that would be equivalent to touching off a super A-bomb.

The next few days Willie is bouncing along in the stratosphere. Every chance he gets to look into a mirror, he begins to admire himself all over again. He adjusts his tie, recombs his hair, tilts his head one way and then the other, surveys his profile, and is quietly mapping out a movie career for himself in the next Humphrey Bogart thriller.

When he gets home, it is the same story. He has long sessions in front of his wife Sumi's dressing mirror. He even poses with a cocktail glass in his right hand, gives with his toothy smile, and actually believes he looks like a man of distinction. His flat face, his loud plaid suit, and his protruding lower jaw make him as distinguished as a fugitive from Alcoholics Anonymous.

But there is no stopping or discouraging our hero. He tries parting his hair on the other side, then down the middle, and even experimenting with Sumi's curling lotion. Willie's wire-like hair, however, refuses to bend to his whims and no matter which way he tries to comb it, it still looks like the business end of a military hair brush.

The next day he purchased two pairs of elevator shoes. "Height creates distinction," was the way he analyzed the situation. So, Willie is learning to walk all over again. The shoes feel a bit heavy and his head a little light from the dizzy heights but no obstacle is too great for our man in a stupor. On Willie the elevator shoes look as obvious as wedgies on a monkey and he walks with such assurance as a man trampling on a case of eggs.

Willie next conceives the idea of wearing a pair of glasses. Strictly for reading, of course; appearances are secondary. He comes home with the thickest, heaviest and blackest horn-rimmed glasses this side of Bop City. They are about as inconspicuous as a pair of glaring headlights and about as necessary as a saddle on a giraffe.

The car is also getting beauty treatments by this time. Willie faithfully begins to wash and polish the car almost every day. The gloss on the fenders is enough to blind the passerby and scares any stray dog from coming within a block of the Hashimoto house.

By this time, wife Sumi is burned up to a crisp. Willie is never home anymore. He is either polishing the car, looking for a new suit with wide shoulders, or down at the corner drug-store studying the new motion picture magazines.

While she is wearing last year's hats and patched up nylons, our glamour boy, Willie, is sporting around in \$100 double-breasted pinstripe suits with 20-inch shoulders and teetering in his custom-built elevator shoes.

Willie looks ridiculous, but what are you going to do with a lad with a one-track mind??

When Willie started to grow a moustache, Sumi knew it was high time to have a heart-to-heart talk with her husband. She knew that he wasn't buying all this loud, expensive and gala clothing merely to make friends and influence the fruit and vegetable buyers at the market; that Willie wasn't keeping his car spick and span just to prove to the boss that he was a neat young man; that he wasn't spending so much time in front of the mirror just to win the title of the best-groomed man on San Julian street.

Sumi's intuition was right. There had to be another woman in the case. But she knew that Willie, aside from the highly polished car, had as much glamour and appeal as a stewed herring.

My Cousin Willie, with the New Look and all, however, made no progress in his campaign to be the most distinguished man of Li'l Tokyo. Swampers at the market, with T-shirt and khaki pants, looked more appealing than Willie with his peacock getup.

What about Cathy? Well, she now has her own boy friend. Young Tony Tokuno gives her a ride home from school every day in his broken-down jalopy.

It is my Cousin Willie who has been taken for a ride. No movie talent scouts are beating a path to his door; no broken hearts of dazzling beauties are strewn in Willie's wake. He just has a closetful of wide-shouldered suits, three pair of slightly used Adler shoes, two gallons of car polish, 45 movie magazines, two pairs of nightmarish glasses, and several miscellaneous lots of odds and ends to add glamour to the hopeful male.

Willie confided to me. "I knew Cathy was just giving me a line. Did you think I believed it? Not on your life. I'm too smart to see through such nonsense."

In the very next breath. "Do you know anybody who wants to buy some sharp suits and custom-built shoes for half price?"

## Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

### A Need for Briefing

Denver, Colo. The lack of information in this troubled world is constantly amazing. That's a polite way of saying: Cripes, how stupid can a guy get.

This last week we spoke with an influential Japanese who with great aplomb suggested that the United States could help ease Nippon's population pressures by absorbing a million or so immigrants. He had just passed through the vast empty (and arid) spaces of the American west, and of course it had occurred to him that the area should be filled by his frugal and hard-working countrymen.

He must have been out fishing for carp or sniffing cherry blossoms the day they talked in school about American immigration policy and the history of Japanese immigrants in the U. S. He was cocksure that his countrymen would make good colonizers—as they certainly would—but it never had entered his mind that they would not be welcome.

