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Senator Tsukiyama Assured Of 2nd Term as President Of Hawaii Territorial Senate

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HONOLULU—Senator Wilfred C. Tsukiyama was assured last week of a second term as president of the Territorial Senate. This would again make him the ranking Nisei in island legislative politics.

The Republican majority of the 15-member senate unanimously selected Tsukiyama on January 12 to observe as the presiding officer of the senate when the legislature convenes in February.

Tsukiyama, a veteran Republican, was senate president of the 1949 regular session, the 1949 special session and the 1950 special session—probably the busiest biennium ever recorded by a Hawaiian legislature.

He was reelected to the senate from Oahu last fall.

Senator Tsukiyama's political career is without precedent in that he is the first Nisei ever to have served as a president of the Territorial Senate. The fact that he is slated for that high post again adds to the distinction already gained by the genial 52-year-old attorney.

He was chosen without opposition by Republican colleagues at a GOP caucus to organize the upper chamber of the coming legislature.

The Republicans will control the Senate 9 to 6.

Two other Nisei also will serve as senators—Toshio Ansai, Republican of Maui, and Tom Okino, Democrat of Hawaii. (Territorial senators are elected to four-year terms.)

Political experts made an early forecast of a second term for Tsukiyama as senate president, in view of his record in the senate and the lack of any potential challengers for that office.

The energetic, white haired lawyer first was elected to the senate in 1947, when he was named chairman of the judiciary committee—one of top committee assignments, especially for a freshman senator.

As president of the senate in the 1949 session, he served ably in preserving an orderly, dignified atmosphere in the Iolani Palace chamber over which he presided. He was respected by his colleagues for his fair and impartial rulings, regardless of partisan considerations. He also gained prestige and dignity by abstaining from using the influence of his office to gain partisan or personal advantages in the senate.

A graduate of Coe college (Iowa) and the University of Chicago, Senator Tsukiyama was a government attorney after his return to Honolulu. He was a deputy attorney of the Honolulu county and later County attorney from 1929 to 1940.

Suicide Verdict Returned In Texas Shooting Tragedy

Husband Dies, Wife Critically Wounded In Dallas Suburb

DALLAS, Tex. — A verdict of suicide has been returned in the death of Keizo Yamada, 21, who was found shot on Jan. 12 in the backyard of his home in nearby Irving.

The condition of his wife, Mrs. Iris Yamada, 21, found in a serious condition from a gunshot wound was reported satisfactory on Jan. 15 at Parkland hospital. Mrs. Yamada was reported partially paralyzed by a bullet which penetrated her chest just above her heart and lodged in her spine, according to hospital attendants.

Justice of the Peace C. M. Cantrell returned a verdict of suicide in connection with the death and funeral services were held for Yamada on Jan. 14.

Yamada, a Southern Methodist University student, was a percussionist in the Dallas Symphony

Senators Ansai and Okino have been assured of seats on various committees of the coming session.

In the house of representatives, nine Nisei will take their places among the 30 members. Six of the Nisei are Republicans: Reps. Thomas T. Sakakihara, Joe Takao Yamauchi, Noboru Miyake, Clarence Y. Shimamura, Yasutaka Fukushima and Wallace Otsuka.

The three Democrats are Reps. Mitsuyuki Kido, Steere G. Noda and Kaneo Kishimoto.

Republicans will control the house by a margin of 21 to 9. The GOP majority already has organized itself and named committees which, as expected, give Republicans overwhelming superiority in committee voting.

Rep. Sakakihara, veteran of many political battles, was given the most coveted post of chairman of the powerful house finance committee, which handles budget and other money matters.

Rep. Noda will be the only Democrat on the finance committee.

Rep. Kido is a likely prospect for the job of Democratic floor leader.

Currently he is a contender for the chairmanship of the so-called "standpat" faction of the Democratic party of Hawaii. Kido's supporters have accused his opponents of having conspired not to select a Democrat of Japanese ancestry to that post. This charge has been denied by his opponents although one of them asserted that some anti-statehood persons had exploited the fact of Senator Tsukiyama's presidency of the senate and might do the same if Kido was elected.

Nisei Schoolteacher Drafted into Army

SAN FRANCISCO — Kazuo Muraoka, first San Francisco Nisei to win a public school teaching position, has given up his position after less than a semester to report for induction into the army. He taught in the sixth grade at the Pacific Heights elementary school.

Orchestra. He was a graduate of Irving high school.

Both Yamada and his wife were found shot in the backyard of their home in Irving on Friday night. He was pronounced dead on arrival at an Irving clinic with a bullet in the head. Sheriff's deputies said a .38 caliber revolver was found inside Yamada's coat.

The young couple lived at the rear of the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Roberts in Irving.

The Roberts' said the young couple married about a month and a half ago had been separated. On Friday night, they said, the two went out into the yard to talk. A few minutes later, Mr. Roberts said he heard a shot, a scream, then several more shots.

When he reached the back yard, Roberts told deputies he found the couple lying on the ground and Mrs. Yamada was screaming, "Don't let me die!"

The victim is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Yamada of Irving.

Renunciants Must Prove Loyalty, Says U. S. Court

LIST SAN DIEGO NISEI AS MISSING IN KOREAN WAR

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Department of Defense this week announced the following casualty in Korea:

MISSING IN ACTION:

Sgt. Yutaka Amano, son of Mrs. Taeno Amano, 3781 Hickock St., San Diego, Calif.

Walter Bill Approved by House Group

New Subcommittee Passes Measure At First Meeting

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The newly-organized immigration and naturalization subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee met for the first time on Jan. 19 and approved the Walter bill for equality in naturalization.

Approval of the bill was the only action taken by the subcommittee on its first day since its organization.

The full Judiciary Committee is expected to consider the bill next week and probably will take prompt action.

It is believed the bill may come up for House action on the calendar call on Feb. 5.

Members of the immigration and naturalization subcommittee are: Reps. Francis E. Walter, chairman, D., Pa.; Feighan, D., Ohio; Chelf, D., Ky.; Gossett, D., Tex.; Graham, R., Pa.; Fellows, R., Me., and Case, R., N.J.

Nisei Witnesses UN Bombardment From Korean Hill

A Nisei GI, Sgt. Kiyoshi Masuda of Wahiawa, Oahu, was interviewed last week "on a hill overlooking Wonju" by a United Press correspondent, according to a dispatch from the Korean front on Jan. 13.

Sgt. Masuda, a member of a U.N. infantry unit which has been making a determined stand at Wonju, commented that the combined air and ground bombardment now being unleashed into enemy reinforcements ringing the crossroads city "makes Moana Loa seem like a sissy."

Residents of Flooded Area First to Give In ADC Campaign

SAN FRANCISCO — Japanese Americans in the French Camp area, one of the districts which were hardest hit by recent floods, are the first to respond in the 1951 fund-raising campaign of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, it was announced here by Akimi Sugawara, executive secretary of the Kikaken Kisei Domei of Northern California.

Sugawara said that the KKD has received a check for \$150 from French Camp, representing nearly 85 per cent of the quota set for the area.

Heads Fraternity

DELAWARE, O.—David T. Kagiwada, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kagiwada of Los Angeles, was elected president of the Beta Sigma Tau social fraternity at Ohio Wesleyan University last week.

The 21-year old senior intends to make a career of social and religious work after his graduation.

Appellate Tribunal Reverses Lower Court Ruling, Clouds Status of Tule Lake Group

SAN FRANCISCO—More than 3,000 American-born persons of Japanese ancestry who renounced their United States citizenship while in detention at the Tule Lake segregation center in 1945 will have to prove their loyalty to regain their American nationality, the United States Ninth District Court of Appeals ruled on Jan. 17 in reversing an earlier decision by Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman.

The action of the Federal appellate court cast doubt on the legal status of the renunciants and raised the possibility of deportation of the group.

The decision of the court was unanimous. Chief Justice William Denman wrote the opinion and Judges William Orr and Albert Lee Stephens concurred.

The appeals court declared that Judge Goodman was in error in lumping all of the cases into two suits, and of reaching a decision on the basis of a relatively small number of affidavits.

The upper court decision excludes cases of litigants who were under the age of 21 at the time of the renunciation.

About 700 of the 4,315 renunciants at Tule Lake left for permanent residence in Japan before Judge Goodman's ruling in April 29 of 1948. Some 450 may be exempt from the effect of the new ruling, including 58 persons who went to Tule Lake solely to be with their families; eight who were not of sound mind, and from 300 to 400 who were minors and not legally capable of signing citizenship renunciation. The others may be liable to deportation unless they can individually prove their loyalty.

In the Justice Department's suit against the renunciants, the Attorney General had held that the 4315 persons were "dangerous enemy aliens" and should be deported to Japan.

In the trial before Judge Goodman the renunciants had appealed on the ground they were coerced into a mental condition at the segregation camp, causing them to execute a document renouncing American citizenship.

