



## Interior Secretary Chapman Accepts Invitation to Speak At National JACL Convention

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary of Interior Oscar L. Chapman has accepted the personal invitation of Mike Masaoka, national JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee director, to address the eleventh national biennial convention of the Japanese American Citizens League in Chicago, Sept. 28-Oct. 2, at Hotel Stevens.

Mr. Masaoka said Secretary Chapman, who was "most happy" to address the convention, will speak at the principal convention banquet, Oct. 2, highlighting the national session bringing together JACL delegates and members from 79 chapters in 38 states, the District of Columbia and Hawaii.

The secretary is the highest ranking government official ever to address a JACL convention, and the first cabinet member to do so. He has served as a top-ranking official since 1933 when he was appointed an Assistant Secretary of Interior.

The secretary has consistently been one of the administration's staunch supporters of fair play for minorities, and has made special effort to assist those of Japanese ancestry regain an equal place in American democracy.

He is the only cabinet member who has testified in behalf of such legislation as the Evacuation Claims Act and the Judd bill for equality in naturalization and immigration.

Both as an Assistant Secretary and later Under Secretary in Interior, Sect. Chapman directed the War Relocation Authority which had charge of evacuated Japanese during the war.

He approved and defended WRA programs which led to the relocation of evacuees into civilian life, and fought vigorously to win their acceptance by the armed forces.

Mr. Masaoka described the secretary as "one of the nation's finest friends of persons of Japanese ancestry. His ideas have epitomized the best in democracy. He has fought hard to defend those who need friends.

"The wisdom of Sect. Chapman's ideas may be found today in the present status of persons of Japanese ancestry. Over protests, Sect. Chapman got the Nisei accepted by the armed forces. After they were, they proved for once and all time that loyalty never was and never will be a matter of skin color or ancestry.

"On the home front and in combat, the faith of those of Japanese ancestry vindicated every effort Secretary Chapman undertook in their behalf," he said.

A native of Denver, Colo., Sect. Chapman attended the University of New Mexico, Denver University and Westminster Law School.

He served with the Navy in World War I, and later became assistant, then chief probation officer of the Juvenile Court in Denver.

In 1933 he went to work for the government as an Assistant Secretary of Interior, later was appointed Under Secretary and, on Dec. 1, 1949, was made Secretary of Interior by President Truman.

He has long exhibited an interest in minority groups. Early in the thirties he helped organize the Spanish-American League to combat exploitation of Mexican workers in the United States. In 1940 he was the U.S. delegate to the



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Inter-American Indian Congress in Mexico, and he has served on the Committee on Race Relations in the District of Columbia.

His work with youth groups has included membership on the Advisory Board, National Training School for Boys, president of the Board of Control of Colorado State Industrial School for Boys, and chairman of the Colorado Legion's State Child Welfare Committee.

Among other positions he has held have been:

Membership on the Interdepartmental Committee to review charges of subversive activity against Federal employees; vice chairman, Inter-American Conference on Conservation, 1948; Deputy Chairman, U.S. participants to the UN Scientific Conference on Conservation and Utilization of Resources, New York, 1949; member, President's Advisory Committee on Management Improvement in Government; member, Board of Directors, F. D. Roosevelt Foundation; and member Phi Alpha Delta, (legal fraternity); American Judicature Society, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and American Legion.

He holds honorary degrees from Augustana College; Colorado State College of Education and Howard University.

## Nisei Vets Join Loyalty Day Rites

NAMPA, Ida.—Nisei World War II veterans from this area will march in a gigantic Loyalty day parade in Boise on Saturday, April 29.

Participation of the Nisei marchers was welcomed by Grant Hess, chairman.

# Court Cites U. N. Charter In Invalidating Land Law

## California Appellate Tribunal Rules Out Anti-Alien Statute In Decision on Fujii Test Case

LOS ANGELES—The California Alien Land law was declared "untenable and unenforceable" by the State District Court of Appeals on April 23 because it conflicts with the United Nations charter, of which the United States is a signatory.

Ruling in the Sei Fujii case, the three-man court reversed a lower court decision upholding the land law which prohibits aliens of Japanese ancestry from the ownership of land in California.

Justice Emmet H. Wilson wrote the decision in which Presiding Justice Minor Moore and Justice Marshall F. McComb concurred.

The decision is believed to be the first in which the charter of the United Nations has been used to invalidate a state law.

"The United Nations charter is a treaty between the United States and other nations," Justice Wilson declared. "The Federal Constitution provides that all treaties take precedence of state law."

Justice Wilson stressed that the United Nations charter guarantees respect for human rights and fundamental freedom without regard for color, race or religion.

The court's decision declared that the California Alien Land law conflicts with Article 17 of the Declaration of Human Rights of the U.N. charter which proclaims the right of everyone to own property. The ruling said that the California statute is discriminatory to Japanese aliens residing in the state.

"Clearly such a discrimination against a people of one race is contrary both to the letter and the spirit of the charter which, as a treaty, is paramount to every law of every state in conflict with it," Justice Wilson said. "The Alien Land law must therefore yield to the treaty as the superior authority. The restrictions of the statute based on eligibility to citizenship, but which ultimately and actually are

referable to race or color, must be and are therefore declared untenable and unenforceable."

The Fujii case is the second within two months in which a California court has ruled the Alien Land law to be invalid. Ruling in the Haruye Masaoka case on March 17, Superior Judge Thurmond Clarke declared the land law to be unconstitutional in preventing a resident alien mother of Japanese ancestry from receiving a home from her five citizen sons.

The Masaoka case decision has been appealed by the state of California.

The California Alien Land law was adopted as an initiative measure by the voters of California in 1920. It specifically prohibited ownership of land to "aliens ineligible to citizenship."

Justice Wilson's decision noted that the statute, when it was adopted in 1920, was applicable to the nationals of several countries by reason of their ineligibility to citizenship but that by amendments to the federal naturalization laws only Japanese and an insignificant number of other aliens of Asiatic descent are now prohibited from owning land in the state.

The opinion pointed out that the land law has been repeatedly held to be constitutional by the U. S. Supreme court and the Supreme court of California and that none of these decisions ever has been overruled. It added that the court is not declaring the statute to be in violation of the Constitution but the decision is limited to the conflict between the statute and the United Nations charter.

Mr. Fujii, publisher of the California Daily News in Los Angeles, initiated the suit by purchasing a piece of property and commencing a disclaimer suit against the state. In the Los Angeles Superior court the judge declared the land law to be constitutional and ruled that escheat had taken place automatically as of the date of the transfer of the real property to Fujii.

J. Marion Wright and Owen E. Kupfer were attorneys for Fujii.

## Ogden Businessman Killed, Wife Hurt In California Crash

OGDEN, Utah — Seiichiro Tamaki, 69, local businessman, was killed on April 27 in an automobile accident in Bakersfield, Calif., according to a report received here.

His wife, Mrs. Chiyoko Tamaki, was reported critically injured in the crash.

Mr. Tamaki is survived by two sons, Seiichi and Jiro, and five daughters, Yuriko, Naoko, Sachiko, Hisako and Kiku. Seiichi and Kiku are in Japan.

Mr. Tamaki arrived in the United States in 1900 and studied at a commercial high school in San Francisco. He was the head of the Tamaki Trading company in Ogden and was on a business trip in California at the time of his death.

## Attorney Unable To Raise Bail For 'Tokyo Rose'

SAN FRANCISCO—Hope for the release of Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino now serving a ten-year term after being convicted by a Federal jury last fall of treason while acting as the "Tokyo Rose" of Japanese wartime propaganda dimmed here this week.

Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas had granted Mrs. d'Aquino the right to be released on \$50,000 bail while awaiting the result of her appeal on the treason conviction.

Wayne Collins, attorney for Mrs. d'Aquino, said here this week that nobody seems "both able and willing" to put up the \$50,000.

## 7 Nisei Will Attend Hawaii State Hearings

### Political Leaders Will Attend Senate Committee Hearings

HONOLULU — At least seven Nisei are among Hawaii leaders tentatively scheduled to attend Washington hearings on statehood legislation May 1.

A Hawaiian delegation of more than 40 members is expected to fly to the capital. Most of them will go by chartered plane to testify or attend the Hawaii statehood hearings to be conducted by the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs committee.

The Nisei so far listed to make the trip include:

Attorney Katsuro Miho, member of the Hawaii Statehood commission; Sen. Wilford C. Tsukiyama, Sen. Toshio Ansai, Rep. Thomas T. Sakakihara, Rep. Joseph Tagaki, Rep. Noboru Miyake and Rep. Steere G. Noda.

## Sen. Thomas Moves to Obtain Action on Walter Resolution

### Majority Leader Lucas Assures Utah Of Interest in Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Although he failed in a surprise move from the floor to bring up the Walter resolution, Sen. Elbert D. Thomas, (D., Utah), has received definite assurance the naturalization bill will not be allowed to die in the 81st Congress without action, according to the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this week.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, said the senator from Utah sought to bring up the resolution during the recent calendar call, but was blocked because of parliamentary reasons.

When, however, the Senate recently took action on another calendar bill out of order, Sen. Thomas sought also to have the resolution again called up.

Speaking from the floor, Sen. Thomas said it is "definitely in behalf of the Japanese, who have gained permanent residence, whose sons and daughters served in the armed forces of the United States and who are American citizens.

"On the call," he said, "there was objection to the measure. The junior Senator from Georgia (Russell) objected, but I have been informed that he has withdrawn his objection and that he would not object to the joint resolution when the calendar is called.

"Very few persons will be af-

ected by the measure. Only those who have gained permanent residence in the United States will be affected. It will not affect in any way or in any sense the laws now in effect with respect to persons becoming citizens . . ."

Senate Majority Leader Scott D. Lucas (D., Ill.), replied that he was in "total sympathy" with Sen. Thomas' views. "However, in talking with the junior Senator from Georgia . . . he advised me that he has an amendment to offer to (the bill) when it comes up for consideration. Under those circumstances I cannot agree to have it considered at this time.

"The junior Senator from Georgia is unavoidably absent. Therefore, I think it would be unwise to take up the resolution in his absence. Let me say that I am just as much interested in the measure as the Senator from Utah is, because a number of persons who live in Illinois are affected by it.

"I guarantee to the Senator that before we conclude the session, action will be taken on the resolution."

Sen. Thomas replied that he would not have made his request had not the Resolution passed the House of Representatives and been reported unanimously by the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

"However, of course, I shall not make the request if the Senator from Georgia wishes to be present during the consideration of the resolution," he added.

## Central California Group Will Organize New JACL Chapter

SANGER, Calif.—Nisei from Del Rey and Sanger met April 20 to organize the seventh JACL chapter in the Central California district council, the Del Rey-Sanger JACL.

Bob Kanagawa of Sanger was elected temporary chairman. He will be assisted by Joanne Mizuke, secretary, and Tom Kumano, treasurer.

Toru Ikeda of the Central California regional office discussed past achievements of the JACL and told of the necessity for organization of more chapters in this area.

A membership drive committee was selected with six district chairmen. The local area will be divided into six districts for the campaign. The drive will begin immediately and continue for a month.

A constitutional committee was appointed to draft a constitution for the new group. It will meet May 5 at the home of Tom Nakamura.

Bob Kanagawa presented a movie as an entertainment feature.

The organizing meeting was held at the Sanger Japanese hall.

# Rep. Arashiro Accepts Post In Convention

### Replaces Official Ousted for Refusal To Give Testimony

HONOLULU, T.H. — Rep. Matsuki Arashiro, D., Kauai, on April 25 accepted Governor Stainback's offer of a constitutional convention seat, replacing Frank G. Silva who was ousted as a result of his refusal to testify before the House un-American Activities subcommittee last week.

Gov. Stainback offered the seat to Arashiro on April 21. The Nisei legislator, an automobile salesman and an LLWU member like Silva, accepted after several days of deliberation. He was indorsed by the other five Kauai delegates to the convention.

His home precinct club at Eleele, Kauai, also indorsed him but there was opposition from the Koloa club which recommended Henry Oyama to the governor.