There can be no doubt that the facts of American life are pretty well known among high bracket Japanese. But somehow that information had not filtered down to this particular individual who supposedly was well-informed, and one might expect, had done some boning up in preparation for his American trip. Fortunately, his opinions were expressed in private, but he could make himself look more than somewhat silly if he popped off for publication.

Perhaps they do, and perhaps they don't have a brief indoctrination course for Japanese about to be permitted to visit the United States. And perhaps such a course wouldn't be considered democratic. But there seems to be a crying need for some sort of briefing for Japanese nationals who have the yen and the Yen to visit the U.S.A.

Most of them, of course, have excellent and noble motives, and their deportment is above re-

proach. In their own little ways they are doing a great deal to improve understanding between the two countries. But there are a number who apparently have no reason to travel other than that they have money, and they delight in expressing their views to all and sundry, especially to newspapermen.

Of this latter group no small percentage by their own admission have been staunch democrats from way back, fought Tojo and the militarists tooth and nail, and for that crime they suffered untold indignities not to mention privations. A fine tale, although they would be more plausible if they spoke less and listened more.

### No Time for Sycophants

On the sap list must be included the small number of Nisei who make the same kind of to-do over visiting Japanese dignitaries that California dowagers used to make over deposed European royalty before crowned heads went out of fashion.

It's natural to be hospitable toward the visiting Japanese. Some of them are most deserving of a little extra attention and assistance—their efforts to learn more about American ways ought to be encouraged and the Nisei certainly are in excellent position to help them. But let's not confuse that with the fawning and kow-towing that is so disgustingly reminiscent of the prewar era. Those were the days when the consulate and "kaisha" executives—representatives of the big Japanese commercial interests—banded together to look down on the Issei and Nisei like so much trash. And some of the Issei and Nisei browned their probosces to court favors, favors like being allowed to play bridge or golf with the almighties, and attend their stupid little parties.

Let's help, honestly and sincerely, where help is due. But let's laugh the sycophants right out of decent Nisei society.

## On Local JACL Morale:

# Failure of Members to Attend Meetings Worries Chapters

By ELMER R. SMITH

A perusal of reports from various chapters of the JACL for a period of 20 years shows one recurring theme, a theme monotonous in tone and repetitious to the point of being frustrating. And this is putting the situation very mildly.

Many recent reports from chapters all over the United States stress, on the whole, this same two-decade-old theme. This theme is made up of the failure of members to actively support the local JACL chapter meetings. A chapter with 190 members will do well to have 10 or 15 persons attending local JACL regular meetings; and if the number reaches as many as 25 percent in any community, it is considered to be a "good" turnout. It is very questionable whether one can consider even 25 percent as evidence of high morale, and as far as less than 2 percent is concerned, there is no question as to the poor morale!

Nineteen years ago an editorial in the PACIFIC CITIZEN summarized the problems faced by local chapters in getting active participation. The editorial stated that the "indifference of a large number is one reason. The greatest stumbling block, however, lies in the over-organized condition existing in most communities. There is considerable duplication of activities which make it difficult for a centralized body to be formed. To aggravate matters, the young people are divided into various cliques and groups and do not mingle with each other."

It was further pointed out that the differences in age groupings of Nisei increased the difficulty of gaining active participation in the affairs of the local chapters. That editorial might have been written today—nineteen years from its publication.

What is the matter with the Nisei that they fail to participate in their local JACL chapters, and thus take part in local affairs, and thus make their voices heard in aiding in determining policies and activities? Why is it that criticisms are leveled at the local JACL leaders in some localities when the Nisei members fail to enter into active group participation?

This is not something new. We know that the leaders on the national as well as on the local level of JACL organizations are and have been labeled as dictators, self-seeking politicians, and many other things.

The present writer since going thru many files, newspaper clippings, special reports, etc. has become very cognizant of these criticisms. Much of this type of criticism rests in the fact that many of the members fail to turn out at meetings where decisions have to be made—and made immediately. Since only certain persons, usually

the officers, are present and business has to be transacted, they are called upon to take the initiative and DO things. The leaders often find themselves in "hot water" because they have or have not done certain things. More complete support by active participation of the membership would solve many of the problems of the officers as well as decreasing negative criticism of them as well as of the chapter.

The low morale and support given by members of local chapters was represented the other night at a meeting in which there was less than two percent of the local membership present. Some important business had to be conducted, and it fell to the officers and the executive board to make the decisions on these business matters.

