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## California Supreme Court Plans January Hearing on Alien Land Law Test Cases

LOS ANGELES—There is considerable interest here and in Washington, D.C., on two cases challenging the constitutionality of the California Alien Land Act which will be heard by the State Supreme Court during the first week of January. The test cases are those involving Mrs. Haruye Masaoka and her family and Sei Fujii, publisher of a Los Angeles Japanese vernacular newspaper.

Both cases seek to outlaw the California anti-alien property which denies the right of ownership or enjoyment of real property to "aliens ineligible to citizenship." With the exception of several hundred resident alien Koreans, nearly all of the aliens who are affected by the statute are of Japanese ancestry.

In both cases the state of California is appealing decisions in lower courts which declare the Alien Land Act to be unlawful.

The Fujii case has attracted international attention because of the decision of the three-man State Appellate Court which ruled that the California law was superceded by United States commitments under the United Nations Charter which guarantee the right of property ownership to all persons. Since the announcement of appellate court's ruling earlier this year there has been speculation that the decision invoking the United Nations Charter may also affect other racially discriminatory laws in other states, particularly in the southern United States.

In the Fujii case, involving the right of an alien ineligible to citizenship to own residential property in Los Angeles, the Superior Court in Los Angeles upheld the California land law.

Superior Judge Thurmond Clarke, ruling in the Masaoka case, declared that the California Alien Land law was invalid because it was in violation of rights guaranteed all legal residents of the United States under the 14th amendment to the Constitution.

In the Masaoka case the citizen children of Mrs. Masaoka seek to provide her with a home in Pasadena, Calif. Five of Mrs. Masaoka's sons served in the army in

World War II. One, Ben, was killed in action in the 442nd Combat Team's rescue of the "Lost Battalion" in France.

Joe Grant Masaoka, San Francisco regional director of JACL ADC and one of the petitioners in the Masaoka test case, last week wrote to U.S. Solicitor General Philip B. Perlman, asking him to intervene as a "friend of court" in the Masaoka case.

It was recalled that Solicitor General Perlman intervened in the restrictive covenants cases in 1948.

Meanwhile, it was reported recently from Washington that Secretary of State Dean Acheson was persuaded not to intervene in the Fujii test case, in which he reportedly sought to oppose the appellate court's finding that the United Nations Charter supercedes the laws of individual states. It was reported that Secretary Acheson was concerned that Southern senators may oppose the Genocide Convention and the United Nations commitments on the ground that southern segregation laws would be imperiled.

It is believed that both the Fujii and Masaoka test cases will be taken to the United States Supreme Court for final determination.

Attorneys A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles and James Purcell of San Francisco are expected to present the Masaoka case to the State Supreme Court on behalf of the Masaoka family and the Civil Rights Defense Union of Northern California, an organization affiliated with the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee.

## U. S. Housing Official Told Of Discrimination Faced by Nisei Ex-GIs in Buying Homes

LOS ANGELES—The difficulty that many Nisei veterans have experienced in buying FHA-financed homes for veterans was brought to the attention of Tighe E. Woods, housing expediter in Washington, D.C., by the Los Angeles JACL regional office recently.

Numerous instances of Nisei veterans being refused the right to buy homes advertised "for GIs" were told Woods by Tats Koshida, regional director. Koshida said that these Japanese Americans were turned down because of their ancestry.

He added that these ex-GIs were apparently "ineligible" to enjoy the benefits of FHA-financed homes for veterans.

Woods did not comment upon the racial problem, but said that such problems would not fall under the jurisdiction of his agency "unless a builder disposes of the property to a non-veteran in preference to a veteran during construction and a thirty-day period following construction, or after such period if a qualified veteran wanted to purchase the house but was refused its sale during the priority period."

Koshida said that under the law builders "apparently may continue to discriminate against Nisei and other non-white veterans in favor of white veterans." He said, however, that Nisei veterans, under the law, "presumably" have priority over non-veterans, white or otherwise.

Kushida asked that Nisei veterans refused homes built under government financing report such

instances. He said veterans should document their negotiations, including such information as names, dates and places of persons contacted; reasons given for refusal to accept applications; and any additional matter such as newspaper clippings of advertisements.

## FIRST NISEI WAVE WINS HONORS AT TRAINING CENTER

CHICAGO—Ann Agawa, 25, of Santa Maria, Calif., first Nisei girl to join the regular Navy as a Wave, was the runnerup for scholastic honors in the second "unified" class to complete training in the dental technician's school at the Navy's Great Lakes Training Base on Nov. 27.

Top honors went to Sgt. Herbert C. Grant of Canton, N.Y., a member of the Air Force.

Wave Agawa, who won an award as the outstanding student in her Wave class during the initial training earlier this year, expects to be assigned to duty in San Diego.

## Essay Wins Prize

SAN FRANCISCO — Isao Fujimoto of Live Oak high school, Morgan Hill, Calif., won a \$15 prize for seventh place in the San Francisco area 1950 Hearst Newspapers American History awards.

Eric Elsesser of San Francisco won \$600 for first place,

## Walter Measure Passed Unanimously by House

### 442nd Veteran Will Take Wife's Ashes to Italy

SAN FRANCISCO — Toshio Suyematsu of Casper, Wyo., a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, will revisit Italy next spring to take the ashes of his Italian war bride to her family, the Nichi-Bei Times reports.

Mrs. Suyematsu died recently of injuries sustained in an auto accident while riding with her husband in their jeep. The accident occurred in Laramie, Wyo., where Suyematsu is completing his law course at the University of Wyoming.

Mrs. Suyematsu received a fractured skull and suffered other internal injuries in the accident on Oct. 6.

## Nisei Killed, Another Missing In Korean War

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Department of Defense this week announced the following casualties in the Korean area:

### Killed in Action:

Pfc. Richard Mitsuo Watana-be, 2571A Kuhio Ave., Honolulu, T. H.

### Missing in Action:

Pvt. Billy K. Hatano, son of Yoshimas Hatano, Route 2, Box 457 Loomis, Calif.

Corp. Hayanari Mizoguchi, nephew of Katsugiro Nakani-shi, 11841 Kowa Ave., Los Angeles, (son of Mrs. Tsuruyo Mizoguchi, residing in the Far East.)

### Injured:

Chief Warrant Officer Satoru Chandler Shimoda, son of Mrs. Osawa Shimoda, 209 Central Ave., Dayton, Ohio. (Notification made in Detroit, Minn.)

## Couple Commits Suicide After Questioning Over Traffic Death

SHELTON, Wash. — Mr. and Mrs. Sadamitsu Shimizu of Shelton, objects of a statewide search since their suicide note was discovered last week, were found dead in their automobile near here on Dec. 2.

The middle-aged couple committed suicide by connecting a hose to the car's exhaust pipe. The carbon monoxide gas killed them.

Shimizu, 46, had been interrogated in connection with the death of a pedestrian in a highway accident. State patrolmen said the accident was not the fault of the driver.

SEATTLE — A Shelton, Wash., couple, apparently terrified at the prospect of the husband's being charged in a Seattle hit-and-run traffic death case, has disappeared, leaving a suicide note, the Washington State Patrol reported on Dec. 2.

The missing persons are Mr. and Mrs. Sadamitsu Shimizu.

Mr. Shimizu, 46, had been questioned by the State Patrol in connection with the traffic death of Alex Tuchik, 63, who was injured fatally on Nov. 26 by a hit-run automobile in Seattle.

State Patrolman A. K. Ekern told newsmen that officers do not regard the suicide note as a ruse.

"I don't think we'll find Mr. and Mrs. Shimizu alive," he said. "I believe that suicide note meant what it said. It is a regrettable incident; the driver of the hit-run car apparently was not at fault

## Race Against Time Develops To Obtain Senate Approval Before End of Short Session

By I. H. GORDON

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The House of Representatives unanimously passed the Walter bill for equality in naturalization on Dec. 7 and sent it to the Senate but the JACL ADC's drive for completion of the legislation before the end of the 81st Congress is now a race against time.

No date has been set yet for adjournment but the consensus this week is that Congress may attempt to go home about Dec. 22, barring any worsening of the international situation.

Mike M. Masaoka, legislative director of JACL ADC, said that the major question confronting supporters of the Walter bill is whether there is enough time for the Senate to act on the bill which passed the House unanimously after an objection by Rep. John Rankin, D., Miss., prevented unanimous consent for consideration of the bill unanimously on Dec. 5.

"Prospects are not too good that the Senate can act before the adjournment period," Masaoka said.

The bill was referred to the Senate on Dec. 8 to its Judiciary Committee headed by Sen. Pat McCarran, D., Nev., which is expected to endorse the bill when it meets but no session is set yet for next week.

If the Judiciary Committee does not meet this coming week, Masaoka said that chances of passage will "really be slim."

The House passed the measure to lift all racial bars to naturalization after Rep. Walter, D., Pa., sponsor of the measure, spoke briefly in its behalf.

The measure will open naturalization rights to 85,658 resident Japanese, 3,139 Koreans and 145 Polynesians and other resident nationals of Asian countries now ineligible.

A number of representatives were waiting to debate on behalf of the bill if opposition developed on the floor. They included Ed Gossett, D., Tex.; Sidney Yates, D., Ill.; George Miller, D., Calif.;

Adolf Sabath, D., Ill.; Louis Graham, R., Pa.; Herman Eberharter, D., Pa.; John Carroll, D., Colo.; Emanuel Celler, D., New York; Frank Fellows, N., Me., and Del. Joseph R. Farrington, D., Hawaii.

Rep. Rankin's disapproval of unanimous passage necessitated the action of the House Rules Committee on Dec. 6 to schedule the bill for debate and a vote.

Rep. Celler, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, led a delegation including Reps. Walter, Gossett, Fellows and Del. Farrington which argued for the ruling by the committee.

Rep. Celler showed the committee a letter President Truman had written Attorney General McGrath in support of the removal of race restrictions from naturalization.

Congressman Walter told the committee the State Department also has urged its passage because of the far-reaching implications of the bill in American relations with Asia.

There was considerable speculation about the motives for Rep. Rankin's objection which blocked House consideration of the measure on Dec. 4 since this was the first time he had ever voiced a protest to such a measure.

His office quoted him as saying he "wanted to investigate it further."

Speaking from the floor he had said: "This is no time to be passing legislation of this kind; it is of more far-reaching effect than the average member realizes."

