



## First Nisei Girl in Regular Navy Wins Top Honors in Training

GREAT LAKES NAVAL TRAINING STATION, Ill.—The first Nisei girl to enlist in the Regular Navy for WAVE training was named this week as the honor student of her WAVE company.

She is Ann Agawa, 24, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otobishi Agawa, 214 Mary Drive, Santa Maria.

She will be honored on July 9 by Rear Admiral Austin K. Doyle, chief of Naval Air Reserve Training, who will present her with an honor certificate and a silver identification bracelet.

Miss Agawa enlisted in the Navy on May 1. She has three brothers who served in the U.S. Army in World War II.

## National JACL's Continuance Under Present Status Urged By Kido at Southwest Parley

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—Continuance of the JACL as a national organization representing Americans of Japanese ancestry was advocated by Saburo Kido, past national president, in his keynote speech on July 1 to the Pacific Southwest District Council's convention at the Chase hotel.

"In view of the changing circumstances and the remaining problems of Americans of Japanese ancestry, it is more essential than ever that the JACL continue its valuable function of organized representation of the Japanese American community in the United States," Kido declared.

More than 500 delegates and boosters from 15 of the Pacific Southwest area's 16 chapters were represented at the two-day convention. Largest attendance at the convention was at the coronation ball at which Marshall Thompson, young MGM star of "Battle-ground" and other films, crowned Helen Morita of Pasadena as the Pacific Southwest' queen and representative in the National JACL convention queen contest in Chicago in September.

At the testimonial banquet leading first generation Japanese on July 1, Mike M. Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, alerted the Nisei to possible repercussions arising from the Korean conflict and urged the full support of all Japanese Americans to the nation and the administration in the emergency.

"In the present crisis," Masaoka told the gathering, "we as Americans of Japanese ancestry—just as Americans of any other racial stock—must reaffirm our pledge to do our share for the security of the nation; and to protect our democratic institutions."

"We know the price of freedom. And since the last war we have come to appreciate its meaning. We want to hereby resolve our fullest support in this national emergency."

He stressed that war can have unexpected and severe repercussions and added:

"We should be prepared to protect the rights of other minority groups, if and when such action is necessary."

Masaoka paid tribute to the Issei leaders in Southern California whose efforts have made possible the financial support of JACL ADC work. Among the Issei present at the dinner were Shosuke Nitta, Orange County; Gisuki Sakamoto, West Los Angeles; Matsunosuke Wakamatsu, Venice; Shigematsu Takayasu, San Fernando; Matsunosuke Oi, Southwest Los Angeles, and Katsuma Mukaeda and Meiji Sato, Los Angeles. Others cited included Momota Okura, Wilmington; U. Obayashi, San Diego; Takeo Momita, El Centro; Tameji Eto, San Luis Obispo; Shuntaku Yamauchi, Gardena, and Masami Sasaki, East Los Angeles.

The songs of Karie Shindo, the vocalist who was seen in Columbia's "Tokyo Joe," provided the entertainment feature of the banquet. Miss Shindo's encore number in Japanese, "Ginza no Kan-Kan Musume," drew heavy applause. Her accompanist, Mary Minato, also played a solo number, "Jealousy." George Inagaki of Venice, Calif., was the toastmaster.

More than 100 persons witnessed the distribution of more than 40 prizes, awards and trophies for golf and bowling tournament winners in the award supper sponsored by the JACL Thousand Club on

## News Report Tells Of Nisei GI in South Korea

First report of a Nisei soldier on the Korean front was told in an AP dispatch July 5 from South Korea by O. H. P. King. King noted that Private First Class James H. Kobayashi, 27, of Philadelphia, was among some GIs "scrounging for food for their mess."

King said that Pfc. Kobayashi and Pfc. Donald Fritsch, Woodlawn, O., brought in a half-dozen chickens to eat. He noted that another GI, Corp. Bob Simpson of Princeton, Ky., had captured 15 pigs.

## Denver Nisei Saves Life of Girl in Japan

DENVER, Colo.—A Denver Nisei GI, now on duty in Japan, is credited with saving the life of an 8-year old girl who tumbled into a swift, cold mountain stream in Japan, according to reports received here this week.

The rescuer is Pfc. Mitsuru Goto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kinoshige Goto of Denver.

Pfc. Goto is an interpreter and interrogator with the 545th military police company of the First Cavalry division in Japan.

While driving through the village of Yoshida, at the foot of Mount Fuji, Goto saw little Yoshiko Akiyama trying to lift a pail of water from a stream fed by melting snows on the mountain.

As Goto looked, the girl fell into the water, head first. He leaped from his jeep and ran downstream to a small bridge where the girl had been caught and lodged under water. Grasping one of the girl's feet, Goto pulled her to safety. The girl was badly frightened but unharmed.

## Chicago Newspaper Resumes Publication

CHICAGO—The Chicago Shimpō, Japanese American triweekly newspaper, resumed publication with its June 29 issue after a suspension of three months.

The newspaper, which has been reorganized and incorporated, will be under the editorship of Ryoichi (Bob) Fujii who headed the paper at the time of its suspension.

It was announced that Eugene Konomi of New York City had joined the staff as managing editor.

## Name Dr. Taguchi Chief of Cardiology At Dayton Hospital

DAYTON, O.—Dr. James T. Taguchi, formerly of Rocky Ford, Colo., has been appointed on the staff of the department of medicine as chief of cardiology at the Brown General Hospital in Dayton. Brown General Hospital is a 1000-bed V.A. Hospital, affiliated with the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine.

Dr. Taguchi was graduated from the University of Colorado School of Medicine and interned at the University of Colorado Hospital, Denver, Colorado. He was formerly associated with the National Jewish Hospital in Denver before he moved to Dayton where he completed his residency training in internal medicine.

Dr. Taguchi is the present president of the Dayton JACL Chapter.

## Ruby Takayama Named YBA Queen

FRESNO, Calif. — Ruby Takayama was chosen queen of the Central California YBA carnival on June 29.

Miss Takayama, representing the Parlier YBA, was crowned on June 30 at the coronation ball,

## Report Limited Administrative Funds Slow Down Adjudication Of Japanese American Claims

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Justice Department's administration of the indemnification program to repay Pacific coast evacuees of Japanese ancestry for losses sustained in the 1942 mass evacuation is being abridged because of the limited funds available for administrative purposes, it was reported this week.

One reason for the slowness of the adjudication program is that only two field offices, at Los Angeles and San Francisco, have been established to date to process and investigate the 24,000 claims which have been filed for an amount in excess of \$100,000,000, it was intimated here.

An official close to the Justice Department's evacuation claims section indicated that the agency can hope, at least, to establish only two more permanent field offices. These offices probably will be located in Chicago and in Washington, D.C.

Previously, it was indicated that offices would be opened in other centers of Japanese population, including the Rocky Mountain area and the Pacific Northwest.

It was stressed, however, that

the Justice Department will endeavor to process claims as quickly as possible for evacuees living in areas outside those covered by the permanent field offices.

It is reported the Justice Department intends to send into the various localities where there are no permanent field offices sufficient personnel to establish temporary field offices for the purpose of interviewing claimants and conducting investigations.

## Nisei Army Nurse Leaves for New Post in Germany

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Second Lieut. Ruth Tanaka, Denver, Colo., one of the few Nisei in the Army Nurse Corps, visited in Washington briefly last week before leaving on an overseas assignment in Germany.

While in Washington, Lieut. Tanaka visited the grave of her brother, Pfc. John Tanaka, who was killed in action with the 442nd Combat Team in Europe and who is buried in Arlington Cemetery.

## Conscientious Host Offers To Pay County for Medic Bills

STOCKTON, Calif.—A conscientious host, whose dinner guests were inadvertently poisoned by some of the food he served, had them hospitalized and now wants to pay the county part of the expenses, County Counsel Fred Felton reported this week.

The embarrassed host is Myoshi Yamanaka of Concord.

The party was held April 2 and shortly after the guests had consumed Japanese delicacies they experienced severe pains. Some were treated in the Concord Community Hospital, some in Contra Costa County Hospital and five in San Joaquin General.

The bill on the five treated here amounted to \$753.57. The bill on the others will hoist the total of medical treatment to just under \$2,000.

Yamanaka appeared at Felton's office and said that, although he is a poor man, he felt he has a moral obligation to pay the bills for the guests. He obtained \$1,000, he said, and would the county take half and call it square? Felton, who was ready to write off the full amount, has recommended to the Board of Supervisors that the county compromise. The matter is still under consideration, with chances good that the recommendation will be accepted.

## Long-Sought Nisei Suspect Indicted for Forgery in East

NEW YORK—A Nisei allegedly wanted in several California cities for passing bad checks was indicted here for forgery in connection with an alleged attempt to swindle \$450 from a St. Louis Nisei, it was reported here on June 30.

The Nisei was identified as Yoshio Ted Yamamoto of Sloughhouse, Calif.

General Sessions Judge John A. Mullen adjourned the case until next week to allow attorneys to prepare briefs.

According to police, Yamamoto forged a telegram to Edward Tanaka in St. Louis, asking him to rush \$450 to Tanaka's brother, Chester, who lives in New York. Edward Tanaka contacted his brother and learned that the wire was a forgery.

Police arrested Yamamoto when he tried to collect the money order at a Western Union office.

The 28-year old Nisei, identifying himself as a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, reportedly is wanted by West Coast police for passing worthless checks.

It also has been reported that a Nisei punco artist, using the name

of "Yoshio Ted Yamamoto" last year victimized the family of a Japanese American soldier killed in action in Italy.

"Yamamoto" reportedly visited the family of Kunio Hattori in Ross, Calif., posing as a former sergeant and claiming to come from Idaho. He borrowed \$30 from the Hattori family after claiming to have lost his wallet containing \$150.

"Yamamoto" also is reported to have visited the widows of Nisei killed in the war with the same story.

Police in Watsonville, Calif., last fall also were seeking a "Ted Yoshio Yamamoto" on the charge of passing two worthless checks there on Oct. 29. Fred Nitta and Shig Hirano of Watsonville reported they had cashed checks for "Yamamoto" after hearing his story.

It also was reported last fall that "Yamamoto" also had victimized ministers of Japanese churches in Berkeley, Stockton and San Jose, using the story that he was a 442nd veteran and that he had lost his wallet.

## Report 141 Arrive On General Gordon

SAN FRANCISCO—The General Gordon docked here on July 7 from Japan with 141 passengers of Japanese ancestry.

The passengers included war time strandeeds and Nisei and Issei returning from visits to relatives in Japan.



# Death of Former Hawaiian FBI Chief Recalls Vigorous Defense of Loyalty of Nisei

Robert Shivers Refused to Be Stampeded Into Hasty Action Against Japanese Americans; Proved Falseness of Hawaii Sabotage Rumors

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—No American probably had more implicit, intelligent confidence in the loyalty of the Nisei to the United States than did the quiet-spoken man who died here June 28. Robert L. Shivers spoke up for the Nisei with an authority that commanded respect and at a time when his words meant a great deal to all the Japanese in Hawaii.

"Bob" Shivers knew the Nisei as perhaps no other non-Nisei knew them. He made it his business to study the Nisei, for his business was with the FBI.

He was chief of the FBI office in Honolulu when war broke out on December 7, 1941. He handled the difficult task of weeding out the disloyal and protecting the loyal with a skill and understanding that can best be appreciated from today's perspective. With cool-headed swiftness, he put into operation the plans for maintaining internal security that had been laid out before the shooting began.

And because "Bob" Shivers knew exactly what to do, Hawaii's Japanese population was given the golden chance to vindicate the faith he had in their trustworthiness.