If wrong decisions were made, in the estimation of the members, they have no one to blame but themselves for not being present and submitting their views and voting on the issues involved.

It is recognized that some local chapters are highly successful when compared with others in the business of obtaining attendance at local chapter meetings, but in all chapters improvement is possible. It is interesting to note that the rural chapters, on the whole, are better attended than the urban ones. This may be due to the fact that there are not as many competitive groups in the rural areas, and there are fewer places to go and fewer things to do than in an urban community. A possible solution to the urban group might be to have a clearing house for Nisei activities, and decrease the competition for attendance on certain nights when two or more activities are being carried on at the same time.

All of us are able to recognize that many interests and groups make up the JACL membership, and often the suggestion has been made that the meetings and their programs should be broad enough to fulfill the interests of all members. Many local chapters have attempted to meet this problem by mixing up their programs, but very often this has not been successful in increasing attendance.

It is up to the Nisei members alone to show active interest in

## VAGARIES

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claims and helped expedite the legislation through the upper chamber. Mr. Cooper was defeated for reelection in 1948 and became one of the U.S. representatives to the United Nations... William Bonelli, whose racist attitude was reflected in the various restrictions imposed against Nisei and other persons of Japanese ancestry by the California State Equalization Board, is a candidate for reelection from Los Angeles. Bonelli, while serving on the board, ran on an outright anti-Nisei platform in 1944 but was defeated in the GOP primaries for U.S. senator. He was behind the board's policy of refusing liquor sales licenses to returned evacuees for many months after the war.

## Painter . . .

More than 30 paintings by Henry Sugimoto of New York were exhibited recently in Cornell University's Willard Straight hall as part of the observance of Brotherhood Week. During the observance Sugimoto was an honor guest at a dinner-reception held for Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt at the Watermargin Fraternity at Cornell where Sugimoto's paintings also were placed on view... Watermargin, an education and fraternal organization at Cornell, is interracial and its purpose is to promote understanding between men "as individuals rather than as members of a particular group." Its name, derived from the English title of a Chinese novel, means "all men are brothers."... Henry Sugimoto lived in Piedmont, Calif., before the evacuation and continued his painting while at a relocation center in Arkansas. He has studied in Paris and in other European art centers.

## Book Reviewer

FRESNO, Calif. — Mrs. Preston Ford, book reviewer, will give members of the Elle club a glimpse of the Broadway hit, "South Pacific," on April 24.

Mrs. Ford will review the musical play and will also act out excerpts from it. Records made by the original New York cast will be played to give a musical background for the review.

Mrs. Ford is a graduate of the University of Texas and was a member of the dramatics club, "Curtain Call," while a student. She has done theater work as well as book reviewing in Texas. She has reviewed books and plays for numerous groups in the Fresno area.

their social, economic, political and educational welfare, and be broad minded and tolerant enough of each other's interests to cooperate in order to gain cooperation in return. This can be done by taking stock of yourself; it cannot be solved by the action of the officers of the local or National JACL alone.



### Vital Statistics

#### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Franklin H. Osaki a boy on March 9 in Fresno.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tokuo Yamamoto, Clovis, Calif., a boy on March 11.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Zentoku Hamasaki a girl on Feb. 20 in Reiley, Calif.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kaoru Shimoide, Kingsburg, Calif., a boy on Feb. 21.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kaoru Inouye, Kingsburg, Calif., a boy on Feb. 24.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Fukaya a girl in Denver.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. George Suyama, Courtland, Calif., a boy on March 25.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Takamoto Honda a boy on March 21 in Sacramento.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hayashi a girl in Seattle.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kenichi Tanaka a girl on March 29 in Seattle.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yasuhara Kato a boy, Keith Gene, on March 23 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Masamichi Niizawa a girl, Helen Reiko, on March 17 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kawasaki, Hawthorne, Calif., a boy, Steve Masao, on March 27.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kaoru Kimura a girl, Frances Keiko, on March 23 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Yokoi, Madrone, Calif., a girl, Patricia Anne, on March 23.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Uwamatsu Yoshiyama a boy, Lane, on March 16 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Haruo Yamamoto, Lomita, Calif., a girl, Robin Misako, on March 16.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kotaro Robert Hoshizaki a boy, Glen Tetsuo, on March 20 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Kazunori Inouye, Gardena, Calif., a girl, Shizuko Anna, on March 20.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Matsuo Kaito, Anaheim, Calif., a girl, Sachiko Patricia, on March 24.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sagara a boy, Harley, on March 23 in Los Angeles.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fukushima, Gridley, Calif., a girl on March 20.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Roger Obata (nee Mary Ogawa of Idaho) a boy, Robert Clarence, in Toronto, Ont.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nobuo Otsuka, Spring Valley, Calif., a girl.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tsuyoshi Murakami, San Diego, a girl.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Tsutomu Harold Ikemura, Coronado, Calif., a girl.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hirasuna, Auburn, Calif., a girl on March 21.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. H. Tanaka a girl on March 27 in Lodi, Calif.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio A. Aoyagi a girl in Denver.  
 To Mr. and Mrs. Ted T. Watanabe a boy in Denver.