Rep. Rankin first asked that the bill be "passed over." The speaker of the House reminded him the pending request was only for consideration of the bill and Rep. Rankin replied: "Mr. Speaker, I object."

In seeking to have the bill brought up for consideration out of order, Rep. Walter told the House:

"The purpose . . . is to remove racial restrictions in the naturalization of aliens who have a legal right to remain in the United States but cannot become citizens because of racial exclusion. This is the same bill that was passed by the House on two occasions, and subsequently passed over the veto of the President.

"The objectionable part of the bill has been removed because the restriction features that were in the bill as passed by the House have been included in the McCarran law and are now the law of the land."

## Final Rites Held For Nisei Officer Killed in Accident

PORTLAND, Ore.—Funeral rites were held here last week for Lieut. George Komachi, a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, who was killed in an auto accident at Camp Roberts near San Luis Obispo, Calif.

A reserve officer, Lieut. Komachi was called to active duty from Denver in September and assigned to Camp Roberts.



## Problems Confronting Nisei Given Consideration at Meet Of California Civic Unity Group

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—The remaining problems confronting Japanese Americans in California received much consideration at the fifth annual convention of the California Federation for Civic Unity held on Dec. 1, 2 and 3 at the Hotel Lobero.

Three plenary sessions, a psycho-drama, a motion picture on housing, addresses by prominent leaders in the field of race relations, five workshop sections, and a radio broadcast highlighted the three-day meeting.

The workshop sections covered the following topics: "How to Create Equality of Employment in Your Community," "How to Obtain Equality of Housing Opportunity," "How to Secure Equality in Civil Rights," "How to Insure Good Public Relations" and "How to Create a More Favorable Legislative Atmosphere."

JACL delegates to the conference were Saburo Kido, who has served as secretary to the statewide organization and was reelected to the board of directors for two years, and Regional Director Tats Kishida, who reported on activities of the JACL and participated in a half-hour radio broadcast over Station KDB in bringing

to the attention of the public the objectives of racial minority organizations.

Other radio speakers on the Dec. 2 broadcast were Edward Roybal, Los Angeles city councilman representing the Community Service Organization; Elizabeth Murray, Santa Barbara attorney; Franklin Williams, regional director of the NAACP, and Moderator Richard Dettering, executive director of the CFCU.

Among the several resolutions adopted by the convention were three submitted by the JACL concerning Issei naturalization, the evacuation claims program and the California Alien Land law.

## Tomi Kanazawa Makes Operatic History in Role of "Mimi"

SAN FRANCISCO — A West Coast operatic tradition has been shattered in recent weeks with the appearance of a soprano of Japanese ancestry in a leading role which is not that of Puccini's "Madame Butterfly."

The singer, California-born Tomi Kanazawa, is appearing as Mimi in the Pacific Opera Company's production of "La Boheme," as well as in "Madame Butterfly."

San Francisco critics praised Miss Kanazawa's performance in "La Boheme" which opened the Pacific Opera's season at the War Memorial Opera House on Nov. 29.

Although Miss Kanazawa has sung leads in such operas as "The Magic Flute" and the "Marriage of Figaro" in the East, it was the first time a Nisei singer had appeared in a non-Oriental role on the Pacific Coast.

It was reported that the Pacific Opera Company's decision to give Miss Kanazawa the role of Mimi was reached after San Francisco music critics last year urged the company to cast the Nisei soprano in roles other than that of "Cho Cho San."

Miss Kanazawa's performance was greeted by "bravos" and the production of "La Boheme" was called the best presented by the Pacific Opera in the four seasons of its existence.

One critic cited Miss Kanazawa's "beauty, clarity and warmth," while Marjory Fisher of the San Francisco News said:

"While it surprised the eye to see an Oriental Mimi, it was not too illogical to accept that artists' quarters in Paris housed an international group. And Tomiko Kanazawa made a Mimi that would appeal to any coterie."

Alfred Frankenstein of the Chronicle added:

"Tomiko Kanazawa has, to be sure, a rather small voice for a theater as big as the Opera House, but she puts its very lack of size to good account in suggesting the wistfulness and fragility of character. Hers was a most delightful and quite moving interpretation."

Miss Kanazawa appeared in "Madame Butterfly" on Dec. 2 at the Berkeley Community Theater. She is scheduled to give a performance of "Butterfly" at the San Francisco Opera House on Dec. 12 and a repeat performance in "La Boheme" on Dec. 17.

The Nisei soprano, who returned only last month after a successful concert tour of Sweden with her husband, Leo Mueller, pianist and conductor, will be heard in concert on Jan. 3 under the auspices of the Mill Valley Music Association in Mill Valley, Calif.

She is the first singer to present "Madame Butterfly" on television, appearing in an NBC Opera production of the Puccini presentation last January from New York City.

### Three Chapters Elect New Officers

New cabinets have been elected by three more of the JACL's 80 chapters, it was reported by national headquarters in Salt Lake City this week.

Masaji (Stogie) Toki is the new president of the Cincinnati chapter. The 1951 cabinet also includes: Hisashi Sugawara, 1st v.p.; Mrs. Mutsu Takao, 2nd v.p.; Tadashi Tokimoto, treas.; Mrs. Miyako Kamikawa, rec. sec.; and Mrs. Frances Nishibayashi, corres. sec.

Mits Hoki succeeds Helen Shimizu as president of the Mount Olympus chapter in Murray, Utah. Other new officers are Lily Matsu-mori, 1st v.p.; Mits Waki, 2nd v.p.; Fumi Harada, corres. sec.; Kathy Tamura, rec. sec.; Leo Iseki, treas.; and Kiyoshi Mitsunaga and Dot Mukai, social chmn.

The Albuquerque, N.M., chapter will be headed in 1951 by George Matsubara. Other officers are Mike Yonemoto, v.p.; Fumi Yamamoto, rec. sec.; Setsuko Matsumoto, corres. sec., and Evelyn Togami, treas.

### Kenji Tashiro Heads Tulare JACL Group

VISALIA, Calif. — Kenji Tashiro of Orosi was elected as the 1951 president of the Tulare County JACL during an election meeting on Dec. 1 at the Visalia Buddhist church.

He will be assisted by the following vice presidents from their respective districts: William T. Ishida, Lindsay; Jimmy Fukushima, Dinuba; Don Kurihara, Orosi; and Johnny Hatakeda, Visalia.

Other officers will be Yeiki Tashiro, secretary; Ted Mimura, treasurer, and Tak Ishizue, literary chairman.

The 1950 social security amendments and their effect on farm workers and the self-employed were explained at the meeting by Toru Ikeda, Central California area director for JACL ADC.

The coming quarterly meeting of the Central California JACL district council, which will be sponsored by the Tulare County chapter, was discussed. Tom Shimasaki of Lindsay was named general chairman for the meeting.

### Eden Township Plans Xmas Fete

HAYWARD, Calif. — The Eden Township JACL will play Santa Claus again to children of the community at their annual Christmas party which has been tentatively scheduled for Dec. 16.

All children of the community will be invited to attend, regardless of whether their parents are or are not members of the JACL.

### Los Angeles JACL Seeks Restoration Of Auto Parking

LOS ANGELES—Restoration of auto parking along the north side of First Street between San Pedro and Los Angeles streets until actual demolition of the buildings begins will be urged of city officials, it was announced by the Downtown Los Angeles JACL Chapter, following the initial meeting of the 1951 cabinet held on Dec. 7 at Chew's Cafe. The area north of First Street and west of San Pedro is condemned for razing to provide room for the expanding Civic Center.

Sam Ishikawa will head the committee seeking auto parking, and will be assisted by James Mitsumori, Harry Honda, Joe Ito, Tsutomu Maehara and Taro Kawa.

President Harry Honda made the following assignments to each of his vice presidents: David Nitake, membership; Sam Ishikawa, program; Junichi Asakura, social.

"The 1951 membership goal will be three hundred members," declared Nitake, who named cabinet officers as members of his committee. The campaign will begin immediately with individual membership rates at \$2 per person.

Among other action taken by the cabinet was the recommendation to the general membership to remove the phrase "business and professional" from the chapter name. "This is not to exclude merchants and professional people," explained President Honda, "but rather to encourage non-business and non-professional Nisei to join the chapter, which we intend to conduct on the same basis as any other chapter."

The cabinet will meet regularly the first Tuesday of each month at noon.

### Amvets Charter Detroit Nisei Post

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The national office of Amvets (American Veterans of World War II) announced recently that the organization's first Nisei post has been chartered in Detroit, Mich.

The Nisei chapter, No. 147, is commanded by Tommy T. Yasuhiro.

The Amvets reported that a Chinese American Amvets post in Detroit helped in the organization of the Nisei chapter.

Ken Uchida, Ogden, national committeeman for the Amvets in Utah, last week attended a national policy meeting of Amvets officials in Washington, D.C.

In addition to the Nisei post in Detroit, the Amvets have a chapter in Brigham City, Utah, which Nisei war veterans helped to organize and in which they are taking an active part.

### Induct Seven More For Army Training

STOCKTON, Calif.—Seven Nisei from San Joaquin county and one from Yolo county are included among 120 Northern California men who were inducted into the army last week and are now in training at Fort Ord.

They are Frank M. Sasaki, Kasumi Shintani, Jun H. Mizutani, Mike M. Shimozaeki, Eddie M. Nishikawa, Shigeru Iwamiya and Takayuki Wakabayashi, San Joaquin County; and Tommy K. Ojima, Yolo County.

### Southern Alameda Plans Santa Party

CENTERVILLE, Calif.—Southern Alameda County children are looking forward to the "Santa Claus Party" to be held by the Southern Alameda County JACL on Dec. 16 from 6:30 p.m. at Hansen Hall in Centerville.

The chapter expects more than 50 children to attend.

Yoshimi Nakamura, chairman for the party, is urging parents to bring their children to the affair.

A children's choir under the direction of Sumi Kato will be featured.

Refreshments will be prepared by Kimi Asakawa and Tomi Shikano, while games will be arranged by Kiyo Kato.

Grace Matsumoto will act as Santa's helper and will help distribute toys to the guests.

## House Judiciary Group Asks Removal of Race Restrictions In Immigration, Naturalization

WASHINGTON, D.C.— In a statement issued before the House voted unanimously to pass the Walter bill on Dec. 7, the House Judiciary Committee reiterated its position that "it is sound public policy that all barriers to naturalization, based on race, should be removed" and that the bill was only an "interim measure" pending enactment of more comprehensive legislation to remove race restrictions from immigration as well.