Judge Goodman, in his decision which was reversed by the appel-

late court, ruled that each renunciation was null and void that each be cancelled; that each plaintiff be restored to U.S. citizenship.

The appellate court's ruling said "the Attorney General indicated his realization of his duty to prevent a restoration of citizenship to the disloyal renunciants who gave up their American citizenship voluntarily because of their sympathy with Japan, and who hoped for the latter's victory over the country of their birth . . .

"The record shows with certainty that many of the 4315 plaintiffs who voluntarily renounced, were disloyal to the United States. It discloses that many of the plaintiffs did not show any interest in setting aside their revocations until after the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki had made it clear that the Japanese cause was hopeless and that the material conditions in the United States had become greatly preferable to those in Japan."

The Circuit Court of Appeals directed that all those parties to the suit—with the exemptions noted—should have separate hearings as to whether they should be permitted to remain here, or be deported to Japan.

None of those concerned is in custody. Most of them have jobs, and the Immigration Department has said it knows where all of them are.

It was expected here that attorneys for the renunciants would take the cases to the United States Supreme Court.

In his ruling of April 29, 1948 Judge Goodman declared that the renunciants of citizenship by

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Court Dismisses Contempt Charges in Honolulu Cases

Government May Ask For Dismissal for Remainder of "39"

HONOLULU — Prosecution of contempt of Congress charges against the remaining 34 of Hawaii's "reluctant 39" may be dropped, it was indicated here this week, after Federal Judge Delbert E. Metzger acquitted the first five defendants to face the court.

The first three to face the court when trial was opened on Jan. 15 were Yukio Abe, longshoreman and secretary of ILWU local 136; Ralph Tokunaga, electrician and former ILWU official, and Charles K. Fujimoto, chairman of the Communist party in Hawaii.

Judge Metzger acquitted each of the three who had been indicted for refusing to answer questions asked by the House un-American affairs subcommittee in April, 1940.

In the Abe and Tokunaga cases Judge Metzger upheld defense contentions that witnesses could refuse to answer questions because of possible self-incrimination.

Following the acquittal of Fujimoto who resigned from a University of Hawaii chemical research post to become a Communist party official three years ago, Judge Metzger also cleared Dr. John E.

Reinecke, former Honolulu school teacher, and Esther M. Bristow, treasurer of the Hawaii Civil Liberties committee.

After the five acquittals Acting U.S. Attorney Howard K. Hoddick asked for a postponement. He said he wanted to communicate with Attorney General J. Howard McGrath to learn if the Justice Department wants to continue with the remaining 34 cases.

Twenty-one of the 39 defendants are of Japanese ancestry. The majority, like Abe and Tokunaga, are present or former officials or employees of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU).

In the Fujimoto case Judge Metzger held that Fujimoto, as chairman of the Communist party, was justified in refusing to produce all of the party membership records and correspondence files as directed to do by the committee.

"If it is an unlawful venture that was being inquired into, the lawful manner to get evidence would be through a search warrant," Judge Metzger ruled.

Mr. Hoddick indicated after the rulings of acquittals in the first five cases that the government may ask dismissals in the remaining cases.

Rep. Miller Asks Restoration Of Seniority Lost by Nisei Postal Workers During War

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A bill to restore the seniority of approximately a dozen Nisei postal employees who lost their jobs when they were evacuated from the West Coast has been introduced by Rep. George B. Miller (D., Calif.), at the request of the JACL ADC.

The bill would affect only those Nisei still with the postal department.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, gave this explanation for the bill:

Several west coast Nisei were suspended from their postal jobs on orders of the Civil Service Commission at the time of evacuation.

Subsequently, those who reentered the service after the evacuation ban was lifted were required to take new civil service examinations to get back into the postal department.

The Miller bill would restore to these Nisei "the grade, time in grade and rate of compensation to which (they) would be entitled if they had remained continuously in the postal field service."

The bill also apply to any postal employee who left the department to enter military service but was evacuated before joining the armed forces.

Mr. Masaoka said Rep. Miller was urged to introduce the bill after a study by the JACL ADC revealed that at least a dozen Nisei were affected.

"We found that existing legislation protected the job and seniority rights of men who joined the armed forces, but nothing covered the Nisei who had to leave because of evacuation."

"This was patently unfair to these Nisei, even though they are few in number. They lost jobs through no fault of their own. We feel it only fair that these postal employees be restored to their old seniority rights," Mr. Masaoka said.

Ninety Witness Installation of Ventura Officers

OXNARD, Calif.—The annual installation of the Ventura County JACL Chapter was witnessed by more than ninety persons at the Colonial House on January 12.

Frank Chuman, National JACL First Vice President, was the installing officer and speaker of the evening. Chuman spoke on the efforts of the JACL-ADC in the field of litigation in securing equality of treatment and status for persons of Japanese ancestry, describing in detail the Oyama and Masaoka Alien Land Law cases, the Takahashi fishing case, and others.

Newly elected officers for the 1951 term are: President, Dr. Tom Taketa; vice-president, Akira Kurihara; secretary, Kazuko Masunaga; treasurer, Nao Takasugi; auditor, Henry Gibbons, sergeants-at-arms, Kazuto Toyohara and Harry Tsutsumi.

Emcee for the evening was the immediate past president, Toby Otani. Karie Shindo, popular songstress, and Mary Minato, well-known pianist, were well received, as was little Peggy Berchard in her rendition of the hula dance.

Enlists in Air Force

BOISE, Ida.—Shigeo D. Hara of Ontario, Ore., was one of 40 men who enlisted in the air force on Jan. 4.

West Coast Chapter Honors Issei Pioneers at Dinner

HAYWARD, Calif.—Issei pioneers of this area were honored at a combined pioneer-recognition and installation service held by the Southern Alameda County JACL Thursday, Jan. 18, at the Mandarin Tea Garden.

Toichi Domoto of the Eden Township JACL installed the new chapter officers. Past Pres. Yasuto Kato and Kazuo Shikano, 1949 president, were presented with special pins in recognition of their services.

Speakers for the evening were Michel Rogers, graduate student of Oriental languages at the University of California, and Elizabeth McKinnon, librarian of the East

ISSEI WORKER WINS DAMAGES FROM RAILROAD

SAN FRANCISCO—A Superior court jury on Jan. 17 awarded Kaichi Hotta of French Camp a judgment for \$8,000 in his \$50,000 accident suit against the Southern Pacific Railway.

The jury reported back to Judge Frank T. Deasy after more than two hours of deliberation that there was evidence of negligence on the part of the railroad as charged by Hotta.

The vote was 9 to 3 in favor of the case of the Issei who was seriously injured on March 28, 1949 while working as a section hand on a railway maintenance crew.

Await Decision In Court Case Over Building

OXNARD, Calif.—A decision in the lengthy legal battle of the Ventura County JACL chapter to regain use of the 7th Street Recreation Center is still pending, reports Toby Otani, past president.

The case was heard on Dec. 29 before the Superior Court in Ventura with Judge Brazil of Monterey presiding. Attorney Francis Gherini represented the JACL, and William A. Reppy represented the Recreation Department.

Following the forty minute hearing, the court ordered the attorneys for each side to write up "agreed statements of facts on the issue of laches," to be submitted to Judge Brazil. There will be no additional hearing, and the decision by Judge Brazil will be based upon the agreed statements of facts. It was believed that the decision would be handed down in the near future.

Inagaki to Speak At CC Conference

VISALIA, Calif.—George Inagaki, chairman of the JACL 1000 Club, will be the main speaker at the Central California district council conference banquet Sunday, Jan. 28.

Opening session of the conference will begin at 1:30 p. m. at the Visalia Buddhist church. The dinner will follow at the Pagoda.

Tom Shimasaki will be chairman of the meeting, with the Tulare County JACL as host chapter.

Wins Scholarship

LOS ANGELES — Tak Nakamura, 18-year old graduate of Hollywood high school, was named last week as the winner of a \$250 art scholarship offered by the Art Director's club of Los Angeles.

Asiatic library at the university.

Both spoke in Japanese. Rogers' subject was on his trip to Tibet. He showed slides taken during his flight from Communist China to Tibet. Miss McKinnon lived in Japan prior to the outbreak of World War II. She spoke on her return trip to Japan in 1949.

Harry Tajima was master of ceremonies for the pioneer program. JACL certificates of recognition were given to Issei who have aided in the JACL program.

In charge of arrangements for the dinner were James Fudenna, Kaz Shikano, Yasuto Kato, Yoshimi Nakamura, Dorothy Kato, Sam Yamanaka and George Nakamura.

Highest Civic Honor Given Joe Saito by Oregon City

ONTARIO, Ore. — This city's highest award for a man under 35 went last week to a Japanese American as Joe Saito received the annual junior citizen award at the Ontario Chamber of Commerce banquet last Monday night.