#### DEATHS

Yonezo Ishikawa, 74, on April 1 in Seattle.  
 Chonosuke Kimura on March 28 in Los Angeles.  
 Sanjiro Uyesaka on March 26 in Fowler, Calif.  
 Mio Uchida, 67, on March 23 in Seattle.  
 Kenneth Kiyoshi Okano, 2-day old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Okano, on March 29 in Madera, Calif.  
 Shinhachi Yamate on March 29 in South Pasadena, Calif.  
 Mrs. Taki Ito on March 29 in Fort Lupton, Colo.

#### MARRIAGES

Edith Miyazawa to Kiyoshi Inouye on March 26 in New York City.  
 Sumiye Mary Nakagawa to Douglas Y. Izu on March 26 in San Jose, Calif.  
 Atsuko Shimasaki to Paul Kasuda on March 26 in Chicago.  
 Grace Watanabe to Dr. Eugene T. Kimura on Feb. 12 in Chicago.  
 Mary Ogasawara to George Muramoto on March 18 in Chicago.  
 Frances Kageyama to Benjamin Kamiya on March 19 in Chicago.  
 Grace Setsuko Setsuda to Ernest Uno on April 2 in Los Angeles.

#### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Kazuko Deguchi, 22, Berkeley, and Morio Nishita, 30, in San Francisco.  
 Sueko S. Nishikawa, 21, and Kenji Fukuda, 26, in Fresno, Calif.  
 Sadako Bungo, 27, and Chick Sasaki, 25, both of Reedley, Calif., in Fresno.  
 Ayako Hosaka, 22, Reedley, and Noboru Yamakoshi, 23, Chicago, in Fresno.  
 Eiko Kishimura, 47, and Frank S. Tsuyuki, 65 in Fresno.

### Placer Chapter Signs Up 230 in Membership Drive

PENRYN, Calif. — The Placer County JACL recently concluded its membership drive with 230 members signed up for the coming year.  
 Roy Yoshida, membership drive chairman, reported that the Loomis-Rocklin district leads with 70 members, while Penryn is second with 64. Newcastle posted 51 members while 45 were signed up in the Lincoln area.  
 Among those participating in the drive were: Jay Sasaki, James Makimoto, George Makabe, Hiroshi Takemoto and Cosma Sakamoto, Loomis; Dick Nagaoka, Hike Yego, Tim Sasabuchi and Rick Yamada, Penryn; Jim Nitta, Frank Hironaka, Harry Kakahata and Yosh Nakamura, Newcastle. and Shig Kajimura, Howard Nakae and Kay Takemoto, Lincoln, and Kay Morimoto, Auburn.  
 James Makimoto heads the 1950 cabinet of the chapter.

### Pasadena Chapter Reported Near Goal In ADC Fund Drive

PASADENA, Calif. — A large part of the \$1,000 ADC drive goal in the Pasadena community has been pledged, it was announced by Dr. Thomas Omori, president of the Pasadena JACL Chapter, at the campaign kickoff held at the chapter monthly meeting on March 30. President Omori reported that the drive has received the complete support of the Japanese Community Center of which Harry S. Takei is president.  
 A deputy registrar of voters was on hand to register 17 members for the forthcoming primary elections to be held in June.  
 The chapter program for the next four months was outlined by president Omori: A potluck supper in April; a movie benefit in May, a dance in June and participation in the Pacific Southwest District Council convention at the Chase Hotel in Santa Monica on July 1 and 2.