"I believe that with my experience as a labor union man for over 14 years, and my experience as a legislator I have something very definite to contribute," Arashiro said.

"I believe that provisions making possible a strong and contented labor movement in Hawaii is basic to the long range welfare of Hawaii. I believe that these provisions can be made within the framework of a liberal constitution for the state of Hawaii."

# Dayton Increases JACL Membership By Fifty Percent

DAYTON, O.—A 50 per cent increase in membership was reported for the Dayton JACL at the close of its 1950 membership drive.

Thirty regular members and 13 special members have been signed to date.

Bill Yukawa and George Yoshida headed the drive, assisted by Dr. James Taguchi, Lillie Mihara, Mary Okino and Kim Sakada.

Dr. Taguchi is president of the chapter.

# Idaho Congressmen Promise Support For Claims Bill

NAMPA, Ida.—Idaho Reps. John Sanborn and Compton I. White assured the Boise Valley JACL recently that they would help in restoring the evacuation claims bill appropriation, which was cut by one million dollars by Congress.

"It is the responsibility of the government to meet its obligations to these evacuees," Rep. Sanborn wrote. He said he was in "full sympathy" with the position of the chapter on the matter.

Rep. White wrote:

"I will endeavor in the Senate committee and on the floor of the House to have the full amount of the appropriation requested by the Department (of Justice) restored."

# Jack Ando Takes Prexy Position Of Wyoming JACL

WORLAND, Wyo.—Jack Ando was elected president of the Northern Wyoming JACL at its second annual election April 15.

He succeeds Dr. Minol Ota.

Named to serve with Ando were Kaz Uriu, 1st vice pres.; Frank Ito, 2nd vice pres.; Mrs. Haruki Shimogaki, rec. sec.; Mrs. Minol Ota, corr. sec.; Haruki Shimogaki, treas.; Dr. Ota, delegate at large; Kay Nakamura, alternate delegate; Mrs. Tom Ujifusa, historian; and Mrs. Kaz Uriu, reporter.

Named to committees were the following: Tom Ujifusa, Dr. Ota and Kay Nakamura, finance; Mrs. Kaz Uriu, Clara Ujifusa and Mrs. Tom Ujifusa, social; and George Ujifusa, Rick Shimogaki and Harry Ujifusa, Jr., athletic committee.

A donation of \$25 for the ADC from Mr. Sato was reported by Haruki Shimogaki, ADC chairman.

The cost of stamps and other materials for the past year was donated to the chapter by Mrs. Tom Ujifusa, past secretary.

# Washington Girl Crowned Queen of Eastern JACL



Miss Eastern District Council of the JACL, Fuku Yokoyama of Washington, D. C., is shown with her attendants at the EDC meeting in Philadelphia on April 15. The queen contestants and attendants are (left to right), Blanche Ishida and Yuki Kozai, New York attendants; Marian Miyazaki, Miss New York JACL; Miss Yokoyama; Naomi Nakano, Miss Philadelphia JACL; and Rose Utsunomiya and Sumi Kobayashi, Philadelphia attendants. Miss Yokoyama, candidate of the Washington JACL, is a registered nurse who formerly resided in Salinas, Calif. She is at present at the Georgetown University hospital. —Photo by Bob Fukushima, Philadelphia.

# Convention Personalities: Dr. T. T. Yatabe Helped Form National JACL Organization

By JOHN Y. YOSHINO

Chicago, Ill.

"The 11th biennial National JACL convention this fall in Chicago from Sept. 28 to Oct. 2 at the Stevens hotel will be the greatest convention in the history of the organization." So spoke Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe, a member of the convention board in an interview with me in his loop office on a recent Saturday morning.

That statement coming from a man who has been dubbed the "Grandfather of the JACL" is certainly worth noting. When I asked Dr. Yatabe to tell me about his first work with the Japanese Americans in Fresno, he smilingly recalled that one of his earliest contributions toward community organization in the Fresno valley was the formation of a Boy Scout troop.

"They were all a fine bunch of boys and turned out to be even finer men. Leaders and professional men like Rev. George Aki and Dr. Kikuo Taira," he proudly remarked, "are fine examples of that group of boys."

Starting back in 1924 as the Fresno Loyalty League's first president, Dr. Yatabe shortly afterwards became the National JACL's first president. Through the years he has had the chance to see the organization grow in membership, influence and public service.

"Today," he told me, "the leaders of the JACL at every level—national, regional and local—are Nisei with real ability. They are assuming their responsibility to serve sincerely and cheerfully." He compared them with JACL leaders back in the late twenties and early thirties, and he said that there was a wide range of difference.

He thought that the main reason for that difference was that the Nisei group as a whole has matured. Whereas the average Nisei age in 1930 was around 15, today it is around 23. Another reason advanced by Dr. Yatabe is the large group of Nisei men and women who graduate from college.

When the war came, Dr. Yatabe, after a successful and lucrative dental practice in Fresno since 1922, was evacuated with his family to the Fresno assembly center. It was natural that the people should turn to a man with years of proven service and high ability to lead them through troubled times. They made him chairman of the community council, where he stayed and worked with the people for over 10 months before moving on to Arkansas. After a few months in the Jerome relocation camp in Arkansas, the Yatabe family relocated to Chicago in March of 1943. He has been here ever since.

The Yatabe family own their apartment in a Co-op apartment building in Garfield park near the First Church of the Brethren where they are members.

"It's all in the experiences of a lifetime," he said, as he brushed aside my attempts to discuss in length his fine public relations work from 1943 to 1945 when he was on a speaking tour as the National JACL's regional representative. He covered practically every state in the Middle West and the East with Ruby Yoshino, Nisei soprano. The team appeared before thousands of people in clubs, schools, churches, service groups, etc., to inform them about the struggles of the Japanese people, many of whom at that time were still in the camps. I was told by my sister, Ruby, that many a time "Doc" moved his audience to tears with his sincere and moving eloquence. Dr. Yatabe said Ruby's fine singing first helped to break the ice and put the people in a receptive mood to listen to his message.

It is not hard to understand why, even today, as he works in his dental office, he is in such demand to go out and address people. He said he tries his best to fill each engagement, for it is his duty to continue public relations work.

He is both a devoted husband and parent. When speaking of his 19 year-old-son, Dudley, he smiled heartwarmingly and said, "Dudley's so busy with his school work as a music major at Northwestern university on the Evanston campus we hardly see him now; however, he is one of the reasons we have decided to stay in Chicago, because we feel there is greater opportunity for him in the field of music."

Then he focussed his attention to the broader community life and opportunity to serve the people in that area. Of that he said, "Chicago offered a great challenge and opportunities to the Nisei. The criterion for success here is individual ability more than race,

# Former Commander of Nisei Unit Addresses EDC Meet

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — JACL members from New York, Washington, Seabrook and Boston converged on the Philadelphia YWCA on April 15 and 16 for an Eastern District council pre-convention rally.

Col. Virgil R. Miller, Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe and Mike Masaoka were special guest speakers.

Fuku Yokoyama of Washington, D. C., was crowned "Miss EDC" before 200 spectators at the rally dance.

General chairman for the event was Dr. Thomas H. Tamaki, who was assisted by Naomi Nakano, general arrangements chairman.

The rally got underway at noon Saturday with a cabinet meeting

of EDC officers and chapter presidents. EDC Chairman Tetsuo Iwasaki presided over the general assembly, which included a business meeting and comments by Dr. Yatabe and Masaoka.

A discussion period followed, with delegates attending separate meetings led by Henry Goshu, Hiroshi Uyehara, Gerry Kubo, Tom Hayashi, William Sasagawa, Frank Okazaki and Harold Horiuchi.

A 30-foot red, white and blue banner emblazoned with the words "Take-off for Chicago," keynoted the conference in the attractively decorated ballroom of the YWCA.

Col. Miller, former commanding officer of the 442nd combat team, was the feature speaker at the banquet. He spoke of his experiences and feelings arising from his relations with the Nisei during the war.

Dr. Yatabe, member of the JACL national board, traced the history of the JACL from its inception to the present time. Masaoka paid tribute to the various individuals and groups who have made significant contributions in the work of the organization.

William Sasagawa was toastmaster. Dr. E. W. J. Schmitt, a sponsor of the Philadelphia chapter, pronounced the invocation. Garry Oye led community singing with Mary Watanabe as accompanist. He also introduced Betty Watanabe's prize-winning entry in the song contest. Ayako Kishikawa, violinist, gave two selections.

Guests at the banquet were greeted by Susan Sasagawa and her committee of hostesses.

Feature of the dance following was a short skit presented by members of the Philadelphia chapter.

Titled "Philadelphia Story—JACL Style," it depicted the history of the chapter and its activities.

Miss Yokoyama was crowned queen by Tetsuo Iwasaki, EDC chairman. She will represent the district at the Chicago national convention. The coronation was preceded by a procession of queen candidates, consisting of Miss Yokoyama, Washington queen; Marian Miyazaki of New York and her two attendants, Blanche Ishida and Yuki Kozai; and Naomi Nakano, Philadelphia, and her attendants, Sumiko Kobayashi and Rose Utsunomiya. Judges were Col. and Mrs. Miller, Dr. Yatabe, Masaoka and Henry Lee Williams.

Jack Ozawa was dance chairman. Special Sunday features included a morning coffee hour at the YWCA, a tour of historic Philadelphia sights and a bowling tournament.

Committee chairmen for the rally included Hiroshi Uyehara, program; Yone Okamoto and Sumi Kobayashi, registration; Shoji Date, housing; Isamu Uyehara and Takashi Moriuchi, transportation; Mariko Ishiguro and Jack Ozawa, publicity; and George Sakai, finances.

## Kageyama Refuses to Resign Post as Honolulu Supervisor; May Face Perjury Charge

HONOLULU—Supervisor Richard M. Kageyama Tuesday refused to resign his post at the request of his colleagues on the City-County board.

The 31-year-old Nisei made his first public appearance since his dramatic confession April 10 that he was a Communist in 1947.

Kageyama told the board he had the request for his resignation under advisement. He said he had no further comment.

He declined to state how much longer it will be before he makes a decision on the ouster request.

His colleagues at the meeting Tuesday did not press for his resignation.

Meanwhile, the public prosecutor's office says it will bring perjury charges against Supervisor Kageyama if given sufficient evidence.

The prosecutor said Kageyama's own admission before the House un-American Activities committee may not be sufficient to bring perjury charges.

The supervisor had taken a government-required oath last year that he was not a Communist at that time or during the five years preceding.

He resigned as a delegate to the state constitutional convention soon after his confession and was "disowned" by the Democratic party.

## Nisei Nominated For Title of Mother of Year

CHICAGO—Mrs. Ken Nishi was one of six women nominated for the title of Mother of the Year by agencies of the Welfare Council of Metropolitan Chicago.

Winner of the title was Mrs. Marshall Jacobs, who earned the award by contributing more than 2,000 hours last year to help the handicapped.

Mrs. Nishi and other contestants were given silver and ruby pins. Ceremonies were held at the Eighth St. theater.

Mrs. Nishi was cited for her work in community services. She is secretary of the Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination. She is a daughter of Taihei Matsunaga, who heads the ADC drive in Chicago.

## Nisei Installed As P-TA President

ATWATER, Calif. — Mrs. Ben Nagai was installed as president of the Mitchell Union P-TA on Thursday, April 13, at the group's regular meeting.

Other cabinet members are Mrs. Henry Maguire, vice pres.; Mrs. Samuel, sec.; Mrs. George Hunt, treas.; Mrs. Harold Holman, Jr., auditor; Mrs. Alice Jacobs, parliamentarian; and Mrs. Harold Holman, historian.

The officers were installed in a candlelight ceremony led by Mrs. Elmer Nelson of Hilmar, president of the Merced county council P-TA.

## House Group May Cite 39 For Contempt

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Rep. Francis E. Walter, D., Pa., said on April 25 he will ask the House to cite for contempt 39 "rebellious witnesses" who refused to testify at hearings on Communist activities in Hawaii.

Walter, acting chairman of the House committee on un-American activities, said his group is planning a test case to see if it should prosecute all witnesses who refuse to say whether they are Communists because their answers might be self-incriminating.