Saito, 32, is active in civic organizations, the JACL and farm groups.

He is a veteran of World War II, earning the rank of lieutenant during his service.

Receipt of the annual jaycee honor came as a surprise to the Nisei.

His voice almost failed, but he said briefly:

"I want to express my deepest appreciation for the encouragement you have given me during the last five years."

"Your encouragement has enabled me to carry on and do the things I believe in. I am proud to live in this community which has given me the full obligations of a citizen, just the same as any of you."

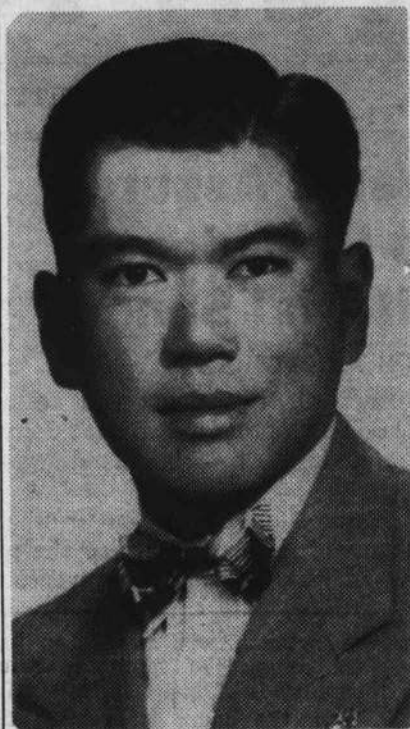
The crowd rose to its feet in enthusiastic applause on selection of Saito as the junior citizen of 1950.

The young civic leader moved with his parents to a farm near Ontario 18 years ago. He attended school in Ontario for a short time, but his father's illness forced him to leave school to do the farm work.

Later he completed his schooling with a two-year course in a Boise business college.

He has been first vice counselor of the Ontario American Legion post, a member of the YMCA committee, a member of the Boy Scout council, a state director of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for Oregon and chairman of the state's Jaycee Americanism committee.

He is chairman of the state's



JOE SAITO

Jaycee Oregon Onion Growers association and an active member of the Lions club and Toastmaster's club in Ontario.

Saito has also been actively associated with the JACL. He is chairman of the Intermountain district council.

Principal speaker for the evening was Austin Dunn, former state senator from Baker, who charged his listeners with the responsibility of participating in the legislative functions of government.

Earl Bopp, immediate past president of the chamber, and Dr. John Easley, new president, also spoke briefly.

Rep. Yorty Introduces Bill For Equality in Naturalization

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A freshman representative from California, Samuel W. Yorty, (D.) has introduced a bill to remove race in naturalization, saying he hoped it would "demonstrate our attachment to the principles of justice," the JACL ADC said on Jan. 16.

Rep. Yorty was elected to succeed Rep. Helen Gahagan Douglas who unsuccessfully sought election as a Senator from California.

When he introduced the measure, Rep. Yorty said: "During these days when democracy is called upon to block the ambitious encroachments of communism, it is fitting that we should strive not only to preserve our democracy, but also to improve and perfect it."

"In introducing (this) bill I am seeking to accomplish what I know is the will of the majority of the Congress, and which surely would have been accomplished by the last Congress except for technical legal difficulties . . ."

"Many of our resident aliens now ineligible for citizenship are the parents of children who served with great distinction in the last war. The largest numbers are of Japanese descent, and if reason to bar them from citizenship ever ex-

He said passage of such a law would strengthen the bonds of friendship between the United States and Japan, but added:

"Of course, the international situation is not as important as the desire to demonstrate our attachment to the principles of justice by dealing justly with the almost 100,000 loyal Americans who have resided among us for many years, who have worked and lived as good Americans . . . but who are, nevertheless, technically barred from ever being able to proudly say: 'I am a citizen of the United States.'"

"I am sure this Congress will want to make it possible for these people to obtain their citizenship without further delay."

The bill introduced by Rep. Yorty is identical to the Walter Naturalization bill, a measure first introduced at the request of the JACL ADC, and which, in the words of Mike Masaoka, "The JACL ADC is fighting for in justice to the thousands of loyal Issei in the United States. They deserve citizenship. I know eventually Congress will give it to them."

RENUNCIANTS

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American-born persons of Japanese ancestry at Tule Lake were obtained under duress and criticized the government for accepting the renunciations.

"If a confession secured in a manner obnoxious to congressional policy may not be used in a criminal case, it is equally true that a document releasing the priceless insignia of American citizenship should not be validated when executed in a like manner," he declared.

Judge Goodman's decision also questioned the government's action in internment persons of Japanese ancestry at Tule Lake.

"In view of the admissions contained in affidavits in this case," he added, "I have no doubt that there was a complete lack of constitutional authority for administrative, executive or military officers to detain or imprison American citizens not criminally charged or subject to martial law."

Honor Colorado Leaders for Group Service

DENVER — The national Japanese American Citizens League, Anti-Discrimination Committee, Inc., has honored 26 Coloradans with the presentation of hand-engraved "Certificates of Recognition" for outstanding services and community leadership in contributing towards the enactment of national legislation promoting the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States. The certificates were personally signed by Hito Okada, national ADC chairman, and by Mike M. Masaoka, national ADC legislative director.

In Denver, personal presentations were made by Roy M. Takano, former Mountain-Plains JACL Director to Z. Kanegaye, chairman of the Kika Kisei Domei, to Tokuya Kako, vice chairman of the KKD, and to Dr. K. K. Miyamoto, honorary chairman of the KKD. S. Momura, secretary of the KKD, and S. Ozawa, board member of the KKD, were also honored.

Takano also made presentations to Tosh Ando, past president of the Denver JACL and treasurer of the Mtn.-Plains District JACL Council; to George Masunaga, past president and active leader in the Denver JACL; to Dr. Takashi Mayeda, chairman of the 1946 Nat'l JACL Convention in Denver and past president of the Denver JACL; to Bessie Matsuda, twice chairman of past Mountain-Plains District JACL Conventions; and to George Furuta, chairman of the 1000 Club for the Mtn.-Plains.

Min Yasui, present regional JACL representative, made the presentation to Roy M. Takano for "his outstanding work in expanding and organizing" the Mountain-Plains JACL into a 10 state region.

Other leaders honored by the JACL-ADC were: Shoichi Otsuki of Arvada; Katsubei Sakaguchi of Brighton; Kikutaro Mayeda of Longmont; Matajiro Watada of Ft. Lupton; Katsuma Hoshiko and Seikichi Yago of Greeley; Shingo Nakamura of Iiff; Sojiro Yoritomo and Kichigoro Ono of San Luis valley; Tokujiro Saruwatari of Delta; Senta Oda and Tokushiro Hayashi of Grand Junction; Yasokichi Takaki and Denichi Muramoto of Pueblo; and Norman Satow of Colorado Springs.

Mr. Yasui pointed out that the current financial drive to support the national JACL-ADC legislative program in Washington, D.C. is essential in order to continue the tremendous work of Mike M. Masaoka and his staff. He said that in addition to the primary Issei naturalization bill, the JACL-ADC is vitally concerned with repeal of the Asiatic exclusion laws, an extension of immigration quota to Japanese, statehood for Hawaii, facilitation of the evacuation claims program, restoration of U.S. citizenship for Nisei strandeers, extension of the Soldier Bride act, amendment of deadline date for filing yen debt claims, authorization of claims of internees, fair exchange rate for return of vested properties, and many other vital problems affecting the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry. In order to achieve these aims continued support is essential he added.

Alameda Mayor Will Install New Officers of JACL Group

ALAMEDA, Calif.—Mayor W. J. Branschied will induct the new officers of the Alameda JACL at its annual installation dinner to be held this Sunday from 6 p. m. at the Buena Vista Methodist church, 2311 Buena Vista ave. Shiro Nakaso, outgoing president, will be toastmaster.

Installed will be the following officers: Haruo Imura, pres.; Kay Hattori, 1st vice-pres.; Dr. Roland Kadonaga, 2nd vice-pres.; Ryuzo Maeyama, treas.; Tomiyo Hashimoto, rec. sec., and Haruko Yamashita, cor. sec.

Joe Grant Masaoka, Northern California-Western Nevada regional director, will be principal speaker. A vocal solo will be rendered by Kay Kokubun, a student at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. He will be accompanied at the piano by Hiroye Koike.

Highlight of the program will be presentation of scrolls to mem-

bers of the local ADC committee. They are Shigeru Furuno, Ryuzo Hashimoto, Imura, Kanjiro Inouye, Riso Koike, Maeyama, Naoyemon Mikami, Robert Mizokuchi, Yutaka Nakayama, Sam Narahara, Etsujiro Sera, Keiji Shiota, Keuchiro Sugiyama, Hikoichi Tajima, Bill Takeda, John Towata, Totoro Yamamoto and Magoichi Yamasaki.