### Tokyo Student Given Scholarship By New Foundation

WESTFIELD, N. J. — Joseph Wataru Ohmi, student at Keio university in Tokyo, has been awarded one of two scholarships donated by Upsala college for students of Japanese origin, according to Malcolm F. Reed, secretary of the Japanese Scholarship Foundation.  
 Ohmi was recently seen at his desk in a scene in the March of Time release, "MacArthur's Japan." Ohmi had been prevented from studying in the states because of lack of funds for transportation and living expenses.  
 The scholarship was obtained through the Japanese Scholarship Foundation, which was recently established in Westfield to obtain scholarship grants from universities and colleges and to raise funds for recipients.  
 The foundation plans to incorporate shortly, according to Reed, and will launch an intensive drive for contributions.  
 "The foundation is meant to fill a particular need—a program specifically designed to make it possible for young Japanese to come to the United States to study, to see how we live, to give them an opportunity to look at their homeland in a perspective which would not be possible by any other means, and help in the rebuilding of the new Japan," Reed said.

## Senate Group Plans Hearings On Hawaii Statehood Bill

By I. H. GORDON

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Senate will begin Committee hearings on Alaskan statehood April 24, followed a week later with hearings on Hawaiian Statehood, the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee was advised this week.  
 Hearings will be held by the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee headed by Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney, (D., Wyo.)  
 Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, said the hearings are a "signal step forward" in the drive to win statehood for the territories.  
 They mark the first time the Senate has taken under consideration statehood for both Alaska and Hawaii. The closest either has come to achieving the status of a sister state in the Republic was when a Hawaiian Statehood bill passed the House two years ago it died in the Senate.  
 Although hearings are set, the Senate Committee has not yet arranged for Committee action on either of the statehood bills.  
 But as Mr. Masaoka pointed out, increasing national sentiment favoring the bills might result in sufficient pressure on the Committee to force consideration of the two bills this session.  
 Proponents for the status of statehood for the territories are convinced the bills could pass if

brought up for a Senate vote.  
 In House arguments on statehood, Alaska had the roughest sledding. The principal argument raised against it was that the northern territory had a small—roughly 100,000—population and did not possess a sufficiently strong tax base to support a state that would become the largest in the Union.  
 Defense was a key word used in House arguments.  
 Proponents argued that the closer Hawaii and Alaska were united with the common cause of the United States, the more loyal they would be in event of a future conflict, and declared that statehood was a fitting reward for the loyalty and sacrifices of the territories in the last war. Even those opposing statehood had admiration for the course the territories pursued in World War II.  
 Although the racial issue never actually arose in the House as a debatable point, opposition to Hawaii came largely from southern representatives, indicating that deep-rooted prejudices of the South are a deterrent in granting Statehood to the island territory. And yet, paradoxically, some of the most vigorous proponents also were southerners.  
 Mr. Masaoka said the JACL ADC will take vigorous action in behalf of the statehood bills in the Senate.

## Attorney General McGrath Asks Supreme Court to Ban Racial Segregation Practices

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The first of three major cases involving race segregation came before the U.S. Supreme court this week as Attorney General McGrath asked for outlawing of segregation as "a form of inequality and discrimination" which violates the constitution.  
 He spoke in the Elmer Henderson case, in which the court is asked to outlaw race separation on dining cars.  
 The JACL has entered the case, filing a brief as friend of court.  
 "Facilities segregated on the basis of race or color are not and never can be equal in any sense of the word," McGrath said as he asked for outright elimination of the "separate but equal" facilities tradition which separates Negroes and whites in the south.  
 Belford C. Lawson, Jr., Washington attorney and a Negro, said: "We have lived in the dark night of Jim Crow long enough."  
 The case was appealed to the high court by Henderson, who said that he was unable to get a meal on a Southern Railway company diner during a trip to Birmingham, Ala. in 1942.  
 Southern railroads later adopted a policy of setting aside one or two tables for Negroes in their dining cars. The tables are separated from the others with a rope or curtains. This practice was approved by the interstate commerce commission.  
 "Few things can be more invidious, more humiliating, than thus to be tagged as unfit to associate with others," McGrath

said. "Individual distinction, achievement, character count for nothing. A trace, a 'taint' of Negro ancestry is all that is necessary to put one beyond the pale."  
 Lawson, who is Henderson's attorney, said the segregated tables amounted to "a badge of inferiority" and said the case gives the court an opportunity to destroy segregation.  
 Rep. Hobbs of Alabama, stating that he spoke for Congress, replied to McGrath's assertions by saying that "God is the author of discrimination."  
 "God almighty made people of different colors," Rep. Hobbs said. "God is the author of discrimination and His creatures have proved they liked His handiwork . . ."  
 "We contend there can be no question but that a normal person who has no inferiority complex—no normal person—could feel that because he wasn't invited to a party, he was insulted."  
 Rep. Hobbs asked the court to decide the case "on the principles of existing law—not on philosophical grounds or on political evangelism."