The committee made this statement in its report urging House passage of the Walter Naturalization bill, a stand it also took on the old Walter Resolution, (HJR 238), which, too, was designed to remove race in naturalization. It was vetoed by the President because of security provisions it contained.

While urging passage of the Walter bill, the House Judiciary Committee added it considered the bill merely an "interim measure pending enactment of legislation such as provided by H.R. 199, the Judd bill."

(The Judd bill not only calls for elimination of racial requirements in naturalization, but further provides for the complete repeal of the Oriental Exclusion Act of 1921 by restoring the right of immigration to all Asian nations, though such immigration would be on a token basis only.)

The committee said that since the enactment of the Nationality Act of 1940 Congress has "on three occasions extended further the privilege of naturalization to previous racial ineligibles."

"The first amendment on Dec. 17, 1943, related to the Chinese; the Filipinos and persons of races indigenous to India were covered by the act of July 2, 1946, and on Aug. 1, 1950, Guamanian aliens were made eligible for citizenship."

"...The number of persons who would benefit by (the Walter bill) is not large. According to the Census of 1940 there were 84,658 Aliens of Japanese descent, 3,139 of Korean descent and 145 who were listed as Polynesians and 'other Asians.'"

The House Committee quoted the President's veto message in part which said:

"I urge that the Congress reconsider this resolution at once, reenacting it in such form as to preserve (removal of racial restrictions) and remove those provisions . . . which seek to strengthen the Nationality Act of 1940 but which actually weaken and confuse it. At a time when the United Nations forces are fighting gallantly to uphold the principles of freedom and democracy in Korea, it would be unworthy of our tradition if we continue now to deny the right of citizenship to American residents of Asiatic origin."

The report also quoted from a letter by Sen. Pat McCarran (D., Nev.), chairman of the Senate Judiciary committee who, after refusing to bring up the veto message on the Walter Resolution in the Senate, wrote Sen. Scott Lucas:

"...as you know, the portions of H.J.R. 238 to which the President objects and upon which his veto of that resolution was based are provisions added in conference . . ."

"Substantially similar provisions are contained in H.R. 9490 (the McCarran Subversives act.) Therefore, it will be possible to introduce a clean bill, without these provisions respecting removal of the racial ban on eligibility to naturalization."

"In this form the President would surely have no objection to the bill, and with the controversial amendments removed, there should be no difficulty in getting the bill promptly passed in both Houses of the Congress. If such a bill is not promptly introduced by the sponsors of HJR 238, it will be my purpose to introduce it."

### Arizona Initiates Campaign for ADC

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The 1950 ADC campaign of the Arizona JACL was started recently, according to Masao Tsutsumida, chapter president, who reported that members have so far raised \$200, which has been forwarded to JACL Headquarters.

## Salt Lake Nisei Aid Drive for FEPC in Utah

The Salt Lake chapter of the JACL is cooperating with the Utah Fair Employment Practices committee in a campaign to obtain the passage of fair employment practices legislation in the 1951 Utah State legislature.

The Salt Lake JACL already has contributed \$300 toward the Utah FEP committee's drive.

Masao W. Satow, national director of the JACL, and Mrs. Satow and Henry Y. Kasai, Salt Lake insurance man, attended the Utah FEP committee's dinner for members of the state legislature on Dec. 5 in the Congress Hotel coffee shop in Salt Lake City.

Twenty members of the legislature attended.

They heard Gail Martin, executive director of the Utah FEP group, declare that employment discrimination against racial and religious minorities is rapidly developing into a "disgrace to the American way of life."

"It makes no sense to teach our children that all men are created equal if we don't practice equality where it counts most — in the chance to make a living," he said.

Operation of FEP legislation in the ten states where it has been passed clearly demonstrates the laws are "workable and beneficial," George S. Ballif, Provo attorney and member of the Utah committee, added.

"These laws have been sufficiently tested to prove that they do not interfere unduly with employees' or the labor union's freedom of action," Mr. Ballif said.

A. Wally Sandack, Salt Lake attorney, explained provisions of the FEPC bill which will be introduced in the next legislature.

"Conciliation and education rather than coercion is the purpose of the proposed bill," Mr. Sandack said.

### Ten Nisei Enter Fort Ord Training

SACRAMENTO—Ten Nisei are among 108 Northern Californians who were inducted into the army last week and were sent to Fort Ord for training.

They are: Harry Y. Hirakawa, Tom T. Mukai, Aizo R. Sato, Masami M. Hisamoto, Fred S. Taniguchi, Abraham T. Yoshihara and Goro Nakao, Sacramento County; Henry N. Shigaki and Norio Aoki, Solano County and Fred T. Maeda, Placer County.

### Attends Conference

SEATTLE — William Y. Mimbura of the Japanese American Service Committee was a delegate to the Midcentury Conference on Children and Youth which was held last week in Washington, D.C.

Coming Dec. 23:

An Absorbing Article on Nisei Babies for Adoption

By

Emi Kimura Fujii

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# Hawaii's Chinese Americans Engage in Controversy Over Preparedness for Statehood

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—For a change Hawaii's Chinese Americans and not the Japanese Americans were involved in a public controversy over the preparedness of citizens of Oriental ancestry to carry the full load of statehood if and when it is granted to the territory.

The question was raised last week by a Chinese American banker in Honolulu who declared in a newspaper interview that Hawaii is not ready for statehood.

Why? Because, said he, "The second and third generations of the majority of the different racial extractions living here — the Chinese included — have not the ancestral heritage of democracy that the founding fathers of the United States had."

That remark, by Banker Jen Fui Moo, immediately drew angry retorts from dissenting Chinese Americans. What developed might be described as a tempest in a Chinese teapot.

Only Chinese Americans engaged in the controversy. Nisei stayed out of the battle. For the Nisei, the controversy was an "old story." How many times before had they been forced to answer just such accusations?

Last week the Nisei could indulge in the rare luxury of having others do battle for him, while he watched from the sidelines. Heretofore it has inevitably been the Nisei who were selected for critical scrutiny by those who would deny statehood to Hawaii because of the alleged unfitness and untrustworthiness of the Japanese Americans to bear the responsibilities of statehood.

Time and again the Japanese Americans have been "put on the spot" of having to affirm and reaffirm their loyalty and fitness as full-fledged American citizens. This was especially true before World War II but anti-statehood forces have not ignored the issue since then by any means.

Japanese Americans last week however found a new twist to the "Oriental question." This time the Nisei had not been singled out; the accusing finger had been pointed at the Chinese Americans as well.

And who was the accuser? A Chinese American, someone from within the Chinese community itself. At least the Nisei had the satisfaction of knowing that none of their critics had come from the Nisei ranks. The critics have always been "outsiders"—persons who could be said to know not whereof they spoke.

Jen Fui Moo stirred the Chinese tempest shortly after he returned from attending several mainland banker's conventions as the executive vice president and manager of a small Honolulu bank.

Whether he formed the critical opinion of his fellow Hawaiian citizens as a result of his mainland trip, he did not say.

"Hawaii," he asserted, "has been riding along for 51 years on the coattails of the federal government; its population in the majority has not had to concern itself with national or international affairs politically."

"True," he continued, "we of the younger generation have gone to school and some even to college, but we of voting age or near voting age have not absorbed all that democracy means."

"We have had the privilege, of course, of voting for city and county and territorial officers, with the exception of governor and the judges, and that is well and good."

"But we are not yet capable of making true economic decisions. How many of our citizens of Oriental ancestry are members of boards of directors of the leading houses of business in the territory? How many sit in on these meetings when financial decisions are made or policies established? Until these people reach that plane, I don't think they will be ready to participate in national government."

The hue and cry that followed was loud and bitter.

"A stab in the back of the people of the territory," commented Circuit Judge Chuck Mau, Hawaii's first jurist of pure Chinese ancestry. Moo's statement, he added, was "shameful because it comes at the last minute, when statehood is before congress and there is hardly time to answer."

Judge Mau said Moo's statement is "absolutely not representative of the people of this territory and has no foundation in fact."

Other Chinese Americans joined in the denunciation. Among them were the speaker of the territorial

house of representatives, the president of the Honolulu Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the president of the largest Chinese society, a past commander of the American Legion of Hawaii, and a Chinese civic association head. All, except one, are either World War I or II veterans.

They said that Moo "should know that democracy is not a matter of heritage or background alone. It is a way of life based on the acceptance of certain human values — a matter of attitudes and of one's heart—something that can be and has been learned by the people of oriental ancestry in America."

Moo's view that citizens of Oriental ancestry are not ready to take part in affairs of the national government because they are not capable of making "true economic decisions," brought this tart reply from other Chinese Americans:

"Where have we ever found that power to make financial decisions is a criterion, of good citizenship? To put a dollar sign on citizenship is abhorrent to our democracy."

Moo anticipated the brickbats, for he had said in his original remarks that he expected to have the advocates of statehood "breathing hot fire down his neck." At least in this respect, he was correct. He got the "hot fire down his neck" but he chose not to answer fire with fire.

At week's end, the tempest appeared to have died down.

## Three Fresno Nisei Inducted into Army

SAN FRANCISCO — Three Fresno Nisei were sworn into the U.S. Navy last week and are completing physical and other examinations.

They are Art Yamaguchi, Richard Kurushima and George Nagata.

## Kushida Will Talk On JACL Over FM Broadcast

LOS ANGELES—"JACL and the Japanese Community in America" will be the general subject of a radio interview over the 50,000 watt FM Station, KFMV (94.7 KC.), on Monday, Dec. 11, announced the regional office.

Interviewee on this 7:30 p.m.

## New Book Debunks 23 Rumors About Pearl Harbor Sabotage

Twenty-three rumors about sabotage by residents of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack on Dec. 7, 1941 are debunked in a new book, "Hawaii's War Years" by Gwen-fread Allen which was published this month by the University of Hawaii in Honolulu.

The author notes categorically that Japanese Americans and resident Japanese aliens in Hawaii were not involved in pre-war or wartime sabotage and espionage and that "all the investigative agencies are agreed that espionage in Hawaii before the war was carried on only by the Japanese consular staff and one other person, a German."

