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## Families Flee Lava Flow from Hawaii Volcano

HILO, Hawaii, T. H.—At least 10 families, many of them of Japanese ancestry, have been driven from their homes by the eruption of Mauna Loa on June 2.

The lava flow from the volcano also is reported to have encircled the village of Miloi and that an undetermined number of persons were trapped by the molten flood.

Police Sgt. Henry Kunitomo said the molten lava streams poured into several seacoast villages and destroyed about "15 homes and one Catholic church."

Kunitomo said the area damaged was on the northern side of the lava flow, which he said was a mile wide.

Kona police reported "probably about 60 families" were forced to evacuate seacoast homes between the villages of Alae and Pahoehe.

## Nisei Ask Agency Aid in Clearing Citizenship Status

SAN FRANCISCO — Requests from "several Nisei" to clear their citizenship status have been received in the three weeks in which the Japanese government's Overseas agency has been in operation in San Francisco, Atsushi Uyama, agency director, declared at a reception on May 27 at the Hotel Bellevue.

Uyama said that some Nisei were registered at the time of their birth by their parents with the Japanese government and although they had no choice in the matter these Nisei have had difficulty in clearing their status during and since the war.

## Recognition Group Cites Noboru Honda For Leadership

CHICAGO — Noboru Honda, chairman of the Midwest JACL and a past president of the Chicago chapter, was cited by the JACL national recognition committee this week for his contributions to the organization.

He is the seventh nominee of the committee for leadership awards.

He was named for his "mature and stabilizing leadership" to Nisei organizations in the midwest during the resettlement and postwar years.

He was a founder of the Chicago chapter's credit union. In addition to other duties, he is vice chairman of the National JACL convention board planning for the 11th biennial convention in this city.

He has been chairman of the Chicago Resettlers Committee and chairman of the board of the Chicago Buddhist church.

Noboru Honda's "sincere and quiet eloquence" has won friends not only for the JACL but also for the Japanese American community, the recognition committee said.

## Two Nisei Soldiers "Pushed" By Crowd in Tokyo Plaza

TOKYO—A Nisei soldier on occupation duty in Japan testified on June 1 that he was "pushed violently" by demonstrators in a crowd at the downtown plaza in front of the Imperial Palace on May 30 when he tried to recover notes of speeches at the Communist-sponsored rally which members of the crowd had seized from a Japanese policeman.

Cpl. Henry K. Yamashita of Honolulu told the military court at the trial of eight Japanese charged with roughing up three of five American soldiers at the rally that the trouble began after he tried to take back the notebook from demonstrators who had seized them

## Pay Homage to Nisei War Dead



Rose Matsuda, kneeling, and Fuku Yokoyama, right, fix flowers on the grave of Saburo Tanamachi, one of the 20 Nisei graves decorated by JACL members in Arlington on Memorial day. Watching, l. to r.: Sue Sato, Ben Nakao, Mrs. Andrew Kuroda and Mrs. Joe Ichijima, all Washington, D. C. chapter members.

Fuku Yokoyama, Washington, D.C., JACL member and Eastern District Council queen candidate, places the JACL wreath at the tomb of the unknown soldier. President Truman's wreath is in front of the tomb.

## Two Nisei Lay Wreath at Tomb Of U. S. Unknown Soldier

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Before the massed colors of Washington patriotic and civic organizations, Fuku Yokoyama and Jack Hirose of the National JACL Arlington Cemetery Committee paid homage to the nation's war dead as they laid a JACL wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Memorial Day.

Flanked by two honor guards from the VFW, Miss Yokoyama, Eastern District Council national queen candidate, and Mr. Hirose, Arlington Committee chairman, crossed the broad, white plaza in front of the tomb.

They stopped directly before the gleaming tomb. Then Miss Yokoyama, carrying the JACL wreath, stepped forward, placed the wreath beside the President's, and rejoined the honor guard.

The four retired from in front of the tomb.

Later, Miss Yokoyama sat on the stage of the Arlington amphi-

theater, representing the JACL, while Gen. George Marshall gave the nation's principal Memorial Day address.

After formal services at the tomb, a group of Washington JACL members decorated the graves of the 20 Nisei war dead buried in Arlington.

Pictures of the Nisei graves were taken by the Arlington Committee and will be sent to the families.

In addition to decorations placed on the graves by the Arlington JACL Committee, patriotic organizations of Washington also decorated all graves at the national cemetery with a small American flag and a single red poppy.

The decoration of Nisei graves at Arlington on Memorial day is one of several times during the year the Arlington Committee pays personal attention and honor to Nisei war dead. The graves also are decorated on Nisei Soldier Memorial day, in October, and again on Armistice day.

Mr. Hirose said several special contributions were received by the Arlington Committee for flowers to decorate Nisei graves.

He added that the Arlington Committee is always ready to lend its assistance to members of families who have kin buried at Arlington.

## Urban League Group Reelects Chuman

LOS ANGELES—Frank F. Chuman, national JACL second vice president, was re-elected to the board of directors of the Los Angeles Urban League at its annual meeting held last month. Chuman and six other members of the Urban League Board for 1949-50 were re-elected to succeed themselves for three additional years.

## Milwaukee JACL Takes Lead In Opening Up Jobs for Nisei In Wisconsin's Industries

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—Led by the Milwaukee chapter, JACL, an interim committee of prominent Milwaukee citizens was formed to explore the possibilities of opening up employment opportunities for the Nisei in Wisconsin industries.

Having heard that discriminatory employment practices still prevail against many Nisei on the West Coast, the interim committee pledged itself to see what form of action community leadership could take in placing qualified Nisei in Wisconsin industries.

Gus Oura, president of the Milwaukee chapter of the JACL, opened the meeting with the statement: "We feel that Milwaukee is a very practical locality in which to try an employment project, for the Nisei have been accepted as individuals. Employment opportunities have been as varied as our abilities."

"One of the basic resources of this country is the American know-how, the Yankee savvy," said Richard Akagi, Midwest regional representative of the JACL, in addressing the interim committee.

"The American community cannot afford to dissipate this precious resource by discriminating against those who, if properly employed, could contribute significantly to the material welfare of our nation," he added.

George Brawley, chairman of the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights, in agreeing to undertake the pilot project, stated: "The Mayor's Commission on Human Rights is deeply concerned with problems of discrimination. It

feels that what we do in Milwaukee can well influence the thoughts and actions of people across the nation. It was our good fortune to be able to assist the Milwaukee chapter of the JACL in obtaining a resolution from the City Common Council urging the immediate passage of the Walter Resolution and the Judd Bill. We fully appreciate the efforts of the Nisei to arrive at a worthwhile solution of the problems of discrimination in employment, wherever they may exist. With the cooperation of community agencies, citizens' groups and industry, we feel sure that Milwaukee can lead the way in employment opportunities for qualified employees regardless of their race, color and creed. It is indeed gratifying to find that the Nisei feel the same way toward our city."

The members of the interim committee are: George Brawley, chairman of the Mayor's Commission on Human Rights, William V. Keley of the Milwaukee Urban League, Rev. Norman Ream, Edgar Furey of the Wisconsin State Employment Service, Jack Fellers, Miss Irene Redman, Gus Oura, president of the Milwaukee chapter of the JACL, Julius Fujihira, past president of the Milwaukee chapter of the JACL, Miss Virginia Huebner of the Wisconsin State Industrial Commission, Robert George and Richard Akagi. Herbert Ross and Robert Kuchler, representing local industry agreed to serve as consultants.

"I am confident that the Interim Committee will provide the machinery by which we can begin to deal with inequities in employment opportunities," said Robert George, executive secretary of the Milwaukee Mayor's Commission on Human Rights.

The next meeting of the Interim Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 6th, in Milwaukee.

## Posters Boost JACL Southwest Parley

LOS ANGELES — Bold-colored posters boosting public attendance at the Pacific Southwest District Council convention at the Chase Hotel, Santa Monica, July 1 and 2, were distributed this week to Southland JACL chapters by the Convention Public Relations committee.

They announce the schedule of events for the two-day meeting.

## Illinois Official Welcomes Aid From JACL in Fight on Bias

CHICAGO — In accordance with the already established plan of cooperation between the United States Employment Service and the Japanese American Citizens League, the Illinois State Employment Service welcomes the efforts of the Chicago chapter, JACL, in fighting discriminatory practices in employment, Harry I. Jones of the Service Branch, ISES, stated this week.

In an interview with Richard Akagi, Midwest regional representative of the JACL, Jones said that whenever discriminatory job specifications were received at his office, every effort was made to change such employers' attitudes in the matter.

"It is important," remarked Jones, "that the Japanese American community be encouraged to use the facilities that are available in the ISES."

"Under the Chicago Reorganization Plan," said Jones, "the areas

of responsibility of the agency have been centralized into four units: (a) Professional and Commercial; (b) Service, which was established on May 15, 1950, and is concerned with placing cooks, chefs, bus boys, workers in laundries and dry cleaning plants; (c) Skilled and (d) Unskilled Trades, whose offices are yet in the process of organization. We are concerned to see that the best man is placed in the best jobs."

"We have recently formed an Employment Committee," said Shigeo Wakamatsu, president of the Chicago JACL chapter, "which will attempt to implement on a local level the present national plan of cooperation with the United States Employment Service. We hope in time not only to open new job opportunities for the Nisei, but also to educate and encourage our membership to make use of the counselling service which many public agencies provide."

## Three Nisei Named Among First Winners of Opportunity Awards of Whitney Foundation

NEW YORK CITY—Three Nisei are among 42 persons named recipients of opportunity fellowships awarded last week by the John Hay Whitney Foundation.

Jean Yasuko Ishikawa of Chicago, Mrs. Setsuko Matsunaga Nishi, also of Chicago, and Hisaye Yamamoto of Los Angeles were among the winners.

Miss Ishikawa, student at Parsons school of design, will use her grant to continue her study of interior design here and abroad.

Mrs. Nishi, organizational secretary of the Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination, will further her graduate work in sociology.

Miss Yamamoto was sponsored by the Los Angeles Tribune, a weekly newspaper for which she wrote a weekly column for two years. Her short stories have appeared in the Partisan Review, the Kenyon Review and other publications.

Miss Yamamoto won an \$1800 grant.

The scholarships range in value from \$1000 to \$3000. A total of \$85,000 was awarded to permit recipients to continue training or study in their special fields.

The awards were designed specifically to further educational opportunities for persons of minority

ancestry and persons from "underdeveloped" areas.

The scholarships were given to U.S. citizens who, because of arbitrary barriers such as race, cultural background or region of residence, were not able to develop their abilities completely. The foundation expects that many of the winners, after completing their projects, will return to their homes to help raise the economic and social standards of their respective communities.

The 42 awards are the first to be made under conditions of the Whitney grant. Applications for awards numbered 575.

Details for next year's competition will be announced in June. A far larger group of applications is expected.