The court this week also took under advisement two other cases, involving segregation of Negro students in southern universities.  
 Attorneys for Herman Marion Sweat and G. W. McLaurin argued that the segregation policy violates the 14th Amendment which forbids any state to "deny to any person the equal protection of the laws."

## Far East Representatives Join Buddhists in Wesak Festival

### Graduates

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Thirty students of Marietta Ando will graduate from the Model Fashion School in exercises April 23 at the Peter Burnett junior high school girls' league garden.  
 Yojiri K. Yamamoto, creator of the YKY system taught at the school, will come from Denver for the commencement. Yamamoto will be one of the speakers.  
 Graduating will be Mrs. Hideko Ando, Mary Ando, Mrs. Ruth F. Fukugawa, Taeko Hamamura, Grace M. Hamano, Sumiko Inouye, Kay Kawanami, Fumiko Kira, Yoko Mayekawa, Ruri Minato, Mrs. Ayako Mizota, Yoshiko Mizusaki, Chizu Mizutani, June K. Nakahara, Molly M. Nakamura, Dora Nishimura, Mrs. M. Okamura, Miyoko Sakaguchi, Michiko Shiine, Betty Seto, Gladys Seto, Mrs. Mary Tabata, Susan Toi, Alice C. Uchiyama, May Umeda, Mitsu Urata, Miyo Yagi, Elrie Yamamoto, Mrs. Violet H. Yasuda and Mrs. Evelyn Yuki.

### Takei Announces Staff for Southwest Regional Convention

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—A 16-man staff was announced by Bill Takei, Pacific Southwest District Council Convention chairman, for the two-day meeting at Santa Monica's Chase Hotel, July 1 and 2.  
 The selection of his committeemen was completed at the last Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council meeting. They are as follows:  
 Dr. Tom Watanabe, Elmer Uchida, general arrangements; Tut Yata, registration; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tayama, banquet-lunch; Lynn Takagaki, housing-in-

CHICAGO — Representatives from a number of far eastern nations will join with Chicago Buddhists in celebration of the Wesak Festival this Saturday night, April 8, at Mandel hall.

The festival is sponsored by the Chicago Buddhist church, the Rengo Buddhist church, the Hindustan Students Association and the East and West Fellowship.

The festival celebrates the birth of Buddha 2516 years ago in India. Dr. Sunder Joshi, noted lecturer on Oriental culture at the University of Chicago, will speak on Buddha and modern psychology. The Rev. G. M. Kubose, minister of the Chicago Buddhist church, will also be a speaker.

The Wesak ceremony itself is the bathing of a small image of the infant Buddha with sweet tea poured from a tiny dipper and symbolizing the dew from flowers. The rite, performed at a flower shrine in which the image stands, symbolizes the birth of Buddha amid the flowers in the garden of Lumbini.

Flower offers will be made by Piyadasa Wijeratne Vitanage of Ceylon, Boon Phool Asanachinta of Siam, Kay Mya Yee of Burma, Lucy Nakagawa and George Morisato of the Sangha group of the Chicago Buddhist church, Victor Kawasaki and June Ibe of the Lotus YBA, Chicago Buddhist church, and Michio Wakasa and Elaine Suzuki for the Sunday school. Also participating will be representatives from India, China, Hawaii and Japan.

vitiation; Sue Takimoto, Edison Uno, souvenir program; George Inagaki "1000" club; George Akasaka, finance; Natalie Mayeda, coronation ball — queen contest; Harry Honda, publicity, Dick Fujioka, social; Tats Kushida, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Saburo Kido, convention business agenda.

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CLEVELAND, O.—Pres Alice Morihoro of the Cleveland JACL presented gifts to membership drive team captains March 18 during an intermission at the chapter's annual dance. Here Pres. Morihoro, center, makes the presentation to captains of the winning unit, who stand with Shig Nakanishi, drive chairman. Left to right: Harlan Takahashi, Clara Yokoi, Pres. Morihoro, Nakanishi, and Betty Totsubo, who accepted a gift in behalf of Frank Totsubo.—Harlan Takahashi Photo.

### Masaoka Cites Need for Nisei Organization in Coast Speech

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — A potluck dinner that turned out to be a delicious spaghetti smorgasbord featuring chili beans, tamale pie, macaroni and spaghetti attracted more than 60 JACLers to the Santa Barbara chapter's meeting held at Welcome House on March 25, reports chapter president Tad Kanetomo.