The book also describes the participation of the Hawaiian population in the war effort in World War II, including the part which Hawaiian Nisei played in the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

## JUNE SAKAI WINS PRIZE IN CHICAGO FASHION SHOW

CHICAGO—June Sakai, 22-year old Fresno girl, was awarded a \$50 cash prize in the recent Chicago Tribune American Fashions Competition. Out of 6000 entries, Miss Sakai was one of forty contestants whose designs were chosen and made into finished garments.

The contest opened in January of this year, and selections were made in May. However, final choices for awards were not released till October when the winning creations were modeled in the Chicago Tribune Fashion Show at the Tribune's television studio.

Miss Sakai attended this event and also that of the JACL Fashion Show, which was slated at the same time.

The young dress designer is a June graduate of Parson School of Arts and Fashion in New York City. She also won a Parson dress designing award in May.

## Name Baldrige As Chief of Claims Group

Hope for Speedup On Adjudications Told by Masaoka

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Justice Department this week named a new official to head the claims division which has charge of the evacuation claims program for persons of Japanese ancestry who were evacuated from the Pacific coast in 1942.

More than \$130,000,000 in claims have been filed by the evacuees and these are being processed by the claims division.

Holmes Baldrige, 48, Connerville, Okla., will head the division, succeeding H. Graham Morison who is the new head of the department's anti-trust division.

Commenting on the appointment, Mike M. Masaoka of JACL ADC said this week he hoped Baldrige's appointment may presage a speed-up of the Japanese American claims program.

Masaoka said he and Edward J. Ennis, JACL legal counsel, hope to meet with Baldrige in the near future to discuss the present status of the claims program.

Masaoka, who discussed the claims situation with White House officials last week, said that the program has been bogging down in so much red tape that "it sometimes takes months just to adjudicate simple claims."

Baldrige is the former head of the anti-trust division's general litigation section and has been a key figure in the department's drive against monopolies.

He has been cited by Attorney General J. Howard McGrath for his "outstanding" record with the department and for his work as principal attorney for the Federal Communications Commission. He has been with the anti-trust division since 1938.

baldrige will be Regional Director Tats Kushida. A re-broadcast is scheduled over a local AM station in Burbank, KWIK, 1490 KC, on Tuesday, Dec. 12, at 11:45 a.m.

## Southern Opposition Dooms Hawaiian Statehood Proposal In Present Congress Session

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The wartime record of Hawaiians of Oriental ancestry, particularly the combat heroism of Nisei GIs of the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Combat Team, was retold to Southern Senators who have been blocking consideration of the Alaskan and Hawaiian statehood bills during the past week but the cause of state status for the two territories appeared lost as the "lame duck" short session of the 81st Congress ended its second week.

## GI Killed in Korea Was Veteran of Japan Occupation

LOS ANGELES — Mrs. Koma Kusuda, whose son, Sgt. Shigetoshi Kusuda, 34, was reported killed in action in Korea by the Defense Department last week, said that her son was serving as an interpreter with the 24th Infantry in the Japanese occupation before going to Korea with the unit.

Mrs. Kusuda said that her son is survived by a wife, Yoshiko, and a 2-year old daughter in Japan.

Mrs. Kusuda, a widow, said she has another son, Shigeyuki, 33, who is in Japan with occupation forces.

Mrs. Kusuda was notified on Sept. 11 that Sgt. Kusuda was missing in action. Last week the Defense Department announced that it had confirmed the fact of Sgt. Kusuda's death in action on Aug. 11.

## Reno JACL Fetes Community's Issei

RENO, Nev.—The Reno JACL's annual observation of "Issei Appreciation" night was held Nov. 25 at the Babcock building.

Fred Aoyama was master of ceremonies.

A full program of skits, dances, vocal selections and instrumental numbers was presented by both Nisei and Issei participants.

Outstanding numbers included performance of a quartet consisting of Oscar Fujii, Art Nishiguchi, George Oshima and C. Chadwell and a "strip tease" by Dewey Fukui.

During the intermission Mrs. Fukui and Mrs. Imamura were presented with corsages for being, respectively, the woman with the longest residence in Nevada and the most recent arrival.

Roy Nishiguchi, chairman of the chapter's athletic committee, presented annual fishing awards. Recipients were Jim Chikami, first place; Harold Ueki, second, and I. Oshima, third.

## Nisei Driver Aids Eight in Stalled Cars During Flood

CHICAGO—Roy Kasuyama, 27-year old tow-truck driver, was credited with the rescue of eight persons stranded in passenger cars which were stalled in water which engulfed a portion of Chicago's Outer Drive during the recent blizzard.

Kasuyama's tow-truck was stalled on the flooded freeway and while he was waiting for aid he saw eight

adults and children huddled in stalled cars. He waded through the water and helped them to safety.

The action was taken to mean that the statehood bills may have been killed for the session since defense legislation inspired by the worsening war situation in Korea is now demanding the attention of the Upper House.

The apparent success of the threat of the Southern Dixiecrat bloc to stage a filibuster against the Alaskan and Hawaiian bills come as a blow to adherents of statehood for the territories. Both bills were passed by the House by a large majority.

It was indicated that one last move may be made to obtain Senate action on the statehood bills by administration forces led by Sen. Joseph O'Mahoney, D., Wyo., before the 81st Congress adjourns.

Most of Hawaii's 22-man delegation which had flown to Washington to participate in the final drive for Senate action on statehood were on their way back to Hawaii this week. The delegation included six Nisei, including Territorial Senator Tom Okino of Hilo and two ex-officers of the 100th and the 442nd Combat Team, Jack Mizuha and Dr. Katsumi Kometani. The latter met with Sen. Richard Russell, D., Ga., leader of the Dixiecrat group, in a move to urge the Southern bloc to abandon its opposition to Hawaiian statehood.

Other Nisei members of the delegation were Rep. Yasutaka Fukushima, Nelson K. Doi and Kazuo Kage.

Mizuha, Dr. Kometani, Doi and Kage were members of the constitutional convention which wrote the state constitution for Hawaii which was approved by a 3 to 1 vote by the territory's voters on Nov. 7.

In Los Angeles, another member of the delegation, Territorial Senator William H. Heen, was quoted this week as saying that the chances were "discouraging" for passage of the statehood bill but that its success is probable at the next regular session.

Sen. Heen said the Southerners who oppose the statehood bills fear that four new members of the Senate from the new states would mean votes for FEPC and other civil rights legislation.

Sen. Lucas earlier told the Senate that the statehood bills face defeat in "a filibuster because of civil rights."

## Wartime Internment Issue Raised in Hawaiian Court

HONOLULU—A \$575,000 damage suit, the ramifications of which touch on the wartime internment and evacuation of several hundred Hawaiians of Japanese ancestry during World War II, is now being heard in U.S. district court here by Federal Judge Paul J. McCormick of Los Angeles.

The long-pending suit was filed in 1946 by Dr. Hans Zimmerman, a Honolulu naturopath of German ancestry, against several World War II Army and civilian officials in Hawaii charging false imprisonment under martial law.

Dr. Zimmerman alleges in his suit that he was wrongfully confined from Dec. 8, 1941, the day after the Pearl Harbor attack, until March 12, 1943. He asserts no charge was filed against him and that he was deprived of constitutional rights by internment. He is a naturalized American citizen.

One of the principal defendants, Lieut. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, one of Hawaii's wartime military gov-

ernors, arrived here last week for the trial. Gen. Emmons, now retired, is residing in California.

Other defendants in the suit are former Gov. Joseph Poindexter, Col. George W. Bicknell, former Army intelligence officer, and Joseph J. Kelley, former internment board member.

Shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor a number of American citizens and resident aliens of Japanese ancestry were interned by the army without individual charges or hearings in Hawaii. The number of these persons of Japanese ancestry who were arrested under martial law was never announced but 1,118 persons from Hawaii were evacuated in 1942 to a War Relocation Authority center in Arkansas. The total included children and spouses of those interned.

Some of these Hawaiian evacuees returned to Hawaii after the war while others have resettled on the mainland.



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## The Race Against Time

It is our hope that sometime within the next two weeks this measure can be acted upon by the Senate, which has once already approved it.

But these are not the issues upon which their right to statehood has been decided. It was decided by a minority of men who feared their own power in the Senate might be limited by the admission of this territory as a state.

# NiseiUSA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Fear Along Grant Avenue

"We advise Chinese in the United States to cut any ties with either right or left," said Woo. "Chinese Americans, as citizens, will automatically back American policy in the Far East or anywhere else."

“We are depending upon everyone, regardless of race or creed to aid us in the perilous days ahead,” he declared.

Unless their contribution is diminished by reprisals inspired by prejudice, and there is little evidence of any such disposition on the part of the general public in

# MINORITY WEEK

It is a matter for reverence that their particular contribution will not be necessary and that man, who can split an atom and destroy a city, can build a lasting peace founded on justice and understanding with his fellow men.



## "Do You Know?"

# Eastern Tour of Ruby Yoshino, Dr. Yatabe Highlighted JACL Public Relations Campaign

By ELMER R. SMITH

A highlight in the public relations work of the JACL was the sponsoring of a lecture and concert tour late in 1944 of Dr. T. T. Yatabe and Miss Ruby Yoshino. The tour included the area of the Atlantic seaboard where Yatabe and Yoshino appeared before 11,000 persons. Dr. Yatabe was sponsored in another lecture tour of the middle west during the spring of 1945. The finances for both tours were made possible by a grant from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace to the JACL.

The general objectives of both tours were to present a Nisei before the general American public and have him relate just what his problems were in relation to the general well-being of the country. It sought to develop understanding and to enlist support for the Nisei in his re-acceptance back into American life. It sought to contact as large a number of people as possible through public meetings, school and college programs, civic groups and intercultural conferences. In general, it carried out the educational and public relations phase of the JACL program.

The beginning of the year 1946 found the JACL involved in the possibility of a number of court test cases implicating not only persons of Japanese ancestry, but in some instances members of other non-white groups as well.

The constitutionality of the alien land laws were being tested and/or planned to be tested in a number of states and upon a national level. The question of a "claims bill" for evacuees was in the offering. Legality of restrictive housing covenants in a number of cities, including San Francisco, Oakland, and Los Angeles were being instituted by various groups, including the JACL. The constitutionality of the fishing license laws as well as some damage suits against persons and groups for discriminatory practices against persons of Japanese ancestry were being considered. These cases and problems as well as those involving war-brides from Japan of Nisei and other American soldiers entering the United States called for some action on the part of the JACL. Not only these but the possibility of the U.S. confiscating Japanese alien property in the U.S. as well as the carrying out of a program for the obtaining of citizenship for the parents of Nisei faced the JACL.