Among the special guests will be William S. Werner, Times-Star publisher; Ed Agnew, former chairman of the local Red Cross committee; E. V. McCoy, Bank of America official; Richard Thunders, president of the Optimist club; Rev. S. Naito of the Buddhist church, and Rev. I. Haratani of the Methodist church.

Arrangements for the dinner are being completed by a committee composed of Robert Mizokuchi, Martha Hanamura and Nakaso. The dinner will be prepared by the Kimura Catering Service of San Francisco.

Nisei Helps Rescue GIs in Korea



Sgt. Hisao Matsumiya, left, is congratulated by Major Harvey E. Beedy at a U. S. air base in Japan for the outstanding work he has done as an interpreter on ground rescue missions behind the enemy lines in Korea.

—Official USAF photo.

Sgt. Matsumiya Participates In Ground Rescue Missions

VETERAN JOINS POLICE FORCE IN ST. LOUIS

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—A 30-year old veteran of the 442nd Combat Team is one of 47 new probationary patrolmen to be graduated from the police academy on Dec. 20.

He is Mitsuo Saito, who was employed as an auto mechanic before joining the police force.

A former resident of Brawley, Calif., Saito also has been teaching judo.

He is 5 feet 10½ inches in height and weighs 165 pounds.

Saito is married to the former Rose Inukai of St. Louis. The couple have three children.

Hirasaki Farms In California Will Cease Operations

GILROY, Calif. — Hirasaki Farms, the largest packer of fresh vegetables in South Santa Clara valley, announced last week it will cease operations on Feb. 1.

With an annual payroll now exceeding \$400,000, the concern entered large-scale packing and shipping operations during the past four years.

The concern grew from a small row crop farm begun 30 years ago by James Hirasaki. He was joined later by his son, Manabe, now president of the corporation.

The elder Hirasaki will retire, while the son's plans for the future are indefinite.

The firm's huge packing shed will be leased to a dehydrating firm for the next three years.

Growers, packers and shippers of lettuce, celery, peas and broccoli, the Hirasakis last year received the highest price in the country for their fresh lettuce on the New York market.

At seasonal peaks the firm employed 75 persons in the packing shed and 250 others in the fields which covered 1,200 acres.

Nisei Girl Heads Student Body at Los Angeles School

LOS ANGELES — Jeanne Yamada, 17, became the first Nisei girl to be student body president of Roosevelt high school when she was elected to the post last week, defeating two other opponents.

Alice Hashimoto was elected secretary of the student body and Margaret Utsumi will be treasurer.

Miss Yamada is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Masami Yamada.

JOHNSON AIR BASE, HONSHU, Japan (Special to ADC) — Sgt. Hisao Matsumiya, son of Rinzeemon Matsumiya, 12125 Pacific Ave., Culver City, Calif., is a clerk typist with the 3rd Rescue Squadron. But he's had more than a taste of conditions in Korea.

While his work as a clerk has not carried him into actual combat, he's been assigned many times as an interpreter during ground rescue missions behind enemy lines.

Air Force officials here said the sergeant's knowledge of Japanese has been of great assistance in carrying out some rescue missions.

Sgt. Matsumiya was born in Talbert, Calif., and later moved to Houston, Texas, where he was graduated from Jefferson Davis high school in 1946.

He enlisted in the Air Force in December, 1948, and took basic training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. In December, 1949, he was assigned overseas on duty with the Air Rescue Service and has been with the 3rd Rescue Squadron since March, 1950.

Among relatives in Japan the sergeant has visited since his arrival has been a brother, Genji Matsumiya, Kyoto.

Four Nisei Leave For Navy Training

FRESNO, Calif. — Four Nisei were among a group of volunteers who left last week for training in the navy.

They are George Harada of Del Rey, Kenny Fujiwara and George Katayama of Fowler and Ben Tanaka of Selma.

Art Major Elected President Of L. A. College Students

LOS ANGELES—Tom Tamotsu Suzuki, 20-year old art major who will start training in July as an Air Force cadet, was elected president of the student body of Los Angeles City College last week.

Suzuki, a former resident of the Imperial Valley, is now living in Gardena with his parents. He was elected to his first student office in 1945 when he was named vice president of the student body at Antioch College in Illinois.

He won his letter as a varsity quarterback at Gardena high after he had returned with his parents to California in 1946 and later transferred to Dorsey high in Los Angeles where he served as vice president of the student body.

He was named to the executive council at City College in Jan., 1950 and elected vice president of the student body last June.

NISEI DESIGNS NEW TYPE PLOW FOR VINEYARDS

DELHI, Calif.—A new type of vineyard plow has been designed by Ernest Yoshida, Cortez district farmer, and is now in production.

Yoshida was dissatisfied with handling of the many vineyard plows on the market and began experimenting with one of his own design some time ago.

He perfected his own design two years ago, and its excellent performance interested the G & M Equipment Co. of Winton.

The company is now producing the plow in quantity and has reported good demand for it.

Yoshida is an active member of the Cortez JACL. He was chapter secretary last year.

Community Chest Thanks Denverites For Campaign Help

DENVER—Members of the Denver Japanese American community were thanked this week by Community Chest headquarters for their assistance in the recent Chest fund drive.

The Japanese American group went over the top in raising more than \$830, well over its quota of \$750.

Individual letters of thanks were received by members of the Nisei team headed by Min Yasui. Team members were Ray S. Tani, Mike Kitano, Tosh Ando, Sam Kumagai, Ed Nakagawa, Sam Yoshikawa, John Noguchi, the Rev. K. Sasaki, Dr. George J. Kubo and George Masunaga.

Attorney General Rules Loss From Sale of Leasehold Payable Under Claims Law

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Attorney General has ruled a loss resulting from the sale of a leasehold interest is claimable under the Evacuation Claims Act, the JACL ADC announced this week.

The decision was handed down in the case of a Los Angeles resident who sought compensation when forced to give up, at a loss, a lease on a small hotel at the time persons of Japanese ancestry were evacuated from the west coast.

The claim alleged a loss of \$1440.50, including \$500 spent in renovating and equipping the hotel as well as some personal property. The balance was claimed for loss in the sale of the lease back to the original owner.

The Attorney General said "it would be a strict and unrealistic construction of the (Evacuation Claims) Act to hold that the phrase 'loss of real or personal property' comprehends only losses of tangible property or incorporeal property rights."

All items claimed were allowed, with the exception of a rather expensive camera which disappeared from storage while the claimant was in a relocation camp.

The Attorney General said the claimant should have deposited the camera with local police as required by law. The loss was disallowed.

The claimant was awarded a total of \$1300.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC director, said the Attorney General's interpretation of losses on a lease was "in line with what the JACL ADC has urged in the past." He said he was "pleased with the decision."

Takagi Re-elected Chapter President By Seattle JACL

SEATTLE, Wash.—Harry I. Takagi, attorney, was re-elected president of the Seattle JACL following tabulation of mail ballots.

Elections closed Jan. 10 and results were certified by Mrs. Shigeo Uno, chairman of the nomination and election committee.

Elected 1st, 2nd and 3rd vice presidents respectively were Kengo Nogaki, Arthur Susumi, and Kay Yamaguchi. Beulah Shigeno was named corresponding secretary, while Betty Noji was named recording secretary. John M. Kashiwagi was elected treasurer.

The new officers will be installed in the near future.

Elect Yasuo Abiko President of JACL In San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO — Yasuo Abiko of the Nichi-Bei Times was elected president of the San Francisco JACL chapter at the first meeting of the new board of governors on Jan. 11.

He will succeed Victor Abe, local attorney, as JACL chief.

Other new officers are Frank Itaya, Tom Hoshiyama and Dr. Wilfred Hiura, vice-presidents; Eiichi Shibata, treas.; Chiye Hashiguchi, rec. sec.; Yulie Kiyasu, corres. sec.; Dr. Yoshiyoshi Togasaki, official delegate; and Fred Hoshiyama, alternate.

The new officers will be installed at a dinner on Jan. 26.

Two Confess Issei Slaying In Sacramento

SACRAMENTO—Two teen-age youths last week confessed the brutal strongarm robbery slaying of Fukumatsu (Frank) Sasaki, 65, on Jan. 10 in front of the Buddhist church.

Napoleon Jones and James Howard, both 16 years of age, made a full confession, according to police.

Police detectives said Jones and Howard seized Sasaki, scuffled with him and took his purse containing \$8 when he fell to the sidewalk.

Two others, Edgar Jones, 18, and Theota Smith, 17, told police they had planned to aid in the foot-paddling but became frightened because there were so many pedestrians in the vicinity.

Coroner Arthur G. Boone announced an autopsy on Sasaki showed he died of brain and internal hemorrhaging which could have been caused by either a series of blows or a fall.