Tom Hirashima ably conducted the program which was highlighted with an inspiring message by Mike Masaoka who was among the nine guests from Los Angeles. JACL officials and their wives from Los Angeles were Frank Chuman, national JACL second vice president, Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, chairman of the Pacific Southwest District Council, George (Callahan) Inagaki, national chairman of the JACL 1000 Club, and Tats Kushida, regional director.

Hirashima not only introduced the JACL officers for brief words but unexpectedly called on them for solos during the singspiration, high point of which was an impromptu duet by Chuman and Kushida.

In his message, Mike Masaoka, national JACL-ADC legislative director, stressed the validity and necessity for the existence of an organization such as the JACL.

"There are many, many Caucasian organizations and civic groups such as the Council for Civic Unity, churches, race relations organizations and others that are ready to carry the ball for persons of Japanese ancestry. Because we have a number of problems peculiar only to ourselves, we must organize in order to adequately present our problems to these organizations who otherwise could not strengthen our efforts to gain equality of status," Masaoka said, adding that the JACL has never asked for any special favors or special privileges for the Japanese American group but simply consideration and treatment on the same basis as any other American.

Ikey Kakimoto, chairman of the ADC drive in Santa Barbara, announced that the campaign had passed the 80% mark of their goal of \$400, expressing confidence that the goal would be surpassed shortly. The \$334 collected so far from more than 60 persons was turned over to the regional director.

Dr. Nishikawa described the planning of the four host chapters in Los Angeles for the PSWDC convention to be held at the Chase Hotel in Santa Monica on July 1 and 2, inviting full attendance, participation and support by the Santa Barbara Chapter. Kushida spoke on the JACL Credit Union of the PSWDC and urged Santa Barbarans to join the rapidly growing financial institution.

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### Dance Climaxes Membership Drive

CLEVELAND, O.—Climaxing the 1950 membership drive, the Cleveland JACL annual dance held Saturday evening, March 18, at the Engineers' Society building was acclaimed a success by the 150 persons attending.

During the intermission Alice Morihoro, president, commended membership drive committee members for their successful campaign.

Shig Nakanishi, chairman of the campaign, reported that the two units competing against each other for the most memberships gave each other a "down to the wire" battle and that Unit No. 2 under Clara Yokoi, Harlan Takahashi and Frank Totsubo barely nosed out Unit No. 1. Captains for Unit No. 1 were Harry Kaku and Shig Nezu.

Pres. Morihoro presented gifts to the chairman and team captains of both units.

JACL pins were given to Howard Tashima and Frank Shiba, ex-presidents of the chapter, by Pres. Morihoro.

The dance was under the general chairmanship of Skeeter Miyake. Assisting Miss Miyake were Gene Takahashi, master of ceremonies; Grace Yoshizaki, secretary; Miyo Yamamoto and Sumi Kitahata, publicity chairmen; George Oga, in charge of orchestra arrangements; and Terry Fujikawa and Tak Yamagata, in charge of posters.

### ALL Women Name Cabinet Officers

FRESNO, Calif.—The women's division of the Fresno American Loyalty League named Mrs. Johnny Yanase as president at an organizational meeting at the Buddhist church.

The group was formed to supplement the work of the ALL.

Main project for the group will be a scholarship fund raising event. Mrs. Fred Hirasuna, Mrs. Beck Saiki and Mrs. Mike Iwatsubo were appointed to make arrangements.

Mrs. Yanase will be assisted by the following officers: Mrs. Seichiki Mikami, vice pres.; Toy Hoshiko, sec.; Mrs. Hirasuna and Mrs. Robert Kimura, treasurers; and Mrs. Iwatsubo, publicity chmn.

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### Plan Graduation Rites in Issei Citizenship Class

LOS ANGELES — Graduating exercises for the second naturalization and citizenship classes will be held at the Koyasan Betsuin Temple, 342 E. First street, on Thursday, April 13, at 8 p. m., it was announced by the sponsoring organizations, the Japanese American Citizens League and the Southern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce, this week.

Guest speaker will be the Hon. James M. Carter, judge of the Federal District Court and former United States District Attorney in Los Angeles. Brief remarks will also be made by Dr. W. M. Kato, representing the graduating class of 120 Issei students; John Maeno, representing the JACL of which he is the chairman of the National Legal Committee; and Katsuma Mukaeda, president of the Southern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce and past JACL-ADC chairman in Los Angeles.

Instructor Reed Lawton will present the certificates. Vocal selections will be sung by Sue Takimoto and Lane Nakano accompanied by Michiko Dohzen.