The JACL called for a national convention to be held in Denver, Colorado from March 27 to March 4, 1946 to consider these problems.

The ninth biennial convention of the JACL thus found itself faced by a number of problems involving not only the relations of the membership with other groups in the fight for personal and civil rights, but problems of internal organization beset the delegates. The chapters had dropped to 23 from 60 at the time of the evacuation, and some program for expansion had to be worked out for the regaining of lost membership if the general JACL program was to be carried to a successful conclusion. It must be remembered that the 1946 JACL was greatly changed in terms of membership from what it had been at the time of the evacuation. It had changed from a strictly Nisei group to an interracial one. Also, the membership had grown older and more experienced in the "ways of the world." However, it was recognized that new and young blood was needed to keep up the growth of the organization. The JACL had become of age! It was now being called upon to shoulder the grave responsibilities of solving the problems dogging the footsteps of the Nisei and their parents.

One of the most important problems centered around the redelegation of power to regional and local groups. A centralized form of power had developed during the war years resulting in the national JACL officers assuming administrative and legislative privileges. For a more democratic functioning of the organization this type of centralization of power had to be redistributed.

All of the problems, either of an internal or external nature, were directly associated with the future program of the JACL. Its wartime program had been specific — the defense of the rights of the Japanese Americans in a time of war hysteria and crisis. The peacetime problems would still be the defense of the rights of the Nisei, but new aspects of the problem would need to be recog-

## Vagaries

### Hiroshima . . .

"Atomic Test Tube," an article by Bill Hosokawa, editor of the Denver Post's Empire magazine, is featured in the publication's Dec. 3 issue and tells of the work of the U.S. Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima. Hosokawa did a series last year on Los Alamos, N.M., for the Post and is one of the few newsmen who have visited both the birthplace of the bomb and its victims.

Albert Colombo this week was assigned the musical score for MGM's "Go for Broke." . . . Chris Ishii has been working for Tempo in New York City and has done covers and illustrations for the fortnightly Reporter magazine in recent issues . . . Mary Suzuki's illustrations have appeared recently in Ladies Home Journal and other women's publications . . . Dell Publications of New York City this week published full-page ads in trade journals claiming that it is now the largest publisher of periodicals devoted to the entertainment industry and its personalities. Dell's leader in the movie field is its Modern Screen magazine which was once edited by a New York Nisei girl who married an Irishman named Kelly. David Komuro used to do art work for Modern Screen while Henry Yamada is still with Dell as a photographer.

### FBI . . .

In a review for the Dec. 4 New Republic of Max Lowenthal's indictment of the FBI, "The Federal Bureau of Investigation" (William Sloane Associates), Alan Barth of the Washington Post notes for the record that J. Edgar Hoover's treatment of enemy aliens in World War II "was discriminating and just" and that Hoover "had no part in, and indeed opposed, the Army's mass evacuation of Japanese Americans from the West Coast in 1942." . . . Mr. Barth, incidentally, probably knows as much about the 1942 evacuation as any editorial writer in America. He wrote a series of editorials for the Washington Post on the WRA and resettlement and has written many editorials in which he stressed the fact of Nisei wartime loyalty and the necessity for the passage of such remedial legislation as the Walter bill . . . These editorials helped win Alan Barth the Heywood Brown award of the American Newspaper Guild for outstanding editorial writing . . . Mr. Barth is the author of a forthcoming book, "The Loyalty of Free Men," which Viking will publish in January.

### New Year's Eve Ball

SAN FRANCISCO—The 6th annual San Francisco JACL's New Year's eve ball will be held at the Buchanan YM-YWCA.

nized — re-assimilation and integration into the over-all American community life not only in the western part of the United States, but in every "nook and corner" of every state. This was the price the JACL was to pay for being recognized as an adult organization with a background of trust and integrity built up over a period that literally tried men's souls.

## Bill Hosokawa:

# FROM THE FRYING PAN

### Visit to the Big Town

For a simple lad like this correspondent, a trip to Big Town is a noteworthy experience. New York is an awesome pile of stone and masonry. It is also a perpetual traffic jam and a monstrous place to get around in.

The first night in town I wandered around Times Square, gaping open-mouthed and unabashed at the massive incandescent offerings to the great god of commerce. If our civilization is to be judged by the size and gaudiness of electric signboards, then it certainly has reached its zenith in Times Square. I'd hate to have to foot the light bill.

After a half hour or so of rubber-necking, I must have begun to look like a native. A stranger asked me how to find the subway.

"I'm just a country boy," I replied, and bought eight roasted chestnuts for a quarter from a street vendor reeking of firewater.

Somewhere I'd picked up the idea all New Yorkers were pretty sophisticated folks who frolicked at the Stork Club two-thirds of the night and took three hours for lunch. But around Times Square they were hanging around listening to pitchmen and watching window dressers setting up displays, just like rubes from Denver, Colo.

In one restaurant window there was a chef in a white jacket pouring scrambled eggs into a skillet and twisting the stuff around a fork as it cooked until he had a regular volcano-shaped pile of egg. Those sophisticated New Yorkers were standing six deep outside that window, just as engrossed as Wyoming cowboys admiring a saddle in a Denver hockshop.

### A Short Story:

## JOE GANDO'S WOMAN

By KEN TANAKA

Back home when we talked about going down to "the corner," we meant Joe Gando's Pool and Recreation Room, Soft Drinks 10c, Beer and Quick Lunches.

I suppose nowadays, and maybe even 15 years ago when I was 20 and made "the corner" my hangout, a nosy welfare worker would have considered it typical of the places that are supposed to promote juvenile delinquency. It was in the center of what we called "East town." It was a big place, not too well

lit except for six pool tables. There was a bar along one end and across the room a small fountain where you could get a sandwich and a cup of coffee. There were always a couple of calendars on the wall and around election time some political posters, but that was about all.

It wasn't what you'd call a "homey" place, but we didn't have any place else to go. Maybe juvenile delinquency starts in places like these. I wouldn't know.

Joe was a funny guy. As I said, I was 20 then, and anybody around 30 seemed old enough to be my father. Looking back, I figure he must have been about 35. I thought he was old, but now I guess he wasn't at that.

He'd gotten hold of the pool room in the early thirties when rent was lower than a worm's stomach and big places were going begging. He was neater than anybody I'd ever seen. There wasn't anything flashy about him. He was about medium height, with coarse black hair and his skin had that glossy look that people get when they're just beginning to put on a little extra weight.

We used to wonder about his nationality. Some said he was Greek or Armenian, and then others said no, but maybe Asiatic—because he looked like he might have some Oriental blood—maybe Chinese or Japanese. Joe never said.

I don't know why people always thought his place wasn't exactly respectable. Of course "East town" wasn't the best part of town. I used to get mad when my kid sister said Joe's place wasn't "nice." But I didn't feel any better when I saw her get high-hatted just because she lived there.

I didn't think it was odd then that Joe's place always had the darnedest mixture of people in it. There was a pretty big colony of Filipinos that'd moved in south of this part of town, and every day you'd see some of them in Joe's. Mom said it was because they had nothing better to do. I guess maybe it was true. It seemed like everybody had a hard time getting jobs then, but Filipinos most of all. There used to be some Negroes in Joe's, too, and once when somebody made a crack about them, Joe just told him to get the hell out. He didn't raise his voice or anything. Just said git, and the guy did.

Fifteen years is a long time. But I still remember, like it was yesterday, when Mabel first came into Joe's.

There was nothing good-looking about her. She was tall and thin,

And accents! I heard more of them in all their rich variety than at any time since we moved out of Seattle's Little Italy section.

Being the parent of a passel of kids, I was interested in seeing the lengths to which New Yorkers go to perpetuate the species. By outland standards it seems an impossibility to raise youngsters in a New York apartment without turning out an underdeveloped, neurotic breed, not good for much except ducking into subways.

But child-rearing, and sturdy youngsters at that, is a well-established custom. The results are a living tribute to the Great American Mother. In fact, New Yorkers without children to rear seem to miss the experience so keenly that they adopt a dog or dogs to pamper, air, exercise and fret over. I saw more dogs walking their masters around on the ends of leashes in New York than in all of Colorado.

One of the highlights of the New York expedition was a somewhat expansive bull session in Joe Oyama's apartment. The keg of beer Joe provided was soon drained, but the reminiscences ran hot and heavy. Among those present were Joe T. Kanazawa (whom I hadn't seen since '36), Eddie Shimano (since '38), Kenji Nogaki (since '42), Toge Fujihira (once since '38), Jerry Kubo (since '38), Miwako Oana Miya and Martha Kaihatsu (since '43).

Kathleen Asano, who was very good natured about tolerating the graybeards, got the impression that we (with the exception of the ladies, of course) were most ancient. And perhaps she was right.

### Serisawa Painting Goes on Exhibition At Metropolitan

NEW YORK—Sueo Serisawa, Los Angeles painter, is one of 24 Californians whose paintings are included in the Metropolitan Museum's competitive exhibition, American Painting—1950, which opened on Dec. 8.

It was announced that the 307 paintings on display represented a selection made from 6,248 paintings submitted by artists from all parts of the United States.

Serisawa lived in Denver, Colo., and New York after the evacuation but returned to Los Angeles in 1947.

on that bad diet of hers, she began putting on a little weight. She looked a lot better, and she bought a few dresses that fit instead of sagging at the hem. We'd compliment her on her clothes, and she seemed to like that. She was always real neat, and after she started brightening her hair or something, she began to look pretty good.

Mostly, I guess, it was having something to do. She'd work all the time, rubbing away at the linoleum counter of hers or straightening out the cigarettes or polishing up the mirror back of the fountain. Her hands were small and quick, and she was always dabbing away at something, or rinsing out a cloth so she could wash up something else.

We never thought it was odd she didn't seem to have any friends. But Christmas day, when it came, she was on the job as always. And it was something to see—quite a few of the guys who hung around brought her something, especially those Filipino kids. That was the first time I'd realized they were kind of lonely, too. They gave her candy, all wrapped up with big ribbons, and nail polish and fancy perfume bottles. Joe came in late that day. He saw her sitting there with all that stuff piled up on the counter, and he kind of grinned. Right after that he went out and brought back a Christmas tree, and it was a pretty good day, even for those of us who had no place to go on Christmas and had to spend it in a pool hall.