Jones and Howard also confessed participating in four other robberies in December. All of the victims were of Japanese ancestry and all were committed in the vicinity where Sasaki was slain. The victims were Kikujiro Iwamoto, who lost \$25; Tomijiro Koike, \$61; Jankichi Kurano, \$5, and C. A. Tanaka, \$30.

Police also reported that Jones and Howard previously were arrested on a purse-snatching charge.

Japanese Program Is Presented by Philadelphia JACL

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—A colorful program depicting Japanese culture was presented Saturday, Jan. 6, by the Philadelphia JACL in Gimbel's Little Gallery.

The program was given on invitation of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Other nationality groups are participating with the JACL in a series of programs held in connection with a display of children's art gathered from all parts of the world.

Featured in the JACL's presentation were solo numbers sung by Kay Kaneda; Japanese dancing by Sunkie Oye, Alice Endo, Betty Nogami, Miyo Shitamae and Mary Kanamori; a tea ceremony demonstration by Mrs. Y. Nakano, Naomi Nakano and Sumi Kobayashi; a flower arrangement demonstration by Mrs. Fuku Thurn; and a comic dance by Sunkie Oye and Betty Watanabe.

Jack Ozawa provided the narration and introduced the participants.

Name Chairmen of JACL's National Standing Committees

Chairmen of 17 national standing committees of the JACL were named this week by Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, president, and Masao Satow, director.

Frank Chuman, national 1st vice president, was named to head a special committee on evacuation claims. Tom Hayashi, 2nd national vice president, was announced as head of the special projects committee.

Patrick Okura, 3rd national vice president, will head the public relations and Issei relations committee, while Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national treasurer, will lead the budget and finance committee.

Other chairmen were named as follows: Henry Tani, St. Louis, membership; Ina Sugihara, New

York, program and activities; Shig Wakamatsu, Chicago, national planning; Harold Gordon, Chicago, legislative-legal committee; Bessie Matsuda, credentials; and Ken Uchida, Ogden, veterans.

Harry Takagi, Seattle, national recognitions; and Seichi Mikami, Fresno, resolutions.

George Inagaki Venice, 1000 Club; Harold Horiuchi, Washington, D. C., citizenship; Kumeo Yoshinari, national convention procedures; and Jack Hirose, Arlington national cemetery committee.

The nucleus of each committee will be made up of members from the same chapter as the national chairman, Satow said, to facilitate the committee's activities. Each district council, however, will be represented on each committee.

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EDITORIALS:

The Tule Lake Renunciants

Another tragic chapter was written in the story of the Tule Lake renunciants this week as the United States circuit court of appeals overruled Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman's 1948 decision.

At that time Judge Goodman said the renunciations of American citizenship occurred under coercion and oppression and restored U.S. citizenship to some 4,000 Nisei.

The circuit court now says the lower court erred in its mass restoration of citizenship. Now every renunciant must file suit individually and prove loyalty.

The court did, however, make some exceptions which are commendatory. It exempted from its ruling those persons who were minors at the time of their renunciation, as well as 58 persons who went to Tule Lake solely to be with their families and eight others who were mentally incompetent.

Nevertheless the ruling leaves a large number of Nisei open to deportation action by the government, unless they can prove their loyalty in individual court cases.

The renunciations occurred in 1945, at the height of anti-Nisei activity on the west coast. That was the year the evacuated area was reopened to Japanese Americans. It was the year night riders burned down Nisei homes and shot at returning evacuees.

If the situation "outside" the camps was bad, it was doubly difficult within the Tule Lake center. The center was designated the WRA segregation center. The stigma of disloyalty was already attached to the Nisei there. The presence of pro-Japanese elements, concentrated in this camp, was a demoralizing force.

In this situation, wherein the government made feeble, if any, attempts to restrain the pro-Japanese elements and made less to protect the Nisei, the Japanese Americans were subjected to mental and physical threats which ended in their renunciation of American citizenship.

There was no sympathy from other Nisei for the renunciants' action in publicly disclaiming their American heritage. In the vast arena of public opinion, the renunciations stood out as proof of Nisei disloyalty.

With the recession of anti-Nisei hostility and with the passage of time since 1945, the situation of the renunciants can be viewed with broader perspective.

There is a tragedy of errors. The story is not alone that of the renunciants, but of the whole evacuation and detention picture.

The renunciants found themselves at Tule Lake as the result of an anti-democratic action, the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry. They were embittered by the failure of the government to protect their interests as American citizens. They were frightened by the stories of violence against the Nisei. They were threatened by pro-Japanese demagogues who used the situation to strengthen their own power.

It is hard, in 1951, to visualize the terror that ruled Tule Lake. But the renunciants, imprisoned and fearful, accepted the government's decision that Japanese Americans had to be evacuated because of doubt as to their loyalty. The renunciants submitted to terror.

Their fault lay not so much in disloyalty as it did in weakness and inability to hold out against tyranny.

Their action was quickly regretted, and in those days since 1945, many of them have lived in uncertainty and indecision because of conflicting statements regarding their status from the State department and the courts.

It might be recalled that in September, 1949, the same appeals court with the same judge presiding, noted the "unnecessarily cruel and inhuman" treatment accorded the Tule Lake residents. The court said the renunciants had been incarcerated "for over two and a half years under conditions in major respects as degrading as those of a penitentiary and in important respects worse than in any federal penitentiary." The court said the "Nazi-like doctrine of inherited racial enmity" had been applied to them.

In that opinion the court noted the "unnecessary hardships and cruelty as affecting the attitude of scores of thousands of loyal Americans toward their citizenship in a country so ordering them into imprisonment."

Perhaps the circuit court might have tempered its more recent opinion with mercy, recognizing that these facts about Tule Lake have not since been shown to be different.



Two of the Masaoka brothers discuss their alien land law test case which was presented on appeal by the State of California on Jan. 2 to

the State Supreme Court with their mother, Mrs. Haruye Masaoka. At left is Mike Masaoka and at right Joe Grant Masaoka.

MASAOKA TEST CASE

Brother Ben Gave His Life For a Democratic Ideal

(The following article on the Masaoka family and their test case on California's Alien Land law is reprinted from the San Francisco Chronicle's This World magazine of Jan. 7. The Masaoka case, together with the Fujii test case, now are under consideration of the California Supreme Court. A decision is expected later this year.)

By HAROLD GILLIAM

There was no warning. Ben was the advance man in the patrol and when a hidden German machine-gunner suddenly opened fire he crumpled to the ground. His buddies dove for cover and watched Ben crawl into a clump of bushes. It was the last they ever saw of him.

Although Ben has been dead for some six years, he was in a sense present last week before the bar of the State Supreme Court when it heard two cases which will have an immediate personal impact on the lives of thousands of Californians.

Aside from the fact that he was a Nisei (an American-born citizen of Japanese ancestry), there was little that was extraordinary about Ben Masaoka.

He was born near Fresno. When his father died after being hit by an automobile. Ben quit high school and went to work to help support his mother and his younger brothers and sisters. He and his brothers finally saved enough money to open a food market in Santa Monica.

Ben was accustomed to devoting most of his time to the business, but he loved deep-sea fishing and occasionally took one of the regular boats out of San Pedro to fish in the Catalina channel. One day he came home grinning with a \$15 jackpot he had won for snagging the biggest fish of the day—a 25-pound white sea bass he had caught off Malibu.

The day before he was killed in France, Ben bagged another prize—25 German prisoners.

All of Ben's five brothers, except Joe, the oldest, were in the Army. Three of them were wounded in action and together they accumulated a total of over 30 decorations. Hank was a paratrooper and Mike, Tad and Ike were in Ben's outfit, the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

The 442nd, the most-decorated outfit of its size in the U.S. Army, was composed of Japanese American volunteers. It sustained a casualty rate of 300 per cent. Ike, a medic, had his insides blown out while pulling wounded men out of artillery fire. He survived—100 per cent disabled.

"Ben was the most serious-minded member of the family," says Joe, now head of the Japanese American Citizens League. "The rest of us were usually pretty light-hearted, but Ben was always very serious about the business at our market and he was especially concerned about mother's welfare and her security."

It was partly in Ben's memory that the remaining brothers last year made what may turn out to be a historic decision.

Since the war their mother had

lived alternately with the families of her married sons—an insecure, rootless sort of existence at best. So they decided to pool their resources and buy her a home.

Unfortunately for the Masaokas, giving their mother a home of her own was against the law.

Mrs. Masaoka had come to this country from Japan in 1905. Under California's Alien Land Law aliens ineligible for citizenship (as are all Japanese) may not own property. So any land the sons gave to their mother could be taken over by the State, as scores of farms and homes have been.

The Masaoka boys might have evaded the law by buying property in their own names and allowing their mother to live on it, instead they decided to meet the Alien Land Law head on.

They deliberately violated the act, presented their mother with the deed to a homesite lot in Pasadena and proceeded to go to court in a test case to clear title to the land and challenge the constitutionality of the law.