## Nominations Being Accepted For Masaoka Scholarship Fund

Nominations are now being accepted for candidates for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka memorial scholarship, according to the National JACL, which administers the scholarship fund.

The award of \$200 is open to all Nisei high school graduates planning to attend college this fall. All candidates must be nominated by JACL chapters.

Nominations will be accepted until June 30. Nominees will be sent a special application form. All communications should be addressed to the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship, c/o JACL National Headquarters, 413 Beason bldg., Salt Lake City.

The scholarship was established in 1946 by Mrs. Haruye Misaoka in memory of her son, Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka, who was killed in action during the rescue of the "lost battalion" in the Vosges mountains of France.

The original terms of the scholarship designated Nisei veterans as recipients, but in 1948 the scholarship was given as an award

for the winner of the National JACL oratorical contest.

Last year the scholarship was opened up to all deserving Nisei high school graduates.

Last year's winner was Garcia Taketa of Washington, D.C., at present a student at Radcliffe college.

## California Community Honors War Dead

CENTRAL, Calif. — Three men of Japanese ancestry from Central who were killed in World War II were among those honored on May 29 with the dedication of a cement-based plaque bearing the names of the 23 men from Central who died in the service of their country.

The names of John Hashimoto, Takeo Kaneichi and Haruo Kawamoto are memorialized on the plaque which also carries the names of 716 men and women inducted into the armed forces from Central.

## 91-Year Old Yukio Ozaki Tells Hope for Moral Alliance

NEW YORK CITY — Japan's grand old liberal, 91-year-old Yukio Ozaki, asked for a moral alliance between the United States and Japan as he addressed a group of citizens meeting to honor him at the Waldorf-Astoria on May 24.

Dr. Ozaki, whose gift of cherry trees to Washington in 1912 is the act for which he is best known in the United States, is in this country on a goodwill tour sponsored by the American Council on Japan.

The nonagenarian statesman said that Japan's rapid material advances after opening of the nation to western trade brought about a "blindness born of too fast material success."

"I believe it is more than a coincidence that Japan is being saved and rehabilitated by America," Ozaki said. "I have always felt that our two countries should be closely knit together, which makes me wish to stress how necessary is a moral alliance between our two nations."

Dr. Ozaki said the United Nations is "ideally" the best organization to maintain the territorial integrity of Japan after the occupation, but added that "the present condition" of the UN makes this a "nebulous hope, if not an impossible task."

"There is no way for Japan's future security except to ally itself by treaty with America and other democratic nations strong enough to guarantee the independence and freedom during her period of rehabilitation."

Dr. Ozaki concluded his speech with an expression of gratitude for the "magnanimous handling" of Japan by the United States.

"Would that I were still Mayor of Tokyo," he said. "If such were my position, I know I would find some way to show the appreciation of the people in Japan for your greatness of heart toward a fallen foe. I have no more cherry trees to send you, but I shall make it the task of my remaining years to see that this greatness of heart of the American people is better understood by my people."

Ozaki left for Washington on May 31 for a nine-day visit of the capital, during which time he expects to see the cherry trees which he sent to the United States while he was Tokyo's mayor.

He will visit both houses of Congress and is expected to visit Pres. Truman during his stay in the capital.

Upon completion of his Washington visit, Dr. Ozaki will return to New York for a series of conferences with the executive committee of the American Council of Japan, of which Joseph C. Grew and William R. Castle, former ambassadors to Japan, are honorary co-chairman and honorary president.

He will also talk with a Japanese American residents committee to work out his program for a "moral alliance" between Japan and the United States. He will discuss this same subject in Los Angeles with another committee after he leaves New York City.

On June 10 he will leave for Honolulu for a short stopover and a discussion with a group in Honolulu.

He will leave for Japan sometime around June 15.



Yoshiko Yamaguchi, Japanese film star who won fame under the name of "Rikoran" in the film "China Night," will visit the United States soon. She will receive a Technicolor film test in Hollywood and will study singing in New York. Miss Yamaguchi, born and raised in Manchuria of Japanese parents, speaks English, French, Russian and Japanese.

## Japanese Actress Will Sing Before Mainland Audiences

By BROWNIE FURUTANI

Hilo, Hawaii

A lyric soprano with a voice like Kathryn Grayson's, with a touch of Lily Pons. An actress of the first magnitude. A star who was raised in China and speaks Chinese, Japanese and English, as well as other foreign languages. This is "Rikoran" Shirley Yoshiko Yamaguchi, most glamorous Japanese star to visit America.

Making her visit outside of China and Japan, Miss Yamaguchi has just completed a successful personal appearance tour

of the territory prior to her visit of the mainland, where she will appear in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Denver, Chicago, Salt Lake City and Hollywood. She is sponsored by the Matsuo brothers of Honolulu.

Miss Yamaguchi let us interview her at the famous Naniola hotel here and enroute to the airport, where she was scheduled to leave for Maui.

The hotel was a-bustle with last-minute preparations for the actress and crowded with well-wishers who had gathered to bid her goodbye. In the middle of all this, she gave the interview calmly.

Like all Japanese cinema stars, she is eager to expose herself to western culture and absorb new trends in camera, costume and make-up techniques in the stage and theater.

One of her dreams is to open a school in Japan where promising young people can be taught voice and acting.

What the young Japanese need most, she said, is to get a broader outlook on the world. The Japanese cinema, she says, is a decade behind the times in equipment and methods.

"I like Russian composers and their music in the classical category," the young star said.

She takes an intense interest in musicals from Hollywood and professed a great admiration for Judy Garland.

Miss Yamaguchi's latest Japanese film is a musical titled, "Akatsuki no Dasso," which is considered one of the best produced so far in Japan.

Having been brought up in China, Miss Yamaguchi has a great love for that country and feels most at home in Chinese dress. Her favorite author, she said, is Pearl Buck. She expects to meet the noted author when she gets to New York City.

"My favorite color is cherry red, and I like gardenias, carnations and roses," said the star on the way to the airport. Pressed for time, she had little time for all the questions prepared for her. She was frank in her replies, "Americanized," and showed a great sense of humor. It was hard to

believe she came from Japan and had lived all her life in the Orient.

"I am a bachelor girl," the actress smiled while the car headed carefully for the airport, "but I believe in marriage and support that institution wholeheartedly."

The actress said that she is confident Japan will be a nation of peace and take her place in the world of peaceful nations.

The question of kissing on the screen, still a problem in Japan, was discussed by Miss Yamaguchi, who noted that taking a kissing scene was still difficult. It's trying to take such a shot in the midst of studio workers who just don't feel natural about osculation, she said.

The party reached the airport. There was a great crowd of autograph seekers. She signed a picture for readers of the Pacific Citizen. The surging crowd made it difficult for her to write.

She regretted she hadn't been able to answer all the questions put to her. The questions, she said, were "thought-provoking."

"She is a great show-woman," said Roger Adams, accompanist to the star on her appearances in the territory. Adams worked previously in New York and Hollywood and came to Honolulu with Maurice Evans' "Hamlet" company. Adams was musical director for the show.

Miss Yamaguchi's music has been westernized, Adams commented, and has a great appeal for the American public. He noted that he hoped she got a chance to play on the American screen.

Miss Yamaguchi has high hopes that eventually she can make good in Hollywood. It's obvious she has the talent, personality and ability to make good.

## Find Body of Issei

STOCKTON, Calif.—The body of Inosuke Fujiki, 70, was found in Homestead slough on May 27, one day after a note was found in which he declared he no longer wished to be a burden on his friends.

He had no known close relatives.

## Hold Soldier In Hit-Run Death Of Denver Youth

DENVER, Colo.—Richard Terasaki, 14, was killed almost instantly on the night of May 28 when he was struck by a car driven by a hit-and-run driver and tossed 60 feet into the path of another car.

Two schoolmates, Richard Venable, 15, and William Stallborer, 15, were critically injured.

The three youths, returning from a social near midnight, had alighted from another car and were crossing the street when they were hit. All three were hurled into the air by the force of the impact.

A city-wide search immediately was instituted for the driver of the death car.

Police announced on May 28 that a Fitzsimmons General Hospital soldier had admitted driving a car identified by police as the vehicle that killed young Terasaki.

The suspect was identified as Pfc. Roy Moon, 21, who was arrested 35 miles west of Denver while driving a car which Denver police said matched the description of the vehicle which caused the death of the Terasaki youth.

Arrested with Pvt. Moon were two other soldiers, Herman Carswell, 22, and John Hanks, 32. Pvt. Moon and Hanks have been on furlough, according to hospital officials, and Pvt. Carswell has been absent without leave since May 24.

Moon admitted driving the car, a 1938 model, "in the vicinity" of the fatal accident and remembered "hitting something" but claimed he did not know what the object was.

A headlight and part of a radiator grille found near the death scene matched damaged portions of the car Moon was driving, according to police.

Richard Terasaki was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Shoziro Terasaki.

He and the two injured youths were students at Gove junior high school.

## Nisei Driver Hurt As Three Killed in Crossing Accident

WEISER, Ida—Sut Nakamura, about 20, was critically injured in a train-auto collision in which three others were killed and one person hurt seriously on May 29.

Two brothers and a sister, Jesus Valles, 23, Andrew Valles and Gillermino Valles, 18, farm laborers who were en route to work on the Nakamura farm near Weiser, died.

Another brother, Eleyio Valles, was reported in fair condition.

Nakamura was treated for what were termed "very critical injuries." He is reported to be suffering from shoulder, head and chest injuries and a possible skull fracture.

Sheriff Al Walters who investigated the accident said that the Valles were members of a family of 11 farm workers from Texas who were doing field work in the area.

Nakamura had just picked up the workers and was en route to the farm when the accident happened.

Walters said that Nakamura waited for a westbound passenger train to clear the crossing and then drove from behind it directly into the path of an eastbound Union Pacific streamliner. The passenger train had pulled onto a siding to permit the streamliner to pass.

## Parlier Nisei Float Wins Second Prize

PARLIER, Calif.—A float entered jointly by the Parlier chapter of the JACL and by the Pacificans was awarded second prize in Parlier's fifth annual Veterans' Round-up parade on May 21.

The sweepstakes prize for the best float was won by the Sanger Chamber of Commerce.

The float entered by the two Nisei organizations who combined their efforts in one huge float consisted of two trucks side by side which almost filled the width of the street. The theme of the float was a huge American flag.

The parade was witnessed by more than 10,000.

## Heads School Council

Anne Imai recently was elected president of the girls' council at West high school in Salt Lake City. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Imai of Salt Lake City.

## Seattle Community Honors GIs



Harry I. Takagi, president of the Seattle, Wash., JACL is shown speaking at the Nisei memorial in Lakeview cemetery at the annual Memorial Day observance co-sponsored by the

Nisei Veterans Committee, the JACL, the Japanese Community Service Committee and the combined churches of Seattle.