It was just a couple of days after that Joe and I were downtown one morning. I forget now what we were doing, but I suppose I was just along with him. It was before the pool room opened. We were walking down the main drag when we saw Mabel talking to some woman. This other woman sort of looked like Mabel before she'd started working at Joe's—tired and thin and poor-respectable.

Mabel saw us coming down the street.

Well, I'll swear that for at least one minute it looked like she was going to cut us dead. And then maybe she remembered Joe was her boss, because she introduced us to her friend. But she looked embarrassed. It was the first time

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# PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

## Nishiguchi Brothers Burn Up Reno Alleys

Roy Nishiguchi of Reno, Nev., is probably the first Nisei to receive a triplicate award from the American Bowling Congress. According to C. A. Chadwell, Roy recently bowled three consecutive 210 games which is the hard way to make a 630 triple. Meanwhile, Art Nishiguchi, Roy's brother, holds the second highest ABC average in the city of Reno to date at 194. . . Reason George Goto, last year's outstanding California jaycee cager for Placer College, hasn't seen much action this year for Stanford University is that he has been slowed down by a rib injury. Goto only played a few minutes in the Stanford varsity's first game of the season against the Alumni last week, scoring a field goal as the varsity won 59 to 29. Goto, the baseball and basketball star while serving in the U.S. Army in the occupation in Japan, sparked Placer College to the greatest basketball season in Spartan history. . . . The San Jose Zebras, winners of the annual Intermountain Nisei tourney last year, have a new coach in Tom Taketa who replaces Tets Kifune. . . . Harry Yasumoto, last year's Sanger, Calif., high school star, is on the Reedley College varsity this year.

## Rex Kuwasaki Plays Guard for Hobart

Two Nisei who played good football for small college teams during the past season were Rex Kuwasaki of Hobart College of Geneva, N.Y., and Colorado State's Halfback Marumoto who started as State lost to Doane College of Nebraska in the Bean Bowl two weeks ago. Kuwasaki, a transfer from the University of Hawaii, was a regular at guard for Hobart all season. His coach, Eddie Tryon of All-American fame in the 1920s, calls Kuwasaki one of the best guards he has ever coached. Kuwasaki also is a star on the Hobart lacrosse team. . . . Jimmy Yokota put Placer College into a temporary lead in their final game of the season against Yuba College by flashing over the goal line to climax a 79-yard drive, giving the Spartans an 18 to 14 halftime lead. Yuba went on to win, 42 to 18. . . Coach Bill Kajikawa's Arizona State Sun Devils nearly pulled one of the early basketball season's biggest upsets against the USC Trojans in Los Angeles last Saturday. Although they lost 71 to 86, the Sun Devils took a 50 to 47 lead early in the second half until their star Wade Oliver, an All-America candidate, was benched on fouls. The Sun Devils also lost to UCLA while in California. Coach Kajikawa will take the Sun Devils back east after Christmas, meeting Washington of St. Louis, Dayton, Akron, Washington and Jefferson and Ohio Wesleyan.

## Asato Has Good Day for Rainbows

Although Jimmy Asato had a good day, the University of Hawaii's Rainbows lost to Texas Western's superior manpower, 12 to 46, before 10,000 in Honolulu Stadium. Asato set up Hawaii's second touchdown with a 59-yard run, George Mamiya going over from the nine. Asato also had an 81-yard touchdown run called back early in the game when a teammate was offside. . . . Jimmy Tsugawa, backfield star for Beaverton, Ore., high school for the past two years is now playing guard on the basketball varsity. . . . Tosh Minamoto scored six points and played a tight defensive game as Madera, Calif., high school's cagemen defeated Kerman, 32 to 25, last week. . . . Vic Nakamoto, long shot ace, is one of four football players who took over places in the starting lineup of Placer Union high school of Auburn, Calif., as the Hillmen opened their season last week. Nakamoto played full-back for the Placer gridders who lost only one game in nine and won the league championship. Jim Tsuda, who set a Northern California record of 6 feet for Class C high jumpers two years ago, is a guard on Placer Union's B team.

## Three Papers Pick Ozaki for All-Stars

Three San Francisco newspapers set something of a record for consistency last week when the Examiner, Chronicle and News each named Poly's fleet Stan Ozaki at a halfback post on the second team all-city eleven. Last Saturday all of Poly's fast runners were mired in the mud but the Parrots managed to edge Mission, 7 to 0, to enter the city finals at Kezar stadium. Poly won the league title in regular play. Ozaki carried the ball only three times for a net of seven yards. . . . Clarksburg, Calif., high school which had one of its most successful seasons in history, winning seven of eight games, fielded a team with seven Nisei. They were Knobby Tateyama, Bob Tokunaga, Frank Kushida, Mich Okamoto, Charlie Yagi, Bob Kataoka and George Ike-noyama. . . . Furukawa scored two points at guard as Benson of Portland defeated Boys' School, 56 to 31 in basketball last week. . . . Ikeda starting at forward scored a field goal as Cal Poly of San Dimas, Calif., lost to Mt. San Antonio College, 52 to 71, last week. . . . Herb Isono kept his reputation as one of the top cagers in Los Angeles prep play as he tallied 15 points to lead University high to a 46 to 41 league win over Venice. . . . Terry Fujiwara, a promising sophomore, has clinched a place on the traveling squad of Ontario, Ore., high basketball team. Also on the team are Ted Kuga and Joe Kosai.

## Matsumoto Makes Snake River All-Stars

Speaking of all-star honors Dick Matsumoto of Middleton, Ida., high school was named at a halfback spot on the all-star first team for Class B high schools in the Snake River Valley conference. The all-star team was sponsored by the Ontario, Ore., Argus Observer and the selections were made by league coaches. . . Noboru Yonamine, brother of Wally Yonamine and halfback of Iolani's Red Raiders, was named to a first team backfield berth on the Honolulu Star-Bulletin's interscholastic all-star team for 1950. Yonamine, who also played third base on the Iolani baseball team, was one of the league leaders in passing and rushing in Honolulu prep play and was a big reason for fact that Father Bray's Iolani gridders won the city title. Two other Nisei made the Star-Bulletin's first team, Iolani's Center Walt Nobuhara and Kaimuki's George Minakami. Three others, Guard Warren Chibana of Roosevelt and Backs Stan Zukeran and Dave Yamashiro of Iolani, made the second team. The Star-Bulletin commented that Yonamine "combined ruggedness with speed" and "helped turn the tide in many a game."

## Salt Lake Bees Want Yonamine Again

Although the Salt Lake Bees would like to keep Wally Yonamine for another season, there's a possibility the Nisei outfielder may be called up by the San Francisco Seals because of the manpower situation resulting from the Far Eastern crisis. Yonamine, a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II, is draft-exempt. . . The Great Moto, one of television's favorite wrestlers via the KTLA-Paramount network, is back in Southern California after a tour of the Southwest and Midwest. Moto last week won the one-night wrestling tournament at Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles, pinning Bobby Becker in the finals before 6,500 fans. Moto, a Nisei, is billed as "the Japanese gentleman from North Tokyo." He reportedly weighs 240 pounds. . . Henry Aihara, co-captain of last year's USC track team and the greatest track star 'epiq siq upia suuououkxouq mou si 'iesiN 'S'N suouie podojalep Karie Shindo. Miss Shindo, incidentally won raves as a vocalist following her appearance in "Tokyo Joe." She recently sang with the

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## San Francisco Chinese Saints Win Nisei-Sponsored Tourney

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco Chinese Saints, two-time winners of the national Oriental basketball tournament, won the 4th annual San Francisco Drakes tournament on Dec. 3 by defeating the Sacramento Stags, 44 to 20, in the finals at the Buddhist gym.

Led by Willie (Woo Woo) Wong, the Chinese Americans who played in the Drakes tourney for the first time reached the finals by defeating the San Francisco Protos, 58 to 44.

Sacramento won its semi-final game from the Berkeley Nissei, 56 to 47.

In the first round the Nissei defeated the San Francisco Dukes, 44 to 25, while Sacramento topped the host Drakes, 52 to 34. The Chinese Saints defeated Madrone A.C., 55 to 13, while the Protos eliminated the San Jose Zebras in an upset, 59 to 52.

Wong and Soapy Miyashima of Sacramento tied for high scoring honors with 43. Tom Sano's 26 points for Berkeley in the semifinals was the high for a single game.

The surprise of the tournament was the defeat of San Jose, the tournament's defending champions, by the unseeded Protos in the opening round.

Willie Wong, 5 feet 4 star who played last year for the University of San Francisco, was named the outstanding player of the tournament.

Two other members of the Chinese team, Eugene Wong and David Lew were named to the all-star team, along with Miyashima and Toshi Matsuura of Sacramento, Bill Hirose of the Protos and Tosh Sano of Berkeley.

## SHORT STORY: Joe Gando's Woman

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I'd seen her act so funny. Down at the pool room she was friendly to everybody, and she'd certainly never acted odd about Joe before. I guess maybe it was because her friend was obviously pretty snooty about meeting us. I must have looked pretty bewildered, but Joe just nodded, said something and then pulled me off.

I couldn't tell what he thought about the whole business. He didn't say anything but then he never did talk much anyway. He was just a little quieter than usual, like he was pulled together tighter.

After that, it was like being hit on the head to find out, three days later, that Joe and Mabel had gone off to Tijuana to get married.

Well, as I say, you can't ever tell about people. Here one day she was highhating him, and when you turned around, he'd married her.

After that, Joe found an apartment near the pool room, and they moved in there. He wouldn't let her come to work, and for a little while it seemed odd that she wasn't down there, cleaning up her little counter and wiping up like she always did.

If anybody profited, I guess I did, because right afterwards Joe asked me if I wanted to go to work there tending the bar and running the coffee counter. There really wasn't much to do, and I needed the work so I said yes. Joe moved the lunch counter down to one end of the bar, and with things pretty convenient, it was easy work. Pretty soon I found out why Mabel had always just fussed around—there wasn't much to do, and before long I got so I was working around just like she used to.

For some weeks we hardly saw anything of Mabel. A couple of times she came in, like she didn't have too much to do. She'd ask me for a cup of coffee and sit at the counter, making it last a long time while she smoked a couple of cigarettes. She seemed lonesome, like she just wanted somebody to talk to. The way I look at it now, Joe should have let her stay on at the place, just working. Because before she'd seemed contented and happy, but now she began to look tired again. And I know it wasn't because she had work to do.