By any reckoning, that was doing it the hard way. But the reasons they chose that course had a great deal to do with their feelings about Ben and about why they had fought in the war.

There was more at stake than simply their right to buy their mother a home. They felt that the Alien Land Law, by placing a cloud over land owned by Japanese Americans, was a sort of Jim Crow law which put them all in the status of second-class citizens.

Ben and many other Japanese Americans had given their lives to beat Hitler and his race laws. The Masaokas were convinced that legislation discriminating against people because of their race had no place in the United States.

There were many ways in which the Alien Land Laws hit both alien Japanese and Americans of Japanese ancestry.

A Nisei GI, for example, who was killed the last day of the war, left no will and his San Francisco home went to his nearest of kin, two brothers and a sister. But since one of the brothers is not a

citizen, the house will have to be put up for sale.

A Caucasian Navy veteran with a Japanese wife died and their home, held in joint tenancy, went to his spouse. But since she cannot legally own property, the Attorney General can at any time move in and take over the house without compensation to the widow.

The State initiated action to take over a farm belonging to a Nisei woman because her husband, a noncitizen, worked the land and supported his family by the proceeds. Under the law if an alien has any interest in the land or its crops the property can be "escheated," or seized, by the State.

Since the war the State has taken over scores of homes and farms from their owners in similar cases. State officials have collected some \$290,000 since the war from the sale or rental of these "escheated" properties, or from "compromise" settlements.

The "yellow peril" fever was at its height just before World War I, when the California Legislature passed the Alien Land Law.

The atmosphere in which the law was passed was indicated by one legislator who fumed that the Japanese was: "a bandy-legged bugaboo, miserable craven Simian, degenerated rotten little devil."

Times have changed. A generation which saw the Japanese as Asiatic hordes swarming over California and seizing its farm lands is being replaced by a generation which has grown up alongside the Nisei, has known them as schoolmates and teammates, as fellow bobby-soxers or bebop addicts, and has fought alongside such Japanese Americans as the Masaoka boys; Sergeant Ben Kuroki, winner of the Distinguished Flying Cross; and Lieutenant Moe Yonemura, once UCLA's yell leader, who was killed in action overseas.

Whatever economic arguments there originally might have been for the Alien Land Law—based on farmers' fears of Japanese competition—have largely vanished in the general farm prosperity. It is hard, these days, to find defenders of the law.

There are other indications the Alien Land Law may be on the way out. Due to a U.S. Supreme Court decision which made the collection of evidence in such cases difficult, California's Attorney General has not taken action under the law for two years.

And the new session of Congress will consider the Judd bill, which would give Japan an immigration quota and allow Japanese to become citizens and acquire property—privileges which were accorded to Chinese in 1943.

But the Judd bill would not affect property acquired before its passage. Land owned at present by Japanese can only be cleared if the Alien Land Law is declared unconstitutional—the aim of the Masaokas.

Japanese Americans were cheered last March by the news that Superior Judge Thurmond Clarke of Los Angeles gave the Masaokas

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Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

Mike and "The Thing"

Denver, Colo.

We're having two kinds of little boy trouble—nothing so serious that time won't iron it out, but enough to make a harassed father wonder sometimes. Take Mike, our sprouting 10-year-old. He's got "the thing."

Ten minutes after he's awake in the morning he's singing about "the thing" that was discovered in a box floating in the bay. He seems to sing it all day long, and he's still singing it when he goes to bed at night. He knows every verse and can create all the sound effects. He's a complete expert on the thing.

But does he know his multiplication tables? He's pretty sharp up to sevens, but anything more astronomical and he's floundering around in deep water.

"What's seven times seven?"

"Forty-nine. That's easy."

"Well, what's eight times nine?"

"Huh?"

"I said what's eight times nine."

"Eight times nine? It's, ah, um, ah, eight times nine is eighty-nine. No, wait a minute. That's wrong. Eight times nine is, ah um, gee whiz (business of scratching his head), eight times nine is (long pause) is it seventy-two?"

If he spent one-tenth the time he lavishes on the thing on something practical—but then I suppose he wouldn't be normal if he did.

Pete, going on three come spring, is the other problem. He's made an excellent start toward becoming a juvenile delinquent by all manner of sins of commission and omission. He's completely unpredictable. He's willing and ready to go to bed until it's actually time to go, and then by gosh you never saw a kid more alert and ready for excitement. He's starving to death until you put some food in front of him, and three mouthfuls and two minutes later it's "I'm full, Mommy," or "This makes me sick." And away he goes.

Of course, at his age, there is no reasoning with him. He makes up his mind to do something and he does it regardless of parental wrath or pleading. He breaks things. He knows right from wrong. He'll get into mischief, then scuttle off to the bathroom, slam the door and sit behind it until tempers cool off. Then out he comes with a sly smile.

He did himself proud the other day, however, when he had to go to the pediatrician for a shot of anti-measles serum. The nurse jabbed him in the posterior regions but he didn't let out a whimper. He'll probably be a real man some day.

Mike? You couldn't get him near the doc. He said he'd rather have the measles. And that's probably what he'll get since his sister is in bed with it now. She brought it home from school along with crayon drawings, paper cutouts and other mementoes of first grade.

"Do You Know?"

JACL Plays Active Role In Return of Evacuee Group

By ELMER R. SMITH

The year 1946 saw the return of many Nisei to their former homes stretching along the Pacific Coast from the Canadian border to Mexico. The JACL played a continuous part in their return from the time the first idea was cautiously presented to the WRA that resettlement should be the goal of all persons of Japanese ancestry from the relocation centers to the announcement of the opening of the coastal area for the return of the evacuees.

The hectic period of emptying the WRA centers and establishing families, businesses, homes and security in the Pacific Coast communities found the JACL still there "pitching" for the rights of Nisei and their parents to gain an equal and respected position in American society.

JACL's program for 1947 was a continuation of the projects set up at the ninth national convention in Denver, Colo., in 1946. The Anti-Discrimination Committee, under the direction of Mike Masaoka, became geared to the task of campaigning and gaining congressional approval of such bills as those which would grant naturalization and immigration rights to Japanese nationals as well as bills creating an effective and liberal evacuation claims commission. Other measures on the ADC agenda would eliminate legal discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

As a defense against discrimination and escheat cases leveled at persons of Japanese ancestry the JACL organized in California the Legal Defense Fund. This fund was to be used to remove or challenge through court action discriminatory and unfair practices against persons of Japanese ancestry in particular and against all other minorities in general.

The interest in the status position of other minorities in the United States was again shown by the JACL in the function of the Legal Defense Fund as well as by the following statement by President Okada. This statement was made in the JACL Reporter and was aimed primarily at JACL members. Mr. Okada said:

"In 1947, we are going to participate to a greater degree than ever before in the problems and troubles of other minorities. We have not only become increasingly aware of their plight but we have also become more concerned with

cooperating with than in trying to solve their many difficulties. For the discriminations and prejudices, the persecutions and humiliations suffered by one group, unless checked and destroyed, may ultimately engulf all minorities, including our own."

This position of the JACL was underscored by the 18-page statement made by Mike Masaoka to the President's Civil Rights Committee in May, 1947. Masaoka urged the committee to protect and further civil and property rights of persons of Japanese ancestry and those of other minorities in the U.S. He further urged the presidential committee to strengthen and implement the federal civil rights statutes and to make them applicable to individual as well as official action, and to recommend the enactment by Congress of the evacuation claims commission and naturalization on a non-racial basis. The Masaoka statement also recommended that the Civil Rights committee request the President to direct Attorney General Tom Clark to appear in the Oyama alien land law case before the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of the JACL viewpoint.

The concluding paragraphs of the Masaoka report on behalf of the JACL-ADC noted that persons of Japanese ancestry, citizens and aliens alike, have many problems in common with other minority and racial groups. He further declared:

"We know that whenever a person anywhere in the world, and especially here in the United States, is subjected to humiliation, persecution, or restriction because of his physical characteristics, his religion or his ancestry, we as individuals and as a group are vitally concerned. From that discrimination may begin a chain of reactions that may, in time, engulf not only ourselves, but every other person or group..."

To implement the verbal stand of the JACL relative to cooperation with other groups in a fight for civil liberties, the JACL filed on Dec. 1, 1947, an Amicus Curiae brief in the restrictive covenant case of Hurd vs. Hodge before the U.S. Supreme Court. The brief was 12 pages in length and because of its significance to the general stand of the JACL on broader issues, the following paragraphs will be devoted to a more complete presentation of the arguments submitted.

(To be continued)

Masaoka Case

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their initial victory by deciding the law was unconstitutional. The Attorney General appealed the case to the Supreme Court. There the real test will come, for the Court is faced with past decisions of its own upholding the law's constitutionality.

Even more spectacular from a legal standpoint than the Masaoka case is another case the Supreme Court heard at the same time.