—Photo by Elmer Ogawa.

## Report on McCarran Omnibus Bill Favors Removal of Ban Against Issei Citizenship

**Testimony, Evidence  
"Overwhelmingly Favor"  
Equality, Says Report**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Japanese, comprising the largest group in the nation racially ineligible for naturalization, are singled out for special mention in a report accompanying the McCarran Omnibus bill, according to the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this week.

Although the McCarran bill has been subject to considerable criticism, a few provisions of the lengthy and technical bill, granting equality in immigration and naturalization to persons of Asian ancestry, have met with approval, the JACL-ADC indicated.

In support of the provision which would grant Japanese aliens the right to naturalization, the report said:

"The evidence and testimony presented to the subcommittee are overwhelmingly in favor of the removal of racial bars to naturalization."

Discussing the Japanese in America, it continued:

"The median age of foreign-born Japanese in this country is now 59.8 years, as compared with 29 for the population as a whole. This alien group was only one half as large as the native-born Japanese group in 1940, and is rapidly growing smaller."

"More than 35,000 of their native born sons fought in our armed forces in World War II. The combat records of these men are as fine as for any group in any service. Officers who commanded units in which Japanese American soldiers fought have high praise for their valor and fighting ability."

"It is their parents who are resident aliens racially ineligible to citizenship. These people have lived in the United States for more than a quarter of a century. They will live here the remainder of their lives. Granting them citizenship will not disrupt the general economic or social pattern in their communities, since they are permanently established. However, granting them the privilege of citizenship will give recognition to their loyalty to our country, and will remove the stigma which they and their children feel at being branded as belonging to a race in-

eligible to become naturalized citizens.

"It is important to note that racially prejudices have decreased radically in the last quarter of a century in the communities where most of those who are racially ineligible live. The hysteria and fears of the war years have died down. Those who had charge of relocation camps in this country during the war have stated to the subcommittee that the Japanese American and foreign born Japanese who were interned during the war exhibited a high degree of cooperation and loyalty."

"The arguments which obtain for lifting racial bars to immigration apply with equal force to naturalization."

"Removal of racial barriers to immigration and naturalization has much to recommend it from the standpoint of improved international relations and prestige. The statements submitted by our consular officers abroad are overwhelmingly in favor of eliminating such bars."

"These consular officers are unanimous in stating that such action would greatly strengthen international good will by demonstrating that we practice what we preach in the matter of equality of individuals and races."

## Nisei Girl Wins Honors At Northwestern University

EVANSTON, Ill.—Fran Watanabe of Chicago was named to Mortar Board, national honorary senior women's society, and to the queen's court for May day ceremonies May 21 at Northwestern university in Evanston.

The university's May day is annual recognition day for students when awards are made for scholarship, leadership and campus activities.

Miss Watanabe was selected an attendant to the May queen by vote of women students. The queen and her attendants, are chosen on the basis of leadership in campus organizations and service. The

## Two Hawaii Nisei Girls Offered WAC Commissions

WASHINGTON—Three University of Hawaii girls, including two Nisei, were named recently among 52 recent or prospective college graduates who have been chosen for direct commissioning in the Women's Army corps.

The army said these women are the first to be offered WAC commissions directly from civilian life.

The Hawaiians are Clarissa L. Aping, Lanikai, Oahu; Tatsuko Hamashige, Kahuku, Oahu; and Sadie E. Yoshizaki, Honolulu.

They will be appointed second lieutenants in the WAC section of the reserve immediately and will remain on inactive status until ordered to Fort Lee, Va., on Sept. 7 for a six month training course.

## Will Return to See Blossoms, Says Ozaki

WASHINGTON, D. C. — "Of course I am too late to see the blossoms this year. When I am 100 years old I shall return to see them in blossom."

So said Dr. Yukio Ozaki, 91-year-old Japanese liberal, as he arrived in Washington May 31 for a nine-day visit.

Dr. Ozaki was mayor of Tokyo in 1912, when he sent the now world-famous cherry blossoms to this capital city.

queen and her court reign over festivities for the day.

Members of Mortar Board are chosen at the end of their junior year on the basis of service to the university, scholarship standing and campus leadership. No more than 20 women are chosen in one year to this organization.

Miss Watanabe has served as president of Women Off Campus, secretary of the student governing board, secretary of the Red Cross campus unit and member of Shi-Ai, junior women's honorary group.

She was chosen by the entire campus as cover girl for the Purple Parrot, campus magazine.

## Employment Outlook Somber For Nisei as Hawaii Tries To Shake Economic Slump

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—Graduation time, which normally ought to be a very happy occasion for young people, may not be as auspicious for many Nisei coming out of the schools this summer.

There is no official estimate available as to the number of students of Japanese ancestry who will be graduated from island and mainland schools in the next few weeks. Neither is there any figure on the number who will be seeking jobs after graduation.

It is a safe guess that the college graduates who will soon be seeking employment will run into the hundreds. Then there are thousands more who will be leaving the high schools to enter the labor market permanently.

The fact that so many Nisei, as well as youths of all other races, will be out looking for jobs is not disheartening in itself. Rather, it should be a propitious sign that these young people, full of ambition and equipped with book learning, are available to contribute their vigorous energies to building a bigger and better community.

The sad commentary, however, is that Hawaii's economy is not robust enough to accept and utilize the vast amount of youthful manpower coming of age. As one economist has termed it, Hawaii is in a "period of economic readjustment." In layman's language, that means that the island economy is out of balance . . . it is not expanding fast enough to absorb all the people in the labor market.

Hawaii's population today, about half a million, is 132,000 larger than it was in 1940. At the same time, the principal things that bring mainland dollars to the territory—production of sugar and pineapple and services to the armed forces and other government operations—are returning to 1940 proportions.

Thus, the result is that the territory is spending more mainland dollars than it earned in 1949 and there are not enough jobs for the total labor force.

As of April, the number of employed totaled about 28,000, which represents a small reduction from the peak unemployment period last fall. The 28,000 jobless is discouragingly large, in view of its ratio to the total labor force of nearly 200,000.

Of the 28,000, roughly a third are from the Japanese group.

What's in store for the Nisei youth about to leave school?

The outlook appears somber, to be sure. But as in most situations of life, there is hope in the oft-quoted line: "Every cloud has a silver lining." The employment horizon has its bright promises too.

The Nisei today is better educated. He has had more opportunities for training himself for a vocation. High school education is practically universal in Hawaii, and more and more Nisei are receiving college education.

Scholastically, the Nisei have rated high. As a general rule, they apply themselves to their tasks, book learning or otherwise, with a zest that speaks well for the students and their parents.

Never before have so many of them taken advantage of the chance to study on the mainland. Many families, working themselves up from the proverbial shoestring, have been able to finance schooling abroad for their sons and, yes, even daughters. The old tradition of higher education for boys only is rapidly giving way to a more enlightened attitude.

The GI bill of rights has aided innumerable Nisei in furthering their studies at the University of Hawaii or in mainland universities. It is providing subsistence where otherwise the Nisei students would never have been able to finance themselves through college.

And, of course, there is always that segment of young men and women who, by the sweat of their own brows—washing dishes or doing yard work—put themselves through school.

Some Nisei have chosen occupations which heretofore have not been pioneered by their racial group. They are studying for professions and specialized fields which offer less competition.

All this is a good portent for the

future. It means they can stand up and face the competition, knowing they have the same, if not better, educational training and background as job seekers of other races. They would be less inclined to shy away from job openings which have been monopolized by other races.

With proper training and guidance, the Nisei ought to be able to live down the complex, whether justified or not, that racial discrimination bars them from entering or succeeding in certain vocations. Dollar-wise employers are choosing young people who can produce in the fierce competition of modern business. They are inclined to select the most promising applicant, regardless of race, when the job calls for ability and efficiency and not merely a hand-shaker whose clientele happens to be persons of only one race.

There have been too many exceptions to the rule that racial discrimination is practiced everywhere, to discourage bright, enterprising young people. Observation seems to bear out the fact that those who complain loudest about racial discrimination usually have the least "on the ball." This statement is intended to apply to Hawaii only and not necessarily to the mainland where circumstances obviously differ from those in Hawaii.

What of the great majority of youths who comprise the "average" group in aptitudes and training?

The labor market, fortunately, is brightening, even though slowly. A significant fact is that the island population decreased about 24,000 solely because of outmigration. The trend is continuing this year at about the same rate. Those leaving are mostly mainlanders who have been laid off, could not find jobs or whose businesses fell off because of the economic retrenchment.

In this connection, it is interesting to note the findings of a survey just conducted by the young adult committee of the Young Women's Christian Association. The survey of Honolulu and rural Oahu YWCA clubs and other groups was made to determine how many of their members have been affected by the unemployment problem.

One of the reasons most often given for their unemployment was: "too many mainlanders." The other reasons were the increase in Hawaii's working population and the scarcity of jobs.

As late as the '30's, jobs, low paying as they might have been, always were available for those persons anxious enough to look for them on the big sugar and pineapple plantations. Plantation employment at that time was looked upon more or less as a last resort for the job seeker who could not make his fortune in urban Honolulu.

But today even these "hoe hana and cut cane" jobs are gone. Operating under tight budgets, plantations of the two largest industries are laying off rather than hiring workers. So this source of jobs is no more.

The most job opportunities appear to be in the numerous small industries that are cropping up hopefully. Some employment also is offered in the forward areas of the Pacific, in military establishments. The tourist business is growing also.

The sober fact, in the final analysis is that the less competent and least trained job seekers will be left on the wayside. The more skilled and aggressive ones will find their niche, despite the economic slump in which Hawaii now finds itself.

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## EDITORIAL:

### The Slowdown on Evacuee Claims

In the light of past government performances, Mike Ma-saoka's statement last week that the evacuation claims program may take a generation for completion is no idle remark.

The adjudication of claims against the government has traditionally been a long, drawn-out affair. Claims arising out of World War I are still unsettled. Completion of settlements in the Black Tom explosion in New Jersey came two full decades after the explosion.

We are not far from the first decade mark of the evacuation, which came in the spring of 1942. It is entirely probable that another decade will pass before the claims of the evacuees are settled.

The time table on the claims program promises little. The bill empowering payment was passed in 1948. The first claim was paid at the end of 1949. In the intervening six months hardly a handful of cases has been adjudicated and fewer have been paid. It is almost inconceivable that the rate of adjudication should be so slow.

At this rate, the last of the claims may not see payment within this generation.

This, we hasten to say, is not entirely the fault of officials now entrusted with the claims program. They have been handicapped by two factors: inadequate funds and lack of a definite standard for admissible claims.

Persons of Japanese ancestry filed claims totaling \$150,000,000. The government's budget for claims payments in 1951 was \$5,000,000 exclusive of operating costs. This woefully inadequate sum was slashed again to \$4,000,000, including a \$250,000 appropriation for administration of the fund.