He refused to be stampeded into harsh, hasty action against the Nisei. The Issei, too, received fair treatment from the FBI in Hawaii. Never once did he falter in his confidence in the Nisei. Whenever he was called upon, he vouched for the patriotism of the Americans of Japanese ancestry. He did so in his official capacity as an FBI agent, and, after the war, when he was no longer with the FBI, he continued to speak out on behalf of the Nisei.

His passing was a shock to many persons, yet those who knew him best were aware that he had worked too hard. He was, in a real sense, a casualty of war—"just as certainly as if he had fallen in battle somewhere in the global conflict of World War II."

Within minutes after Japanese bombs began falling on Pearl Harbor, Bob Shivers was at his post. He sped to his office and stayed there continuously for more than a week.

For the first month, he almost never left his office, and was on "24 hour duty."

His doctors attributed his later condition, and his heart attacks, to his unremitting labor during the war. He suffered one slight attack in 1942 but remained at his post. His health weakened in early 1943, but he continued long hours of duty until his transfer to the mainland.

In recent months he had become considerably enfeebled but carried on his work as U.S. collector of customs in Honolulu as diligently as he could.

Bob Shivers is best remembered for his vigorous denials of the numerous, fantastic rumors of sabotage and fifth column activities that spread immediately after Pearl Harbor. These stories gained credence because they were related by men high in military circles.

Frank Knox, then Secretary of the Navy was quoted, a week after Pearl Harbor, as having said "it was the most effective fifth column work that has come out of this war except in Norway."

Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, who was Pacific fleet commander at the time of the Pearl Harbor debacle, made a similar allegation.

Bob Shivers answered them in this forthright fashion, with a statement for which all Nisei in Hawaii should be forever thankful:

"In spite of what Admiral Kimmel or anyone else may have said about the fifth column activity in Hawaii, I want to emphasize that there was no such activity in Hawaii before, during or after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Consequently there was no confusion in Hawaii as a result of fifth column activities.

"It was not the civilian population who was confused. Nowhere under the sun could there have been a more intelligent response to the needs of the hour than was given by the entire population of these islands."

The statement he presented before a congressional committee on

statehood, at a hearing in Honolulu on January 15, 1946, will remain for a long time as a testimonial to his faith in the Nisei.

The statement was titled, "Cooperation of the Various Racial Groups with Each Other and with the Constituted Authorities Before and After December 7, 1941."

In it he repeated his assertion that "There was not one single act of sabotage committed against the war effort in the Hawaiian Islands during the course of the entire war. Nor was there any fifth column activity in existence or in evidence here."

Then, addressing the visiting congressmen directly, he said:

"I am sure you gentlemen have heard of 101 rumors that have been spread throughout this territory and the mainland United States since the day of the attack.

"One of these stories was to the effect that some of the Japanese aviators who were shot down over Oahu that morning were wearing class rings of McKinley High School (Hawaii's largest high school, with a large Nisei enrollment). Another was that arrows had been cut in the can fields by the Japanese population which pointed toward Pearl Harbor and guided the attacking force to their targets.

"Another was that a transmitter had been discovered in the possession of some Japanese who were transmitting information to the enemy. Another was that the sides of a milk truck at Schofield Barracks suddenly collapsed and machine guns manned by Japanese opened fire on the soldiers at the post. There were many more rumors with which you are familiar.

"There was not an iota of truth in any of them. During the whole course of the war not one single transmitter was discovered on the Hawaiian Islands which was being used to disseminate information to the enemy and at no time was there any radio interference with our own communications because of jamming or transmission from unknown stations in the Hawaiian Islands."

Shivers' testimony revealed that the FBI faced a very complex racial situation in appraising the internal security of the islands.

"It was readily apparent," he said, "that unless all the racial groups were held together and worked together as a united community in a common effort, not only would Hawaii's contribution in the event of war be seriously hampered, but it would be most difficult if not impossible to maintain the internal security of these islands and free the army and navy for their main task of prosecuting the war against the enemy without the necessity of using a part of their forces in maintaining order behind the lines among the civilian populace."

He disclosed the fact that only 980 citizen and alien Japanese out of a total Japanese population of 160,000 in the territory were interned and sent to war relocation camps on the mainland.

How the FBI went about to detect disloyalty, encourage loyalty and stimulate interracial cooperation is one of the lesser known chapters of its vital role in Hawaii during World War II.

Shivers and his staff, working closely together with the military, initiated organizations before Pearl Harbor to prepare for war emergencies.

Two advisory groups composed of Americans of Japanese ancestry met often with Shivers to study the probable behavior of the Japanese community in the event of war with

## Nisei Woman Teller Thwarts Attempt of Bandit to Rob Bank

SEATTLE, Wash. — A Nisei woman bank teller emerged as a heroine in a \$2300 robbery of the Seattle First National bank on Jackson street June 30.

Mrs. Mae Natori, 36, mother of two children, twice braved the danger of being shot and then aided in capture of the thief after a half-block chase.

Her bravery led to the capture of James E. Sweeney, 27, just four minutes after the first alarm was sounded at 4:30 p.m.

Sweeney approached Mrs. Natori's window and pushed a paper bag and note into her teller's cage.

"Put all the money into the bag

and don't move your foot," Mrs. Natori read.

The Nisei stepped on the alarm. The robber warned that he would shoot if she did not hand over some money; so Mrs. Natori scooped up the counter money into the bag, and the man sprinted out of the bank with his haul.

Mrs. Natori warned the teller next to her and started out after the robber, along with two customers, Robert L. Bown and Frank Murphy.

They caught up with the bandit half a block away in a hotel hallway. He offered to return the money if they would let him go, but they remained.

Police who took Sweeney in said all the money was recovered.

## Lionel Hampton Band Honors Nisei Trombonist, Paul Higaki

SAN FRANCISCO — The Lionel Hampton band will honor Paul Higaki, its Nisei trombonist, with a testimonial night Monday, July 10, at its 6:40 p.m. show at the Golden Gate theater.

The Nisei will receive a plaque from the noted bandleader in honor of his first anniversary with Hampton's band.

The event will also be a "homecoming" for the trombonist, who is a native San Franciscan.

The event will follow three days after a special Lionel Hampton night July 7 at the Golden Gate honoring the band's 10th anniversary.

The Paul Higaki testimonial will be a special Nisei event. Rosie Moritomo, WPBL queen contest winner, and several candidates for the San Francisco JACL queen race are slated to appear.

Special representatives from the American Legion, of which Hampton and Higaki are members, and the Nisei Boy Scout troop 12 will be on hand.

Higaki is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Masuichi Higaki of San Francisco. He joined the Hampton band last year in San Francisco and has toured the country with it since that time.

Japan, and to plan for control of any subversive elements among their segment of the population.

The Oahu Citizens Committee for Home Defense arranged a "patriotic rally" in June, 1941, at which an army spokesman enunciated publicly for the first time the official attitude of the U.S. army toward those of Japanese ancestry, both citizens and aliens, in the event of war. The spokesman urged people to place their trust in the constituted authorities and refrain from any acts which might disrupt a united citizenry and place the army in the position of having to enforce peace and order in the civilian community.

The Committee for Inter-Racial Unity in Hawaii began its work a year before Pearl Harbor in considering ways and means of combating growing resentment of certain racial groups against the Japanese residents.

After Pearl Harbor, other groups of official and semi-official nature sprang up to cope with the problems for which elaborate preparations had been made. These included the morale section of the Military Governor's office, the Emergency Service Committee and the Honolulu Police Contact Group.

Bob Shivers gave his time and energy to all these organizations, striving diligently to achieve a united community. Hawaii's war record is ample proof that he succeeded in this noble objective. He himself put it more humbly: "I think the broad conclusion can truthfully be drawn that the people of Hawaii were conditioned for war by the long history of race harmony and cooperation, even more than by the special methods used just before and after the outbreak of the war."

Many men and women paid their tribute of affection and respect when the boy of the 56 year old federal official was laid to rest in a cemetery situated at the foot of Diamond Head. And among them were numerous Nisei war veterans who remembered that Bob Shivers was one of the first men in public life in Hawaii to stand up, after Pearl Harbor, in staunch defense of the loyalty of the Nisei.

Following the band's present engagement at the Golden Gate, it will go to Los Angeles for further appearances.

### Higaki Appears On TV Broadcast In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—Paul Higaki, trombonist with the Lionel Hampton orchestra, appeared on the Del Courtney TV show over KSFO Thursday, July 6, with Duke Garrett, arranger and trumpet man with the famous band.

On the show Higaki said he was celebrating his first year with Hampton.

"It was a wonderful year and I hope it will continue for years and years," Higaki said.

Higaki said he had previously played with Bob Cross, Lee Williams and Jimmy Lunceford.

Courtney played a recording of "Birmingham Bounce."

## Maui Veterans Hold Carnival For Scholarsnip

WAILUKU, Maui — The A J A Americans of Japanese Ancestry Veterans held their annual carnival at the Kahului Fairgrounds for the purpose of raising funds to augment the Maui AJA Gift Scholarship fund to the University of Hawaii.

Tatsuo Fujimoto, 1950 graduate of Lahainaluna Technical high school recently was named as the 1950 winner of the scholarship. Last year's recipient was Miss Sumiko Sugiki.

Fujimoto, son of Mr. and Mrs. Goichi Fujimoto of Pump Camp, Lahaina, was an outstanding student at the school.

Dr. Lester Kashiwa was director of the annual Fourth of July carnival sponsored by the Maui AJA Veterans organization. Masao Aizawa was assistant director. An international revue, starring Shizuko Kasagi, "boogie woogie queen of Japan," was one of the features of the entertainment program.



TATSUO FUJIMOTO Wins Maui AJA Award

## MINORITY WEEK

### No Islands

No man is an island, said the poet John Donne.

Nor any racial minority, said Rabbi Irving Miller, president of the American Jewish Congress.

"No one section of the community," says Dr. Miller, "can afford to stand to one side in the long run, the fight of others made subject to prevention will turn out to be its own fight."

No single group can afford to be isolationist, confining its activities to its own group, setting its aims only in terms of its own needs.

"Racial provincialism" is the term Dr. Miller uses, as good a term as any.

### This Week's Quote

"It is senseless to say 'there is nothing new' about the Negro problem."

"There may be nothing really new concerning the Negro problem per se, but there is a new Negro in our land and the southern lawmaker, or citizen, who fails to realize that fact is being stupid at his own cost."

"The new Negro has more education. He has better health. He has better clothes. He reads more newspapers..."

"Now it doesn't make sense to assume that this new Negro is going to be content in the cabin of his slave grandfather. His eyes are on better things, materially considered. He is going to have a car and drive it. He is going to buy a home and live in it. He is going to step into citizenship and exercise its rights and demand its privileges."

"Indeed, our use of the future tense is merely to gentle the recalcitrant of our readers to the fact that the new Negro already is doing these things. The new Negro is not a man of tomorrow. He is the man of today."—The Jackson (Miss.) Daily News.

And, it would appear from the above, there is a new southerner in the land today. He is the man who is willing to face facts, willing to cast off the magnolia and crinoline generation and the race myths engendered by that age. The new Negro and the new southerner may someday soon fashion a new southland.

### Guinea Pig

It's no fun being a guinea pig in a social experiment, but he's a necessary component in our contemporary life.

In intergroup relations the guinea pig is the guy who buys a home in a restricted area and has to face his new neighbors in court over his right to live in that home; he's the guy who tests a restaurant's willingness or unwillingness to serve a Negro; he's the guy who takes discrimination in education to the courts. In short, he's the guy who takes it on the chin.

For the rest of the country he's just the name in a test case, a symbol, an example—a guinea pig. Privately he suffers the tortures of the damned. He takes humiliation, contempt and public exposure. Sometimes he wins, sometimes he loses.

What makes a guinea pig? G. W. McLaurin was one of the most recent nationally-prominent guinea pigs.

McLaurin is a retired Negro school teacher.