Twenty-one of the 39 "rebellious witnesses" at the committee's nine-day hearings in Hawaii are Nisei.

Walter, a supporter of statehood for Hawaii, said the investigation revealed "a relatively small group of Communists have wormed their way into island politics, educational institutions and labor unions."

## Ex-Presidents Will Revamp Constitution

NAMPA, Ida.—Former presidents of the Boise Valley JACL will constitute a new committee of the chapter to revamp its current constitution and bring the by-laws up to date.

Henry Suyehira will be committee chairman.

Past presidents include Martha Nishitani, Edson Fujii, Mas Yamashita, Tom Takatori, George Koyama and George Ishihara.

Soya Sagami and Teo Kiyokawa, also past presidents, now reside in Wisconsin and Oregon, respectively.

## Progress Report Will Be Given on Shonien Campaign

LOS ANGELES—A progress report on plans to re-establish the Japanese Children's Home of Los Angeles, the former Shonien, will be given by the Architects Committee of the Board of Directors at a luncheon meeting to be held on Saturday, April 29, at the San Kwo Low Restaurant in Los Angeles, it was announced by board chairman Nobu Kawai. Serving on the Architects Committee are George Shinno, Jun Asakura and Tosh Terasawa.

## Nisei Progressives Announce Opposition to Mundt-Nixon Bill

NEW YORK—The Mundt-Nixon anti-subversive bill was denounced by the Nisei Progressives this week as a peril to the democratic rights of all minority groups.

In a statement issued April 24, the Progressives said Nisei Americans have a "compelling obligation" to speak out against any bill which embodies "the dangerous concept of guilt by association."

"As victims of this concept, when it was invoked as a wartime expediency, we can testify to its despotic character and its sweepingly unjust consequences," the statement said.

It warned that under terms of the bill, the JACL, the NAACP or any organization would be in jeopardy of prosecution as a "Communist front" organization if it supported the FEPC or any other legislation which might be approved by the Communist party.

"The Mundt bill must be condemned as embodying the concept

of guilt by association," the Progressives' statement said. "It imposes severe penalties, not upon overt act, but upon association and opinion. While purporting to combat Communism, it imperils the democratic rights of all minority groups."

"We know well the terror and humiliation of living under watch-towers with mounted machine guns, probing searchlights and armed guards; of loyalty oaths; of being labelled and herded like cattle," the statement said. "All this because of a racial association with the enemy; hence, our presumed opinions, and hence, our presumed guilt."

"We are again, and this time together with all other Americans, in peril of having similar judgments invoked, for reasons as specious as those which swept us from our homes on the west coast and deposited us behind barbed-wire in 1942."

## Fire Damages Buddhist Temple In Portland

PORTLAND, Ore.—Damage estimated at \$4,000 was caused by fire which swept through the Henjyoji Japanese Buddhist temple on April 17.

Valuable Buddhist statues, vases and other furnishings on the main floor of the 2½-story frame building, a converted old residence, were protected from water damage by firemen who spread canvas over them before turning on the water.

The Rev. G. Y. Kimura, bishop of the temple, was out of the city but his wife and six children were dining in the living quarters when neighbors discovered fire on the roof. None were injured.

The building was covered by insurance.

## Twin Cities JACL Starts ADC Campaign

MINNEAPOLIS — Under ADC drive chairman Leslie Abe, the Twin Cities United Citizens League soliciting committee began canvassing the more than 400 families of the Minnesota Issei-Nisei population last week.

Fifteen teams of solicitors were appointed by Abe to comb the St. Paul and Minneapolis area.

The group is attempting to beat its quota this year. They fell \$200 short in their drive a year ago.

Team leaders in the drive include:

For Minneapolis—Paul Tsuchiya, Chester Fujino, John Sumida, George Ono, Sam Shimada and Sam Hirabayashi. For St. Paul—George Nishida, George Yanagita, Takuzo Tsuchiya, Tosie Teramoto, Martha Kitaoka, Sam Shijo and Eunice Torii.

Issei committee heads are James H. Takata and T. Yokoyama. Abe's general committee included Mrs. Marian Tsuchiya and Peter Ohtaki on brochures and publicity.

## Omaha Installs 1950 Officials At YW Ceremony

OMAHA, Neb.—New officers of the Omaha JACL were installed in office Saturday, April 22, in rites at the YWCA.

Robert Nakadoi took over the post of president, succeeding Patrick Okura. Other officers installed were Cecil Ishii, 1st vice pres.; Mrs. Lily Okura, 2nd vice pres.; Susan Kumagai, corr. sec.; Mrs. Lillian Ishii, rec. sec.; and Joe Matsunami, treas.

Kermit Hansen, assistant to the business manager of the World-Herald, presented awards to retiring officers. A service trophy was given to Okura.

Special guests were Harold Poff, assistant to the mayor, and Mrs. Poff; Mrs. J. F. Lucas, representative of the Mayor's Committee on Human Relations, and Dr. Lucas; Roman Hruska, county commissioner, and Mrs. Hruska; Roger Sutton, YMCA membership director, and Mrs. Sutton; Ruth M. Campbell, executive director, YWCA; Marion Taylor, Urban League; and Josephine Albrecht, acting director, United Community Services.

Clifford J. Hotz was chairman of the installation committee.

## Kushida to Speak On Radio Program

LOS ANGELES—"Let Freedom Sing," a series of programs developed by the Institute for Democratic Education and sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, will feature a Nisei speaker on the fifth of their weekly series on May 9. JACL regional director Tats Kushida will be the guest speaker over Station KFMV on this date at 8:15 p.m.

## Prestige of Hawaii's Nisei Unharmed by Developments of Recent House Group Hearings

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—Although it linked many Nisei names with the Communist movement in Hawaii, the un-American activities investigation just ended here has not harmed the prestige of Japanese Americans any more than it has hurt statehood prospects for the territory.

As a matter of fact, the congressional hearings cleared the air in both respects.

1.—The probe showed that Nisei are no more susceptible to Communism than other Americans, that Nisei Communists fall out of the party as readily as others.

2.—The probe also disclosed that Communist infiltration into the islands is not a sufficient argument against granting statehood to Hawaii.

It is noteworthy and gratifying that the Nisei, as a racial group, was never singled out for criticism by any source during or after the nine days of the hearings conducted by a four-man House investigating committee from Washington.

Thus, happily, apprehension that anti-Japanese elements might capitalize on the predominance of Nisei among suspected Communists was not justified.

The committee returned to the mainland April 21 with the expressed conviction that Hawaii's population as a whole is patriotic and devoted to the ideals of democracy.

"One can not be here for any short time without being impressed with how intensively American the people are," said one member of the committee.

"Where people back in the states take Americanism too much for granted, the people of Hawaii are thoroughly aware of the constitution, more personally aware than people of the mainland."

The committee chairman, Rep. Francis E. Walter, expressed the opinion that Communism is not so widespread as to be a menace to the territory. (Rep. Walter, Democrat from Pennsylvania, is, incidentally, the sponsor of the Walter resolution which would remove racial bars from naturalization.)

In all about 125 names were mentioned in the hearings as having had some connection with the Communists party in Hawaii. Some of these were positively identified as Communists, others were only vaguely connected.

Testimony disclosed that the accused Communists, as well as the admitted ex-Communists, come from all racial groups.

This fact may have deterred those with ideas of labeling the Nisei as the most dangerous Communists.

Actually, as the hearings indicated, Communism is an imported problem. "This Communist drive," said one congressman, "was directed from the mainland of the United States. The real brainy rats among them were sent out here from the mainland U.S."

## JACL Recognitions Committee Nominates Seichi Mikami

CHICAGO—The fourth nomination submitted to the National Recognitions Committee of the JACL is that of Seichi Henry Mikami, of Fresno, California.

Mr. Mikami attended Fresno State Teachers College for one year before transferring to the University of California, where he graduated in 1940 with a B.A. Degree.

In 1941, Mr. Mikami was the president of the Youth Council of All Churches in Fresno (during the outbreak of war, the Youth Council and the JACL jointly opened an office in West Fresno to assist the Japanese with their problems before the evacuation); in 1945 he was a member of the Nisei Coordinating Council (composed of different leaders of the community). This Council acted as a resettlement committee for evacuees returning to their homes.

After the reactivation of the Fresno American Loyalty League, Mr. Mikami was elected as its official delegate in 1947 and in 1948

Communist organizers apparently were able to recruit Nisei as members chiefly because they concentrated on the CIO International Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's union. Nisei make up the bulk of this union's membership and they hold most of the local union offices.

One witness alleged that 90 per cent of Hawaii's Communists are in the ILWU.

Altogether, 68 witnesses were summoned to testify before the investigating committee. Of these, 17 confessed to having been Communists in the past.

Most of the ex-Communists are Nisei who repeated the same story before the committee—that they were either duped into joining the Communist party or did not know the true aims of the party. But once they found out the truth for themselves, they dropped from the party, and quickly.

The fact that the ex-Communists made a clean break and testified freely tended to offset the general public indignation at the refusal of many other witnesses to testify at the hearings.

A total of 39 persons face contempt of congress citations for having refused to answer questions about their alleged Communist affiliations. Twenty one of the 39 are Nisei.

Some statehood backers offer the explanation that many of those who refused to testify did so not as Communists but out of a mistaken impression that they were protecting the labor movement.

The sentiment is generally expressed here that the hearings have strengthened Hawaii's case for statehood, particularly in view of the congressional committee's observations that Communism has not grown to such proportions that it can not be dealt with by the people—and dealt with more effectively as a state than as a territory.

But Hawaii's large non-Caucasian population may still be raised as an argument against statehood.

This factor, and Hawaii's non-contiguity, are the two real issues before the senate, in the opinion of Delegate Joseph R. Farrington.

Delegate Farrington contends that neither should be an obstacle.

## Dedication

SCOTTSBLUFF, Neb. — A new temple for persons of the Buddhist faith in western Nebraska will be dedicated here on April 23.

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## EDITORIAL:

### The Senate's Omnibus Bill

Sen. McCarran of Nevada, chairman of the immigration subcommittee, has proposed an omnibus bill which purports to overhaul and bring up to date the tangling mass of laws which relate to immigration and naturalization. These laws, adopted at varying times and in accordance with the existing national sentiment of each age, are today wholly inadequate. An omnibus bill has long been needed.

Sen. McCarran's proposal, in that it eliminates race as a requirement for naturalization, makes one of the most needed improvements. His bill also proposes that the language test, including proof of the ability to read, write and speak the English language be exempted for persons over 60 years of age who have been legally resident in the United States for 20 years. This would be a great boon to persons like many Issei who have demonstrated that they want to become citizens but might have difficulty in passing a written language examination.

The McCarran bill, however, is a complex measure and its passage in the near future is not foreseen.

It is our hope, therefore, that though it would bring Issei into the realm of aliens eligible for citizenship, it will not be given precedence over the Walter resolution. This simply worded resolution is honest and just in intent. It proposes to give the right of citizenship by naturalization to aliens of Japanese and other ancestries who have been longtime residents of the United States but have been denied this right because of race. There is nothing in the Walter resolution which would be nullified by the McCarran bill, should it be passed at a later date. The Walter resolution has already been approved by the House.

It is important that the Walter resolution continue to be pushed.

### San Francisco Chronicle: California's Alien Land Law

California's outstanding piece of legal racial discrimination appears to be about finished. In 1948 the United States Supreme court left the Alien Land law groggy and reeling with a decision that took away at least 90 per cent of its effect. Now the State District Court of Appeals has come up with a ruling which, if upheld by the higher courts, as seems likely, gives the law the knockout blow.

The Supreme court invoked the "equal protection of the laws" clause of the Constitution to hold that the Alien Land law, designed to prevent Japanese from holding real estate in California, could not apply to property bought by an alien Japanese in the name of his citizen child. As almost all the California suits then pending turned on this point the state attorney general then had them dismissed.