The JACL ADC already has noted that the sum appropriated for administration of the evacuee claims program is a major factor in what appears to be a slowdown in the adjudication of claims. The appropriation seems barely enough to provide for a skeleton framework for claims adjudication. Unless the funds are increased the Department of Justice will be forced to confine its field offices to the two already in operation in California, thereby slowing down the whole program.

The difficulties caused by unnecessary delay are many and obvious. Proof of loss has been difficult to establish because of the already long time lapse since the evacuation. With the passing months such proof becomes even more difficult to provide.

Only practical effect of the program to date has been creation of a government bureau with two regional offices, one in Los Angeles and one in San Francisco. The passage of time may see new officials coming into this bureau with no conception of the real need for processing and paying off the claims. Unnecessary delay in administration of the program raises the real danger that this section of the government can eventually become a bureaucracy dedicated to its own self preservation.

Only a mere handful of the 120,000 evacuees have had any real aid as a result of the evacuation claims bill, which was passed by the 80th Congress in recognition of the long-delayed need to reimburse the evacuees and in recognition of their continued loyalty during the long years of internment.

These evacuees deserve prompt payment of their just claims. They need the resources that can be provided only through the claims program.

## Race in the Headlines

The San Francisco News has announced in an editorial that it henceforth will cease to use the word "Jap" in reference to persons of Japanese ancestry.

Before the war most newspapers were scrupulous in avoiding use of the word, but World War II saw it come screaming back into the headlines. To our knowledge, only the New York Times persisted in using "Japanese."

The short and simple term, "Jap," of course, is a boon to headline writers, who are stumped trying to fit "Japanese" or, worse yet, "Japanese American" into a short headline. So the sacrifice, perhaps, will be greatest on the part of the newspaper copy desk.

The term "Nisei" can generally substitute for "Japanese American," and its shortness is perhaps the major reason why it is coming into common usage today. But for "Japanese," in references to persons living in Japan, the copy desk will still have to fight it out with that one.

The News' announcement, of course, is in line with a growing practice among newspapers to play down racial background, when it is not a necessary factor in the story. Thus rapidly disappearing is the once common headline, "Negro Held in Robbery," etc. The nation's intelligent newspapers are quietly dropping racial connotations from their headlines and their stories.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Yellow Peril and Politics

This is the week of the California primaries and an appropriate time for our annual column on the decline and fall of the Yellow Peril in the political affairs of the Golden State.

There was a time, not too long ago, when the native sons could be rallied behind the banner of the Yellow Peril mongers, when political careers were built through the propagation of race myths about the "coolie" menace from the Orient.

Although it is no longer a force in California affairs, the Yellow Peril's effect cannot be overstated. California politicians exploiting the emotionalism of race hatred, impressed their prejudices upon the nation's immigration and naturalization laws. Yellow Peril laws, such as the Alien Land act which prohibits Japanese and other aliens "ineligible to citizenship" from owning real property, were responsible for the expropriation of millions of dollars worth of lands from the state's residents of Japanese ancestry. Unwritten Yellow Peril laws, in the years before World War II, effectively prevented Americans of Japanese ancestry from entering such fields as teaching in public schools.

It was the false propaganda of the Yellow Peril which was responsible, in great measure, for the mass evacuation decision and it was a populace poisoned by the Yellow Peril which accepted the great betrayal of citizen rights which resulted from mass evacuation and mass detention.

The Yellow Peril was real and ugly and it affected the lives of all of the Nisei in the state and its ramifications were felt in Washington as well as in Tokyo. In Japan the war lords used the fact of California-sponsored discrimination against persons of Japanese and other Oriental ancestry as a club in their putsch for power. Japanese democrats never recovered completely from the indignity of the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924 which was pushed through Congress by Pacific coast racists. It is possible, of course, that the Tokyo sabre rattlers, hell bent with a one-way ticket to destruction, would have seized power even without this assistance from California's racists but the way of the militarists was made easier and the forces of moderation weakened by this example of avowed prejudice.

It is ironic that the collapse of the Yellow Peril was hastened by the very war which California's racist alarmists had predicted. One of the fictions spread in the first three decades of the half-century was that any person of Japanese ancestry would turn out to be a loyal subject of the Emperor in Tokyo at the first sign of crisis. This was the sort of thinking which led to the mass evacuation decision. The behavior of Japanese Americans in World War II knocked that particular myth as dead as Cock Robin. The racist alarmists were proved to be false prophets and the Yellow Peril was ready for its obituary.

The genesis of the Yellow Peril is that it was first utilized in the 1870's as a means of turning emotionalism into political profit. Anti-Orientalism was fomented by the Dennis Kearneys who cried that the "Chinese Must Go!" The campaign found fallow ground among a pioneer population with whom the winning of the west meant the displacement of the heathen by the men of the civilized west as symbolized by the white man. The initial translation of anti-Orientalism into political activity was crowned by the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1882. From that time until V-J day in 1945 the Yellow Peril was a definite factor in California politics. It helped elect senators and dogcatchers and it created an atmosphere in which discrimination against persons of Oriental descent was condoned.

One of the private organizations which fostered the Yellow Peril in politics was the Native Sons of the Golden West which came to exert a definite influence in the affairs of the state. Membership in the Native Sons is available only to white persons, preferably of North European ancestry, born in California. The organization has done

some praiseworthy work in the fields of welfare and civic activity but its main interest until recent years has been an avowed desire to maintain California as a "white man's paradise." One of the most active committees of the Native Sons was one on "Japanese legislation" which periodically proposed the passage of measures to restrict the state's residents of Japanese descent. The committee has been inoperative in the past three years, but during the war it helped initiate a test case in San Francisco which sought to disfranchise all citizens of Japanese descent.

The California primaries of 1944 saw the last widespread use of Yellow Peril techniques in a political campaign. A number of candidates ran for the Senate seat held by Sheridan Downey and to which he later was reelected. Five of the candidates in the primaries opposed the return of Japanese American evacuees to California and two of them, State Senator Jack Tenney and William Bonelli, a member of the State Board of Equalization, devoted most of their primary campaigns to the "Japanese issue." Tenney and Bonelli, both of whom are campaigning for reelection in the 1950 to their respective sinecures, were soundly beaten in their bids for nominations for United States Senator, as were Justus Craemer, Charles Johnson and Mrs. Irene Dockweiler.

The 1944 election also saw the circulation of an anti-Japanese hate sheet called the Los Angeles Equalizer whose eight pages were filled with attacks on the loyalty of the Nisei. The Equalizer's editor, Lyndon Foster, warned that treachery is a Japanese racial characteristic and announced that a "secret army" of persons of Japanese ancestry was ready to destroy dams and viaducts. Main force of the Equalizer's attack was directed against several liberal members of Congress from Los Angeles county who were attacked as "Jap Lovers" because they refused to go along with the demands of its editor for restrictions on the Japanese American population. One congressman in particular, who is still a member of the House, was identified by the Equalizer as the "Jap's Pal." This congressman then proceeded to win reelection in the primaries, getting both the major party nominations and receiving some 56,000 votes to less than 5,000 for his nearest opponent despite the fact that thousands of copies of the Equalizer were distributed in his district.

The dismal failure of the 1944 renaissance of the Yellow Peril also was illustrated by the defeat of Rep. John M. Costello who had sought to enhance his political standing by his chairmanship of the Dies subcommittee which investigated Japanese American relocation and the WRA. Both Mr. Costello and Leland Ford, another California congressman who sought legislative restrictions on Japanese Americans, have dropped out of political sight. The so-called "Japanese issue" was not the only reason for the rejection of Messrs. Ford and Costello by the electorate. Their attempts to foment prejudice against the evacuees undoubtedly reflected other errors in political judgment.

The 1950 primary campaign in California has been singularly free of appeals to race prejudice with the exception of the pamphleteering of William E. Riker, promoter of a community called Holy City in Santa Clara county, who would like to expel all non-Aryans from the commonwealth. It is doubtful, however, that Mr. Riker, in his campaign for the governorship, will carry even his own precinct. He is a perennial candidate who exploits the elections as a rostrum from which he can shout his racist slogans.

The two major gubernatorial candidates, Governor Earl Warren of the GOP and James Roosevelt of the Democrats, both are appealing to the state's racial and religious minorities for votes. Gov. Warren, who has come a long way along the road to statesmanship since his advocacy of mass evacuation in 1942, has been photographed with leading Negro and Chinese American citizens in his effort to win support from these groups. Mr. Roosevelt, in waging an intensive campaign, has come out for such things as

## MINORITY WEEK

### Cantor

Eddie Cantor of the big, melancholy eyes was given the 1950 B'nai B'rith humanitarian award last week in New York.

### Minority

Only race riots in California in recent years (though many have threatened to arise) have been those against Americans of Mexican ancestry.

These Spanish-speaking people and there are one million of them in California, have for years been on the receiving end of bitter political, social and economic discrimination.

Up to now they have had no organizations to defend their rights, they have had no political or social unity to command the attention of the politicians. They were condemned to live in the worst parts of town, they were engulfed in poverty and—worst of all—apathy, arising out of years of political neglect and social prejudice.

But a new day's coming. These new Americans are beginning to realize that voting power can bring the light to a politician's eye.

For the first time they are organizing their forces. And they're getting results.

The CSO (Community Services Organization) is the secret. This organization has registered 30,000 new voters in the past two years. It's a non-political outfit, but no politician ever existed who wasn't aware of the power of 30,000 ballots.

The effects in local politics and government are being felt. The city of Los Angeles got its first Mexican-American city councilman. The city of San Fernando got its first Mexican-American councilman, too, Frank Padilla.

Mexican Americans are waking up to find that streets long unpaved are getting paved, that sidewalks are being laid on their streets.

They're getting traffic signals. These are simple things, perhaps, but indicative of the fact that other people are beginning to recognize the existence of this very large minority and their problems.

The CSO got out the vote. Now it's going after other things—the use of sensational "wolf-pack" stories in the press, which rouse racial antipathy against the Mexican-American group. Certain unscrupulous papers have played up "zoot suit" gang stories.

The Mexican Americans have a long way to go. They are one of the largest minority groups in the country and one of the most discriminated against. But they're beginning to realize that they're one powerful weapon in the ballot box. And they're going to use it.

### \$64 Question

"How long is God going to allow his images and likenesses in black skins to be kicked around?"

—Father Louis J. Twomey, S.J., Loyola university of the south, New Orleans.

### Wins School Honor

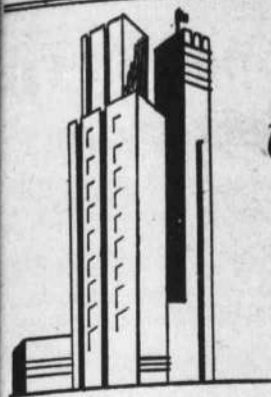
LOS ANGELES—Joseph Wakamatsu of Los Angeles is one of 61 students who were initiated into Phi Beta Kappa on June 2 for outstanding scholastic achievements.

unsegregated housing and the FEPC.

Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas, contesting with Manchester Boddy, the Los Angeles publisher, for the Democratic senatorial nomination has evinced a renewed interest in the House-approved Walter Resolution and has spoken before Nisei groups. It might also be noted that Mr. Boddy's Los Angeles Daily News was one of the few California dailies which did not cater to anti-evacuee hysteria during the evacuation and relocation period.

Nisei activity in the primaries to date has been centered on issues, particularly on the Walter resolution and fair employment practices, rather than on personalities.

There is no group of citizens more responsive to public attitudes than candidates for public office. The fact that most of the major party candidates in state and local elections in California are seeking the support of the Nisei is, in itself, the best commentary on the demise of the Yellow Peril.



# A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

## I Remember Father—Part II

I shall not have to bury my father. That unhappy sorrowful task was completed twenty-six years ago.

This I remember.

In the dim haze of the wispy yesteryears, five pairs of childish orphaned eyes tearfully following a plain bronze casket being slowly lowered into the freshly-turned earth. I was among that grief-ridden quintet with the tear-swollen eyes, too young, at the time, to absorb and comprehend the telling impact of being left parentless and alone in a bewildering world.

Life was over for dad at thirty-nine. Young, yes. It is always too early to die. Thus, several decades ago, he joined my mother and the ranks of those who have gone to the serene land of light blue skies, and the fertile green pastures.

Like many an Issei who died before his time, dad had one regret: that he had so little in the way of material things to leave his children. His was not the power and the glory, a display of pomp and achievement; rather, it was the demise of just another humble simple immigrant from the Island Empire, gone to join his ancestors.

Like many an Issei in a similar situation, he must have worried and was deeply concerned of what was to become of his children. Japanese, as a rule, are basically intense sentimentalists; especially when it comes to family ties. I guess dad endured many an agonizing, tormented night before the end came, wondering what was to become of his offspring so many thousands of mile away from his relatives and his native land.

Time passess. Time heals many wounds. The years patch up the sorrows and shortcomings of the many yesteryears. It is only memory that plays strange tricks or recalls unhappy circumstances.

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## Memorial Day

I am far from that modest marble marker in Evergreen Cemetery this Memorial Day, but I can't help but think back over the years. A tiny tot of seven can recall but little of the past, still there are some indelible impressions etched in my memory.

This I do remember.

Father, like most Issei, was a stern and exacting taskmaster. He never believed in sparing the whip. He dominated the children with an iron hand. School and church were serious obligations to him; teachers and rules were to be rigidly obeyed. Studies always came first and high marks in class were imperative. He had only a grade-school education but insisted that all children go to college; he could supply the impetus but not the wherewithal.

As I said before, most Issei are sentimentalists. Father was also one. He was deeply and quickly moved by tragedy and sorrow. He was easily and immediately elated over success. Tears flowed easily with him; his happier moments he tried to conceal with a mask of indifference, but his emotion-filled eyes usually gave him away.

Cleanliness and neatness were bywords with dad. He scrubbed our hands, ears and necks until they were almost blistered. Our shirts and clothes were ironed and starched until they stood stiffly at attention. A bath every night was a family ritual.

I must also admit that dad was a diligent and conscientious worker, laboring from early morning until late at night, pushing his body beyond the breaking point to finish the tasks he had outlined. He had to make up with extra effort what he lacked in training and education.

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## The Great Dream

To me, dad typified the average Issei who came to this country. He, and others like him had a dream.

Back in the old country, many young men decided at the turn of the century, to exchange the drab, rural, tradition-ridden, meager communities in which they lived for the rosy hopes and promising future of a frontier America.

The starry-eyed hopes of the Issei soon crumbled under the stark exacting demands of reality after they landed in this country. They soon found out that the streets of California were not lined with gold and that wealth was not to be had for merely asking. The only work open to them, in the early 1900s, was digging roadbeds and laying ties for the western railroads. The pay was a dollar a day.

The Issei soon found that they were among strangers, midst a babble of voices they did not comprehend and strange customs that were quite foreign to them. They quickly ran into a stone wall of discrimination and prejudice.

Coming to analyze the situation, the harvest of anticipation was simply not in the cards for the Issei. Coming from rural stock, with only limited education, possessing no knowledge of the language and customs of this country, these Japanese immigrants were up against it. Their illusions of easy prosperity and early realization of their dreams were rudely shattered a few weeks after their arrival here.

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## The Heritage of the Nisei

The great Issei dream of success has been passed on to the Nisei. Where they have failed to reach the ramparts of riches and renown, they have hopes that their children, the Nisei, will carry on.

They slaved and stunted so that their children could have the education which they themselves had not. The Issei felt that higher learning was the keystone to success.

I can't help but admire the courage and effort of the Issei in face of huge odds. I am sure that more of us Nisei could use the determination and hard work exemplified by older folks. Such has always been the lot of pioneers and their children.

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I am thinking now of the many other Issei fathers. Most of them are now old and declining. They, too, must be wondering what became of their dream forty or fifty years ago when they came to this country.

I said that the Issei were great sentimentalists.

I think the same is true of the Nisei. We want to do all we can for our parents now living or remember them with some reverence if they have departed.

Tragedy has its own rewards. Its lessons we can bestow to our children and profit thereby. I am sure it would be a better world if we could but match the diligence, industry, and sincerity of our parents.

## Bill Hosokawa:

## FROM THE FRYING PAN

### Holiday in the Park

Denver, Colo.

We celebrated Memorial day afternoon by taking the family to the park for a romp. First we went down to the duck pond and found the ducks doing just what I wanted to do—sleeping in the shade. But the trip was repaid by a school of monstrous carp that put on a show by coming to the surface to gulp down pieces of bread.

Then Mike wanted to play ball so we put on a pitching contest. Mike was catcher while his old man pitched. The idea was to see how many men we'd walk before we struck out a side. Of course there was no batter; it was strictly a contest in control and we had to depend on each other's honesty in calling balls and strikes.

Pop pitched a couple of strikes, then three balls before he got the third strike over. Just when it looked as if he were going great guns, his control deserted him. It was like the old days when he was an outstanding two-inning moundsman for the Cougars. The old man walked the bases full and finally forced in a run before he whiffed the side.

Then Mike took over and proved he was a chip off the old block by throwing an even greater number of wild pitches than his pop. Dad's superior reach prevented a number of other tosses from getting tangled up in the rose bed. Mike walked in a run, too before the fiasco was ended.

Subject for this week is control.

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### The Battle of the Basements

Week-end visitors on Denver were Larry and Marian Tajiri. Larry is something of an authority on the major leagues. He can just about tell you whether it's been a wet or dry spring back east by looking at the baseball results. Larry's current sorrow is the fact that the Salt Lake Bees in the Class C Pioneer league are deeply entrenched in the cellar. He is as concerned about this unfortunate state of affairs as Mike is about the Denver Bears, a bad last until this week-end, in the Class A Western league.

## "Do You Know?"

## Nisei Employment Problems Studied in JACL's Survey

By ELMER R. SMITH

One of the outstanding programs instituted by the JACL during 1936-38 was a study of the vocational status of the Nisei. Surveys conducted by the various local chapters during this period tended to show that the ability of the Nisei had not been introduced to the American business man nor to the American manufacturers. The "second generation" found itself "well educated and on a par with anyone in ability, but without any outlet for either education or ability."

The JACL in various communities, especially in the larger centers of population and concentration of persons of Japanese ancestry, spearheaded a movement to get better cooperation within the Japanese community between the older generation and the younger persons graduating from college and high school.

A number of surveys in many communities pointed out the lines for the most efficient employment of Nisei as well as designating the areas of most severe discrimination.

Early in 1937, under the direction of Masao Satow, the JACL's Second Generation Development program was launched. It tied in directly with the vocational program as well as with the general overall welfare program initiated by the JACL at this time.

There were three basic projects outlined by the Development program:

- 1). Project Number One: To study anti-alien legislation as it touched on the welfare of the Nisei through their parents.
- 2). Project Number Two: To study the various forces at work on children of Japanese ancestry tending to create problems of juvenile delinquency.
- 3). Project Number Three: To study Nisei and other American young people in order to discover, if possible, personality adjustment differences, if any between the two groups.

The various District councils were to spearhead the study through commissions appointed from the respective chapters in each district. Advisers to carry out the program were picked from outstanding persons in academic circles along the Pacific coast. Dr. Emory S. Bogardus, University of Southern California, Dr. Edward T. Strong, Leland Stanford University, and Dr. Kazuo Kawai, University of California at Los Angeles were the principal advisers during

the early period of the Developmental program.

The \$100,000 Endowment Fund program had bogged down during 1936-37, and a new "shot in the arm" was given to the raising of money for the Fund. Two reasons may be given for the failure of the Endowment Fund to materialize. In only a few areas were there any concerted drives undertaken, and there were some questions and criticisms on a local level as to the manner in which the money was to be divided and used. Some of the chapters felt they would be paying in more than they would receive, and others would be getting funds they had not contributed.

The political scene became very complicated during the years 1936-38. The basic reasons for this were due to the strained international relations existing between Japan and the United States because of the Sino-Japanese conflict.

The California State Legislature, as usual, introduced a number of bills aimed specifically at persons of Japanese ancestry. Two of these bills attempted to increase the severity of the already existing Alien Land law and Anti-alien Corporation law. Another bill was aimed at restricting the actions of all persons of Japanese ancestry, especially as their actions were related to certain types of economic activity.

The JACL, in cooperation with groups and persons friendly to the JACL, worked against these bills. The opposition of the JACL to such bills was based upon the principle that such laws were discriminatory, "vicious and un-American," that such laws would "take away the means of a fair and honest livelihood of parents of native-born citizen children of Japanese ancestry."

## Cherry Tree Man Offers New Group To United Nations

NEW YORK CITY — Yukio Ozaki, who was responsible for sending Washington's famous cherry trees to this country in 1912, said last week he had been asked by a committee of Japanese school children to offer another gift of cherry trees to the United Nations for its new site in New York City.

He made the offer to Andrew Cordier, executive assistant to Trygve Lie, secretary general of UN.

But pride in a home town team takes strange turns. Larry was sure a team couldn't be much worse than the Bees until Mike began to brag about what a bunch of stumblebums were in Bear uniforms. Mike knew a half dozen ways in which the Bears could undo the Bees when it came to striking out with the bases loaded or kicking away a double play ball.

For a while it looked as if this chauvinistic loyalty to their respective teams might lead to a minor rhubarb, but Mike and Larry decided to settle their argument by going out to a ball game together the next time they met.

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### The Berries Are Doing Fine

And now for the crop report. As you may have read, Denver was buried by a 10-inch snowfall that damaged just about two of every three trees. Fortunately, the temperature never did quite dip to the freezing point. When the snow melted away, lo and behold, our stand of a dozen tomato plants and a half dozen peppers was unharmed except for a slightly weary droop. Neither had the straw-berries been injured.