In 1910 he and his wife moved to Oklahoma. They sent their children out of the state, because they knew it was the only way for them to get a complete education. As early as 1923 Mrs. McLaurin began to fight segregation in education. She tried to enroll at the University of Oklahoma. The school told her her credits were acceptable. She was not.

In 1948 McLaurin began his campaign to open educational facilities in Oklahoma to all people, regardless of race.

He won his right to enter the university's graduate school in 1948. He was still a guinea pig. He was put off in an anteroom to a classroom. He was segregated in the cafeteria, separated in the library.

He asked the U.S. Supreme court to decide whether or not he was receiving an "equal" education.

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## Helen Morita Crowned Southwest Queen



Helen Morita (with trophy), queen of the Pacific Southwest JACL district council, is shown with her attendants at the coronation ball at the Chase hotel in Santa Monica, Calif., on July 1. Miss Morita, candidate of the Pasadena chapter, received her trophy and a kiss from Marshall

Thompson, MGM film star, at the coronation ball. Those in the picture are (l. to r.) Itsuko Hamasaki, Downtown Los Angeles; Nell Kawabata, East Los Angeles; Miss Morita; Mary Kumagai, Southeast Los Angeles, and Haru Yoshimoto, West Los Angeles—Photo by Toyo Miyatake Studio, Los Angeles.

## Plan Tabulation Of First Votes In Queen Contest

LOS ANGELES—First tabulations are scheduled to be made this week in the Nisei Week queen contest.

Meanwhile, the fourth candidate was reported to have entered the competition in the person of Elsie Yamamoto, 23, of San Jose who will represent the Los Angeles YBA.

A fifth candidate, Emiko Kato, 19, of Los Angeles entered the contest this week and then announced her withdrawal the next day. Miss Kato reportedly had obtained the support of ten Nisei organizations.

Tickets for the queen contest are being distributed by Japanese American merchants in the Los Angeles area.

A pre-Nisei Week rally is scheduled for July 16 from 6:30 p.m. under the sponsorship of the Los Angeles YBA.

It was announced that the Zenda, the largest ballroom in Los Angeles, will be the scene of the 1950 Nisei Week coronation ball on Aug. 19 from 9 p. m.

The Centenary Junior Matrons, headed by Mrs. Yoshio Takagaki, this week accepted the direction of the 1950 Nisei Week baby show. The organization is affiliated with the Centenary Methodist church.

The first call for talent for the Nisei Week Festival show was made by Talent Show Chairman Frank Okada for July 11.

Okada said the talent show has provided a showcase in the past for Nisei performers. One of the featured acts of last year's show, the dance team of Reiko Sato and Don Takeuchi, is now dancing in a San Francisco night club.

It was reported that profits from the Nisei Week Festival will be placed in a fund for the eventual reconstruction of a Nisei Community Center in Los Angeles.

Although only four candidates are in the queen contest to date, the number is expected to be increased in the coming week. The four Los Angeles chapters of the JACL and the Nisei Veterans Association are among those expected to enter candidates.

Last year's queen was Miss Terri Hokoda, candidate of a Los Angeles JACL group.

### Nominated

LOS ANGELES—Sachi Kazunaga, 22, is the third contestant announced in the 1950 race for the title, "Miss Nisei Week". The winner will reign over Nisei

## Pacific Southwest Chapters Urge Restoration of Original Provisions of Walter Measure

### Ask National President To Initiate Survey of Nisei Economic Status

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — The Pacific Southwest JACL district convention on July 2 urged the House - Senate Joint conference committee on the Walter resolution to restore the original provisions of the measure, HJR 238.

It was noted that the Senate version of the bill, bearing an amendment sponsored by Sen. Richard Russell, D., Ga., restricts the provisions of the resolutions to aliens of Japanese ancestry who arrived in the United States before the passage of the Asiatic Exclusion Act in 1924.

The House version of the bill, as sponsored by Rep. Francis Walter, D., Pa., proposes to eliminate race as a condition to naturalization.

The convention delegates also unanimously passed a resolution urging the Senate to give immediate consideration and passage to the Hawaiian statehood bill.

The convention also requested National President Hito Okada to appoint JACL committees to study, survey and recommend ways and means of aiding all Nisei to advance economically and to study and recommend to the national con-

vention a solution to the increasing social welfare problems of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country.

The convention also urged Attorney General J. Howard McGrath to give his immediate attention to the problem of obtaining speedier and more liberal adjudications on the evacuation loss claims submitted by persons of Japanese ancestry as the result of Pacific coast mass evacuation in 1942. The convention assured its full support to ADC Legislative Director Mike M. Masaoka in Washington in urging his efforts toward obtaining speedy and liberal adjudication of the evacuee claims.

The delegates of the Pacific Southwest Council reaffirmed their pledge to do its share as American citizens in the present international crisis.

A resolution of appreciation also was voted to the convention committee and to the Chase hotel and its management.

Sam Ishikawa of Los Angeles was chairman of the resolutions committee. Members of the committee were Carl Sato, Arizona; Miwako Yanamoto, Los Angeles; Tom Sakai, Coachella Valley; Tom Hirashima, Santa Barbara; Charles Ishii, Orange County, and Frank Chuman, Los Angeles.

## Army Officer Who Backed Nisei Gets High Pacific Post

HONOLULU — A staunch friend of the Nisei, Col. Kendall J. Fielder, will become the No. 2 army man in the Pacific July 20.

His appointment as chief of staff, U.S. army, Pacific, was announced last week. Col. Fielder is now the deputy commander for civilian affairs, USARPAC.

To Nisei war veterans, Col. Fielder is best known as one of the leading supporters of the formation of the 100th infantry battalion and later the 442nd combat team.

During World War II, particularly during the immediate

week festivities in Li'l Tokyo Aug. 19 to 26.

Miss Kazunaga, a typist at the Canadian Insurance Co., is a graduate of Roosevelt high school. She is sponsored by the Novettes.

period after Pearl Harbor, Col. Fielder vigorously defended the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry and championed their right to bear arms for their country.

He entered the army during World War I and rose to the rank of captain. He was awarded three battle stars for combat service overseas with the 7th division, during which he was wounded in action.

During World War II, Col. Fielder was a brigadier general assigned as assistant chief of staff G-2 (intelligence) of the Pacific ocean areas with headquarters at Ft. Shafter, Oahu.

Col. Fielder was graduated in 1916 from Georgia Institute of Technology, where he was an All-American selection and twice All-Southern quarterback.

He also won varsity letters in baseball, basketball and track.

## State Department Precedent Set in Return of Nisei Strandee

### Order U.S. Consul To Permit Return Of Miyeko Hamada

LOS ANGELES — A new precedent was established by the passport division of the State Department at Washington, D.C. when an appeal filed in behalf of a Nisei strande in Japan by her attorneys, A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand, was allowed, resulting in an order from the State Department to the United States Consul at Yokohama to allow the return to the United States of Miyeko Hamada.

Upon the filing of a case in the Federal Court at Los Angeles in her behalf, Miss Hamada applied at the United States Consul at Yokohama for a special permit to return to the United States to testify in her court case. The United States consul denied her application on the ground that she had made false statements with respect to her voting in the general elections in Japan.

Under the order issued by R. B. Shipley, chief, passport division, State Department, Washington, D.C., Miss Hamada will be permitted to return to the United States immediately.

Other strande who were issued "certificates of identity" by the United States consul in Japan and thus permitted to return to the United States, include George Y. Ozasa, who served in the Japanese Army, and Norio and Miyoko Kiyama, who renounced their United States citizenship at Tule Lake and who thereafter went to Japan.

Court cases in behalf of Ozasa and the Kiyamas are also pending in the Federal Court at Los Angeles, California.

### Credit Union Makes New Rule on Loans

New procedures to select loan applicants to the National JACL credit union were announced recently by Hito Okada, treasurer.

Okada announced that the credit union committee was forced to make the restrictions in view of the large and growing waiting list of loan applicants.

The new regulations stipulate:

New members of the credit union must wait 30 days before an application for a loan will be considered.

Real estate loans must be amortized within 24 months.

Okada reported \$34,529.25 was paid out in new loans from Jan. 1 to April 24 of this year.

Within the same period, \$17,281.99 was purchased in new shares, making a total of \$91,900.44.

The credit union had 372 members at the end of the first quarter of this year, of whom 121 had taken out loans.

### Name Director for Nisei Week Revue

LAS ANGELES—Frank Okada was named director of the 1950 production of the Nisei Week Revue, which will be the feature attraction Aug. 24 to 26, last three days of the Nisei week festival.

Okada served as chairman of the 1949 festival staff.

## Rule Husband, Wife May File Separate Claims

WASHINGTON, D.C. — May a husband and wife file mutually exclusive claims under the Evacuation Claims Act?

The Department of Justice says yes, according to the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee last week. It announced this in adjudicating the claim of a Nisei housewife for the loss of such personal household items as an electric clock, chairs and a coffee table. They were taken from a church where they had been stored while she and her husband were evacuated.

The Department of Justice said evidence the property belonged exclusively to the wife consisted of her statement that "all our household effects belong to me." Her husband also filed a disclaimer for the household effects, though he has a claim for other losses.

The Department said evidence of loss consisted solely of the claimant's "sworn statement, but the investigation disclosed no contradictory evidence."

Although the claim was for \$222, the Justice Department ruled the fair market value of the property was \$137.16.

The Department also raised the question as "to whether damage to or loss of property that occurred after an evacuee had returned from a Relocation Center and exercised dominion over it should be regarded as a "reasonable and natural consequence" of the evacuation" within the meaning of the Act.

It brought up this point when the housewife asked for the cost of candle-stick holders stolen from her the night she returned to California and recovered the undisturbed portion of her home furnishings.

She said she was forced to leave the candlestick holders on a lawn overnight because she had not a reasonable opportunity to store them in a more secure place. The Department of Justice said it could find "no warrant" to pay damages for the candlestick holders resulting from what it termed negligence, although it did give the housewife an additional 30 days to present evidence supporting her claim for the loss before making a final decision.

## Salt Lake's Japanese Garden Will Be Formally Dedicated

The Japanese garden at Salt Lake City's International Peace Gardens in Jordan Park, 1051 So. 8th West St., will be dedicated and presented to the city of Salt Lake City in a formal ceremony on July 11 at 6:30 p.m.

The Japanese garden features two huge centuries-old stone lanterns which recently arrived from Japan as the contribution of Kiichi Kobayashi, Tokyo industrialist. The Salt Lake City Commission recently voted to accept a C.O.D. charge of more than \$1,000 for freight for transporting the heavy lanterns from Tokyo to Salt Lake.

The lanterns were obtained through the efforts of Tamotsu Murayama, Tokyo newspaperman who formerly was active in the JACL. Negotiations were carried on between Mr. Murayama and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kasai in Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Otto A. Wiesley, representing the Salt Lake Council of Women and chairman of the International Peace Gardens, will open the dedication meeting and will in-

roduce Commissioner L. C. Romney and other city officials.

Henry Kasai will interpret the presentation speech of K. Tsumura, chairman of the Japanese garden committee.

Harry H. Kasai who arrived recently from Tokyo bearing a gift of 3,000 cherry trees and a letter of appreciation for LARA and other gift packages, will present the trees to Salt Lake City on behalf of the children of Tokyo.

Besides the stone lanterns, a miniature waterfall is a focal point of interest in the garden. Camellias, wisterias, azaleas, "hinoki," spruce, pine and hundreds of other varieties of plants already have been planted in the garden. The water from the waterfall streams into a miniature lake which is adorned with floating water lilies and contains golden carp.

One of the features of the dedication will be the dances performed by a group of Nisei girls in kimonos.

The public is being invited to attend the rites opening the garden.

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## EDITORIALS

### A Noxious and Offensive Law

The action of the California District Court of Appeals in invoking United States commitments under the United Nations Charter in declaring the state's Alien Land Act "unenforceable and untenable" will be revised by the California Supreme Court in October.