"Could I have a cup of coffee?" she'd ask, and then she'd just sit.

Sometimes she'd stay just a few minutes, but later on she'd stay longer. Joe began to urge her to get back to the house, or he'd give her a couple of bills and tell her to go uptown and buy something to wear.

"Go along home," he'd say sometimes. "You shouldn't hang around here." It used to be she'd talk a little with all the guys in the pace, but now it seemed they were busy shooting pool or just talking amongst themselves. It wasn't that they weren't polite, but after all, it just wasn't the same anymore. Somedays she'd ask for beer, and those times it'd get a little embarrassing, because I knew Joe didn't like her drinking around there, even if it was only beer. The way Mabel felt those days, she could get high on 3.2.

Well, things went along, getting only a little worse; so we didn't see any real trouble coming.

But it was summer, again, real hot, and the streets were sticky and the sidewalk so hot you couldn't stay on it long. Indoors it wasn't any better. At Joe's it

was darker than usual in the daytime, because he kept the awnings up out front, and inside he pulled down the shades. When you first walked in from the street it seemed real cool and dark, like a cave. But after awhile you felt the heat sift in through the walls, and it slung to you and seemed to melt the flesh right off you in big drops of sweat.

Joe even took off his jacket, which was unusual, and went around in his shirt. He started off the day with a couple of quick ones to cool off.

Well, heat just makes people edgy. And when Mabel came in at three o'clock in the afternoon, right when the sun was hottest, I had a funny feeling something was going to break.

She walked in, sat down at the bar. Joe'd gone out for a bit.

"God, it's roasting," she said. She took her hat off, laid it down on the next seat. "Give me a beer, kid." She wore a real thin dress, black like a negligee. Well, it was hot; maybe she had to wear something thin and light.

I drew her a quick one, not putting in any more beer than I had to. She drank it off real quick.

"Honest," she said, laughing, "I'm dying of the heat. Make this one real tall."

Well, the boss's wife was talking. I got it for her. After that a couple of other people came in, and I got busy for a bit. So I really didn't notice when the man came in and sat down next to her.

He was somebody I'd never seen in the place before. When I noticed him, he was talking to Mabel and I could tell he was trying to get friendly in a hurry.

He was leaning over her a little, and she said something kind of low, and then they both started in laughing. I guess it wasn't anything serious, but it was just Joe's luck that he should walk in that minute. Till then I hadn't really noticed them, except sort of vaguely, but now I could see how it looked from somebody else's viewpoint. They were giggling together, and their heads were pretty close.

The whole place got real still, except for that little place where Mabel and this man were. The place quieting down like that made them sound even louder, and Mabel's giggle cut across the room like a knife going through butter.

Joe just took one look, walked over and grabbed the guy off the stool. He had thick fingers, and they held on the guy's collar like a vice.

All he said was, "You can get the hell out. Don't come back in again." Only his voice was ten tones lower than I'd ever heard and even in this room sent the temperature down.

Mabel was on her feet, sort of edged away.

"God, Joe, I never saw the guy before. Honest. We weren't doing anything," she whined.

"Gosh, Mister, I didn't know she was yours," the guy was saying. "I didn't mean anything. Anyway, how could I tell?"

That was what did it, of course. Joe took one swing at him and connected. It was a real pretty swing. The guy went down in a long, slow sag, like an oyster curling up in a stew.

Then he turned to Mabel, and his face was awful to see.

"You filthy slut," he said slowly. She stood there rocking, as though she'd been the one to get socked. Her face was white, and the rouge stood out like big scarlet

## Nakamoto Named On Santa Clara Valley All-Stars

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Richard Nakamoto, 180-pound junior from Mountain View, was named at one of the first-string guard positions on the San Jose Mercury's All-Santa Clara Valley Athletic league football team which was selected by coaches of league schools.

Nakamoto, who is 16 years of age, is the youngest player on the team and one of two juniors.

Shinji Ito of Fremont was named at guard on the second team.

## Three Nisei Teams Place in Salt Lake ABC Tournament

Entering the Salt Lake City ABC team bowling championships for the first time, three Nisei teams were among the top five after three days of bowling at the Ritz alleys.

Okada Insurance, former national JACL champions and winners of the recent Intermountain JACL title at Caldwell, Ida., rolled a 3057 to take second place behind Brunswick Kings in the handicap tourney. Members of the Okada team are Bob Shiba, Dr. Jun Kurumada, Maki Kaizumi, Choppo Umemoto and Sho Hiraizumi.

Star Cafe, champions of the 1949 Salt Lake JACL league, was in fourth place with 2988, while Dawn Noodle was fifth at 2986.

## Goto Tallies Eight

PALO ALTO—George Goto contributed eight points on six free throws and a field goal as Stanford University defeated Santa Clara, 60 to 43 on Dec. 2.

Goto, a transfer from Placer College, was one of the defensive stars for the Indians.

poppies. All of a sudden she looked like a tramp — her powder too white, her lipstick too red, and her dress pulled too tight across her body.

And then she opened up, and the words fell out of her like coal going down a chute.

"You've got no right to talk!" she screamed. "What do you expect me to do—sit around all day while you're out? I got nothing to do. I can't see anybody. I haven't got any friends, and how could I—being married to you? You expect me to bring people home down here, you expect me to introduce you as my husband? You!"

She started yelling. "You're just a damn . . . black mongrel!"

That really threw me. Right in the middle of that darned fight I realized even she didn't know what Joe was. With a name like Gando—and she'd taken it as her own, she couldn't tell. And she'd never found out. Don't ask me how he kept it from her. I realized suddenly the name was a phony, although he wasn't.

Well, there wasn't much more to it, though the fight didn't exactly end there. She screamed for a long time, even after Joe walked out of the place. I couldn't get her to leave, and she sat there drinking till she got really plastered. At midnight I took her home. There wasn't any light on.

She was hardly conscious, she was so drunk. But she took one look at the dark apartment and said, "He's not ever coming back."

He never did, not to the apartment, that is. He got a divorce a little while later, and Mabel moved out of the neighborhood. She was desperate, and for a time she tried to get him back. It was kind of pitiful, and for once I opened my mouth and urged him to take her back.

"She's really sorry," I said hesitantly. "I don't think she meant what she said. Why don't you forgive her?"

He looked at me kind of odd-like.

"You don't get it, kid," he said. "I could forgive her easy. It's just that Mabel couldn't ever forgive me."

"Well, I don't get that," I countered.

"She wouldn't ever forgive me for having married her," he said.

Well, fifteen years later I'm finally beginning to get what he meant. I guess he was right.



# Vital Statistics

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kubota a boy on Dec. 1 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Masuda, Morgan Hill, Calif., a boy, Dan Thomas, on Nov. 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Katsumi Johnny Nishijima a girl, Susan Becky, on Nov. 7 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masato Yoneda a boy, Gerald, on Nov. 8 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shunji Saito a boy, Julian Minoru, on Nov. 8 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hideo Hiya a girl, Susan Suzue, on Nov. 8 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Isamu Ishizaki a boy, David Rocky, on Nov. 20 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watanabe, Yuba City, Calif., a boy on Nov. 28 in Marysville, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Noboru Kanazaki, Cupertino, Calif., a boy, Craig Frederick, on Nov. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. Makoto Koda a girl on Nov. 27 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Katsumi Fujii a boy in Berkeley, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Wataru Watanabe a boy in Berkeley.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Shintaku, Clarksburg, Calif., a boy on Nov. 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mukai a boy on Nov. 23 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Kubo a girl on Nov. 26 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Shimada, Clarksburg, Calif., a boy on Nov. 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Nakashige a boy on Nov. 11 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. T. Inouye, Payette, Idaho, a boy on Nov. 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Kobayashi, Idaho Falls, Ida., a girl on Nov. 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mack H. Fujii a boy on Nov. 7 in Oakland, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenichi Nakamoto, San Gabriel, Calif., a boy on Nov. 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Grant Shimizu, Albany, Calif., a boy on Nov. 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Satoru Ikemoto a girl, Ellen Keiko, on Nov. 26 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yukio Kawato a boy on Nov. 27 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kurahara a girl on Nov. 29 in Lodi, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Makoto Kada a girl on Nov. 27 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Seko a girl on Dec. 6 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Tabata, Richmond, Calif., a boy on Nov. 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eiko Takeshita a girl on Nov. 28 in San Francisco.

## DEATHS

Nobuki Harano on Nov. 23 in Chicago.

Takao Endo, 51, on Dec. 3 in San Fernando, Calif.

Kameo Nose, 77, on Dec. 1 in Washington, D.C.

Victor James Tsutsui, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Tsutsui, on Dec. 3 in Los Angeles.

Koichi Murayama, 48, on Nov. 27 in Seattle.

G. Yamaguchi, 50, on Nov. 29 in Visalia, Calif.

Hideo Mayeda, 56, on Dec. 1 in Richmond, Calif.

Ihachi Hiramatsu, 76, Clovis, Calif., in Fresno on Nov. 28.

Seitaro Tsujimoto, 64, on Dec. 5 in Ogden, Utah.

John Yaitaro Motoda, 67, on Nov. 26 in Seattle.

Ryoichi Hatashita, 74, Pasadena, Calif., on Nov. 30.

Shozaburo Nakatani on Nov. 28 in San Francisco.

Lieut. George Komachi, Portland, Ore., at Camp Roberts, Calif.

## MARRIAGES

Sumi Miyamoto to Eddie Okahara on Nov. 26 in Pasaena, Calif.

Mitsuko Mori to Ralph Osada on Nov. 26 in San Francisco.

Shigeko Masuda to George Okajima on Nov. 26 in Sanger, Calif.

Alice Mikiko Ishii to James E. Jingu on Nov. 26 in Los Angeles.

Louise Nishikawa to Jack Hayashi on Nov. 26 in Los Angeles.

Mary Harada, Sun Valley, Calif., to Frank Ota in Los Angeles on Nov. 25.

Evelyn Matsui to Carmel Kamigochi on Nov. 26 in Watsonville, Calif.

Yoko Kiuchi to Mitsuo Hosaka on Dec. 3 in San Francisco.