The next day, just when we were congratulating ourselves, the sky clouded up and then ripped wide open in a brief but punishing hailstorm. No, the stones weren't as big as hen's eggs, not even golf balls. But they were the size of moth balls, and they hammered the backyard farm like fury while we cringed for those tender plants.

When finally it let up and we summoned courage to visit the scene of carnage, there were two tomato plants and one pepper with stems broken, one tomato with the foliage ripped off.

Next day we went on another shopping tour to the fruitstand and made a second planting.

Meanwhile, in the two sunny days since the hail, the corn, green onions and radishes have pushed up through the surface. The beans ought to burst through in another day or two, followed shortly by the squash and cucumbers. The farm is beginning to look like something more than a bald eyesore in a corner of the back yard.

## Vagaries

### Billing . . .

When "Tokyo Joe" was shown in Honolulu recently the newspaper ads read: Humphrey Bogart in "Tokyo Joe" with Alexander Knox, Florence Marly, Sessue Hayakawa and 96 veterans of the famed 442nd regiment . . . The 25 largest claims filed by persons of Japanese ancestry from personal and business losses caused by the 1942 mass evacuation range from \$56,048 to \$1,911,976, according to S. S. Andretta, administrative assistant to Attorney General McGrath . . . One of the first actors signed for a role in "Tokyo File 212" which George Breakston is producing in Japan is Satoshi (Solly) Nakamura, a Japanese Canadian singer who has been in Japan since before WW II.

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### Political . . .

Although Richard M. Kageyama is still sitting on meetings of the Honolulu Board of Supervisors, his pay has been withheld by the city for the past two months. A determination of Kageyama's status, clouded since his admission of one-time Communist party membership, is expected to be made in the courts . . . Honolulu Democrats recently elected two Nisei veterans to its county committee. Daniel Inouye, a 442nd veteran and holder of two Purple Hearts and a DSC, was named party secretary succeeding Wilfred Oka. Elton Sakamoto was chosen vice chairman.

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Three of Robert W. Kenny's workers in his campaign to unseat State Senator Jack Tenney in Los Angeles County are Mrs. Mary Mittler, Kiyo Fukuda and Ruth Yamazaki. Kenny was attorney general of California at the time of the return of the evacuees from relocation centers and issued an order to peace officers in the state to protect the lives and property of the returning Japanese Americans . . . In one California city the police acted on Kenny's suggestion and went as far as to remove targets with Japanese faces from a shooting gallery at a beach concession.

### Cinderella

MORGAN HILL, Calif.—Helen Miyasaka was "Cinderella" at Morgan Hill's Live Oak high school junior-senior prom.

She was honored by the junior class as the outstanding senior girl.

As "Cinderella" of the ball, Miss Miyasaka was fitted with magic slippers.

The slippers, bought in advance, were ordered in Helen's size.

# PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

## Kitamura's Four Hits Aid A & M

Shortstop Dick Kitamura's four sharp singles helped Colorado A&M to an 8 to 4 victory and a sweep of the playoff series with Utah State, Skyline Six western division champions, on May 27 in Smithfield, Utah. As the Skyline Six champions, Colorado A & M will meet Colorado State, Rocky Mountain conference champs, for the NCAA District 7 title. The winner will go to Omaha for the western NCAA playoffs. Kitamura, a native of Honolulu, played on Weber College's Intermountain conference championship team last year with Jimmy Miyasato, also of Honolulu, who held down second base for Brigham Young this season. . . . Fibber Hirayama, CCAA batting champion, and Howard Zenimura were among the batting stars as Fresno State College won the CCAA baseball crown last week by sweeping a doubleheader from Santa Barbara State. . . . Joe Takeda was the regular catcher for the Orosi, Calif., high school team which finished second in the Tulare-Kings-Kern Sierra league. . . . Tommy Okagaki, second baseman for San Jose State, led the Spartans with 22 runs during the CCAA season. Okagaki was one of two Spartans named to the team representing the independent colleges which will meet an all-star senior team from the California Intercollegiate Baseball association in San Jose this week in a game which may become an annual affair.

## Zebras Playing Independent Baseball

UCLA's speedy Bob Watanabe was only four yards back of Cal's Dave Anderson in a trial heat of the Pacific Coast conference track meet last week in Berkeley. Anderson's time was 9.68, tying the PCC record. Although he qualified in the trials, Watanabe failed to finish in the top five in the finals. . . . Hiromu (Heat) Heyamoto, U. of Washington infielder and one of the two regulars of Japanese ancestry in the Coast Conference's northern division baseball race, didn't have a good year at the plate this season, batting below .200. The other Nisei is the University of Oregon's Joe Tom. . . . Pete Ota got his "W" in tennis this year for Westminster College of Salt Lake City. . . . The San Jose Zebras, playing independent ball this season, are trying to line up games against the top semi-pro teams in Northern California. The Zebras, behind Southpaw Jiro Nakamura's three-hit hurling, defeated the San Thomas Bees, one of the top teams in the San Jose area, 6 to 2, on May 28. Nakamura, who played for the Modesto Reds of the California League last year, struck out 13 batters.

## Moriguchi Hangs Up His Spikes

Hank Matsubu is catching his share of games with the Yuma Indians of the Sunset League besides seeing action as a utility man. . . . Nancy Ito will play shortstop for the Denver Chevrolets this year. This is the same team which was sponsored by Tivoli Beer last year and played in the world's championship of girls' baseball at Portland, Ore. . . . Dr. Isamu Ozamoto of Denver is defending his Colorado state championship in the 20-gauge, all-bore division of the 1950 state skeet tournament on June 17 and 18 in Denver. . . . The Madera Merces defeated the Dinuba Mustangs by the unseasonal score of 36 to 10 on May 21. . . . Toshiyuki Takano of Honolulu holds a 140 average in his bowling league. The remarkable thing about the average is that Takano is totally blind. . . . Goro Moriguchi, who probably would have made the grade in pro baseball and who won the respect of the San Francisco Seals two years ago with his hurling, announced his retirement from active play recently in Honolulu after 16 years as a pitcher. Moriguchi was named the "most valuable player" of the Japanese American league in Oahu in 1948 and the "best pitcher" in 1949 and 1950. He is a veteran of combat duty with the 442nd Combat Team.

## Ogden's Bailey Tips Wally's Bat

There was something of a rhubarb at Salt Lake's Derk's Field Wednesday night when catcher Ed Bailey of the Ogden Reds tipped Wally Yonamine's bat in the 9th with one Bee on base and Salt Lake trailing 4 to 5. Wally managed to hit the ball but got only an infield grounder and a double-play appeared to be in the making. Plate Umpire Lowe, however, lowered the boom on Bailey and awarded first base to Yonamine, putting runners on first and second with only one out. Salt Lake's shortstop Dick Treat then lined one down the third base line and the tying run came home and Yonamine went to third. He scored the winning tally moments later when Mike Baxes hit a hot grounder which the Ogden shortstop bobbled. . . . Wally Yonamine's first-inning home run on May 29 against Ogden at John Affleck park was his first in pro baseball. The blow over the right-field fence, 345 feet away, was also the first hit at the Ogden park this year. The dimensions of Affleck park were about the biggest in organized baseball. This year the fences were brought in more than 20 feet all around, but Yonamine's blow was still the first to be hit out of the park. A large group of Nisei and Issei from the Ogden area were on hand for the festivities. . . . Incidentally, Wally narrowly missed two homers in a game at Twin Falls the night before. He laced one over the right field fence which was foul by only a few feet. Later in the game he sent a long fly to centerfield which the Twin Falls centerfielder brought down with a leap against the fence. . . . A sharp line-drive single into centerfield with the bases full in the seventh inning by Yonamine scored two runs and set the stage for the ninth-inning hubbub inspired by Catcher Bailey's interference. It appears that Bailey, who reportedly received \$10,000 and a new car from Cincinnati Reds for signing his contract, tipped Yonamine's bat in a previous game. This time the umpire caught him in the act the Ogdenites blew the ball game.

## Kobayashi Captains Buckeye Swimmers

Herbert Kobayashi, another in a parade of top-line Hawaiian swimmers who have enrolled at Ohio State, recently was elected captain of the 1951 Buckeye swimming team. Kobayashi was one of the Ohio State's top swimmers in the sprints and middle distances this year. . . . The Salt Lake Major league, top ABC bowling league in the city, may enlarge its ranks to include two Nisei teams next season. . . . Salt Lake probably will send at least one Nisei team to the 1951 ABC bowling tournament in St. Paul. A number of Nisei bowlers in the city also will bowl on employee teams this year. They were heretofore ineligible under ABC regulations. . . . Jim Yokota, the three-sport star who is rated as one of the top athletes ever to attend Placer Union high school in Auburn, Calif., is now batting cleanup for the Placer Nisei team. Yokota was one the all-league all-star teams in football, basketball and football. In basketball he was also picked on the all-Northern California squad.

## "Making Friends in a Ball Park"

The proposal to send Bill Nishita, George Fujishige and the Santa Rosa Junior College baseball team to Japan for a tour as living examples of American democracy evoked the following approval in the San Francisco Chronicle of May 29 in an editorial titled "Making Friends in a Ball Park."

"With a first-string battery consisting of Pitcher Bill Nishita and Catcher George Fujishige, the Santa Rosa Junior College baseball team has won more than 30 games this season. Santa Rosans think that the club, if sent on a tour of Japan, could win something more important than ball games—good will for the United States in the Orient. We agree that they have a 'natural,' and we hope General MacArthur, to whom an appeal for an invitation is being

## Hirayama Wins Batting Crown in College League

FRESNO, Calif.—Fibber Hirayama, sophomore outfielder-catcher for Fresno State College, baseball champions of the California Collegiate Athletic Association for 1950, won the league batting title with a .437 average.

Hirayama, a scabback on the Bulldog football team, was named as the utility player on the annual CCAA all-star team.

Hirayama will play this summer with the Fresno Nisei, champions of the Northern California Nisei AA league, and with the Dinuba team in the Raisin Belt league.

## Aihara Retains Coast Title In Broad Jump

BERKELEY, Calif.—Co-captain Henry Aihara of the University of Southern California won the Pacific Coast Conference broad jump title for the second year in a row when he soared 24 feet 5½ inches in the preliminaries on May 26.

His mark stood up during the finals.

Aihara also got in the money for USC by tying for fifth in the high jump at 6 feet.

Immediately after the meet he was named as one of the Coast Conference representatives in the annual meet against the Big Ten champions which will be held this year on June 20 at Madison, Wis.

Aihara's winning mark was short of his best jump in winning the Coast Conference crown last year at 24 feet 9 inches in Seattle.

Aihara also won the Big Ten and NCAA broad jump titles in 1946 while attending the University of Illinois.