The California appellate court's decision is one which has evoked widespread interest and comment and not a little apprehension on the part of members of Congress from the Deep South who see in it a possible threat to Jim Crow segregation statutes.

Arthur Krock of the New York Times recently devoted two daily columns to the effect of the California decision and noted that there are two main obstacles to affirmation by the U. S. Supreme Court if the issue ever gets there. One, according to Mr. Krock, is Chief Justice Marshall's ruling in 1829 that only "self-executing" treaty provisions supercede existing statutes as the "supreme law of the land." (It is contended that Articles 55-56 of the U. N. Charter, the basis of the California decision, are not such). The other was that by its pledge to "promote" anti-discrimination in all forms and to "take... action" the United States made it clear that legislation by Congress will be required to materialize the promise and this has not been done, as Mr. Krock observes.

The crux of judicial and legal interest in the California decision is based on the possibility that the Supreme Court could repudiate Marshall or hold that Articles 55-56 are self-executing. Then it could be argued, says Mr. Krock, that the President's "civil rights" program requires no legislation to put into effect except that creating machinery for enforcement. If this contention holds, then all forms of local segregation would be illegal under the U. N. Charter. This is the possibility which inspired recent Senate discussion of the California decision. It is a certainty that the deliberations of the California Supreme Court in the Fujii test case will be closely watched, even by those persons who are unacquainted with the real issue at stake in the test case, which is the legality of California's discriminatory law, initiated by a prejudiced legislature in 1913 and made more restrictive through an initiative measure in 1920 which was accompanied by an inflammatory campaign of race hatred.

Although the Fujii case decision is predicated on the U. N. Charter and the California Supreme Court may rule on the validity of the appellate tribunal's application of the Charter as a treaty superceding state laws, the California high court will have another opportunity to rule on the Alien Land Act in the Masaoka case which it also has accepted for hearing. In the Masaoka case Superior Judge Thurmond Clarke of Los Angeles has declared that the Alien Land Act is discriminatory to persons of Japanese ancestry and is in violation of the 14th Amendment.

It is to be hoped that the California Supreme Court will take this opportunity to purge the California statutes of a noxious and offensive law which is the statutory remnant of a period of history of which most Californians are not proud.

### Speeding Up Adjudication

The evacuee claims program, authorized under Public Law 886 to repay west coast evacuees of Japanese ancestry for business and property losses sustained as a direct consequence of the mass evacuation of 1942, appears to have bogged down in a morass of administrative uncertainties.

Unless the uncertainties, arising from the absence of precedent in a mass indemnification program of this kind, are resolved and unless some of the administrative red tape is untangled, the outlook for early completion of the program is a bleak one.

There is little hope to be gained from the recent public hearing of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on the evacuation claims appropriation which the House slashed more than 20 per cent, cutting the figure for the coming fiscal year down to \$4,000,000, of which total only \$250,000 can be used for administrative purposes.

As Mike Masaoka has noted, the suggested \$250,000 appropriation for the Justice Department's evacuee claims division will permit the maintenance of only a skeleton force for the adjudication of the nearly 24,000 claims which have been filed for nearly \$150,000,000 in claimed losses. The temper of the Senate subcommittee, however, indicates that the cuts made by the House will be retained and there is little possibility for an increase in the administrative funds at the present time. It is to be hoped, however, that Congress will realize that real economy lies in a speedy completion of the adjudication program, rather than a penny-wise, pound-foolish policy which will drag on the adjudication of these claims for a generation or more.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Notes from Hollywood

Shirley Yoshiko Yamaguchi, a pretty girl who has been getting a good press, may be Hollywood's first honest-to-goodness movie star of Japanese ancestry since the days when Sessue Hayakawa was getting paid in box-car figures with his delineations of villainy, Oriental style.

Whoever has been handling Miss Yamaguchi's publicity since she arrived in the film city from Honolulu has been doing a good job. Hundreds of words have been filed by Hollywood correspondents for the major news services about the girl who came to Hollywood to learn how to kiss.

Then Miss Yamaguchi showed up on Bob Hope's cerebral palsy benefit and traded banter with the skinned comic and sang a Japanese song to an appreciative San Francisco audience. All of which is a good buildup for a career in Hollywood.

Louella Parsons this week breathed the news that Miss Yamaguchi was a "hot" prospect to get the role of the Oriental siren in "Macao" which is being filmed at RKO. Josef von Sternberg, who is making a Hollywood comeback with "Macao," is reported to be making a screen test of Miss Yamaguchi for the role in which she will vie with Jane Russell for the affections of Robert Mitchum and Robert Ryan.

Another major studio is considering the Japanese actress for the starring role in a proposed film of a novel with a Korean background, while she also is being considered for the role of the Japanese war bride in "East Is East," a part which also was offered to Shirley Temple. "East Is East," a story about American GIs in Japan, is the property of an independent concern.

Meanwhile, the Far Eastern crisis may mean that things will open up again for film actors of Japanese ancestry in Hollywood. The studios are now looking over scripts with Oriental backgrounds which have been gathering dust on the shelves with the hope that some

can be revised to meet the demands of current events.

Hollywood has been anticipating a cycle of popular interest in war films and every studio has at least one of its schedule. MGM's entry, of course, will be the Robert Pirosh production of "Go for Broke," the 442nd Combat Team story, on which Mike Masaoka has been serving as technical adviser. Recently the call went out for Nisei veterans of the 442nd to register for parts in the picture, so the Pirosh script probably is near shooting stage. Tentative plans are for production on the film to start early in the fall.

No cast assignments have been announced as yet on "Go for Broke" but it is expected that at least one big-name star from MGM's firmament will be picked for a major role. Most of the other parts, however, including that of the Nisei heroine, probably will go to unknowns. A number of Nisei girls have been interviewed for the part of the college girl in the film.

Although the story line of "Go for Broke" has not been announced, it is expected that it will take its Nisei principals from Pearl Harbor through the west coast evacuation and the war relocation camps to Camp Shelby and the formation of the 442nd Combat Team.

Robert Pirosh who will write, direct and produce the picture already has shown in "Battleground" that he is close to the GIs and shuns combat heroics. If "Go for Broke" is anywhere near as pungent and gutty as "Battleground," it will probably be a contender for Oscar honors in 1951 or 1952.

MGM is not the only studio which is considering a film on the 442nd Combat Team. Darryl Zanuck's 20th Century-Fox, which last year registered the title "I Am a Nisei" for a proposed film about evacuation and wartime prejudice, recently sent a writer, Anthony Coldeway to Honolulu to gather material for a proposed picture about Nisei GIs. Mr. Coldeway presumably has submitted his ideas to Fox executives by this time and an announcement may be

forthcoming if the picture is to be produced. Because of recent events in Korea, however, the studio may shift its emphasis to a film of more topical nature.

MGM's reasons for producing "Go for Broke" have nothing to do with retribution, particularly since the studio did not participate in the anti-Nisei hysteria which followed Pearl Harbor (Warner's and Universal were the main offenders), but a film on Nisei GIs can have a powerful emotional impact which will do much to counteract the misrepresentations of such wartime pictures as "Across the Pacific," "Air Force," and "Little Tokyo, USA." A picture about Nisei soldiers, in which the original veterans of the 442nd Combat Team will appear, should do much to erase the Japanese racial stereotype which Hollywood has projected for many years. Roles such as that of Teru Shimada in "Tokyo Joe" and Sessue Hayakawa's Colonel Suga in "Three Came Home" also carried an element of dignity which has been lacking in most of Hollywood's portrayals of persons of Japanese ancestry.

Another film affected by the international situation is Breakston-MacGowan's "Tokyo File 212" which is the first American commercial film to be produced in occupied Japan. Detailing a story of wartime intrigue and espionage, "Tokyo File 212" is expected to employ the services of a number of Nisei in Japan as well as Japanese nationals. Florence Marly, who appeared in "Tokyo Joe" is flying to Japan to star in the picture with Leif Erickson.

With such performers as Yoshiko Yamaguchi on the Hollywood scene, some producer probably will come up with an idea for a new version of "Madame Butterfly," the tragic interracial love story which seems to be a favorite with American audiences, except in the new version Cho-Cho-San will accompany GI Pinkerton back to the States under a special act of Congress.

### Minority Week

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the court ruled in his favor. The quiet, lone guinea pig had won a substantial victory for education.

In almost all news reports his name has been listed simply as "G. W. McLaurin."

His full name is George Washington McLaurin.

## George Grim: The Shigemura Story

By GEORGE GRIM

(From his famous column, "I Like It Here," in the Minneapolis Sunday Tribune of May 7).

This is a story about a father and a mother whose son found a friend.

That friend was a college — Carleton — at Northfield, Minn.

The story is about Frank Shigemura, a Japanese-American who had grown up in a set-apart section of Seattle. A lot of us remember what happened to those fellow citizens of ours just after Pearl Harbor. Frank had been attending the University of Washington — but suddenly he found himself being moved away from the west coast. He was one of 60 boys who assembled on the Carleton college campus in the army enlisted reserve.

Frank found friendship there. He studied economics, Spanish, English, math. His grades were good and even that Minnesota winter of 1942 didn't snow under his feeling of warmth.

The next March, all 60 in the group were shipped to Winona to enter active officers' training under the V-12 program. Sixty went to Winona... but, three days later, Frank was back at Carleton. He alone was rejected.

"You see, people might misunderstand," said an official in the training program.

Carleton college dean Lindsey Blayney didn't like that at all.

"This is just something else that happens," said Frank. "Just let me go ahead and study here."

DESPITE that body blow to his hopes of serving his country, Frank picked up his courses, got B averages. Meantime, Dean Blayney wrote letter after letter to the army, to selective service officials. They weren't very temperate letters. The dean was in a mighty mood of protest.

Just after the end of the semester in June, the dean called Frank into his office.

"You've just been called up," he told Frank. "Your notification's coming."

Frank couldn't say a word. He shook the dean's hand.

Bits of Frank's army record kept drifting back to Carleton. He became Pfc. Shigemura, a member of the 442nd regimental combat team. He fought in Italy with the 34th division, with many other boys from Minnesota.

A SECRET assignment to France as a member of a special combat team then came. That was the action that liberated the "lost battalion." That also was the action that killed Pfc. Shigemura on Oct. 20, 1944.

Two years later, Carleton college decided to publish a booklet honoring the men who had lost

their lives in service. Each of the gold star parents received a letter — did they have a photo? Could they tell anything more about their late son's deeds?

From Seattle came a picture, a sentence about Frank's army service, and these words:

"WE DEEPLY feel honored in having Frank's picture in a memorial booklet honoring the Carleton gold star men. Enclosed is a small amount in check. Please accept this donation for publishing the booklet."

From the envelope fluttered a hundred dollar check.

The next year, another letter came to the college from Frank Shigemura's father:

"I am very happy to learn of your proposed student union that will be dedicated to the memory of the sons of the college who served and died in two World Wars. My son, the late Pfc. Frank M. Shigemura (ex-'45), was also a former student. As parents of the deceased, we feel greatly honored. Enclose please find check for \$500. Please accept this small contribution."

THE COLLEGE meant much to Frank. He had told his folks so. Two more checks for the new student union came from them in Seattle. The gifts totaled \$1,200.

A few weeks ago, President Larry Gould and Alumni Director Warren Breckenridge of Carleton were visiting alumni groups. When they came to Seattle, the address of Frank Shigemura's father was on the list. They wanted to invite Frank's parents to an alumni banquet.

Breckenridge hailed a taxi, gave the address to the driver. The cab stopped in the midst of that still set-apart district, before a not-very-modern apartment building. On the lobby board he found the name Shigemura, went up the stairs, knocked on the door.

Across the hall, another door opened. "MRS. SHIGEMURA is ill," said a woman. "I don't think she can see you. Anything I can tell her?"