The present California Appellate court decision denies the enforceability of the entire law and on a new ground. The basis is in the United Nations charter adopted as a treaty by the United States Senate and, as such, by express provision of the Constitution, with the status of supreme law of the land. The charter calls for "respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion." Regardless of whether the Alien Land law was or was not valid formerly under the California and Federal constitutions, the Appellate court says, in effect, it is now in conflict with the charter and so unenforceable.

What the United States Supreme court may finally say on this is beyond our province to predict. The history of its 1948 decision, however, does not make the future of the Alien Land law look bright. At that time four of the justices wanted to knock out the whole law; though the majority decided to limit the decision to the specific case at bar. California's attorney general said the temper of the court plainly indicated future death for the Alien Land law if it came up again on the whole constitutional question. If that should come, as the outcome of the current Appellate court decision or otherwise, one more action in the general fight against racial discrimination in this country will have been won.

This appeal to the United Nations charter reminds us once again of an important side of treaty making. We are all for the "human rights and fundamental freedoms" clause in the charter and welcome its application to this or any other measure of racial discrimination. Nevertheless, we should never lose sight in treaty making of the fact that a treaty supercedes any law that a state Legislature or the Congress can enact. This is a realm in which we should always be sure we know what we are doing.—From the San Francisco Chronicle of April 27, 1950.

## Do You Know? JACL Facts

By ELMER R. SMITH  
While the Nisei along the Pacific Coast were beginning to form organizations of their own, the Hawaiian Nisei became interested in their own local problems and organized the New Americans Conference in Honolulu in 1927. The mainland Nisei and the Hawaiian group had fairly close contact with one another for a number of years, but after 1935 the Hawaiian group gradually drew away from the mainland Nisei organization and concentrated on their own particular organization.

In April, 1928 representatives from the California Citizens' League Federation and Seattle met in San Francisco, and a decision was made to meet the following year for the purpose of laying plans for a permanent organization. On April 5, 6, 1929, the conference of Nisei leaders met in San Francisco and decided to have a national convention in Seattle in 1930. At this meeting it was decided, after much debate, to recommend to the Seattle convention the name Japanese American Citizens League for the organization. This name was submitted by Mr. Clarence Arai of Seattle.

The birth of the JACL may be said to have taken place in Seattle on August 29th, 1930. It was here that the first national convention was convened for the purpose of setting up a national organization composed of Americans of Japanese descent, and to pass on a constitution that had been developed at the earlier convention in San Francisco. The convention lasted four days.

The purpose of the JACL as stated by the founders reads:

"The League seeks to inculcate in its members and other Americans a spirit of loyal Americanism by developing civic consciousness, by promoting active participation in community and national life, and by positive education toward practice of American democratic institutions. It strives to improve the welfare of American citizens of Japanese descent through fostering racial tolerance and through closer understanding and cooperation."  
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## To the Editor: LETTER-BOX

### Chapter Interest

Editor,  
The Pacific Citizen:

In a recent issue of Pacific Citizen you ran an article lamenting the lack of interest in the local JACL chapter meetings. In order for the goals of the JACL to be achieved, there must be unity and solid interested backing. The many individual members of local chapters must realize this. I would like to give you a good illustration of what unity and solid interested backing can mean to a group. The situation is a little different but the basic principles are the same.

I am a railroad telegrapher. I belong to the telegraphers' labor union.

Twenty-five or so years ago, the rate of pay for telegraphers averaged about \$65 per month, seven days a week, and for eight to 12 hours with little and many times no overtime pay. There was no future in the railroad then, because when you became too old to work or you became totally disabled through accident or otherwise, you were kicked out to starve if you weren't lucky enough to have saved a nice sized nest egg.

Today, with the cooperation, interest, and backing of all the telegraphers, we have a five-day week, two weeks a year paid vacation, time and one-half for national holidays and overtime, can retire at age 60 with 30 years service or if disabled after ten years service we can also retire with a pension around \$150 per month or more. We can make around \$3,000 or more salary per year—this will vary, however, depending on location.

You can readily see what can be accomplished, provided a group of people take action as a group, with each individual taking an active interest in the issues at stake.

I would personally like to urge all members of the JACL to stand

## From the Side Of the Hill

### Butler Opposes Statehood Bill

By I. H. GORDON

WASHINGTON — While not achieving the publicity that McCarthy, Budenz et al have garnered, nevertheless the questions of statehood for Alaska and Hawaii are receiving a generous amount of vocal comment here.

The prevailing attitude is one of: Let's give it to them.

Unlike some Congressmen, the average American is anxious to see this nation grow with the addition of new states.

Fifty stars in the American Flag has a good connotation to most of us. We enjoy growth as we enjoy improvement. We delight in the sapling developing into a stately tree. We're proud when our alma mater records distinguished scholarly growth. We show to the home town visitors the newest subdivisions, the replacement of slums with airy, clean housing developments. We brag when the youngsters sprout an extra rapid inch.

And we fail to understand why men can be of such small minds and frightened complexes, to become alarmed that another piece of land will enjoy the freedoms of democracy.

There is considerable optimism here that both the territories will achieve statehood during the present session, despite the insistent efforts of Sen. Hugh Butler of Nebraska to sabotage Hawaii, and sink Alaska with it.

Sen. Butler's arguments range from the ridiculous to the absurd. He has dragged up every hoary cliché of the past century invoked by those who objected to extension of statehood to the "wild, Indian lands of the west."

What secretly motivates him is something for speculation.

Yet, it cannot be doubted that if Sen. Butler is successful in blocking statehood of Hawaii this year, Alaska will not get statehood, either.

Alaska is normally Democratic, Hawaii Republican. Neither side of the aisle will willingly seat two additional Senators of the opposing party, assuming the territories vote true to their past records in their first elections. Result: Seat two of each political color, or none.

Both are non-contiguous to the mainland. If one is rejected on this basis, so will be the other.

It is disconcerting to hear, from those close to the arguments over statehood, fears expressed that if we grant statehood to the Pacific territories, why the next thing we'll find Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands knocking at the portals of democracy and asking for statehood, too.

To placate Congressmen who express such feelings, proponents of statehood, hastily and apologetically, point out that only after serving as territories may another region become a state. Of course, under the Organic Acts governing Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, neither is a territory. And their words are weasel words. And Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands know this. All too well.

Now what at least this writer would enjoy witnessing on the Hill is one man, just one, a single, solitary Congressman, standing on his two sturdy American legs, head back, chest out, and with the thunder of Daniel Webster, the determination of Tom Paine and the philosophical brilliance of Thomas Jefferson stirring the musty timber of his soul, reply:

"Yes. Someday statehood should be granted to Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and, by the blood of every American who has died for democracy, statehood will be offered to any land, and any people under the American Flag."

behind the leaders and show the world that we mean business. Do not think, "Well, they won't need me tonight, so I'll go bowling or to the movie." That is defeatist thinking and nothing will ever come of such laziness but sorrow that we didn't take more interest in the organization now, when it is badly needed.

Don't let's kid ourselves. There is a big battle on with no holds barred, and believe you me it will never be won sitting down on the job. Let's get in there and pitch.

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## Vagaries

### Postponed . . .

Kinuyo Tanaka has "indefinitely postponed" her plan to make a film called "Nisei Butai" in Japan, according to a report to the Nishi-Bee Times from Tokyo. The Japanese star had planned to use Larry Sakamoto's book, "Hawaii's Own," as a basis for the story of the 442nd Combat Team. The report said that the postponement resulted from "technical difficulties." It's obvious that a Japanese producer would have difficulty obtaining military material, particularly since the demilitarization of the nation, to make any sort of a picture with a war background . . . Last year occupation authorities frowned on the efforts of another Japanese studio to glorify the 442nd Combat Team . . . However, Lonnie Parsons reported last week that MGM had placed "Go for Broke" its story about the 442nd to be written and produced by Robert Pirosh, on its 1951 release schedule. Present plans are to start filming the picture this fall . . . Another studio, 20th Century Fox is also considering a 442nd story.

### Central City . . .

One Nisei in the production of "Madame Butterfly" at the famous old Central City Opera House in Colorado this summer will be Florence Yamada of Denver who will be a member of the chorus of 85. Three sopranos from New York will alternate in the role of Cho-Cho-San . . . Mary Kitano, only Nisei member of the Los Angeles CIO Newspaper Guild, and Lily Shitara were among the models at an interracial fashion show last week at Ciro's, the famous Hollywood night club . . . Michi Okamoto, leading female player in last season's production of Ted Pollack's "Wedding in Japan," was named as the "Actress of the Week" last week by the magazine, Show Business, in New York. The article cited Miss Okamoto as "one of the theater's best prospects for eventual stardom."

### Nisei Roles . . .

New York Producer John Golden last week interviewed several Nisei girls in Los Angeles for roles in his forthcoming stage production Among Golden's many hits are "Claudia" and "Susan and God" . . . Among the plays being considered for fall production at Broadway is at least one with a Japanese occupation background "Semper Fidelis."

### Tokyo G-2 . . .

George Breakston, independent Hollywood producer, left last week for Tokyo to look over the scene before starting production in Japan on "Tokyo File, 221," a story about U.S. military intelligence inside Japan. It's believed the story may have some Nisei roles as U.S. GIs but all actors with the exception of the Caucasian leads, will be hired in Japan . . . Breakston is hopeful of obtaining Sessue Hayakawa for one of the leading roles. The entire film will be shot in and around Tokyo, using the facilities of one of Japan's big motion picture companies . . . The story, about a fictional U.S. intelligence case, has been approved by the U.S. Defense Department.

### Producer . . .

Henry Ushijima, head of a Chicago film organization called Cascade Productions, will have a Hollywood star in his next film. She is Colleen Townsend, the 20th Century Fox actress starred in "Willie Comes Marching Home" who recently renounced her film career in favor of a career in religion. Ushijima will direct and shoot the picture at a small college in New Castle, Del., next month. Miss Townsend's role will be that of a student. Ushijima's recent films have been "Out of the Night," "Centennial Song," a picture about a Dominican convent in Wisconsin and a feature on Chicago's famous Moody Institute.

### Wins Contest

LONG BEACH, Calif. — Akamatsu, a student at Long Beach Polytechnic high school, recently won the \$100 first prize in an essay contest on "Selling as a Career" conducted by the Long Beach Sales Executives Club.

# MINORITY WEEK

## The New Day

The haughty Metropolitan opera, which hitherto has consistently barred Negro singers, may have Negro stars someday soon. Rudolf Bing, new general manager of the Metropolitan, last week said he would be happy to use Negro stars, provided he can find "the right voice for the right part."

Bing probably wasn't just sidestepping the issue, as other Met spokesmen have done. In 1947 he engaged Todd Duncan, noted Negro singer, for a recital at the Edinburgh festival.

## The Winner

Negro pianist Hazel Scott was receiving congratulations last week for something other than her terrific musical ability: She was the winner in a damage suit against a Pasco, Wash., restaurant, which refused to serve her because of her ancestry.

The jury was out 15 hours, returned to give the pianist \$250 damages.

## Discrimination Banned, So What

Last January the St. Louis County Medical Society lifted its ban on Negro physicians.

On April 12 the name of the first Negro applicant was put before the society. The membership committee had investigated his qualifications and found nothing missing. The society did not discuss his qualifications before taking a vote.

He was rejected.

## Bravo!

The Maryland court of appeals ruled last week that race cannot bar a student from a state educational institution. The University of Maryland was told to admit Esther McCready, a Negro, to its school of nursing.

The state had wanted to send Miss McCready to Meharry medical college, a regional school for Negroes.

A lot of Marylanders were running around like made this week, trying to decide what the decision will do to the state's system of higher education.

## Progress

An encouraging bit of news comes from Washington, D. C., where formerly only one white restaurant in all the city was open to Negro patrons. The news today is that 14 restaurants, out of 23 which were surveyed, now serve Negroes.

It's a good sign of progress in our capital city.

## Employment Bureau

A southern California labor union set up a new kind of employment service this week.

Local 95 of the Social Service Employees union in Los Angeles has announced it's setting up a bureau specially to help members of minority groups to get employment.

"In this period of increasing unemployment, special efforts must be exerted to overcome the discrimination faced by minority groups," Florence Abramson, chairman of the union's anti-discrimination committee said. "While fighting for an FEP law with teeth, practical steps must be taken now."