It involved Sei Fujii, a Japanese alien, who is also fighting the Alien Land Law. The District Court of Appeals last April upheld him—and startled the legal fraternity — by declaring unanimously that the law was invalid because it violated the United Nations Charter.

Ben Masaoka never heard of the United Nations Charter. He didn't live long enough.

It may be that Ben was fighting for something like the equality of all men for which the U.N. is a symbol. But like most GI's Ben didn't talk much about war aims. What he was fighting for he probably best summed up in a remark he made as he was leaving home for the Army. He said to his older brother: "Take care of Mom, Joe." And that's just what Joe and his brothers are trying to do.

Vagaries

Spy Thriller . . .

Hollywood: The Allied Artists production, "I Was an American Spy," now being filmed on the Monogram lot, will have a number of Nisei in key roles, mainly as Japanese soldiers and civilians. The picture, which has Ann Dvorak in the title role, has a Philippines background of World War II. Among those who were signed for the film in recent weeks are Lane Nakano, Howard Kumagai, Toshi Nakaki, Jerry Fujikawa, Ed Sojin, William Yokota, Frank Iwanaga, Frank Ishiro Mizuo and Hideo Hokoda.

Life Pictures . . .

Yasuo Kuniyoshi's painting, "Fish Kite" which won the \$1500 third prize in the Metropolitan Museum of Art's awards for "American Painting, 1950" is reproduced in color in the Jan. 15 issue of Life magazine. . . . The magazine also has a full-page picture of Joyce Yamazaki, daughter of a Nisei occupation employee, dancing with Arthur MacArthur, son of the five-star general, at a school dance in Tokyo.

Killer Weed . . .

The Jan. 15 issue of Life also contains Carl Iwasaki's photo report on the killer weed, halogeton, which is ravaging sheep in grazing areas in Nevada, Idaho and Utah. Photographer Iwasaki's picture of dead and dying sheep recalls his photo of a frozen calf which was also published in Life and which was one of the outstanding news-pictures depicting the terrible winter of 1948-49 in the mountain west.

Peer Gynt . . .

Sono Osato will make her Broadway debut in a serious play when she opens on Jan. 28 in Ibsen's "Peer Gynt" which stars John Garfield. The revival, produced by Cheryl Crawford, will be presented at ANTA Playhouse for an indefinite run. . . . Miss Osato, who had leading roles in "On the Town" and "One Touch of Venus," was pencilled in for the lead in an adaptation of a French play by Jean Girardeaux several years ago but the production was called off before rehearsals were started. . . . Sono Osato, who has appeared in recent months on several TV shows, will dance in "Peer Gynt." Choreography for the production is by Valerie Bettis.

With musical scoring of "Go For Broke" nearly completed at MGM under the direction of Albert Colombo the picture will be ready for a full-dress preview shortly. . . . Bob Kinoshita is now master of ceremonies at a San Francisco night club. . . . Ward Moore, Los Angeles literary critic and author of "Breathe the Air Again" and other novels, is doing an article on the Nisei for Frontier magazine.

Nominee . . .

Farrant L. Turner, first commander of the famous 100th Infan-

Your Social Security:

Farm Workers Eligible For Old-Age Insurance

By CHARLES H. SHREVE
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Social Security Office

In the last article we discussed the "regular" farm worker, and defined the tests of regularity he will have to meet if his cash wages are to count toward old-age and survivors insurance under the amended social security law.

In this article we shall consider the kinds of agricultural labor that can count toward social security.

In most kinds of farm work the employee has to meet the regularity tests discussed in the previous article before his work can count toward social security. In most other work with agricultural products, usually done off the farm, all of the work counts toward social security regardless of the amount of time worked or the wages earned.

Let's consider the work subject to the regularity test first. Any work in connection with the cultivation or harvesting of crops or the rearing and caring for livestock on a farm in the ordinary meaning of the word can count toward social security. The same kind of work on specialized farms as poultry, wildlife or furbearing animal farms, nurseries, greenhouses, truck farms or orchards can also count toward social security.

Work preparing livestock or harvesting crops for market in an unmanufactured state or delivering them to market comes under social security if the co-operating farmers produced all of the commodities on which the work is done.

In all of the kinds and types of farm work described above, the farm worker must be employed by one farm operator, be paid no less than \$50 cash wages for at least sixty days of work in a calendar quarter, and work for that employer on the continuous basis defined in my last article before his work can count toward social security. If such work is performed, the farm operator or farm employer is responsible for the payment of the social security taxes. These are

paid to the Bureau of Internal Revenue. The tax is three percent of the qualified employee's wages. One and a half percent is deducted from the employee's wages and the other one and a half percent is contributed by the farm operator. These taxes must be paid to the Bureau of Internal Revenue on a quarterly basis. If you are a farm operator with regularly employed farm workers who will qualify for social security wage credits, you should obtain an application for an identification number from your local Collector of Internal Revenue. You will then be mailed the necessary forms every three months to be used in paying your tax.

OFF FARM WORK

The agricultural work not subject to the regularity test just mentioned is usually done off the farm. Employees of commercial handlers preparing fruits and vegetables for market, and most employees of farmer's co-operatives will also be covered after Jan. 1, 1951. Before that date, their work was considered agricultural labor and not covered by social security.

Work in connection with commercial canning or commercial freezing has been covered for a number of years.

There are two kinds of agricultural work that did not come under social security in January. They are the spinning of cotton and the production of gum resin, turpentine and other naval stores by the original producer of the crude gum.

In the next article we will discuss the full-time life insurance salesmen and other agents or commission salesmen.

MINORITY WEEK

The Lonely Man

The story of Judge J. Waties Waring of South Carolina is a story of which all Americans can be proud. It also happens to be a story of which we should be ashamed.

Judge Waring, as is well known, is the federal district judge who in 1947 made a precedent-setting ruling opening the white Democratic party to Negroes. He has since made numerous interpretations of the law which have been opposed to traditional southern treatment of the Negroes.

The price he has had to pay for his belief that Negroes must be accorded their constitutional rights has been a terrible one. He is an outcast.

Writing recently in the Christian Science Monitor, Bicknell Eubanks reported the judge as saying:

"I'm paying for my interpretations of the law in a hard way. . . . I walk from my house to the courthouse every morning. I pass many

try Battalion of Japanese Americans from Hawaii, recently was nominated for the presidency of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce. . . . Veterans of the 100th Battalion recently were informed of the death in La Crosse, Wis., of Mrs. Mary A. Goff, wife of an army officer, who was a virtual "one-woman USO" to the unit's members while they were in training at Camp McCoy in 1942.

Soprano . . .

Ruby Yoshino, who received a good press after her New York debut at Times Hall on Dec. 11, performed before a large audience which included the three composers whose songs were given their first New York performance by the soprano. The composers are Vladimir Dukelsky, Sergius Kagen and Herbert Herzfeld.

PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

Yonamine Has .438 Average in Hawaii

Wally Yonamine, whose pro baseball address for 1951 probably will be determined in a week or two, is the batting champion of the three-year old Honolulu AJA baseball league with a batting mark of .438 for two seasons and part of a third. Yonamine, who will play for Moiliili in the league again this year until he goes to the mainland for spring training, has 28 hits in 64 times at bat for the .438 total. ... The Moiliili team is coached by Sally Akita and has a number of Hawaii's top Nisei players, in addition to Yonamine. They include Pitcher Harry Kitamura, Second Baseman Jimmy Wasa and Outfielder Jun Muramoto. Kitamura was a pitching star at the University of Hawaii, while Wasa and Muramoto have starred in the National Baseball Congress at Wichita, Kans. Wasa was a member of the Honolulu Braves team which placed third in the tournament this year, while Muramoto won an "outstanding player" award several years ago with the Hawaiian All-Stars. Baseball men say that both Wasa and Muramoto could do well in pro baseball in the states.

Kawano Helps Train Chicago Cubs

A Nisei who gets to see 154 major league baseball games a year and gets paid for it is Yosh Kawano, assistant trainer of the Chicago Cubs. Kawano will go to Catalina Island soon to help the Cubs get into trim and will accompany the team back to Wrigley Field. ... Mits Mitsuyasu of Cal Poly scored a TKO in the first round over Dale Mackinnon of Chico State but the Chico team defeated the collegians from San Luis Obispo, 5 to 3, on Jan. 13 at Chico. Mitsuyasu fights in the 125-pound division. Two other Nisei members of the Cal Poly team, 130-pound Pete Yano and 155-pound Jim Kashiwaga, lost their bouts. ... Bob Mukai is upholding the 165-pound division for the University of Utah's varsity wrestling team this year. ... Two members of the San Jose State wrestling team this year are Ken Toyota, 123-pounds, and Ben Ichikawa, 130. Both lost their opening bouts of the season to opponents from the San Diego Naval Training Center last week. Ko Nagareda of the Spartan junior varsity won his bout in the 147-pound division.