"I wanted to invite the Shigemuras to a dinner given by alumni from Frank's college back in Minnesota," said Breckenridge.

"They've told us about it," said the woman, another Japanese-American. "Why not go down to Mr. Shigemura's place of business. You'll find him down at the union station. Just ask for him. Everybody knows him."

THE STATION was only two blocks away. And that's where Breckenridge extended the dinner invitation to Frank's father, who had sent Carleton checks totaling \$1,200.

At the Seattle union station — where for 39 years Shigemura had carried bags, touched his red cap and said thanks for the tip, sir. Thanks very much!



# BETWEEN CARBONS

By AL T. MIYADI

## It's Lucky to Live in California

WEBSTER doesn't have a definition for it. Neither does the New Winston. But then dictionaries rarely deal in generalities. And in time the scholars, whoever they are, will manage to pin the good life down to the specific. They always do. At least they always have a word for it.

But until then Californians like myself believe the good life exists right here on the Pacific slope; that if those scholars (Easterners invited, too) were only to come out here and really LIVE awhile, they'd find the good life goes something like this:

It's like a Sunday afternoon, the skies are clear, and as blue as the New Yorker's outlook, the air is warm and soothing and pleasant as only the California sun can be, and you take a ride out toward the Palos Verdes hills, look out over the seemingly endless expanse of the blue Pacific and say to yourself, it's lucky to live in California.

It's like a ride out to Orange County, where the oranges are as much in abundance as those who'd like to come out to California, drink in the early morn and take a deep whiff of the green grass and the jaded groves of orange trees, and park right off Firestone blvd. in Buena Park and watch the Fords go by.

And right off Santa Ana way, only a few minutes from the mountains and a few jumps away from the ocean, there lies nestled among rolling hills the little town of Costa Mesa, hardly famous for anything but the wonderful fact that the coastal hamlet is typical of the good life in California.

And down the road a piece, you come upon a more gilded community (strictly for tourists), Port Lido, a man made harbor and island, where Errol Flynn, Humphrey Bogart, Joan Blondell and a host of other members of our more emotional set, maintain their sleek, white yachts and cruisers, and lesser lights with their brightly painted Chris-Crafts, sloops and rowboats, you say to yourself, are they lucky to live in California.

And of course, forty miles down the coast from metropolitan Los Angeles, there thrives California's most peaceful and historic village, San Juan Capistrano, haven for the swallows which return every spring to rest and bask amid its romantic and rustic splendor, and surely, the swallows homing habits lend eloquent testimony to the good life here in California. (And to which, envious Easterners inevitably snipe, "It's strictly for the 'birds.'")

And of course romance; the love-birds who drive up near the Griffith observatory at night, parking at a site overlooking the city swimming in a brilliant sea of lights subdued slightly by the oncoming ocean mist, and necking 'til early morn with nary a shiver but huddling close and murmuring to each other, are we lucky to live in California.

And, in a more serious vein, it's the colored youngster in the Central Avenue district, fuzzy headed and innocent, oblivious to his environment by virtue of his youth and exuberance, waking up early in the ayem, rushing headlong out into streets still uncleaned, cleansing himself with the crispness of the California dawn and tossing his head back and screaming his head off for the sheer joy of living. (And someday he'll live on Sugar Hill, too.)

It's like when you go to Newport, you spend the good part of Friday night fixing your fishing tackle, packing your lunch and gear, wake up before your wife knows it and drive down to the Pier, cast your line, lean back, pull down your sun-visor cap and go to sleep and let the California sun do the rest. It's time to go home, you rub your eyes and wake up to the amazing and breathtaking splendor of the California sun easing itself down beneath the western rim of the Pacific and in its final moments showering the sea and painting the oncoming shadows with a fantastic show of colors, and before you know it you've stayed an hour witnessing the greatest show on Earth.

It's every day of the week, riding to work on the Wilshire bus in early morning (yes, the sun's already out) and rediscovering from a vantage point that every working girl looks not unlike Samuel Goldwyn's newest find, fresh and radiant and exuberant with the look of California.

It's like when you go shopping with your wife at I. Magnin's on the Miracle Mile, where the sales girls come and go on high-heeled shoes, their lustrous hair and long and well formed legs reminding of a royally bred filly making her debut at Hollywood Park, and when your wife isn't looking, settling down into a chair and sighing to yourself, it is lucky to live in California.

Rain? Certainly, it rains, and a good thing it does and be thankful for the fact, too, I might add. Juicy watermelons, scarlet in their ripeness and with the taste of a thousand sweets, Royal Anne and Bing cherries as big as Washington's apples and twice as good and strictly a California product. Name them, and we've got them here in the paradise of the plentiful.

Rain, and a coveted ticket for a football game in the largest stadium in these United States, the Coliseum, but it doesn't really matter because you simply stay at home, put on the slippers, sit in front of your television set in the living room and watch (much better off and much better view) the monstrous green and white horde from Notre Dame whale the daylights out of S.C. in a flagrant example of midwestern vindictiveness and conversely, the cordiality of our abling and gallant Trojans reflecting upon our California hospitality.

And there is so much more...much, much, more. But to take the pleasant task in enumerating all of the good life, one might have to begin with a trilogy and dedicate an entire life. As an example, take San Francisco, the city of a thousand hills. San Francisco's favorite citizen, Herb Caen has appended amorous prose of this cosmopolitan city amounting to two voluminous books, and still, daily in his column, It's News To Me, he continues to make open and unabashed love to his Baghdad by the Bay.

Granted that in Salt Lake, Denver, Chicago and New York, they have their own peculiar practice of the good life, despite the biting cold of winter and the sweltering heat of summer, but it takes a bit of Spartan and Nordic, and credit to them that they do. (And life in a monastery is a good life, too.)

And of course there is the good life that Lait and Mortimer wrote of in their New York Confidential and Chicago Confidential.

But we rather think that Horace Greeley was a very wise man, indeed.

## Bill Hosokawa:

## FROM THE FRYING PAN

### The Kids Go to a Dude Ranch

Denver, Colo.

Over the weekend, we took advantage of the hospitality of some folks who run a swank dude ranch and moved in on them with the kids. It was a glorious experience for the youngsters—riding honest-to-goodness live horses like the Lone Ranger over the sage-speckled hills, sleeping away from home, tossing pebbles into the river.

The second day out the kids got to ride in a rodeo parade through the town of Granby, and out to the fairgrounds a mile away where the ropin' and bronc-bustin' were to be held. Just like real cowboys, breathing corral dust and loving it; bouncing in the saddle like dudes and glorying in every jolt. What an experience it was for them.

But oddly enough they took all these thrills in stride. It seems they've done it so often is their imagination that when they actually rode a horse, why it was like something familiar.

They were proudest, not of their feats as dudes on horseback, but of a silly little jingle that a kid from Chicago taught them. It was repeated until we're weary unto the death of it, and it goes like this:

In 1944  
My mother joined the war.  
She shot at a turtle  
And busted her girdle  
And that was the end of the war

### It's Still a Small World

Small world note: Carl Iwasaki got back this week from a remote South Dakota crossroads where

## Vagaries

### Rikoran . . .

It looks like Shirley "Rikoran"

Yamaguchi, Japanese film star, is serious about settling down in Hollywood. She's leased a home there, has joined the Screen Actors Guild and arranged for voice lessons from Deanna Durbin's ex-teacher. Miss Yamaguchi is currently considering a number of film offers, but says she wants to see the scripts before she agrees to take any role. The film star is currently on a personal appearance tour in California, but took time out July 3 to go on a benefit show with Bob Hope and other film stars at the Paramount in San Francisco. She got a good hand from the crowd (all of whom paid a cool \$5 to get in) for signing "Sakura Sakura." . . . Paul Higaki, trombonist, returned to his hometown, San Francisco, this week with the Lionel Hampton band for a two-week engagement at the Golden Gate theater. He's been with the band for the past year and a half, previously played with the Hampton band in 1946. . . . Helen Toy (Takahashi), chanteuse at the Forbidden City night club, once toured the nation's vaudeville circuits with her sister, Dorothy, and Paul Jew in an act called the "Three Mah Jongs." Dorothy Takahashi and Paul Jew are still dancing as "Toy and Wing" and played the Roxy in New York recently.

### Rai Chuns . . .

The Rai Chuns, the Nisei dancing team who are two of the five Japanese Americans in Charlie Low's "all-Chinese" revue in San Francisco's Forbidden City night club, are actually Reiko Sato and Don Takeuchi of Los Angeles who made their professional debut in the Nisei Week talent show in Los Angeles last August. . . . Reiko Sato, who has appeared in three motion pictures during the past year, will soon be seen in her first dramatic role in "Woman on the Run." She had the comic role of a maid in "Mother Didn't Tell Me" for 20th-Fox and was on the screen for a few seconds in a Chinese night club scene in MGM's "On the Town." . . . Miss Sato is still a student at Los Angeles City College and will return to her studies in the fall.

KDYL-TV in Salt Lake City last week televised the Oriental Festival at the Japanese Christian church. . . . The Nisei Veterans Association in Los Angeles is now compiling a list of veterans of the 442nd Combat Team who are interested in appearing as GIs in MGM's forthcoming film story of the Japanese American Combat Team, "Go for Broke." Casting is expected to begin soon. . . . Reason for the week's delay in announcing the results of the Old Gold Amateur hour contest over the ABC network was to give the people of Hawaii a chance to vote. Although the program was broadcast nationally on June 15, it

he had covered an Episcopal convocation for Life magazine. It was about the last place where one could expect to find a Nisei angle, but sure enough, it was there in the person of the Rev. Clifford Samuelson.

Some twenty years ago Cliff Samuelson was a young student pastor at the St. Peters Japanese Episcopal church in Seattle. He tried, with not a little success, to pound religion as well as some of the social niceties into a small group of wild-eyed Nisei, most of whom were going to church only under parental compulsion.

Dr. Samuelson, now a major church wheel in New York, recalled those days in Seattle when Carl met him.

### A Garden Progress Report

On the Fourth of July the corn was not only knee-high, but almost waist-high where the soil, sun and water had been most favorable. The strawberries have quit bearing, but apparently only to gain second wind for the mid-summer crop. That's okay by us because the kids are getting tired of fresh berries.

Tomatoes were pruned and staked on the Fourth. In a couple of weeks we'll quit pinching off the flowers and let the fruit develop. Bush beans are blossoming. We'll be having fresh beans before too long. They're wonderful with chopped pork. Harvested our first Chinese green this week. The stuff grows like weeds and doesn't taste much better. Cucumber and squash vines are developing nicely. Now we need some good hot weather, and hope the hails stay away. A hailstorm at this stage would be murder, no less.

## "Do You Know?"

## JACL's Wartime Course Set By Resolutions at Convention

By ELMER R. SMITH

There were a number of significant resolutions passed by the sixth national convention, but only a few of these are the most important for our purpose in the present discussion.

A resolution upon which many of the decisions were made by the national officers in 1941 and 1942 stated specifically that the JACL reaffirm "without any reservations" allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and to American ideals and institutions. This resolution was supported by individual commitments of various members and leaders in interviews, speeches and letters.

Another resolution which laid the foundation for JACL participation in Fair Employment Practice meetings stated absolute opposition to any type of discrimination on the basis of race, creed or color in the field of employment. Other resolutions carried this idea to include discrimination in the armed services, social activities or political organizations.

The JACL went on record as favoring the universal registration of all residents of the United States.

The internal business of the JACL centered in the raising of money for a paid secretary on the national level, increasing the overall public relations program of the JACL on both a local and national level, the expansion of the Second Generation Development Program, and the establishing of the Pacific Citizen upon a sound basis both financially and editorially.