The bureau will help persons find jobs in the following fields: office and clerical work; caseworkers; professional and technical work; kitchen, housekeeping, laundry and maintenance jobs in institutions.

## Quick Quote

"Say you are a stranded Negro, Armenian, Oklahoman, Jew, Nisei, Filipino, Mexican, Chinese. Do you know why you don't have civil justice? Because you don't want civil justice. You want to steal into respectability. You want to lie low... Do you recall what happened to the proper conservative Nisei in California? Down the river."—From the Californian Young Democrat.

## Modern-day Crime

Prof. Lee Lorch, assistant professor of mathematics at Pennsylvania State college, is being fired.

He is being fired for doing something that he was told was "extreme, illegal and immoral, and damaging to the public relations of the college."

No, the crime wasn't murder.

Prof. Lorch's "crime" consisted of allowing a Negro family to live as his guests in his New York apartment.

The professor is probably getting used to this sort of thing, however. Last year he was fired by New York City college for much the same thing. At that time he was fighting anti-Negro discrimination in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.'s housing development.

# JAPANESE MOVIES

## War Has Made Little Change In Quality of Nippon Films

By JOBO NAKAMURA

Since coming back to California, we have gone to a few Japanese movies half-hoping and half-expecting to see pictures of warm, human drama depicting realistically the prevailing conditions in a post-war society. These pictures were utterly disappointing; the Japanese movies have not advanced a single step from the era of gaslit melodramas. They remain the same uninspiring, unimaginative, and excessively sentimental presentations familiar to us when we frequented Showa hall in Sacramento as a young kid long, long ago.

The Tokyo cinema moguls are missing an excellent opportunity to show purposefully and dramatically the story of a war-torn nation whose people have been reduced to the basic necessities of life. A story, told simply with realism, can be so much more effective than one embellished with a complicated, over-worked plot and implausible characters.

However, recently at the Sokoji hall in San Francisco, I saw "Kenji Comes Home," a documentary picture produced by the Protestant

Film Commission and which is currently being shown at local churches and schools. It traces the fortunes and misfortunes of a soldier who returned from the war to find his home destroyed and his family gone; its theme is of tremendous social importance.

"Kenji Comes Home" is a moving commentary of an individual pitifully lost in the confusion of present-day Japan. Unaware of the rapidly-changing socio-economic structure of his country, Kenji can only grope to find his place in the new society which in itself is extremely weak. Subscribing to the adage that "the chain is as strong as its weakest link," the film posts a message that the real tragedy of a broken society is the destruction of its individuals. The protagonist of the picture may find his counterparts in Italy, France, Germany, and in other countries devastated by the war, caught in an upheaval of class struggle and general depravity arising from chaos.

"Kenji Comes Home" is an appeal to human dignity and to a sympathetic understanding of one's

# Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

Ben Kuroki, Country Editor

Denver, Colo.

Come June, the York, Neb., weekly Republican will appear with the name of Ben Kuroki in the masthead as editor and publisher. That day will mark the milestone in the history of Nisei in journalism, and in the United States. So far as we know, it will be the first time a Nisei has undertaken to publish a newspaper of general circulation in a community where the Nisei population is negligible.

Nisei making their livelihood as editors and reporters, while still a small handful, now are numerous enough not to be considered newsworthy on the basis of profession alone. The evacuation gave many of them the opportunity they needed to break into a highly specialized field. Some of their names are familiar: Togo Tanaka, senior editor of a Chicago firm that publishes textbooks and technical books; Dick Takeuchi, copy editor of a Chicago metropolitan daily; Katherine Kawamura, who runs the Grand Junction (Colo.) Daily Sentinel's Delta county bureau in the town of Delta; Bob Hosokawa, city editor of the Winona (Minn.) Republican-Herald, a daily newspaper widely circulated in the area where Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa meet.

But working on a newspaper is far different from owning and publishing one. An editor or a reporter is an employee; a publisher is a proprietor who has the opportunities and responsibilities of an independent businessman. In addition, he must shoulder the special responsibilities and privileges that society reserves for the newspaper publisher.

Especially is this true of the small town where the local editor and publisher often is all things to all men. Not only does he put out the paper and oversee the print shop, but he may be cast in the role of oracle, prophet, moulder of opinion, counsellor, arbiter of local disputes. He may be a pillar of the church, a power in the local Rotary or Elks or Kiwanis, a member of the school board, a volunteer fireman and the one-man chamber of commerce. He drums up new industries for the town, knows where the fish are biting, and encourages the high school senior class by printing their annual play tickets at a special rate. His personal life must remain impeccable.

In many ways, much of a small town's life revolves around the person of the local editor-publisher; in turn he finds his own life busy, varied and rewarding mostly in ways other than financial.

Traditionally, country editors were made out as characters—opinionated, crusty, often untidy and sometimes eccentric. But in recent years hundreds of young men, college-trained like Ben Kuroki, have gone into the country weekly field and taken with them modern business methods, an enlightened outlook, new devotion to their profession, and the realization that every Crossroads Center is no more than a few hours from the ends of the earth as the bomber flies. It seems somehow fitting that a Nisei should be among these young publishers, for no calling is closer to the grass roots and lifestream of the American heartland. It is one more heartening bit of evidence that the Nisei belong.

## Do You Know?

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tion between them and their fellow Americans of other extractions."

Three important resolutions were passed at the First National Convention; (1) to petition Congress to place women citizens of Oriental ancestry on equal basis as other women citizens of the United States; (2) to petition Congress to give Orientals who served in World War I their citizenship as promised at the time of induction into the armed forces of the U.S.; (3) the component chapters of the JACL were to report as soon as possible to the National Council the number of eligible voters within their various districts.

The JACL concentrated its political activities on the Cable Act Amendment to allow equal treatment of Oriental women with other women citizens in the U.S. Miss Suma Sugi of Los Angeles represented the JACL in Washington on this important bill; the bill was signed by President Herbert Hoover early in March of 1931 giving any woman citizen of the United States equal rights with all others relative to marriages with aliens, and making it possible for her to retain her American citizenship. This was the first successful national legislation sponsored by the JACL.

fellow men. Without the understanding of his problems and the faith in his future, Kenji—a tragic symbol of war's consequence—may well become lost in a generation of poverty and sterile feeling.

Cinematically, the picture moved fast and caught significantly the crucial problems of contemporary Japan. It rallies the hope that one of these days soon, the Tokyo movie producers will attempt to match the unforgettable works of the Italian masters such as DeSico who made "Shoe Shine" and more recently, "The Bicycle Thief."

DeSico's technique is not that of the astute and naked revelation of facts such as employed in documentary type of films, but he displays expressionism of an imaginative artist who enables his stories and characters to live by virtues of a good story, interesting dialogues, characters who act like normal human beings. Humor and pathos are wedded by the irony of certain situations. At the same time, the grimness of social chaos hangs above the scenes, above all life, and threatens the doom of DeSico's tragic little heroes. Undeniably, each of DeSico's work is truly an artistic masterpiece and not just a simple documentation of the struggle of the common man.

The importance of motion pictures as a vehicle for furthering the cultural understanding of fellow men becomes readily apparent as we view the eloquent messages that come from the Continental films. We may yet see comparable pictures of expressionistic and realistic themes come from Japan. They can go a long way in bridging a gap of misunderstanding—widened by the recent conflict—between two peoples living on opposite borders of the Pacific ocean.

# 'Between Carbons' SUDDENLY IT'S SPRING

By AL T. MIYADI

The room is damp and cold (what can you expect for \$60 dollars a month, room and board). Out through the window, he can see the campus, in quiet dignity accepted by the shadows of the night... or is it morning? He has forgotten the time. He glances back to his books with quick desperation, as if the constant rumbling of his stomach might at any minute erupt into something else... reality. (And the cigarette butts continue to pile). There is no past, only tomorrow. And yet, as the little alarm clock in the other room ticks on, and the lamps of the city have dimmed, when the solitude of early morning creeps forth, there is only the past... and tomorrow seems so far away. Long ago and far away... Dreams.

The clank, clank of pans, the sudden swish and swoosh of hot steam, and the smell of frying grease, the sharp pungent fragrance of strong, fresh coffee... Reality. The endless array of dishes, the caked soap, no suds, the grease that lines the kitchen sink, and the sticky perspiration which has transformed his clean, starched shirt into something else... Reality.

As he mops the floor, cleans the sink, his pace quickens, for there is promise in the cool of the morning air, of Shizue, of Chiyo... and suddenly it's Spring.

About mid-afternoon, the sun beats down unmercifully upon the bent and huddled figure hoeing the dry and brittle earth in the land that is known as Orange County. He has been out since the early morning... as early as when the Sun in the East had crept over the distant mountain ranges. And he wonders—for what, and—for why... and as always he can only honestly answer to himself—what else. And he is right.

All the bitterness during the evacuation days, the tears, are only memories of a hopeless past... at times, when the day is done, and when the sun has settled and thrust out in a multitude of colors its final setting rays, the past, the bitterness, the tears, become a bit shaded, a bit colored, and he almost regrets that days—camp days—are finally and irrevocably gone.

And as he is once again reawakened in the middle of night by the sharp gunning of motors—the trucker that comes to pick up his vegetables—sleep is once again a problem. And the question. Why? And he thinks about the farmer down the way, the Okamuras, the farmer with the new large modern home, with three trucks, three tractors, and the fifty acre farm he finally came to own. And how he made it. When celery was four dollars a crate. Someday, he thinks to himself, and then, he turns over to sleep, a wistful smile spreading over his dark, ruddy features. He dare not think of the hundreds of other farmers just like him, holding on desperately, plodding, fighting for every plant of harvest, and the five acres he farms, and that he still has to use a horse to cultivate; that

for every family like the Okamuras, there are a hundred, two hundred like him, hoping, dreaming for their day. Year in, year out, the same old dream, the same frayed hopes, the old refrain—"NEXT year will be MY year." And so one through the seasons. But when the first tomato plants begin their upshoot, and the leaves take on a forest green color, when the endless, countless weeds have been culled and hoed out, then he will take time out... time to fish the deep blue waters off the California coast... only then will he realize, suddenly, it's Spring.

Boyle Heights, the West Side, Sawtelle... the "gentlemen" disagree... and the "transgression" of the Japanese have finally taken place.

The veil of early mist has lifted its curtain. The Play has begun. And as the Sun begins to break through the heavens, the aged couple with wrinkled, parched olive skin, with bent backs (the mark of many seasons) shuffle out onto their front porch hopefully peering up at the skies, to sit on their makeshift rocking chairs... all the while clutching tightly to their language papers.

Everyday, they greet the seasons with the same eternal placid mask of the Oriental. (They tell their children who are no longer children, "We have not changed, only the seasons have changed.") But they no longer distinguish between the seasons; for them, they are no longer. Their days of usefulness are over. Time hangs heavy, and for the first time in many a year, their gnarled, shriveled hands are idle. Patiently, they sit and wait, rocking back and forth. Now there is only the rising and setting of the sun; and now, their only nightly escape (if they can afford it), a hot bottle of sake. And perhaps, they dream too, of someday still returning to their old country, the rolling green hills of Kagoshima, the silvery streams of Hiroshima. The day rolls on, and as the morning sun begins its celestial ascent, the magic beams of the outer world transforms the trees, the leaves into a pastoral splash of colors, and they think to themselves, Why, this is the season of the Hana-Matshiri.

But at the approaching dusk, the winds return to plague them, to haunt them, to murmur softly their love song which no longer holds meaning, only a mock reminder, that for them, the Spring has long since gone.

# PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

## Bees Have Best Backfield in Baseball

It's hard to say how the Salt Lake Bees will fare in the Pioneer League season which opens tonight but the Bees can boast of the best backfield in professional baseball. The Bees open the season with two all-Americans, California's Bob Celeri and St. Mary's Herman Wedemeyer in the outfield and with Wally Yonamine of the San Francisco 49ers and the Honolulu Warriors on first base. All three, Celeri, Wedemeyer and Yonamine, were triple threat men on the gridiron and were particularly noted for their passing and open field running. All the Bees need now is Jackie Jensen, another Cal All-American, who is playing for the New York Yankees. Yonamine, incidentally, once scored ten touchdowns in one game for an Army team in a game in Hawaii. This performance so impressed the late Jock Sutherland that Sutherland took Yonamine as a member of an Army all-star team on a tour of the Pacific.