Fusa Tsumagari to Tom Higashipka on Nov. 19 in Chicago.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Lilly R. Honda, 22, Campbell, Calif., and Mike T. Higashi, 27, Saratoga, in San Jose.

Hiroko Yasutake, 24, Salinas, Calif., and William Tamano, 29, Gilroy, in San Jose.

Elaine H. Osaki, 23, and Jim Minoru Hironaka, 21, Del Paso Heights, Calif., in Sacramento.

Fusako Yamamoto, 22, Parlier, Calif., and Nori Ogata, 26, Dinuba, in Fresno.

Shigeko Fujisawa, 24, Selma, and Susumu J. Mori, Clovis, in Fresno.

Fusaye Matsumoto, 27, and Kay Urakawa, 29, Citrus Heights, Calif., in Sacramento.

Betty Hara, 20, and Crayton Sato, 25, both of Hayward, Calif., in Oakland.

Lilly Taketa, Orillia, Wash., and Tadashi Kato, Kent, in Seattle.

Betty E. Nishida, 27, Linden, Calif., and Hajime Nishimori, 35, in Stockton, Calif.

## Announce Troth

MISSION SAN JOSE, Calif. — Mr. and Mrs. Sansuke Yamauchi recently announced the engagement of their daughter, June Masumi, to Yutaka Handa, son of Mrs. Matsue Handa of Newark.

The bride-elect is formerly of Santa Ana, Calif., while the groom-to-be is a leader of the Southern Alameda County JACL.

## Harry Honda Heads Downtown L. A. Group

LOS ANGELES—First meeting of the 1951 cabinet of the Downtown Los Angeles JACL was scheduled to be held Dec. 7 at Chew's cafe during the noon hour.

The cabinet is headed by Pres. Harry K. Honda.

First, second and third vice presidents, respectively, are David Nitake, Sam Ishikawa and Junichi Asakura.

Also on the cabinet are Junko Maruya, corr. secy.; Barbara Fukushima, rec. secy.; Sho Iino, treas.; George Umezawa, auditor; and James Mitsumori, public relations chm.

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# Kido Attends Placer County JACL Dinner



Saburo Kido, Los Angeles attorney and past president of the JACL, is shown with committee chairman at the annual dinner of the Placer County JACL chapter on Nov. 18 at the Legion memorial hall in Loomis, Calif.

Those in the photo are (left to right): Kay

Takemoto, general chairman; Tom Yego, guests; Mr. Kido; Cosma Sakamoto, toastmaster; Howard Nakae, finance; Roy Yoshida, publicity, and James Makimoto, program.

—Photo courtesy of the Auburn, Calif., Journal.

## Church Prepares Christmas Program

SAN FRANCISCO—The annual Christmas program of the Pine Street Methodist church will be held on Dec. 17 from 8 p.m.

Louise Endo and Jobo Nakamura are co chairmen.

The Nisei fellowship group will present a one-act play, "Mrs. War-now's Christmas Pageant," in which the church choir will participate.

Committee chairmen for the program are Mas Endo, stage manager; Riuzo Aoki, makeup; Velma Kurihara, costume; Satsuki Mochida, candy and gifts; Regina Miyata, play director; Ginger Morioka and Buddy Fujita, decorations; Koichi Ishizaki, treasurer; Kunio Ishii, lighting; Marie Narita, public relations; Amy Yamaguchi, usherettes, and the Rev. Lloyd Wake, master of ceremonies.

The church choir presented a pre-Christmas concert on Dec. 3 under the direction of Frank Ono.

## Coincidence?

A Negro clerk in the Cabrillo housing project at Long Beach, Calif., has been dismissed on charges she gave out confidential information to her husband, Harry Sibrie.

Mrs. Sibrie was the only Negro clerk at the project and was highly praised for her efficiency.

Anyway, people are wondering if her dismissal was due to the fact her husband was formerly president of the Tenants Council, which conducted a long campaign to end racial segregation and discrimination at the Cabrillo project.

## Son of Veteran Of First War Will Be Inducted

FRESNO, Calif.—Johnny Yama Yamaguchi, the son of a Nisei World War I veteran will be inducted into the army next week.

His father is George Yamaguchi of Sanger. Another son, Jimmy, served in World War II.

Johnny Yamaguchi has been employed as a cashier at the Bank of America.

## "Miss Nisei Coed" Contest Planned

FRESNO—A "Miss Nisei Coed" contest will be held in conjunction with the California Intercollegiate Nisei conference to be held in Los Angeles on Dec. 29, according to Lillie Nagata, Fresno State, who is chairman.

## PC SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Lionel Hampton band at the Hollywood Plladium and has recorded "These Foolish Things" for Decca with Hampton. . . Two Nisei swim stars, Charlie Oda and Reiko Takauwa of the University of Hawaii were married in Honolulu recently. Oda, a 442nd vet was an Army swimming star in the Mediterranean theater and later captained the U. of Hawaii team.

Football roundup: Frank Goishi was named captain and "most valuable player" by the Reedley, Calif., high school B football team at the ends of its 1950 season. Other lettermen this year were Yuz Morita, Yukio Nakashima Kango Asami, Roy Wateri and Norman Iwasaki. . . Kats Komoto, veteran center for Edison high of Fresno, Calif., was named to the Fresno Bee—KMJ all-star team last week. . . Marvin Aoki played for Stockton's Edison high Vikings during the past season. . . Fibber Hirayama of Fresno State placed tenth among all rushers in the California Collegiate Athletic Association by making 104 yards of 25 tries despite the fact that he was hampered most of the season by a bad knee. Hirayama also passed for one TD against San Jose State.

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## Illinois Nisei Collegians Plan Cage Tourney

CHICAGO — Nisei basketball teams representing student groups in eight Chicago area colleges and universities will compete in the Chicago Nisei Intercollegiate Club basketball tournament which will be held on the weekend of Dec. 22 at the Olivet Institute, 1431 No. Cleveland, Chicago.

Teams of Nisei students from the University of Chicago, De Paul University, U. of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), University of Illinois (Chicago), Illinois Institute of Technology, Illinois Medical school, Northwestern University and Roosevelt college are entered in the tourney.

Players known to Chicago basketball fans who will be competing in the tournament include Shig Murao, former Springfield College star, Ted Okita and Yosh Sakauye of the Chicago Huskies; George Nakawatase, Chicago Romans; Jim Yamaguchi, Broncos, and George Ichiba, Chicago Collegians.

An informal dance, "Holiday Homecoming," will be held in conjunction with the tournament on Dec. 23 from 8:30 p.m. in the South ballroom of the Stevens hotel, site of the recent 11th biennial national JACL convention. Todd Yamamoto and his orchestra will play. Admission is \$3 per couple.

The title of "Miss Collegian" will be conferred on the "most typical" coed at the dance. She will be selected from the eight candidates submitted by the teams.

## Annual Christmas Fete Planned in Reno

RENO, Nev.—Plans for the Reno JACL's annual Christmas party for youngsters are now underway.

The party will be held Dec. 17 in the Washoe county library building. In charge are Mrs. George Oshima, Mrs. Tom Takeuchi and Ida Fukui.

Following shortly afterwards will be the chapter New Year party. Plans are now being made by a committee composed of George Oshima, Fred Aoyama, Oscar Fujii and Miss Fukui.

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## JACL Group Joins in Folk Festival



MILWAUKEE, Wisc.—A sales booth for Japanese art and domestic goods was a Milwaukee JACL project at the seventh annual holiday fair sponsored by the International Institute of Milwaukee county Nov. 18 and 19.

Here Julius Fujihira looks over the sales

counter. He was one of three co-chairman for this exhibit.

The chapter also sponsored an exhibit booth which featured an arrangement of Japanese dolls and flower arrangements.

—Photo by Tamio T. Suyama.

## Santa Clara County Group Plans Dance

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The United Citizens League of Santa Clara County will sponsor a New Year's eve dance for the fifth straight year at the Peter Burnett junior high school auditorium, according to Chairman Akira Shimoguchi.

Bob Kent and his orchestra, who played for last year's dance, have been engaged again this year and also will present a short stage show.

## Makes Phi Beta Kappa

SEATTLE—Terry Katayama of Seattle was listed this week as one of thirteen undergraduate students who have been elected to the University of Washington chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honorary society.

## Fire Razes Hall

LINDSAY, Calif.—Approximately \$1,000 in damages were caused by a fire which razed part of the Japanese hall here on Nov. 25.

Bees in the burning walls hampered the efforts of firemen to battle the blaze.

## Minority Week

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the race by their younger would help the cause of better race relations.

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## Scapegoats

The NAACP charges that many convictions of Negro GIs in Korea in court-martial proceedings are the result of racial discrimination.

"The letters we have received from convicted GIs and the talks we have had with war correspondents strongly indicate that many of these men have been victimized by racial discrimination," Thurgood Marshall, NAACP counsel, said this week in New York.

"It seems apparent that some of them are being made scapegoats for the failures of higher personnel."

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## Serisawa's Painting Wins Purchase Award

PASADENA, Calif.—Sueo Serisawa's casein painting "Puppet and Child" was announced as the winner of the \$250 Bullock's Pasadena purchase award at the 30th annual California Water Color Society exhibition which will end on Dec. 18 at the Pasadena Art Institute.

Also announced as winner of a purchase award is Sadamitsu Fujita's "Harbor Living."

One hundred and nine pictures by California artists comprise the exhibit.

## Oregon Nisei Found Victim Of Leprosy

State Health Board  
Seeks to Send Victim  
To Carville Center

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Oregon State Board of Health this week reported that application has been made to send a 28-year old man of Japanese ancestry to the National Leprosarium at Carville, La.

The patient, a resident of Washington County, is reported to be the first case of leprosy in Oregon in 28 years. The victim came to Oregon from Los Angeles in September. Although born in the United States, he spent part of his boyhood in Japan.

A board member declared: "Leprosy is no longer the fearsome disease that it has been for many past centuries. Modern methods of treatment are reasonably effective and accumulating evidence indicates that the disease is usually spread only by prolonged and intimate exposure."

## Exhibition . . .

A landscape by Mine Okubo is on exhibition this week in the annual show of the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco . . . Minoru Ooka, an ex-GI from Honolulu, is now taking fashion pictures as an assistant photog on the staff of Town and Country magazine's Paris bureau.

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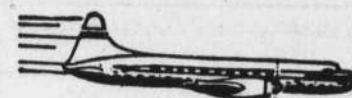
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