The discussion centering around the Pacific Citizen resulted in some interesting comments, including the suggestion the Pacific Citizen should change its name to the American Citizen. The motion to have this change was nearly successful.

was not heard until June 25 when Honolulu's KULA presented the transcribed program. Meanwhile, cablegrams urging votes for Honolulu's James Shigetani were received in Hawaii from mainland cities following the June 15th broadcast.

### Loan . . .

Michiko Tanaka, the Japanese soprano who recently instituted suit to recover \$40,000 which she allegedly lent to Sessue Hayakawa in Paris 13 years ago, was starred in German and Czech films before World War II. While in Vienna Miss Tanaka was the wife of Julius Meindl, known as the Austrian coffee king. She is now married to the German film star, Viktor de Kowa. In her suit Miss Tanaka alleged she lent Hayakawa furs and jewels valued at \$40,000 in order that the Japanese actor might overcome financial difficulties. . . . Hayakawa is now in Japan where he is finishing a production of "Les Miserables."

cessful. After due consideration, however, it was decided to leave the name Pacific Citizen attached to the national JACL paper.

Saburo Kido was elected as the national JACL president. Ken Matsumoto was elected vice-president, with James Sugioka, executive secretary and Hito Okada treasurer.

The newly elected leaders recognized the importance of their office and the obligations they assumed as representatives of 50 JACL chapters and their membership. Saburo Kido soon after taking office stated in a letter to a friend:

"The forthcoming two years may be the toughest for any JACL president, considering the prospects of Japanese-American relations. I may be the goat or I may sail through without any trouble. I am fully aware of the delicate position I hold as the leader of the organization which represents the Nisei as a whole."

These were indeed prophetic words as we are now able to look back upon the hectic "years of decision" of JACL while Mr. Kido was president.

The JACL and the Nisei as a whole soon came in for vicious criticisms and charges as to their non-Americanism. This attack was led by Kilsoo K. Haan of the Sino-Korean Peoples Lobby. The implications of Haan's charges as voiced by Sen. Guy Gillette was that the Japanese government was "conscripting" Nisei on the west coast and Hawaii for espionage.

JACL national headquarters challenged the truthfulness of this charge in a letter to Sen. Gillette and other public officials. A partial retraction was made by Sen. Gillette. Such charges and propaganda was kept up on the Pacific coast by the traditional anti-Oriental groups.

During May, 1941 the "Japanese American Creed," written by Mike Masaoka, was placed in the "Congressional Record" by Sen. Elbert D. Thomas of Utah. At the time of submitting the "Creed," Sen. Thomas said:

"This has come to be accepted as representing the true sentiments of American citizens of Japanese ancestry. . . I am sure Senators will agree with me that the Japanese American Creed reflects the true American Spirit and the American Way."



# PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

## Versatile Matsubu Catches, Plays Outfield

Hank Matsubu is just about as versatile a player as they come. The young Idaho star, now playing his second year of pro ball with Yuma, Ariz., in the Sunset League, was signed by Scout Babe Herman for the Pittsburgh Pirates as a catcher but has played in the outfield and infield and on the pitcher's mound since last summer. Matsubu is fast, is a timely hitter and has a good arm. When he is not catching for the Panthers, Matsubu has been playing right field for the club and batting third.

## Nishita Honored by Honolulu Ball Fans

Bill Nishita, probably the top pitcher in west coast junior college competition this year, was honored at a "Bill Nishita Night" when he joined the Honolulu Athletics of the Hawaii Baseball League for the summer. Nishita confirmed he was turning down all pro offers for the season and he and his battery mate, George Fujishige, another Hawaiian, both will enroll at the University of California in the fall. There are about a dozen Nisei coaching high school football in the Hawaiian Islands. Sukeyoshi Kushi, Hawaii's public links champion, didn't make the trip to Louisville for the national public links tournament last week. The University of Hawaii golf coach is working for his master's degree and couldn't afford the time. Sadaji Kinoshita, Hawaii's other entrant at Louisville, was joined instead by Frank Rutkiewicz who finished third in the public links play. Babe Nomura, the former San Jose State grid star, is now playing softball in Los Angeles. Rupe Arai, leadoff man for the Granada Sharks of Denver, hit a grand-slam home run but the Nisei team lost to the A. S. Jones nine, 10 to 9, in a Welton league contest last week.

## Southpaw Receives Japanese Pro Offer

Jiro Nakamura, southpaw hurling star for the San Jose Zebras, has received a tentative offer to play pro ball in Japan. Nakamura was a star at San Mateo JC before he went into organized ball with the Modesto Reds last year. One reason why George (Lefty) Fujioka isn't playing pro ball this year is a sore flipper. Fujioka pitched for Tijuana, Mex., in the Sunset League last fall after graduating from Fresno JC. His roommate while playing for Tijuana was a Mexican player who didn't speak any English. Fujioka is now playing the outfield for the Fresno Nisei All-Stars. Kaz Maseba is now leading the second annual Karl Ross Post American Legion Fourth of July singles classic at El Dorado Bowl in Stockton, Calif. Maseba has a scratch 611 and a handicapped 679 series. Jack Fukuyama is third with 669. Top money is \$100. Despite reports to the contrary from Atwater, Calif., the San Jose Zebras are not entered in the northern division, state semi-pro baseball tournament which starts in Atwater this week. The Atwater report listed the Zebras as one of 12 teams, including some of the best semi-pro squads in Northern California, which were certified for the tourney. Manager Frank Shimada of the Zebras denied published reports the Zebras had entered the state tourney. "We do not have sufficient pitching to get into a tournament of this kind," he said. "At the same time we have played only once under the lights and most of the Atwater games will be at night." Instead of the state tourney, in which the winner will go to the National Baseball Congress at Wichita, the Zebras will stick to the independent schedule they have lined up this summer. Their next opponent will be Cooper-Varbi, one of San Francisco's best semi-pro clubs, who will have Damon Hayes, formerly with the Oakland Coast League club, on the mound. Jiro Nakamura probably will do the hurling for the Zebras.

## Yonamine Slumps But Fielding Sparkles

Wally Yonamine, fleet centerfielder for the Salt Lake Bees, found himself in something of a slump during the past week and his average skidded from .328 to .305 as he faced almost a steady diet of lefthanders in games with Idaho Falls and Ogden. Cliff Ross, a slim portside with a fireball who is a Cincinnati Reds hopeful with the Ogden team, probably gave Wally the most trouble. Ross shut out the Bees with only one hit, a sixth-inning single over second by Tommy O'Laughlin. Yonamine, however, was one of the three Bees who didn't strike out as Ross tied a league record by fanning 16 Salt Lake batters.

Wally's fielding, however, didn't suffer and the Honolulu star came up with several key catches. In the Billings game of July 6 which the Bees ultimately lost by a 3 to 1 count, Bill Browne, Negro rightfielder for the Dodgers farm club, hit a twisting line drive into right-center with the bases loaded and two away. Yonamine made a one-handed, diving catch of the ball to retire the side and save at least two runs. Wally also scored the Bees' only run in this game when he reached first base on an error, stole second and raced to third on an overthrow and came home on a single. Wally and the Bees will be playing in Montana for the coming week against Billings and Great Falls. They will be back in Salt Lake on July 13 against Ogden.

Wally's .305 mark is the highest among Bee regulars who have been with the club for more than a month. It is topped only by the .356 of Bob Van Eman, the slugging rightfielder who is down from Scranton, Pa., in the Red Sox chain.

Wally Yonamine's totals as of July 6 are: Games 60, AB 239, runs, 51, hits 73, total bases 96, 2b 13, 3b 4, home runs 1, SH 4, stolen bases 9 and RBI 25.

## Japan Agency Says Many Nisei Ask to Erase Birth Registry

SAN FRANCISCO—Many Nisei are taking advantage of the opportunity to erase their names from Japanese birth records since the establishment of the Japanese Overseas Agency office in San Francisco, the Nichi-Bei Times reported on July 7.

Atsushi Uyama, director of the San Francisco office, told the newspaper that a good portion of the vital statistics notices received since the office began accepting

them on July 1 have been expatriation notices from Nisei.

In practically every instance, Uyama indicated, these Nisei were registered with the Japanese government without their knowledge by their parents at the time the Nisei were born.

Deaths notices of Issei are the most numerous among the vital statistics.

Since the opening of the office not a single birth has been recorded with the agency, Uyama said.

## Elmer Suski Takes Singles Title in JACL Pin Tourney

SANTA MONICA, Calif.—Elmer Suski of Indio won the singles title in the first Pacific Southwest district council bowling tournament at Santa Monica Bowl on July 2 with a handicapped 656 series.

The mixed doubles title went to Ty Kajimoto and Amy Nagai with a combined handicapped score of 1175.

Suski received the Ty Saito trophy for first place.

Kuma Shimamoto won the high scratch series trophy with a 613 and also hit the high scratch game of the tourney with a 274 in the mixed doubles. Hump Tsuji had the high single game in the singles with 245.

Others in the money in the singles were: Toshiji Watanabe, 645; Mike Yamashita, 643; Dave Park, 642; and George Kambe, 631.

Other prize-winners in the mixed doubles were: Shimamoto-Nishimura, 1144; Kobayashi-Kita, 1143; Fujimoto-Sasahara, 1141, and Tsuji-Tanabe, 1136.

## Nisei Bowlers Invited to Join City Association

SAN FRANCISCO—Members of the San Francisco Nisei Bowling Association were invited to join the American Bowling Congress last week by Edgar E. Cullen, secretary and past-president of the ABC in this city.

The invitation is an outgrowth of the ABC's recent decision to admit non-Caucasians to membership from August 1.

Officers of the Nisei association met with Cullen and representatives of the Chinese bowling association.

Cullen outlined details under which members may compete in leagues and tournaments. He said that ABC members may bowl only in ABC-sanctioned tournaments and leagues. The ABC does not exercise any jurisdiction over singles, doubles, mixed tournaments or mixed leagues.

Kayo Hayakawa, Gish Endo and Dixon Ikeda represented the Nisei group. Attending for the Chinese association were Frank Hee, Stan Wong and Bob Wong.

## San Jose Zebras Defeat Fresno, Lodi Ball Teams

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The San Jose Zebras, seeking the unofficial mainland Nisei baseball championship, this week recorded victories over two formidable opponents, the Fresno Nisei All-Stars and the Lodi A.C.

The Zebras' 8 to 2 win over Fresno on July 2 at Municipal Stadium gave the San Jose nine an even break in two games with the Zebras were blanked by Fresno's Fibber Hirayama two weeks ago.

Jiro Nakamura hurled five-hit ball as his mates rapped Gordy Miyamoto, erstwhile Monterey star, for ten hits.

With the two game series with Fresno at a standoff, a rubber game may be scheduled later. Last year the Fresno team won the Northern California Nisei league championship from San Jose. Both teams are playing independent ball this season.

A ninth-inning single by Tommy Okagaki, who played second base for San Jose State during the past season, drove in two runs as the Zebras defeated the Lodi A.C., 3 to 2. Jim Daijogo pitched for Lodi, while Johnny Horio was the winning pitcher for the home team.

## Ken Maeshiro Wins Pacific Southwest Golf Tournament

LOS ANGELES—Ken Maeshiro, a 10-handicap golfer, won the championship flight of the first Pacific Southwest JACL district council tournament with a net score of 66 on the Alondra Park links on July 2.

Ken Osajima won the "A" flight title with an 82 (15)—67.

Ichiro Ushio of West Los Angeles and Henry Tsurutani of Los Angeles tied for first place in "B" flight.

Maeshiro finished three strokes ahead of Joe Ito who had a 78 (9)—69 and Fred Ota with an 80 (11)—69.

## Kawamoto, Konno Set New U.S. Records at Honolulu Meet

HONOLULU, T. H.—Two young Nisei swimming stars, 16-year old Evelyn Kawamoto and 17-year old Ford Konno, set new American swimming records as the Hawaiian AAU out door swimming championships opened here on July 6.