## Bee Officials High on Nisei Star

Both Bert Dunne, owner of the Bee baseball club, and Manager Earl Bolyard are high on Yonamine. Dunne, once one of the best-known sports commentators in the San Francisco bay area under his penname "Don Glendon," says that Wally already is the most popular player on the club. Mr. Dunne, incidentally, is not unaware of the role which baseball is now playing in narrowing the areas of racial discrimination and expressed concern over the report that Percy Fisher, the 18-year-old speedball pitcher who is the first Negro to play for the Bees and the second in the Pioneer league, had been refused service in several Salt Lake restaurants. According to Mr. Dunne, the Bees are not interested in the race or ancestry of a baseball player but only in his ability to play the game. Fisher, of course, has been accepted completely by his teammates.

Bert Dunne also visions the important role which Wally Yonamine can play if he makes the grade with the Bees and goes on to the San Francisco Seals. The Seals made a highly successful trip through Japan last year and probably will make another. If Yonamine can make such a tour it will do much to prove to the people of Japan that democracy works in the United States, says Mr. Dunne.

Bert Dunne, Wally Yonamine, Bob Celeri and several other Bees were the guests of Hack Miller on "Sports Preview," a television show over KSL-TV last Wednesday night. Both Yonamine and Celeri said they had started out as football players but wanted to make a career in baseball. Celeri, California's famous "Mad Engineer," is a draft choice of the San Francisco 49ers, the team with which Yonamine made his debut in pro football. A baseball injury, a broken hand sustained while sliding into second base, prevented Yonamine from playing with the 49ers in 1948. He later starred with the Honolulu Warriors that same year and again in 1949 when he toured the east with the Warriors. He was offered a football contract by the Richmond Rebels of the American league, as well as a baseball contract in the east, but turned the offer down to sign with the Seals.

A large crowd of Salt Lakers came out to watch the Bees in their first practice sessions Wednesday after their arrival from spring training in California. Wally Yonamine worked out at first base in what probably will be Manager Bolyard's infield on opening night. Dick Treat, touted as one of the best shortstops to play in the Pioneer league and a UCLA star, signed to a Boston Red Sox contract, and Glen Tuckett from last year's Bee team, form the keystone combination with Lou Perego or Ward Tyler, 18-year-old former Legion baseball star from Stockton, at third base.

Wally got off some nice hits in practice, hitting the right field fence, 350 feet away, with one foul drive and lining one near the 400-foot mark in deep center. Derks Field, incidentally, is one of the biggest parks in the minor leagues, the nearest fence being 345 feet away.

## Nisei Pitchers Shine on Mound

Tok Ishizawa, winner of the \$400 top prize in the Fontana singles classic earlier this year, had a 704 series (258-243-203) at Vogue Bowl last week in the Los Angeles Examiner bowling tournament. . . Jim Tsukamoto, one of the best college hurlers on the coast two years ago for Sacramento JC, pitched his first game for the Sacramento State Hornets last week. Tsukamoto, a southpaw, gave San Francisco State only five hits but lost a 6 to 4 decision when his mates committed six errors. . . Bill Nishita, the Santa Rosa JC star who has the pro ball scouts drooling, added another victory to his string as he hurled the Santa Rosans to their seventh straight win with a 7 to 3 effort over Vallejo JC. George Fujishige was the other half of Santa Rosa's all-Nisei battery. Santa Rosa is tied with Sacramento JC at the head of the Northern California Jaycee league. . . Miyamoto of Monterey Peninsula College in California pitched good ball as his team won a 3 to 2 decision over San Mateo JC on April 22 but Bud Watkins of San Mateo pitched a better game in defeat. Watkins gave up no hits but his downfall came as a result of five walks and three San Mateo errors. . . Speaking of good pitching, Herb Isono, erstwhile basketball star, turned in a top performance last week, allowing only a single hit as University high of Los Angeles defeated Venice, 10 to 1. . . Pitcher Fukuchi of Hayward, Calif., high school gave up only three hits as his team defeated Alameda, 6 to 1, last week.

Among college Nisei batting leadoff this season are Dick Kitamura of Colorado A & M, George Nagai of Denver, Tom Okagaki of San Jose State and Howard Zenimura of Fresno State. . . Kitamura topped his team with 3 for 5 as the Coloags topped Denver, 6 to 3, in a Skyline Six game last week. Nagai went 0 for 4. . . Okagaki had a busy week. He had 3 for 4 as San Jose lost to U. of San Francisco and got 1 for 2 and figured in three double plays at second base as San Jose defeated Stanford, 6 to 2. He had 1 for 4 as San Jose lost to COP and got his team's only hit of the fray as San Jose State lost to the San Jose Red Sox of the California league in an exhibition game. . . Sam Sugimoto got credit for the victory as the San Jose frosh defeated Hartnell College of Salinas, Calif., 16 to 5, last week.

## Aihara's Best Leap Of Season Aids USC Victory

BERKELEY, Calif. — Co-Captain Henry Aihara helped USC to a 88½ to 42½ track and field victory over the University of California on April 22, leaping 24 feet 7½ inches to win the broad jump.

The jump was Aihara's best of the season.

The Nisei star, defending Pacific Coast Conference champion in the broad jump, also won the NCAA title in 1946 while attending the University of Illinois. His best mark is 25 feet 1¾ inches which he made in winning the event at the annual Big Ten-Coast Conference meet in 1949.

## Yonamine Will Open at First For S. L. Bees

Wally Yonamine will be at first base as the Salt Lake Bees open their Pioneer League season on April 29 against the Ogden Reds at Derks Field.

A capacity crowd of more than 7,000 is expected to see the opener under the lights.

Yonamine played first base for the Bees during the last week of spring training and impressed Manager Earl Bolyard and Bee Owner Bert Dunne with his ability around the initial sack.

The Nisei star from Hawaii played first base for the Honolulu Athletics three years ago but has been in the outfield since that time. The Bees, however, have six outfielders, including two football All-Americans, California's Bob Celeri and Herman Wedemeyer.

Manager Bolyard also announced that Yonamine will bat fifth in the lineup behind Leftfielder Tommy O'Laughlin, who led the Pioneer League in hitting for Pocatello in 1947.

Because of Yonamine's ability to play first base, the Bees last week called off a deal to purchase Boyce Jacobs, hard-hitting first sacker of the Richmond, Va., team of the New York Yankee chain.

## Shore Club Wins Monterey Pin Title

MONTEREY, Calif.—The Shore Club won the championship of the Monterey Nisei bowling league on April 17 by a three-game margin over second-place Mas' Clippers.

The Shore Club received the Lee Wong perpetual trophy. Members of the team are Ray Suzuki, Mac Kodama, Lloyd Urabe, Kiyo Hirano, Karl Ozima and Kay Tsujihara.

Nick Nishi of Mas' Clippers won both the high average and high series honors for the season with 173 and 615 respectively, while Karl Ozima had high single game of 267.

Other teams in the league were Sunrise Grocery, P.G. Cleaners, Save-Mor Meat, George's Barber, Azuma-tei and Trans-Pacific Trading.

A single and doubles sweepstakes will conclude the season, followed by a dinner-dance on May 7.

## Nisei Vues Hold Lead in Chicago JACL League

CHICAGO—The Nisei Vues held on to their lead in the Chicago JACL bowling league on April 19 despite the fact that they were forced to split with the eleventh-place O.T. Men's Wear.

F. Oishi led Nisei Vues with a 571 series.

Second-place Sakada Optometrists lost ground as they dropped a 3 to 1 match to fourth-place Murakami & Sons as N. Murakami led the winners with a 551 triple. B. Fujii was high for Sakadas with 571.

Third-place Hyde Park Restaurant lost a chance to make up ground when they split with seventh-place Quality Cleaners.

Fifth-place Plaisance Cleaners also lost, by a 3 to 1 margin to Coed Beauty Shop.

Wah Mee Lo kept their sixth place by blanking Mark Twain.

Jan Jan T defeated Petite Cleaners, while Tellone Beauty Salon took Berns Store for Men. Both were by 3 to 1 margins.

## Seabrook Wins Bowling Title



The Seabrook JACL's "C" team won the Eastern District Council's bowling tournament in Philadelphia on April 15 with a score of 2505. They are (left to right): Frances Kawajiri, Toby Morii, Sue Matsui, Wako Yokoyama and Jack Nakayama. —Photo by Bob Fukushima.

## ABC May Drop Ban Against Non-Caucasians as Court Threatens Charter Revocation

In the wake of a Illinois Superior court decision on April 22 in which the American Bowling Congress was fined \$2,500 and ordered to abandon its policy of racial discrimination or else get out of Illinois, sources close to the ABC's leadership predicted this week in Columbus, O., that the organization will drop its "white males only" membership policy during its national convention on May 12.

An ABC official, who asked newspapers to withhold his name, declared that the ABC "won't have any alternative" but to drop its race restrictions when its delegates meet in Columbus next month.

"We'll have to change the clause in our constitution which permits only members of the Caucasian race to belong," the official said.

The amendment to drop the "white males only" clause was introduced at the ABC's last three conventions in Atlantic City, Los Angeles and Detroit but was defeated each time.

Until the decision of Superior Judge John A. Sbarbaro in Chicago on April 22, ABC officials had maintained they were opposed to any change in the membership policy which excludes Americans of Negro, Hawaiian, Japanese, Chinese, Puerto Rican and other non-Caucasian ancestry.

Judge Sbarbaro originally directed that the Illinois state charter of the nation's largest bowling group be revoked. However, he substituted the \$2,500 fine to allow the ABC to revise its by-laws at its convention in Columbus.

The judge said that if he ordered the charter revocation, the ABC "would not be able to meet to vote a change."

"However," he added, "I want it understood that my intention is to allow the state to oust the ABC charter."

Floyd E. Thompson, attorney for the ABC, termed the ruling "clearly erroneous" and said an appeal would be made.

The ABC was chartered in Illinois in 1907 and now has 1,500,000 members. Its annual tournament is recognized as the national championship of American bowling. The organization's national headquarters are in Milwaukee, Wis.

Illinois State's Attorney John S. Boyle, in a suit which grew out of a protest by the CIO, filed a case against the ABC on Oct. 24, asking that the charter be revoked or that the congress be fined and directed to amend its restrictive rules.

The suit contended that the ABC incites to racial discrimination by limiting its membership to white males. The suit added that the ABC rules violate the Illinois Constitution and the civil rights section of the Criminal Code.

One of the backers of the case against the ABC is the National Committee for Fair Play in Bowling, in which the JACL is one of the charter members.

The CIO protest contended that the ABC "possessed one of the most iron-clad monopolies in the United States . . . exercising an absolute control over the largest single competitive sport in the United States and the largest organized competitive sport in the world."

In reply to the CIO statement, Baumgarten said the ABC has control "only over our own membership" and that many leagues and tournaments operate outside the ABC.

On discrimination, Baumgarten said: "What is illegal about it? There are literally thousands of organizations which restrict their membership to people of certain races or groups."

Baumgarten declared "the very foundation of the American way of life will be jeopardized if ABC members are not permitted to set their own membership requirements."

"If that happens," he added, "no membership organization would be free to operate without fear of having outsiders force their way into the organization."

Judge Sbarbaro, in a six-page decision, said the ABC had "abused" its Illinois franchise by the "white males only" policy.

He indicated that the Illinois suit against the ABC will be dropped if the group changes its restrictions at the convention.

"To the mind of every American citizen who believes in good sportsmanship, there is something abhorrent about a nationwide organization violating its duty to carry out its trust by the adoption and enforcement of bylaws contrary to fair play and good fellowship," Judge Sbarbaro said.

"Recent decisions of the Illinois and U.S. supreme courts indicate the growing recognition that the practice of racial discrimination is a social evil and that the courts are strict to strike down such practices."