He toured the Scandinavian countries last year with an all-star American team.

USC won the team title with 62 1/5 points. Stanford was second with 42 1/5.

## Wally Yonamine Leads Bees With .337 Batting Average

## TWIN CITIES WILL HOLD ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY

MINNEAPOLIS — The Twin Cities JACL chapter's third annual golf tournament will tee off at 6:50 a. m. next Saturday, June 10, on the Gross golf course in Minneapolis, it was learned here by the UCL News Bureau.

A four-day medal-play tournament is scheduled with others slated for July 8, Aug. 12 and Sept. 9. Two match-play tournaments are also on tap, with players grouped according to their handicaps.

Co-chairmen for the United Citizens league's contest will be Tom Ohno, Hank Omachi and Ray Tachibana. Others aiding the committee are: George Yanagita and Fred Kawashima.

The tourney, which originally expected to draw about 40 Nisei participants from Minneapolis and St. Paul will have at least 50 participants for Saturday's opener.

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

directed, will come through with permission for the Santa Rosa team to barnstorm Japan.

"The Santa Rosa Press Democrat has put the argument in a couple of sentences:

"Soviet propagandists have been trying hard to put over the idea in Japan that racial minorities have no rights in the United States; that discrimination prevents them from enjoying the privileges of American citizenship. . . . What better way to carry the message of democracy across the Pacific ocean than by giving Japanese baseball fans an opportunity of seeing members of their race, Pitcher Bill Nishita and Catcher George Fujishige, holding down key positions on an American baseball team?"

Santa Rosans think their team would be more or less on a par with Japanese college and semipro clubs. Some have suggested that it would draw a gate capable of paying the estimated \$37,000 flight expenses of the trip. Those are matters about which others can judge better, but for our part we haven't heard in a long time of a good-will junket that promised so much for demonstrating that in America anyone who has something on the ball can make the first team."

## Santa Rosa JC Hopes to Take Nishita-Fujishige Battery on Army-Backed Tour of Japan

SAN FRANCISCO—The Santa Rosa Junior College Bears, baseball champions of the North California jaycee conference, may go to Japan on the strength of Pitcher Bill Nishita's good right arm.

The trip, proposed by Santa Rosa civic leaders with the approval of school officials, now hinges on Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Mayor Ward von Tillow of Santa Rosa led a delegation which

## Nishita Wins 15th Game in State Playoffs

PASADENA, Calif.—Bill Nishita won his 15th game of the season but his "iron man" relief job in the rubber game went to naught as Santa Rosa JC's Bear Cubs lost to Pasadena City College in the state championship playoffs in a three-game series last week.

Ray Rubenstein scattered seven hits as Pasadena beat Santa Rosa, 4 to 3, in the first game on May 26.

Nishita pitched the Bear Cubs to an 8 to 4 victory in the first half of a doubleheader on May 27.

Nishita, the schoolboy star from Honolulu who went into the game with a .450 average, got three hits for four and batted in a run.

Pasadena's Acton gave Santa Rosa only two hits in the final game, winning, 9 to 1.

Nishita went into the game in the first inning of the final game after pitching one nine-inning victory the same afternoon. He relieved Catulzo after two were out in the first inning and then allowed only five hits the rest of the way.

He had three hits for seven tries at the plate.

Fujishige, who had played against Nishita in Honolulu, was behind the plate for Santa Rosa.

Nishita struck out five and allowed eight hits in his stint against Pasadena.

visited Sixth Army headquarters in San Francisco last week, seeking army approval for the junket which was inspired by the fact that the Bear Cubs' top batter are two players of Japanese ancestry, Nishita and George Fujishige, both of Honolulu.

The Sixth Army endorsed plans for the trip but said that the decision rests with Gen. MacArthur.

A delegation of eight, including Joe Grant Masaoka, Northern California regional director of the Japanese American Citizens League, visited Captain R. W. Berry at the Presidio.

Speaking for Lieut. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer who is in bed under doctor's orders, Capt. Berry said:

"I think it's an excellent idea, but the final verdict must come from Gen. MacArthur."

Mayor von Tillow said that Santa Rosa has won 32 games and lost only five. (The Bear Cubs lost their state championship series to Pasadena City College on May 26 and 27, two games to one. Nishita hurled the victory for the Santa Rosa team).

The Santa Rosa mayor said that this combination of a winning college team led by two Japanese Americans could be used to cement public relations in Japan by showing a working counteraction to Soviet propaganda that minority groups in the United States have no rights and that discrimination prevents them from enjoying American citizenship.

The Santa Rosa delegation said they would like the army to sponsor the trip, which already has been approved by the college's president, Floyd Bailey. Because of the propaganda value of the trip, they would like the army to furnish transportation and handle the team while it is in Japan.

They said they do not plan to make any money but if the army should charge admission prices to carry the team's expenses, they would like the excess money gathered, if any, to be left in Japan to sponsor boys' clubs.

Besides Mayor von Tillow and Masaoka, other members of the delegation were: J. M. Daw, president of the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce; A. M. Lewis, secretary of the chamber; Chick Furuya, president of the Sonoma County chapter of the JACL; Edwin F. Davis, associate editor of the Santa Rosa Press-Democrat which also is supporting the trip; John H. Gamma, representing the college, and John A. Reid, Jr., of Pan American Airways.

Mayor Von Tillow said letters of Generals MacArthur and MacQuat, the latter Gen. MacArthur's aide and a supporter of baseball, have been mailed and a letter sent to Frank Matsumoto, member of the Japanese Diet and a leader in athletic activities who handled the tour of the San Francisco Coast League Seals last year.

Masaoka suggested that if the junket is approved, transportation for the team be commercial rather than advanced by the government.

"It would be far better to go commercially, with the Japanese only providing the funds from gate receipts. I'm sure Matsumoto could set up a guarantee that would cover the voyage to Japan and home again."

The cost of the journey was estimated at \$37,000.

scoring two runs, paved the way for Salt Lake's 5 to 4 win over Ogden on May 30.

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# Vital Statistics

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kawakami a boy on May 29 in Seattle.  
To Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Kimura, a girl, Pasadena, Calif., a boy on May 16.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Masahiro Niida a girl, Lory Mitsuye, on May 12 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Taro Saisho a girl, Vicki Lynn, on May 11 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshimi Tatsuchi a girl on May 10 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kazuamauchi a boy, Kent Takashi, on May 12 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Masato Doi a girl, Carolyn Emi, on May 16 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eiso Fujitoka a boy, Ronald Wayne, on May 19 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshito Kawahiri a girl, Ann Keiko, on May 17 in San Pedro, Calif.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Bob K. Yamamoto, Santa Clara, Calif., a girl, Shelley Dawn, on May 19.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Yoshimaru Takata, Madrone, Calif., a girl, Frances Fusaye, on May 22.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Yamamoto a boy on May 18 in San Francisco.  
To Mr. and Mrs. George Watabe a boy on May 7 in Fresno.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Akira Morikawa, Madera, Calif., a boy on May 9.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Leo Morishita a girl on May 20 in Idaho Falls, Ida.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Fujimoto a girl on May 26 in Salt Lake City.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Chris Sasaki a girl on May 18 in Sacramento.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Toshiyuki Kawate a girl, Kinuye Rose, on May 17 in Denver.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hashimoto a girl Deborah Ann, on May 26 in Denver.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Wataru Doi a boy, Dennis Masaru, on May 16 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Seichi Jinde, Long Beach, Calif., a girl, Bonnie Miko, on May 16.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Akira Katayama a girl, Susan Lynne, on May 16 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Seichi Mayeda,

Oxnard, Calif., a boy, Wesley Steven, on May 18.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Keisan Muramoto, Torrance, Calif., a girl, Midori Jane, on May 18.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Nii a girl, Janice Ayame, on May 17 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Noboru Oshige a boy, Gary Akira, on May 17 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. William Mitsutoshi Takei a girl, Teresa Toshiko, on May 9 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Tanaka a boy, Kelvin Shigemi, on May 17 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Takashi Tsuchiyama a boy, Don Shiro, on May 17 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. James Masaru Hasegawa a girl, Evelyn Jeanne, on May 8 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mito a boy on May 28 in Ontario, Ore.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Henry Higuchi, Gardena, Calif., a boy on May 24.

## DEATHS

Inosuke Fujiki, 70, on May 26 in Stockton, Calif.  
The Rev. Yoshio Iwanaga, 50, on May 26 in Watsonville, Calif.  
Richard Terasaki, 14, on May 26 in Denver, Colo.  
Sadaichi Morikawa, 66, on May 29 in Los Angeles.  
Ito Kawamoto, Oregon City, Ore., on May 18.  
Mrs. Eizo Hayano on May 25 in Denver.  
Takatora Yamamoto on May 23 in Chicago.  
Jinjiro Fujita on May 20 in Sacramento.  
Mrs. Mitsuru Sato on May 20 in Los Angeles.  
Hitsuji Beppu, 78, on May 22 in Seattle.  
Dr. Bunkuro Okonogi, 78, on May 31 in Fresno.  
Jintaro Kubo, 64, on May 30 in Reedley, Calif.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Jean Tatsuda, 21, and Teddy Higashi, 26, in Seattle.  
Dorothy Abe, 27, and Mitsugi David Shirai, 25, in Sacramento.  
Mary Yamakawa, 24, and Natcharu Satake, 20, Mountain View, Calif., in San Jose.

## Dillon Myer Sees New Post As Challenge

DENVER — An answer to the question of why a man holding a high State department job would resign to head the turbulent Indian affairs bureau was answered last week by Dillon S. Myer, new commissioner of Indian affairs, in a letter to Roy Takeno, JACL representative in Denver.  
"While it is not a job that I would have asked for," Myer wrote, "I find that it is one that is tremendously challenging and interesting and one which, I am sure, will keep me and a lot of other people busy."  
Myer, former head of the WRA which relocated the Japanese Americans after the war, wrote Takeno in answer to a letter congratulating him on his new appointment.

"I assure you that we will do our best to carry out the kind of program that you and a lot of other people expect us to carry out," Myer wrote.

Myer resigned from presidency of the State department's Institute of Inter-American Affairs to become commissioner of Indian affairs.

## Pasadena Queen To be Crowned At June Dance

PASADENA, Calif. — An impressive coronation for "Miss Pasadena JACL" will climax the Pasadena JACL's "POQ" Dance on June 10 in the Garfield school auditorium, according to Kei Mikuriya, general chairman.

A queen and two attendants will be chosen to reign over the dance. Queen judges will include prominent southland Nisei, among them Mrs. Junko Kawai, who was "Miss JACL" in 1949; Tats Kishida, regional director of the Pacific Southwest area; and the Rev. Donald Toriumi of the Pasadena Presbyterian Union. William C. Carr, Pasadena realtor, will also be a judge.