Miss Kawamoto, national women's champion in the 300-meter medley and the 200-meter breaststroke, cut almost four seconds off her own American record for the women's 300-meters individual medley as she won the event in 4:18.1s. She set the record in 4:21.9s last year. Barbara Jensen of San Francisco was second in 4:37.1s.

Ford Konno, Hawaii's newest Nisei star who is unknown outside of the territory, set a new American record for the men's 1500-meters freestyle in 19:13.4s.

## Coach Sakamoto's Hawaiian Girl Stars Prepare Defense Of National Swimming Honors

HONOLULU, T. H.—Coach Soichi Sakamoto's Hawaiian girl swimmers who won the National AAU women's outdoor team championship last August in San Antonio, Tex., are a good bet to repeat this year at High Point, N. C.

Coach Sakamoto took the wraps off his speedy mermaids this week in the four-day Hawaiian AAU outdoor championships which began on July 6 in Honolulu.

Evelyn Kawamoto, 16-year old McKinley high school girl who holds two national titles, bettered her own American women's record for the 200-meter breaststroke by one-tenth of a second on June 29 in time trials for the Hawaii AAU meet.

Evelyn was timed in 3:08.9s. Her national record of 3:09 was set in 1949 in Honolulu.

Meanwhile, 18-year old Thelma Kalama, the Chinese Hawaiian girl who was a member of the 1948 U.S. Olympic team, bettered two national women's records in the time trials. She officially bettered the existing American record for the 1500-meter freestyle with an unofficial mark of 11:13.8s, 2.2 seconds faster than the mark held by Nancy Merki of Portland, Ore.

Miss Kalama won the 110 and 440-yard freestyle events at San Antonio last year.

Two other standouts on Coach Sakamoto's team are both younger than 16-year old Evelyn Kawamoto. They are Catherine Kleinschmidt and Julia Murakami, both of whom were members of the 1949 championship Hawaiian team. Both have improved their records in recent weeks.

The caliber of Coach Sakamoto's team is being tested in Honolulu this week with the entry of four San Francisco girl swimming stars, Barbara Jensen, Joan Mallory, Della Meulenkamp and Marion Olson from Coach Charlie Sava's Crystal Plunge swimming club.

Miss Mallory, a University of California junior, won the 1949 AAU indoor 440-yard freestyle championship. She will face Misses Kalama, Murakami and Kleinschmidt in the 400-meter event in Honolulu.

Della Meulenkamp took second to Evelyn Kawamoto in the 200-yard breaststroke at San Antonio last year and faces Miss Kawamoto again at the same distance.

One of the feature events in the Hawaiian AAU championships will be in the men's 400-meter freestyle when Ralph Sala, Stanford University's NCAA 440-yard freestyle champion, faces the Hawaiian Nisei star, Ford Konno.

## Spokane JACL Plans Annual Picnic Fete

SPOKANE, Wash. — The local JACL chapter will sponsor the fifth annual Spokane community picnic on July 30 at Minnehaha park.

Games and races will feature the annual outing.

The July general meeting of the JACL will be held on July 12 in the social room of the Grant St. Methodist church.

## Wins Scholarship

MONTEREY, Calif. — Dick Omoto was named last week as the recipient of the \$100 memorial scholarship sponsored by the Bay Circle Bit Players in memory of Coach Hal Youngman.

He will use the scholarship to attend Monterey Peninsula college this fall.

Margaret Kodama was salutatorian at the graduation exercises last week.

## Substitute Golfer Enters Semi-Finals Of National Meet

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Frank Rutkiewicz, Honolulu truck driver who replaced Sukeyoshi Kushi when the latter was unable to make the trip to the mainland, entered the semi-finals of the 1950 National Public Links golf tournament here on July 6 when he defeated Ken Venturi, 19-year old San Jose State freshman, 1 up on the 19th hole.

Rutkiewicz replaced Kushi, Hawaii's public links champion, when the Nisei war veteran decided to remain in Hawaii.

Sadaji Kinoshita, veteran Honolulu golfer who placed second behind Kushi in the Hawaiian championships, reached the fourth round of the Louisville tourney before being eliminated.

## Two Nisei Named To Phi Beta Kappa

LOS ANGELES — James Paul Abe and Joseph Wakamatsu were initiated into Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity, following their graduation from the University of Southern California recently.

Both Abe and Wakamatsu are veterans of the 442nd Combat team.

## Tea-Fashion Show

CHICAGO—Mrs. Setsuko Nishi, recently awarded the \$3000 Opportunity Scholarship under the John Hay Whitney Foundation at the University of Chicago, has been chosen fashion commentator for the Tea-Fashion Show to be staged at the National JACL Convention, September 29th. Mrs. Thomas Masuda announced this week.

Models wearing creations of Nisei designers will parade on a special stage and runway and then display the gowns for closer audience inspection from platforms placed throughout the Gold Room of the Congress Hotel. Mrs. Masuda, tea chairman, presented these arrangements to the fashion show committee for this social highlight of the convention, which is expected to draw an audience of about 400 conventioners.

## Pays Guardsmen

CAMP WILLIAMS, Utah—Second Lieut. Akio G. Kato of Clearfield, Utah, a member of the 429th finance disbursing section, Ogden, was on active duty for 15 days for the purpose of assisting the Utah National Guard in the payment of some 2,300 troops who were participating in the annual summer encampment at Camp Williams.

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## Vital Statistics

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hosokawa a girl, Christie Ann, on June 28 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Junichi Korematsu a girl in Berkeley, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie H. Shirakawa a girl in Berkeley.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoneo Suzuki a boy in Berkeley.

To Mr. and Mrs. Terry Tai Togami, Mountain View, Calif., a boy, Edwin Charles, on June 16 in Palo Alto, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kiyoshi Shimamoto a girl, Gail Kimi, on June 10 in Palo Alto.

To Mr. and Mrs. Dick Harada a girl on June 28 at Jamieson, Ore.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masanobu Oji, Yuba City, Calif., a girl on June 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Fujimoto a boy in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Willie S. Chikuma a girl in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshikazu Chuman a boy, Thomas Dwight, on June 15 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Imoto a girl, Jeanne Shinobu, on June 15 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Kitamura a boy, Robert Edward, on June 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi James Okazaki a girl, Theresa Anne, on June 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tsuyoshi Okura, Wilmington, Calif., a boy, Robert Tadao, on June 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom S. Kobayashi a boy on June 10 in Stockton, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Tomita a boy on June 25 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Matsura a boy on May 28 in Detroit.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mike Nakayama a girl on May 30 in Detroit.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kitano, a boy, David Ken, in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kishiyama, Meriden, Neb., a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ryoichi Robert Fujii, Chicago, a girl, Midori Leslie, on June 27.

To Dr. and Mrs. George Wada a girl, Carol Ann Kazuko, on June 14 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Wakayama a boy, Gregory Duane, on June 14 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hideyoshi Nakawata a boy, Richard Kiyoto, on June 17 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Kuroda a boy, Kenneth Wayne, on June 20 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Murakami a girl, Terry Teruko, on June 20 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Chizuo Uyeda a girl, Bonnie, on June 24 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshiteru Gary Kikawa a girl, Laura Teruko, on June 17 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Yamamoto a boy, Alan Torao, on June 17 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenjiro Hayashi a boy on June 25 in Sacramento.

## DEATHS

Motosuki Hayasaka, 64, on June 23 in Seattle.

Katsusaburo Saito, 52, on June 26 in Palo Alto, Calif.

Mrs. Ryo Hirasura, 74, on June 28 in Fresno.

Mrs. Tokiko Hirashima Ota on June 27 in Selma, Calif.

Eichiro Tanaka, 67, of Kent, Wash., on June 26.

Mrs. Ken Ota, 27, of Selma, Calif., on June 27 in Berkeley.

Yozo Miyawaki, 62, of Syracuse, Utah, in Syracuse.

## MARRIAGES

Alice Fujii to George Okimoto on May 6 in Detroit.

Kuni Kusumoto to Robert Kurimura on June 16 in Spokane, Wash.

Jaine Oi to Michael Hagiwara on July 1 in Chicago.

Atsumi Suzuki to George Ozawa on June 25 in Chicago.

Fumi Adachi to George Mamiya on June 25 in Chicago.

Tane Amamiya to Charles Keishi Nishi on June 24 in Florin, Calif.

Hisako Kimura to Kint Ichiro Nishimura on June 11 in Sacramento.

Mabel Misako Aigaki to Mitsuo Tomoeda on July 2 in Denver.

Tamae Umade of Selma, Calif., to Toshiyuki Kawasaki on July 2 in Fresno.

Myrtle Rolfe, Pocatello, Ida., to Sam Yokota, Pocatello, on July 1 in Grand Junction, Colo.

Yuri Okamura to Kaoru Sasaki, Omaha, Neb., in Pocatello, Ida.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

June Tsuda and Tom Aoyagi in Denver, Colo.

Misao Kawakami, 28, Berkeley, and Tsukane Hisatomi, 32, Brentwood, Calif., in Oakland.

Florence Endo and Hason Yamaga in Denver.

## Yoshida Will Fill Cabinet Vacancy In Dayton Chapter

DAYTON, O. — George Yoshida was elected second vice president of the Dayton JACL at a recent special election to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Lillie Mihara.

Miss Mihara is leaving for Lynwood, Calif., where she has accepted a position as dietician at the St. Francis hospital.

## Spokane Chapter Awards Scholarships

SPOKANE, Wash.—The Spokane JACL's annual \$25 scholarship award was pretested this year as identical awards to Emily Wareshima and Pat Nabeta who were tied last week for the highest scholarship record.

Both Miss Wareshima and Miss Nabeta plan to enter the University of Washington in the fall.

## Canada Awards Special Sum For Claims

TORONTO, Ont.—The Canadian government will award the \$150,000 sum recommended by Mr. Justice Bird, commissioner on Japanese Canadian evacuation claims, to be paid to specific claims which do not fall within the terms of reference established in the original claims program.

Of this sum, \$57,000 will go to the Cooperative Committee on Japanese Canadians of Toronto for expenses exclusive of legal fees which have been incurred by the group on behalf of the Japanese Canadian claimants. Such items as the hiring of special appraisers and field investigators and general expenses are to be met with this sum.

The balance, \$93,000 will go to several claims which, although they do not come within the original terms of reference, have been recommended by the commissioner to be paid as meriting compensation.

Among the special cases are believed to be those who filed for losses in the disposal of property at a fishing settlement known as Hakoda Bay on the west coast of Vancouver Island near Ucluelet. Although claims here were unallowable under the terms of the claims program, Commissioner Bird deemed the claims to be special cases in which payment should be made.

## Attends Jamboree

TORRANCE, Calif.—Paul Shinoda, Jr., is one of three Boy Scouts from Torrance who are attending the second national jamboree of the Boy Scouts of America at Valley Forge, Pa.

## Pacific Northwest Council To Hold Meeting in Seattle

SEATTLE—A meeting of the Pacific Northwest district council will be held on July 16 with the Seattle chapter as host.

Main interest in the meeting will be the airing of district council views on matters scheduled for discussion at the National JACL convention in Chicago, including the question of the future status and policies of the JACL organization.

Reports by chapters on their ADC fund drives and the possibility of holding a district council rally prior to the national convention also will be considered.

Plans also will be made for the

choosing of a district council queen candidate.

Among the chapters expected to attend are Seattle, Portland, Spokane, Mid-Columbia (Hood River) and Puyallup Xalley. The newly-organized Gresham-Troutdale chapter in Oregon will be officially recognized at this meeting.

The group will be brought up to date on JACL and ADC matters by JACL National Director Masao W. Satow who will attend the meeting. Satow will meet with the Gresham-Troutdale on July 14 and will consult with Issei leaders in Portland on July 15 before arriving in Seattle.