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Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Ashizawa, girl on April 17 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masami Mamiya girl on April 18 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Nakamura a girl in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masami K. Minami a girl on April 11 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kaz Sakuma a girl on April 21 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Kiyogaga a girl on April 19 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Katsumi Kumamoto twins, boy and girl, on March 4 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigaki R. Mochizuki a boy on March 27 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Okano, Madera, Calif., a boy on March 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Takasaki a girl on March 28 in Reedley, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuto Sasaki a boy on April 5 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kaoru K. Yamamoto a girl in Oakland, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadao Tad Mikasa a girl on April 8 in Stockton, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takeshi Miyamura a girl, Donna Gail, on April 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ono a boy, Robert Kahn, on March 25 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tokko Fukuchi a boy, Wayne Akio, on April 16 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Hifumi Higuchi a boy, Darrell Dean, on April 13 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toyooki Ishida a girl, Patricia Kyoko, on April 11 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Nakawaki, Downey, Calif., a boy, Lloyd Teruo, on April 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Sam Kabika a girl, JoAnn Miekko, on April 5 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kakuuchi a boy, Michael Hideo, on April 20 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Saito, San Mateo, Calif., a boy on March 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Nakagawa, Wiggins, Colo., a boy on April 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Takeshita, San Diego, Calif., a boy on March 29.

To Mr. and Mrs. Akira Takeshita, San Diego, Calif., a boy on March 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kataoka a girl on April 24 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Takeda, Sanger, Calif., a boy on April 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Nishikawa a girl on April 4 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Masada a girl on April 12 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Morito Miyasaki, Fowler, Calif., a boy on April 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. Amile Okasaki a boy in Berkeley, Calif.

To Dr. and Mrs. George Muramoto a girl on April 7 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Willie Takaki, Palo Alto, Calif., a boy on April 17.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshiyuki Tsuchiya a boy in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Akio Suekawa a boy on April 11 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Furusho a girl on April 12 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masashi Tazumi, Fowler, Calif., a girl on April 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nobu Fujimoto, Pasadena, Calif., a girl on April 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. Susumu Yasuzawa a girl in Denver.

DEATHS

Lillian Nishimoto, 25, on April 21 in Seattle.

Mrs. Henry Hasegawa, 47, on April 26 in Idaho Falls, Ida.

Saizo Awaya, 67, on April 23 in Los Angeles.

Satoru Tomita on April 21 in Los Angeles.

Shigeji Mochizuki, 63, on April 20 in San Francisco.

Shimezo Nishijima on April 17 in Gardena, Calif.

Mrs. Tsuma Kaneyuki on April 16 in San Diego, Calif.

Seiichiro Tamaki, 68, of Ogden, Utah, on April 27 in Bakersfield, Calif.

Tetsujiro Endo, 77, on April 23 in Plain City, Utah

Matsutaro Okada, 81, on April 22 in Salt Lake City.

MARRIAGES

Kazuko Deguchi to Morio Nishita on April 9 in Berkeley, Calif.

Maude Yoshi Watanabe to Yasuo Abe on April 23 in Los Angeles.

Mabel Ishii to Ben Omi on April 23 in San Francisco.

Eiko Otagiri to Ray Koyama on April 23 in Berkeley.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Elaine Ishikawa, 26, and Cletus R. Hayes, 28, in Seattle.

Ruth Takemura and Paul Mark in San Francisco.

Naoko Tamaki, 30, and Ichiro Sugiyama, 32, in San Francisco.

Mary Furusho and Akira Iwasaki, Hillsboro, Ore., in Portland.

Alice Mitsuko Oshiro, 24, and Paul Yasuhiko Kuwabara, 29, in Sacramento.

Elsie Kaneshiro, 19, and George Oyama, 22, both of Berkeley, in Oakland.

Hanford VFW Urges Citizen Rights for Issei

HANFORD, Calif. — A resolution urging passage of the Walter resolution is now under consideration by the national committee of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, according to Roy Fukuda of the Hanford Nisei VFW Post 5869.

The resolution has already been approved by the VFW county council, the district council and the Department of VFW of California. It was initiated by the Hanford Nisei post.

Groundwork on the resolution was done by Yas Chono, recently elected commander of the post, George Nishi, past commander, and Tom Asaki, adjutant.

Snake River Sets Dinner Dance Plans

ONTARIO, Ore. — The Snake River JACL will hold its annual graduation dinner dance May 27 at the East Side Cafe in Ontario with Shig Hironaka and Mrs. Bobbie Watanabe as co-chairmen.

Assisting them will be the following committees:

Smith Morimoto, publicity; Mrs. Tom Hironaka and Mary Mio, invitations; Mrs. Mary Nakamura, Mrs. Alice Nishitani, Mrs. Mas Yano, Sumi Hashimoto, Mrs. Shaw Uriu, Mrs. Harry Okita, Mrs. Tom Watanabe, Mrs. George Mita, Mrs. Tsu Kodama, Mrs. Haruo Morishita, Mrs. Kendo Yasuda, Mrs. Joe Inaba, Mrs. Kiku Sugahiro, Mrs. Harold Hiuga, Mrs. Shig Murakami, Mrs. Hatsuko Sakano and Mrs. Alice Adachi, reception; Mrs. Rosie Iseri, Mrs. Tosh Ogura, Mrs. Katie Hashitani, Mrs. Betty Harano and Mrs. George Iseri, banquet.

Mrs. Mary Itami, Mrs. Harry Morikawa, Mrs. Virginia Sakata, place-cards; Mrs. Henry Watanabe, Mrs. Yone Kariya, Russell Tanaka and Smith Morimoto, program and tickets; Tom Itami, Tom Iseri and Howard Fujii, guest speaker, benedictory and toastmaster; Mrs. Mas Sugai, Mrs. Taka Okita, Mrs. Kay Saito and Bessie Harada, corsages and gifts; James Watanabe, Tom Hironaka, Dr. Roy Kondo and George Nagasaka, orchestra and music; and Tom Ogura and Joe Saito, finances.

Engagement

LOS ANGELES — The engagement of Frances Kikue Nakamura to Larry Shimamoto of San Diego, both former residents of Milwaukee, was told at a tea given by the bride-elect's mother on April 2.

They plan an early fall wedding.

Low Gross Trophy Will Be Awarded At JACL Tourney

LOS ANGELES — The first of many prizes to be awarded golfers competing in the JACL Pacific Southwest Convention "open" on July 2 at Alondra Park Country Club is the President's Trophy for low gross score, it was announced by Joe Ito, tournament chairman.

The cup is being presented by Dr. George Kambara, Downtown Los Angeles JACL chapter president.

Nisei Girls Will Dance at Redlands

REDLANDS, Calif. — Four kimono-clad girls will participate in a dedication program of the Ruth D. Tuck Scholarship Fund at Redlands University on May 5, the JACL regional office reported this week.

The girls, Michiko Gotanda, Midori Yoshida, Harumi Shibata, and Chikaye Azeka, will perform classic Japanese dances in the program, the theme of which is "Brotherhood — Unfinished Business," expressing the nationality cultures brought to the United States by various groups. The Nisei dancers are students of the well-known instructor of classic Japanese dancing, Fujima Kansuma. They will perform the following numbers: "Onatsu Hanagasa," "Mitsunoe," and "Mawari doro."

University and Mr. Harold W. Hackett of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.

Special Wardrobe Awaits Queen Of Pacific Southwest JACL

Takei Reveals Schedule for Southwest Meet

LOS ANGELES — A tentative schedule of events for the 1950 JACL Pacific Southwest District Council convention to be held at the Chase Hotel, Santa Monica, July 1 and 2, has been approved, it was announced this week by Chairman Bill Takei.

Preparations to accommodate more than 300 delegates and boosters for the two-day conclave were mapped out. The social highlight will be the coronation ball Saturday night from 9 p.m. following the banquet at the hotel. Miss Pacific Southwest JACL will be the regional candidate for the Miss National JACL contest at the National JACL Convention in Chicago on September 28-October 2.

Schedule of events: Saturday, July 1—9 a.m., registration commences; 10:00—opening convention business session; 12:30 noon—luncheon; 2:00-5:00 p.m.—business session; 7:00-9:00—banquet; 9 p.m.-1:00 a.m.—Coronation Ball.

Sunday, July 2 — 9:30-12:30 p.m.—Business session; 12:30-2 p.m.—"1000" Club Whooperoo; 2-6 p.m.—Convention Frolics.

The bridge, golf and bowling tournaments and a conventioners' splashfest at the hotel's indoor pool are also planned, said Takei.

Valedictorian

SANGER, Calif. — Harry Yasumoto, president of the boys' federation, was named valedictorian for the summer 1950 class this week at Sanger Union high school.

Yasumoto, basketball and baseball star, will give the valedictory address when his class graduates on June 8.

Candidate

PRICE, Utah—Kayo Niwa, running on the Gold ticket, is one of the two candidates for election as student body president of Carbon College.

His opponent in the final election will be Arlen Carvel on the Blue ticket.

Nisei Girl to Wed Delaware Man After Courtship by Mail

WILMINGTON, Del.—John Warner Klund, who broke into print recently with his denunciation of American women as wives and his defense of the womanly qualities of Japanese women, said this week he will marry a Nisei woman, Judy Aya Enseki, 27, of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Enseki recently won a divorce from Masami Enseki after she told the court her husband had taken her to Japan after the war began and renounced his American citizenship. Mrs. Enseki said her husband joined the Japanese army and is now a prisoner of the Russians. Her divorce was granted April 12.

Klund plans to leave for Los Angeles in early June and will bring his bride and her six-year-old son to Wilmington.

Mrs. Enseki is now working as a secretary in Los Angeles.

She lived in Hiroshima during the war and witnessed the atomic

LOS ANGELES—A wardrobe of clothes specially fashioned and cut for "Miss Pacific Southwest JACL" for her trip to Chicago is to be given by the designer, Mrs. Riye Yoshizawa, it was revealed this week by Miss Natalie Mayeda, local JACL queen contest chairman.

"There is no undue fear that the young lady selected to represent us at the national JACL queen contest in late September need worry over average expenses," Miss Mayeda emphasized.

According to present plans, the PSWDC convention committee will provide travel expenses and the candidate will be the guest of the convention during her week's stay in Chicago.

"Nothing is being overlooked in the way of suitable apparel to insure the chance of our candidate winning the coveted honor of Miss National JACL of 1950," Miss Mayeda concluded.

At the present time, four chapters have made definite commitments with the queen contest committee to enter the regional run-offs at the Chase Hotel, Santa Monica, Saturday, July 1, when the Coronation Ball is scheduled.

The chapters are Downtown Los Angeles, Pasadena, Southwest Los Angeles and West Los Angeles.

Auditions of orchestras are being scheduled for the semi-formal function. Complete details are expected within the coming month.

Chicago JACL Plans Coronation Dance

CHICAGO — The Windy City's JACL Chapter will sponsor its "Coronation Dance" on Saturday evening, May 20, at International House on the campus of the University of Chicago, 5859 S. Dorchester Avenue.

This first spring social event will reveal the local chapter's JACL queen, who will compete with seven other JACL chapters from the Midwest area at the Midwest District Council meetings in Cincinnati on June 3-4.

Todd Yamamoto and his twelve piece orchestra plus vocalist will provide dance music from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Admission to the dance will be \$2.50 for couples and \$1.75 for students.

bombing of the city.

In a letter to Klund she described the explosion as a "tremendous rotating mushroom."

A 14-year-old sister-in-law died from effects of the bombing and another sister-in-law suffered radium burns but eventually recovered. Mrs. Enseki was burned on the face.

When the Americans entered Japan, she became secretary to Col. Paul Rusch and Col. Warner Browers.

Klund, a native of Wilmington, has been in public print on various occasions in the past. In one year he walked once each week, 52 times, to Philadelphia from Wilmington. In 1928 he was Delaware tennis champion. For 13 years he lived on fruit alone, with another period as a vegetarian.

In a letter to the Wilmington Sunday Star, Klund said he is a student of metaphysics and occult lore.