The successful candidate will attend the Pacific Southwest district council convention in Santa Monica July 1 and 2 at the Chase hotel, together with her attendants, to vie for the district title. Winner of the district meet will compete in the final contest at Chicago this fall.

Tickets for the sports formal dance will go at \$1 per person and may be obtained from any member of the local chapter or at the door.

On Mikuriya's staff for dance arrangements are Mrs. Kiyoko Hamane and Alyce Uchiyama, queen contest and dance committee; Mrs. Shiku Omori, orchestra; and Grace Sato and Mrs. Esther Nishio, publicity.

Tetsu Bessho's combo will provide music. The Garfield school is on Pasadena ave. at California st.

## Plan Bridge Tourney At Council Meeting

LOS ANGELES—To insure wide participation of bridge fans at the JACL Pacific Southwest District Council convention tourney on Sunday afternoon, July 2, a survey is being made of chapter members by Mrs. Frank Chuman and Mrs. Henry Ohye, tournament co-chairmen.

The tournament is to be held at the Chase Hotel solarium, spacious sun-lit rooms facing the Pacific Ocean. For non-bridge fans, canasta tables will be provided.

## Nisei Musical Artists Will Perform at Gardena Meeting

### Boise Valley JACL To Fete Graduates At Dinner Dance

NAMPA, Ida.—Local high school and college graduates will be feted by the Boise Valley JACL at a dinner dance June 17 at the IOOF hall in Caldwell, beginning at 7 p. m.

Boise valley graduates included Edson Fujii, Oregon State college; Frank Takatori, University of Idaho; Kimi Takatori, Parma high school; Joe and Hitoshi Tsukamaki, Natus high school; Paul Atsushika, Homedale high school; Archie Yamamoto, Caldwell high school; and Alice Abe, Nampa high school.

All the graduates were active in school affairs.

Tsukamaki was president of his senior class and took part in various school activities.

Kimi Takatori was president of the Y-Teens; secretary-treasurer and vice president of the Pep club in her junior and senior years, respectively; vice president of the Pantherettes, girls letter club; junior class secretary; vice president of the glee club, tennis team, National Honor Society for high scholarship standing, the student council and the school paper staff. She also represented the school at district and state speech contests.

Yamamoto was a member of the Caldwell high school paper staff, Quill and Scroll for high school journalists, the Boys' Federation and the varsity basketball team. He was treasurer of the Key club.

Miss Abe was editor of the school paper, president of Y-Teens, president of Quill and Scroll, Girls Athletic Association council representative, student council member, historian of the Thespians, member of the debate club, secretary for the freshman and sophomore classes, and a member of Spiz (pep club), the honor society and the National Forensic League.

She was one of two students elected by the student body to represent Nampa high in the "America's High School Students" contest sponsored by Sheila Daly of the Chicago Tribune.

At graduation she was one of five students to receive a life pass to all high school activities in recognition of her outstanding work.

Also active in campus activities were Edson Fujii, majoring in agriculture at Oregon State, and Frank Takatori, who graduated in mid-term from the University of Idaho.

### Family Affair

NAMPA, Ida.—It was a family affair when Mrs. Kimi Ishihara, her son Seichi and daughters Janet and Linda appeared in a piano recital at the Women's Century club.

All four performed in a unique eight-hand arrangement of "Nola" on two pianos.

They also appeared in solo and duet numbers. The recital was given by Mrs. Ray Morris, piano instructor.

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GARDENA, Calif.—Three prominent Nisei musical personalities will highlight the entertainment at the first 1950 meeting of the Gardena Valley JACL Chapter scheduled for Monday, June 5.

They are Julia Fukuzaki, well-known violinist of Lomita, California; Karie Shindo, outstanding vocalist who has sung with orchestras as well as on radio and on recordings; and Mary Minato, former concert pianist, who will accompany the former two as well as play solo numbers.

Past president Paul Shinoda will preside at this election meeting when 1950 chapter officers will be elected from a prepared candidate slate to which nominations from the floor may be added. Shinoda is also serving as chairman of this year's membership committee that has so far turned in more than 70 new and renewal members.

Assisting Shinoda are John Fujita, Henry Ishida, John Iwata, Yo Kobata, George Kobayashi, Bob Mimura, Kaz Minami, Dale Miyadi, Frank Mizote, Megumi Osa and Calvin Ueda. Chapter membership fees are \$2.50 per person and \$4 per married couple.

The Rev. Haou Ishimaru of the Union Church of Los Angeles will lead in community singing, while Toshi Minami and her committee will be in charge of light refreshments at the meeting.

## Workcampers Set First Reunion

CHICAGO — Ellis community center's Workcampers will hold their first reunion dinner dance July 14 at Younker's restaurant, 51 E. Chicago ave.

The Workcampers have become an outstanding fellowship group in Chicago since their formation in 1948.

The reunion will feature a program of entertainment. Past officers will be special guests at the dinner dance.

Workcamper officers are James Matsumoto, pres.; George Sato, boys vice pres.; Aya Fujio, girls vice pres.; Masako Ike, sec.; Chester Shibata, treas.; and Amyr Arimoto, public relations chmn.

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# Give Preview of National Convention



A preview of the 11th biennial national convention of the JACL which will begin on Sept. 28 at the Hotel Stevens in Chicago was presented by the host Chicago chapter at a pre-convention rally on May 27. Some of the 250 per-

sons who attended the rally are shown with the chapter signs which are being prepared for delegates to the biennial meeting. Delegates and boosters are expected to attend the meeting from 80 chapters of the JACL.

—Photo by Edgar F. Zobel.

## Dedicates New Font To Nisei War Dead

LOS ANGELES—A marble baptismal font was dedicated on May 28 at St. Mary's Episcopal church in honor of four American soldiers of Japanese descent who died in World War II.

The four, members of the church before the mass evacuation in 1942, were John Akimoto and Victor Akimoto, brothers, and John Kato and George Masahiro Shikata.

Also dedicated at services conducted by the church's vicar, the Rev. John M. Yamazaki, was a bronze plaque to the 156 men from St. Mary's who saw service during the war.

## Graduates Feted

WEISER, Ida.—The Snake River JACL held its fifth annual graduation banquet Saturday, May 27, at the East Side Cafe.

Pres. George Sugai greeted the graduates. Bill Iseri responded.

Past presidents of the Snake River chapter were presented with pins by Thomas Iseri. Receiving pins were Joe Komoto, Joe Saito, James Watanabe and Thomas Itami.

Toastmaster Saito introduced the Rev. Albert Rostron, guest speaker.

Dancing followed the dinner.

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## Senate Group Favors 19 Bills On GI Wives

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Senate Judiciary Committee has reported favorably on 19 private House bills to admit Japanese wives, fiancées or children of American citizens, according to the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this week.

This is the largest group of such bills ever reported to the Senate for action at one time.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, said all the bills stand a good chance of becoming law since they have passed the House and received Senate Judiciary approval.

Those who would become eligible to immigration to the United States if the bills pass include:

Mrs. Sachiko Iwai Higaki; Margarita Funakura; Mitsue Miyamoto; Taeko Suzuki; Mrs. Kyoko Nakamura Kornauer; Fujiko Fukuda; Mrs. Kiyo Narumi and Keiko Narumi Murakami; Mrs. Nobuko Eto Heard; Hisako Nakano; Mrs. Yae Bennett; Hisako Sakata Ikezawa; Mrs. Tomo Nonque Rosevear; Yoshiko Ishii Teves; Mrs. Rei Yamada and Edward Lee Munns; Mikeo Nishitsuru; Umeko Stevenson; Asano Teramoto; Mrs. Kiyoko Tanaka Perez and Mrs. June Noda Loman.

## Nisei Vets Get Spontaneous Applause In Loyalty March

NAMPA, Ida. — Nisei veterans in the Boise Loyalty day parade were greeted with spontaneous applause all along the line of march, according to Grant H. Hess, chairman of the Boise Loyalty council.

Hess expressed his appreciation to the Nisei participants in a letter this week to Henry Suyehira, who gathered the veterans for the parade.

"You and your veteran corps of uniformed marchers brought tears all along the line of march and, I understand, yours was the only marching group to receive spontaneous applause all along the line," Hess wrote.

"You gave the most poignant demonstration of the true meaning of Americanism and our American way of life that we had that day."

"Certainly we have nothing to fear for America's future if those whose heritage of democracy is of no longer duration that yours will fulfill their obligations to this country as you have and as you continue to do," Hess concluded.

## Benefit Bazaar Will Aid Community Center In Twin Cities

MINNEAPOLIS—It will be B-Day for Japanese Americans in the Twin Cities area Saturday. Issei-Nisei groups will work together behind bingo, fish-pond, and white elephant sale counters to help in a Benefit Bazaar day to be held at the new J-A community center.

Proceeds from the program, headed by James Takata, will go to the improvement fund of the community center.

Organizations aiding the carnival include; the United Citizens league, the Bussei club, Married Couples group, Issei-Fujin kai, Issei church federation, and the community center's board of management.

## Prexy

POWELL, Wyo. — Sam Kawano, Powell high school junior, was recently elected president of the Shoshone chapter of the Future Farmers of America.

He attended the state FFA convention in Casper, Wyo., where installation rites were held.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Kawano of Powell.

## Ishii Heads Orange County Veterans Post

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Among the first Nisei veterans ever to hold the office of commander of a post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars whose membership is not composed entirely of Japanese Americans is Charles Ishii, according to the Orange County JACL chapter this week.

A charter member of VFW Post 6475 in Garden Grove, Commander Ishii has held various offices since its inception, having served as post surgeon, post chaplain and as senior vice commander until his installation on April 5 of this year by Post Chaplain Herman Kribbs at the American Legion Hall in Garden Grove. There are nine Nisei besides Ishii within this 58-member post.

Ishii requested all veterans wishing informational aid and other service-connected assistance to get in touch with him at his home at 8912 Wintersburg, Santa Ana. Ishii is a veteran of 522nd field artillery. A leader of the JACL chapter, he is married to the former Kuniko Kabumoto of San Francisco.

## Delegate

MERCED, Calif. — Mrs. Ben Nagai, vice president of the Merced P-TA county council, was a delegate to the national congress of the P-TA in Long Beach May 22-24.

Delegates from this district were Mrs. Elmer Nelson and Mrs. Ernest Johnson, president and secretary of the Merced county council; Mrs. Nagai; Mrs. Harvey Banks, president of Merced city council; and Mrs. Rosalie Claus, president of the Turlock high school P-TA.

On May 24 the group had Tokuma Ninomiya, official international guest from Japan, as their dinner guest.

Mrs. Banks and Mrs. Nagai motored to Camp Curry, Yosemite, on May 26 to report on the convention to the 11th district meeting held in Yosemite.

## Installation

LOVELL, Wyo. — Jack Andow, president, and other cabinet officers of the Northern Wyoming JACL were installed in office April 28 at the Odd Fellows hall at an installation dance.

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