## Hagiwara Family Sells Art Treasures of Famed Garden

SAN FRANCISCO—The Hagiwara family, who operated the famous Japanese tea garden in Golden Gate park until World War II, were back in business last week—for the first time since they were kicked out of their garden in 1942 by the city park commission, the Chronicle reported.

But their business venture was far from a new beginning for the Hagiwara family—rather, it was the final curtain of their golden tea garden days in the pre-war era.

For they are selling all the treasures that once graced their 24-room house in the garden.

George, now head of the family, sighed, "It is not a sale, really; it is a liquidation."

George, his mother and his sister, Haruko, have rented three barren rooms at 1533A Steiner street for the liquidation, which they expect to continue through the end of this week.

"All of these things are very old," George said. He stroked a silk tapestry. "This has been in my family for more than 400 years. Many of the objects you see were brought to this country in 1878 by my grandfather."

When he built the tea garden in 1894, he moved them out there." He paused. "Then the war came along. Before we were shipped to the relocation centres, we crated and stored as much as we could save."

The Hagiwaras came back at the

end of the war to find their home torn down and strangers running their garden. Now they hope to raise enough money from the sale to buy a house for what remains of the Hagiwara family.

They are selling Japanese tea kettles, antique china closets, temple gongs, garden ornaments, samisens, kotos and a hand-carved mokugyo or religious drum. The trouble with selling such objects, George explained, is the limited market. "The object and the buyer must meet, before the true value comes out," he philosophized.

The Hagiwaras still hope to get back into their garden some day. In the past, they had always rented it from the city, making their living by selling tea and cookies in the little restaurant.

"But now the rent is so high, we would have to sell all kinds of food to make a go of it—maybe even hot dogs." He sighed. "Hot dogs would kill the garden."

## Dayton JACL Holds Picnic

DAYTON, O.—The Dayton JACL chapter sponsored a picnic on June 25 for all Nisei and Issei in the area.

A large group enjoyed an afternoon of softball, croquet and bridge.

## Japanese American Evacuation Story Will Be Published in U. S. Foreign Language Papers

NEW YORK — The drama of Japanese American evacuation and resettlement will be presented in six different languages to the readers of the American foreign-language press in the next few weeks.

Some 455 non-English dailies, semi-weeklies, weeklies and monthlies published in the United States have received an article on the Japanese American community that was prepared by the Japan International Christian University Foundation in New York. It is expected that many readers of Spanish, German, Italian, Yiddish, Swedish and Norwegian publications will for the first time receive an insight into problems that are familiar enough to Japanese Americans but not to the American public at large.

The article traces the fate of the Japanese American community from the moment of the evacuation order through the relocation camp phase to its present resettlement, giving the highlights on their economic losses and readjustment, geographical redistribution and occupational reclassification. It points out the war record of the Nisei and emphasizes that "in the process of democratization of Japan their knowledge of languages and cultures made them a veritable bridge between America and Japan."

With the exception of the German version, which was prepared by the Japan International Christian University Foundation, all translations were handled and distributed by the Common Council for American Unity, a private agency that promotes the best interests of the foreign-born population of the United States. The six languages are spoken by close to 14,000,000 people of whom the language press reaches a very sizable proportion. Thousands of Americans who share with Japanese Americans the experience of being descendants of foreign-born parents or were born abroad will have an opportunity to examine the Japanese American problem in terms of their own backgrounds. Photographs of a Japanese American printer at work as well as of Dr. Hachiro Yuasa, the Japanese president of the new International Christian University, will appear with the article.

A more detailed and analytical discussion of the Japanese American problem by Dr. Yuasa has been accepted for publication by The New Leader, a weekly magazine of liberal comment published in New York City.

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# Seattle's Housing Authority Proves Non-Segregation Race Policy Works in Public Projects

**Nisei Back from War Relocation Centers Among Racial Groups Living Harmoniously In City's Twelve Public Housing Centers**

SEATTLE—A strict nonsegregation policy in public housing has been working on a virtually frictionless basis for nearly ten years under the administration of the Seattle Housing Authority.

The story was told recently by Alice Myers Winther in a report to the Christian Science Monitor.

The Monitor writer stressed the success of Seattle in getting thousands of white, Negro and Oriental families, including hundreds of Nisei returned from war relocation centers, to live harmoniously side by side in its twelve public housing projects.

The answer sounds simple as given by various members of the staff, writes Miss Winther. It boils down to three main points:

1. The authority took a positive attitude of no discrimination and no segregation because of race or nationality from the very beginning. Thus it avoided the problem authorities in certain other cities are having in trying to change from a segregated to a non-segregated pattern.

2. The staff, from the executive director down, is sold on the policy. Its members work as one in carrying it out. The policy applies, moreover, to the staff itself. Administrative and maintenance staff members include whites, Indians, Negroes, Japanese, and Chinese.

3. SHA has had the cooperation of the mayor and other civic groups in maintaining this policy.

Of course, these points need amplification. Charles W. Ross, executive director, J. R. Adams, assistant director, and J. R. McFarling, manager of Yesler Terrace, the authority's 868-unit low-income project, each emphasized to Miss Winther the importance of SHA's never having taken a crusading attitude on the question of racial discrimination.

As they put it: "Our job was to house war workers, then veterans. We have tried to stick to our job and not be drawn into promoting race relations."

"From the start, the authority felt there was no place for discrimination in the operation of a public enterprise. Contrary to those who hold that segregation is not discrimination if equal accommodations are provided, we consider segregation one of the most positive expressions of discrimination there is."

"We make our nondiscrimination policy plain to every applicant. But it is not our job to change applicants' personal opinions. Our only concern is that their opinions do not interfere with the efficient operation of our projects."

"Whether families of different races choose to become friends or not is no concern of management. They are free to take our policy or go elsewhere."

Of the 26,299 families who have lived in the projects, only a few have moved because they couldn't take it. Of the 5,959 families now resident, 20 per cent are non-white, including 16.9 per cent Negro. These percentages vary greatly from time to time. No attempt is made to preserve a particular ratio.

Rentals are made on the basis of need, priority of application, and availability of right-sized apartments.

This positive attitude with a casual approach, which was unanimously cited as a prime reason for SHA's success, carries over into every community activity on the projects. For instance, the staff does not try to force integration in the use of recreational and educational facilities. But neither does it encourage a segregated pattern.

The facilities are there to be used by all, regardless of race. No groups using them can exclude anyone because of race. At the same time, individuals can choose

not to participate without fear of stigma.

Managers of the different projects can cite many interesting results. Mr. McFarling has been gratified to see how quickly newcomers to this racially integrated housing begin to identify themselves with the management's positive stand instead of with any preconceived prejudices.

He believes that many people vent race prejudices in order to maintain status among their own groups. But when they come to live in a group that has a positive acceptance of another viewpoint, they tend to identify themselves with that viewpoint. Then they begin to see that there really was little if any basis for their prejudices.

Time and again residents tell the managers of prejudices erased. One white man moved into Yesler Terrace with considerable prejudice against Negroes; but his antipathy was completely dispelled when, during his wife's confinement, their next-door neighbor, a Negro, came in and cleaned their house and took care of her.

Mrs. Lela Hall, manager of Duwamish Bend Homes, Seattle's largest temporary war-housing project, has seen many changes of attitude. Duwamish Bend is located in an industrial area, near the Boeing airplane plant. During the war, most of the residents were Boeing employees. There were many Negroes from the South and not a few southern whites.

They learned to live in harmony. Many became close friends. Most prejudices arise through lack of understanding. Mrs. Hall believes, and at Duwamish Bend, families of different races have plenty of opportunity for real knowledge and understanding.

Difficulties occasionally arise, she said, from the juxtaposition of families of widely varying income levels, but seldom because of racial differences. Three wartime surveys made at Duwamish to find out the cause of tensions showed only a negligible preference for segregation—and this despite one occasion there when a Negro attempted rape.

Most complaints were about the lack of bathtubs and electrical facilities, not about the racial situation.

Racial policy has never been reduced to writing here. There was never any question of having anything but a policy of nondiscrimination. Mr. Adams explained. Racial policy has not been an issue at staff meetings, and the only time it has come before the Board of Commissioners was by way of commendation.

The racial question, he added, was never critical in Seattle, but it might have become so during the war when the city's Negro population increased fourfold in a short time, if SHA had started with another kind of policy.

Civic leaders here credit SHA's firm policy with reducing racial incidents on city buses and in the factories during the tense war period. The nondiscrimination pattern set at home—the fundamental place to set it—carried over into the workers' other activities.

Mr. Ross credits SHA's ability to operate with a minimum of friction, in part, to the fine cooperation it has had from the start

## San Francisco JACL Plan Queen Contest

SAN FRANCISCO—Entries now are being received in the San Francisco JACL's queen contest to select the city's representatives for the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL district council finals.

The San Francisco queen will be chosen at a dance on Aug. 5 at the Buchanan Street "Y."

from the mayor and other groups in the city.

"Whenever friction threatened, we had an effective Civic Unity Committee which would step in and get help," he said. This committee, which operates without publicity, was sponsored as an aftermath of racial disturbances in Detroit to prevent similar trouble from arising here.

As an example of how it forestalls friction, Mr. Ross told of a barber who set up a shop just outside one project. It was learned that, by way of initial advertising, he intended sending cards offering free haircuts to project residents. But he wanted to send them to white residents only. The Civic Unity Committee persuaded him not to carry out this overt act of discrimination.

Dissatisfied neighbors sometimes complain to the mayor's office, Mr. Ross says, but they never get any responsible community support for their race prejudices.

The SHA is also grateful for the support it receives from the local press, which refrains from playing up the racial angle when residents get involved in trouble of any kind.

Several residents of the projects confirmed the wisdom of the nonsegregation policy. One young Negro GI, who has been living at Yesler Terrace while studying at the university, told me of his experiences in both segregated and nonsegregated areas in various parts of the country.

"Nonsegregation is best in the long run," he said. "When you get to know people as you can here, it's not so much the race as the person that matters. You find you can live in harmony and still have prejudices, but your prejudices tend to lessen, whereas, if you have segregation, it's like having two armed camps, and your prejudices increase."

A young wife from Montana who had seen one Negro family before she moved here, finds they make good neighbors. In fact, one of her best friends at Yesler Terrace is a young Negro mother.

Charles Taylor, a Negro who is cashier at Duwamish Bend and a resident of the project, told of various Negroes from the South who, by living in the project, have been helped to overcome the sensitive, chip-on-the-shoulder attitude with which they arrived up North. "Here," he said, "they have a chance to show what they really are as individuals, and some of them have become our most enthusiastic gardeners and best housekeepers."

Lily Todo, a Nisei employee and resident at Duwamish, gratefully reported the friendliness with which Japanese returning from relocation camps were received in the housing projects.

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## Mazawa's Camera to Document JACL Convention Activities



CHICAGO—Ken Mazawa, a little guy with a big technique, will man the camera to document the doings of the eleventh biennial national JACL convention. Ken, an outstanding Nisei photographer with a string of national photographic prizes already behind him, intends to shoot about one and a half hour's worth of moving pictures.

Ken's experiences include working for Color Television Inc. with demonstrations for FCC, and winning the Best Picture of the Year award from "Pic" magazine, in 1946.

At present he is a free-lance photographer whose work appears variously in "Scene" magazine and Chicago daily newspapers.

Ken began his life as a wireless operator on a tuna clipper out of San Pedro which was wrecked on its first trip. After a short interval he tried again, but getting deathly sea-sick this time he decided to forego a career as an operator on a fishing boat.

An ex-G.I. with two years overseas service with CBI theater in the G2 in OSS units, he started to study television after his discharge from the army.

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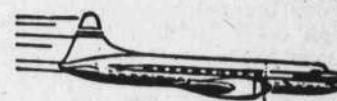
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