American Youth Aids Drive For New Japanese University

NEW YORK — Youth from all over North America demonstrated world brotherhood and fellowship last week, April 16-23, which was designated as International Christian University Week, by casting friendship ballots for "peace and good-will." Each ballot, representing a dollar donation or more, went toward the establishing, equipping, and functioning of International Christian University to be located seventeen miles northwest of Tokyo, Japan.

During ICU Youth Week, young people, aside from voting, signed roster sheets set-up at various polling booths in cities and communities throughout the nation and in Canada. The rosters, which were incorporated with lists from youth groups all over the United States and Canada, will be shipped to Japan in the form of a giant scroll. On Sunday, April 23, the rosters and gifts were dedicated in special community-wide worship services prepared, in part, by Christian young people in Japan.

Governors and Mayors, educators and churchmen, approved observance of ICU Week in their states and in Canada. Endorsing the National Youth Campaign are: Governors John S. Battle, Virginia; Douglas McKay, Oregon; Frank Carlson, Kansas; Val Peterson, Nebraska; and former Governor Robert F. Bradford of Massachusetts. Already nearly 400 state, area, and community youth chairmen all across the nation and in Canada are enlisted for the youth campaign.

In New York City, Sunday, April 16, a Japanese tea was held at the famous Riverside Church. Young

people from 1500 Protestant churches in the Metropolitan Region have been invited to attend. Tea was served by Nisei young people of the Japanese Methodist Church.

A feature of the New York gathering was the portrayal of a number of classic Japanese dances by Mrs. Hideki Yukawa, wife of the 1949 Nobel Prize winner. The Japanese motion picture "Fujita" also was shown. A backdrop for the Riverside Church mass meeting was a grove of Japanese cherry trees in full bloom on Riverside Drive adjacent to the church.

Similar observances went on elsewhere throughout the country.

International Christian University is located at Mitaka, seventeen miles northwest of Tokyo, Japan. The university site was purchased by the Japanese who contributed over 150 million yen. ICU will have a faculty composed of educators from many lands. It will have three graduate schools of professional caliber (schools of education, government and social welfare) and a four year undergraduate College of Liberal Arts. It will train teachers along progressive educational lines in order to stimulate and encourage democratic outlook and action. It will be non-sectarian.

The University is sponsored by leading educators and church groups on both sides of the Pacific. Dr. Hachiro Yuasa, first President of ICU, is American-educated and has degrees from Kansas State Agricultural College and the University of Illinois. Two ICU vice-presidents are Americans... Dr. Maurice E. Troyer of Syracuse

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# Senate Omnibus Bill Will Remove Race as Barrier to Immigration, Naturalization

By I. H. GORDON

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An omnibus immigration and naturalization bill, representing a general revision of immigration and naturalization laws, and embodying the Judd bill and Walter Resolution, has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Pat McCarran, (D., Nev.), according to the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

A lengthy, technical measure, the Omnibus bill would, among other things, remove race as a barrier to naturalization and eliminate discriminatory provisions of the Oriental Exclusion Act of 1924.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL-ADC legislative director, said the bill is undergoing study by Edward J. Ennis, JACL-ADC legal counsel and former general counsel for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, as well as by other organizations interested in this type legislation.

"At the moment we cannot say with assurance that the overall effects of the bill represent improvements in our general naturalization and immigration laws.

"Some sections are excellent, especially those that eliminate race in immigration and naturalization."

Mr. Masaoka said the work of the JACL-ADC over the past three years is "largely, if not entirely, responsible for the inclusion of sections which would reopen this country to immigration from all Oriental nations, even on a limited basis, and permit every person, regardless of race, to become naturalized."

He pointed out, for example, bills to accomplish these purposes have been introduced at the behest of the JACL-ADC. Considerable work has been done by the organization to familiarize Congress with the need for such legislation.

"The introduction of the omnibus bill, as a Senate Committee measure, will naturally receive the active support of its sponsor—Sen. McCarran. We hope to get the Walter Resolution passed before the introduction of this bill. I feel confident now in saying that it is only a matter of time until both the Walter Resolution and Judd bill in principle if not as separate bills, become law," Mr. Masaoka said.

"Our work towards liberalizing immigration and naturalization laws is bearing fruit."

As an indication of the scope of the omnibus bill, Sen. McCarran, when he introduced it, said:

"While the new bill embodies many of the provisions of the previous laws, it also presents several major changes in policy which are:

"First. Simplification of the quota system, but maintenance of approximately the same basis formula for determining the number of people allowed to enter the U. S. (The quota system in the bill was first devised by the JACL ADC).

"Second. Establishment of a principle of selection, within the quota system, that is geared to the economic needs of the United States.

"Third. Removal of racial discrimination by permitting quota immigration from Asiatic Pacific areas from which persons of certain races were previously excluded. (This is the same formula for immigration first proposed by the JACL-ADC in the Judd bill).

"Fourth. Tightening of the screening procedure for applicants for admission and clarification of deportation proceedings under which undesirable aliens may be deported.

"Fifth. Plugging of the loopholes in the present law through

which subversive elements have been gaining admission into the United States.

"The bill further provides many important changes in naturalization," Sen. McCarran said, "among which are:

"First. Provision for more thorough investigations of applicants for citizenship.

"Second. Tightening the requirements for citizenship.

"Third. Provisions which would give greater assurances that citizenship shall not be promiscuously endowed on subversives and other undesirables."

(Although the Senator did not make specific mention of it, the bill also removes race as a requisite to naturalization).

Sen. McCarran said the last general investigation of our immigration system was made by the Congress beginning in 1907 and continuing until 1911. "As a result of this investigation there evolved a series of enactments which were designed to meet the problems of that era. It is my sincere hope that the fruit of the labors of the Subcommittee will meet with the approval of the Senate.

"I trust every Senator will study the report and the provisions of the omnibus bill."

Of the bill's receiving close study, there is little doubt. Sen. McCarran is not noted for his liberal outlook in matters of immigration. However, attorneys who have reviewed the bill only superficially, have said it is "better, in many respects, than we expected."

Analysis of a bill as technical as this is something that can be done most effectively only by experts in the field, and then only after intensive study, Mr. Masaoka said.

## Fresno JACL Pushes Membership Drive

FRESNO, Calif.—The American Loyalty League (JACL) began an intensive membership drive Monday, April 17.

Headed by Paulo Takahashi and Mike Iwatsubo, committees will continue their drive through the rest of the month and the first week of May.

The drive ends May 6 with a social at the International Institute.

The chapter invites membership of all persons interested in the work of the JACL, including Issei, according to the chairmen.

## Bingo

DAYTON, O.—A bingo party, followed by a potluck supper, was scheduled for April 23 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Shoji Okino as a benefit for the ADC. Lillie Mihara was chairman, assisted by Emma Mori, Yae Sato and Matilde Taguchi.

Mrs. Mary Okino and Yo Sato were chairmen of the ADC fund raising committee.

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# Placer JACL Names Queen At Annual Community Picnic

PENRYN, Calif. — The Placer County JACL's second annual community picnic was successfully staged April 23 at the JACL ball park.

Highlight of the day was the coronation of Satoko Makishima as JACL queen.

She won the queen contest after a close and spirited race over Kimiko Fujioka, YBA candidate; Sumi Maeda, Hi-Y queen; and Sumiko Umezu, MYF candidate. Miss Makishima was sponsored by the Placer Youth Club.

James Makimoto, chapter president, crowned the successful candidate.

Miss Makishima drew prize-winning numbers in a drawing follow-

ing the coronation. First prize, a chrome dinette set donated by the Nakamura Co. of Sacramento, was won by Fred Gebhardt of Auburn. Hiroshi Takemoto of Loomis won second prize.

Close to 100 business firms and individuals made contributions for the picnic.

A picnic dance, held in the evening drew one of the largest Nisei crowds for any event during the past year.

The four queen candidates were present and awarded bowling trophies to winners of the chapter's bowling tournament on Easter Sunday.

The dance was held at the Loomis Japanese hall.

## Chicago Sets 1000 Goal in Member Drive

CHICAGO — "1000 Members by End of April" is the goal set by the Chicago Chapter JACL membership committee, and the possibilities are within reach, according to Dr. Frank Sakamoto, membership chairman.

Aki Tani is the high-man for securing thirty new members thus far, with Mrs. Lily Teraji and Fumi Iwatsuki right behind him. The membership committee is now conducting a mass canvassing in the Kenwood district, of which Miss Iwatsuki is chairman.

"With any kind of a break, we should hit a thousand members by the end of April," said Dr. Sakamoto. "The contest with Los Angeles is very close; in fact, it's neck to neck," Dr. Sakamoto stated enthusiastically, "and if the old 1949 members would send in their renewals, there'd be no question about it. We must have the help of the old members," he urged.

## Leadership Course Features Classes In Social Games

CHICAGO—Outstanding recreation leaders are scheduled to lead a five-week course on social group games which began April 26 under sponsorship of the City-wide Recreation Council of the Chicago Resettlers Committee.

The course is part of the council's second annual recreation workshop for leadership training.

Among instructors for the social games course will be Dr. Harry Edgren and Helaine Levin. Classes will be held at Roosevelt college.

Other classes are now being taught in program planning and folk dancing.

## Plat-night

FRESNO, Calif. — The Fresno Joint Fellowship will hold a "Plat-night" this Saturday, April 29, at the Frank H. Ball park. Baseball, volley ball, organized games and singing are on the evening's agenda.

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## Wanted: A Name

PENRYN, Calif.—Editors of the Placer County JACL newspaper were still searching for a name for their paper as they put out its second edition April 13.

A prize has been offered for the name chosen.

The bulletin, a mimeo job, is edited by Roy Yoshida. Staff members are James Makimoto, Frank Fujita, Aiko Yamamoto, Hiroki Kashiwabara, Natsuye Osaki, Sumi Miyamoto, George Makabe, Nobuya Nimura, Steve Fujioka, Dick Morishige, Kim Fujioka and Ben Matsu-moto.

## Fresnans to Present Maria Miyamoto

FRESNO, Calif. — Maria Miyamoto of San Francisco will be presented in a benefit concert June 17 at Fresno State college under sponsorship of the women's division of the American Loyalty League.

Miss Miyamoto, well known pianist, makes her first appearance in central California in this concert.

Funds raised will go toward the ALL's scholarship award.

Scholarship awards last year were given to Yasuko Arakawa of Bowles and Ray Tsukimura of Fresno. Miss Arakawa is now studying at the University of California at Berkeley and Tsukimura at Fresno State college. The awards are given on the basis of scholarship, leadership and school activities.

# Report Senate Confirms Myer In New Post

Former WRA Chief Will Head Indian Affairs Bureau

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Appointment of Dillon S. Myer, former head of the WRA, as commissioner of Indian affairs was confirmed by the Senate this week.

The appointment was hailed as one "particularly pleasing to persons of Japanese ancestry" by Mike Masaoka, legislative director of the JACL ADC.

Masaoka said that as chief of the WRA Myer was a consistent exponent of fair play and treatment for Japanese Americans evacuated from the west coast.

"Even though they often were unpopular, his ideas were consistently democratic and sound," Masaoka said.

"Our faith in Mr. Myer will be more than demonstrated by his work as commissioner of Indian affairs," Masaoka said. "The Indians of this nation need assistance in many ways. They need aggressive help."

"I am confident Mr. Myer will be one of the noted men to head this bureau which can mean so much to one minority—the original American."

Masaoka also complimented the work of Dr. John R. Nichols, retiring commissioner. Dr. Nichols reportedly left the bureau to head a special mission to study the status of this nation's trust territories in the Pacific.

## Los Angeles Chapter Opens Ranks for Queen Contestants

LOS ANGELES—Queen nominations for the East Los Angeles JACL will be accepted until May 31, according to Florence Sahara, publicity chairman.

Non-members may submit nominations through chapter members.

The chapter's queen contest committee met at the International Institute Friday, April 21, to outline plans for the competition.

Sam Furuta is chairman, assisted by Edison Uno, Mac Shimtaki, Grace Shibata and Florence Sahara. Lynn Takagaki, president, attended the meeting.

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