The public as well as the members, families and friends of the first graduating class of November 1949, are invited to attend the program in which the Nisei Veterans Association will also play a prominent part.

Members and families of the current class will attend a graduation party arranged by the Southern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce at the Kow Nan Low restaurant at 6 that evening. The exercises will be arranged by the JACL.

### Alice Morihoro Talks On Cleveland Panel

CLEVELAND, O.—Working toward one world of peace and brotherhood was the topic of discussion at a panel held Sunday, March 26, by the Women's Forum of Cleveland at St. John's AME church.

Member of the panel was Alice Morihoro, president of the Cleveland JACL.

Appearing with Miss Morihoro were Mary Spivy, assistant prosecutor at boys' court, who acted as moderator; Leah Jacob, Cleveland Press reporter; Helena Volinsky, a displaced person; and Mary Grace Rogers, sociologist.

Pres. Morihoro briefly discussed the Indian situation, American foreign policy toward Japan and China and also brought in the Communist situation in the far east.

"The fundamental problem of our time," she noted, "is not how to achieve the greatest possible degree of liberty but how to assure the maximum of human welfare with the least possible encroachment on human liberty."

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### Denver Police Anti-Gambling "Crusade" Nets Twelve Issei

#### Wry Editorial Comment Grets Arrest of Old "Hana" Players

DENVER—Denver police, carrying out their first raid since they announced war on gambling in the city, netted a dozen elderly Issei and \$2.99 in pot money in a raid on Larimer street March 29.

Taken to municipal court, they were fined \$10 each, which was suspended on promise of "good behavior."

Judge Frank E. Hickey described the men as "senile delinquents."

The youngest suspect was 62 and the oldest 74. During the 20 minutes the case took in court, several of the suspects found it necessary to lean against benches and tables for support and one rested heavily upon a cane. All, however, remained standing during the hearing.

Only a few could speak English, but they managed to get across the plea that they were simply old men playing Flowers (Japanese card game) for amusement. The men were using Mexican jumping beans as counters when raided.

Both Denver dailies commented wryly in their editorial columns following news accounts of the police raid.

In an editorial titled "Captain McCoy's Crusade," the Rocky Mountain News on March 31 said: "So this is what Capt. Verne McCoy meant when he promised that there would be a roundup of known gamblers in Denver."

The editorial continued: "A dozen elderly Japanese Americans—ages 62 to 74—have been arrested for playing a Chinese game called Flowers with Mexican beans. Total money on the table: \$2.99."

"It is a pity that these brave men of the law didn't raid the Denver Press Club where, we are told, poker games have been known to be played and not for fun."

"Or the Denver Country Club where, we suspect, bridge games, or possibly even that evil diversion called canasta, have been reported to have developed."

"Or any one of the private veterans' and fraternal clubs where one-arm bandits have taken nickels,

dimes and quarters remorselessly from the customers.

"But no! A dozen elderly Japanese Americans could be arrested and thrown in the jug, with all the mighty righteousness of the law, because a dozen elderly Japanese Americans couldn't possibly cause Captain McCoy any trouble.

"The truth is, that unless Captain McCoy really means to clean up the gang-linked gamblers in the city, who are operating with Denver as a base, there is little purpose served in this great crusade of his.

"It is these gamblers who should be arrested—with evidence to support the arrests—and not a few defenseless men who are merely trying to kill a few hours pleasantly in the latter days of their years."

Meanwhile the Denver Post noted that the Police department morals bureau should be awarded a "lead star" and "the cross of the legion of decency, fourth class."

"Raise its members' pay and give them a month's furlough to rest up," the Post said. "For the morals bureau has suppressed vice in Denver."

Pointing out that the police had promised that gambling would be stopped in Denver, the Post said it had kept its word and stopped gambling in a Larimer street carpenter's shop.

"Outside, in their trusty cruiser, the morals bureau marshalled forces, to descend upon this palace of vice," the Post continued.

"Inside, twelve old Oriental gentlemen, unaware of the approach of our heroes, reveled in sin, wagering and betting, laughing and joking.

"Then in broke our heroes, arms aflaying, guns awaiting.

"Outside, in the wagon, sat twelve old Oriental gentlemen, enroute to the pokie for their sins. Inside, at the table, the coppers raked in the tainted money—\$2.99. "Crime doesn't pay!"

### Box Lunch Social

CHICAGO—New members of the Chicago JACL were honored at the chapter's first social event of 1950, a box lunch social, held Saturday, March 11 at the Monroe YWCA.

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