Nishiguchi Leads All Reno Keglers

The individual bowling star in Reno, Nev., this season is a Nisei, Art Nishiguchi, who carries a 198 average in the major league. He is followed by Clint Harvey who rolled a 758 series last week, the highest triple ever recorded in the "world's biggest city". ... Toe Yoshioka had successive series of 616 and 654 in league play at San Mateo Bowl last week. ... The second annual Oriental handicap singles classic will be held on Jan. 20 and 21 and on Jan. 27 and 28 at Stockton Bowl in Stockton, Calif. The entry fee is \$10. ... Bill Tabuchi's 623 series topped the Night Owl league at San Francisco's Downtown Bowl which starts play every Friday from 2:30 p.m. ... Maki Kaizumi's 1182 series is currently in fourth place in the Utah State round-robin tournament which opened last Sunday in Salt Lake City. Thirty-one Nisei, mostly from the JACL league, are entered in the four-week tournament. ... George Sakashita currently leads the K-B Classics league in Salt Lake City with a 194 average. ... Chicago keggers already are staging eliminations to pick a team to represent the Midwest metropolis in the fifth annual National JACL tournament in Los Angeles. Chicago has sent at least one team to each of the National JACL tourneys. ... Easy Fujimoto's 648 was high in the mixed fivesome league at Ken-Mar Bowl in Long Beach, Calif., last week. ... If a Midwest city, possibly Chicago, will bid for the 1952 National JACL tournament, Nisei teams will be able to bowl in the JACL meet and take in the ABC tournament in Milwaukee on the same trip. Only a few Nisei teams, if any, will enter the ABC meet in St. Paul this year.

Last-minute Goal by Yokota Wins Game

Jimmy Yokota dunked in 16 points to help Placer College win the opening game of their Golden Valley conference schedule over Vallejo College, 50 to 48, on Jan. 13 in Auburn, Calif. After Ron Leineke of Placer had tied the score with a 25-footer, Yokota looped in a hook shot in the final minute of play for the winning margin. ... Meanwhile, Vic Nakamoto made a bid to win all-conference laurels again this season as he led the Placer Union high Hillmen to a 42 to 27 win over Nevada City. ... Yoshimura is a starting guard for Yuba City, Calif., high school, scoring five points last week as his team dropped a game by an eyelash margin of 43 to 41. ... Watanabe is a starting forward at Emmett, Idaho, high school in the Snake River Valley conference. ... Minato dropped in 12 points but Oregon Tech lost to Eastern Oregon by a 76 to 83 score in an Oregon Collegiate conference game last week. ... Herb Isono led his team's scorers with 15 as University high of Los Angeles defeated Venice, 48 to 37, in a Western League game.

Nisei Dominate Salt Lake Honor Roll

Nisei dominated the Salt Lake Telegram's bowling honor roll for Monday and Tuesday this week. Among those listed were Tak Kojima 630, George Sakashita 621, Dr. Jun Kurumada 619, Bill Oike 610, Choppo Umamoto 609 and Pat Miya 605. All games were rolled at Temple Alleys, the majority in the JACL league. ... Tom Daijogo, starting guard, is the playmaker of a strong Lodi, Calif., high school basketball team. Lodi has won its first two games in the Sac-Joaquin league. ... Dick Nagai started at guard as Roosevelt outcast Poly, Northern league champions, in a 40 to 39 squeaker in the Los Angeles prep basketball tourney. Herb Isono's 11 points helped University high to a 56 to 43 tournament win over Marshall. ... Jim Sato is now in the third round of the Los Angeles municipal tennis tournament. He is rated as the outstanding Nisei netman in Southern California. ... There's talk that the University of Hawaii may be forced to drop football next season because of losses sustained this year. Heavy rains ruined the attendance at Hawaii's games against Utah, BYU and Denver. Although Hawaiian high schools produce many star gridgers, the majority are lured to mainland colleges. The University of Denver, for example, had five Hawaiians on their varsity. ... There were eleven Nisei on the Hawaii team this season. ... Football captains at Hawaii for the past three seasons have been Nisei. They were Unkei Uchima and Sadao Watasaki in 1948, Saburo Takeyasu in 1949 and Mansfield Doi this year.

Sakaharas Capture Team Title at Northwest Classic

SEATTLE—The Sakahara Insurance team of Seattle shot 2,613 to win the team championship of the fifth annual Northwest Nisei Classic at Main Bowl on Jan. 14.

Shig Hironaka and Min Nakamura of Ontario, Ore., won the men's doubles title, while S. Nishimoto of Caldwell, Idaho, took the men's singles.

Morey Yamaguchi of Seattle won the women's team event, while Marilyn Wong of Portland took home the women's singles trophy. Y. Nakata and F. Lee of Seattle won the women's doubles.

NISEI LIQUORS MAINTAIN LEAD IN CHICAGO LEAGUE

By RAY TSURUI

CHICAGO — Getting back into winning stride, the Nisei Liquors managed to hold a one-game lead in the Chicago Nisei bowling league after the Jan. 10 matches at Hyde Park Recreation.

Inspired by Frank Kebo's 568 and a 562 by Speed Shiba, the Liquors took three points from the Seto's.

Rosecoe Garage earned a tie with Tellone Beauty Salon for second place with a shutout win over Louis Bar-B-Q on the strength of Dave Mizuno's 606, high individual series of the night.

The highest handicapped team series was registered by Tellone with 3012 as they defeated Erie Cothing 3 to 1 in a close match. Leaders for Tellone were Takeo Konii 567, Jiro Kato 565 and Ken Wada 560.

The Sugano Tourist Bureau topped Maruhachi Cafe, 4 to 0, while Wah Mee Low defeated Roosevelt-Western by a 3 to 1 margin.

Frank Takeshima's 550 helped Perfection Motors to tie Nu-Star Cleaners, 2 to 2, while Frank Kasuyama's 553 led Tea Pot Inn to a 3 to 1 victory over Exact Cleaners.

Sacramento JACL Receives First Entries in Tournament

SACRAMENTO — Two of the leading teams in the Sacramento Nisei bowling league are the first to enter the third annual Nisei Valley bowling tournament which will be sponsored by the Sacramento JACL on Feb. 10 and 11 at Sacramento Bowl.

The first two entrants are General Produce and Blossom Shop Florists, currently leading the Nisei league.

The tournament which has moral support sanction of the American Bowling Congress will be a handicap affair with participants receiving two-thirds of the difference between their average and 190 with 80 pins maximum handicap for a three-game series.

According to Wataru Tsugawa, vice president of the Sacramento chapter, the 1950-51 ABC average must be used with the 5-pin rule in effect. With the moral sanction clause in effect, all entrants must be members of the JACL.

Entry blanks have been mailed to all known Nisei leagues in Northern California, according to Tsugawa. Further information may be obtained from Chairman Bill Matsumoto or Dub Tsugawa, in care of the Sacramento Bowl, 915 6th St.

Out-of-town bowlers will receive time preference.

Entry fees are \$3.50 per man per event with all-events optional for \$1. A first place guarantee of \$100 in the team event has been made.

Fourteen trophies have been donated for the tournament by the Chan Brothers of General Produce, G. Slin Tsuda, George Orite of Sacramento Produce, Kats Murakami of Kat's Koffee Club, the Kassai brothers of the Shop-n-Shop market, George Yamazumi of George's Signal Service, Kanji Nishijima of L & M Co., and by the Sacramento JACL chapter.

Tournament committee members assisting Chairman Matsumoto include Dub Tsugawa, Gene Okada, Shig Sakamoto, Keiji Oshima, Dr. James Kubo and Shig Imura.

National JACL Bowling Meet Will Start March 16 in L. A.

LOS ANGELES—The three-day weekend of March 16, 17 and 18 has been selected as the date for the fifth annual National JACL Tournament to be held at the Vogue Bowling Alleys here, it was announced jointly by the Los Angeles Nisei Bowling Association and the L. A. JACL Coordinating Council, following a meeting of officials from both groups in the JACL office on January 15.

The postmark of March 3rd will be the closing date for all entries, which will be accepted only from JACL members in good standing in accordance with the moral support sanction of the American Bowling Congress, under which the tournament will be held.

Harley Kusumoto, chairman of the NBA, has applied to the Los Angeles bowling association for the ABC sanction as well as approval of entry blanks and promotional posters in accordance with ABC regulations.

Coordinating Council Chairman Bill Takei revealed that various JACL committees would prepare the souvenir program, arrange for hotel reservations, mail out entry blanks, and work with NBA committeemen on registration, scorekeepers, and publicity. The Club Service Bureau of the JACL, the year-old coordinating center of Nisei club activities, will take charge of the "Awards Dinner Dance," under the chairmanship of Dorothy Kikuchi, according to Sue Takimoto, CBS director.

The sweepstakes events are to take place on Friday evening,

March 16, and the following two days devoted to singles, doubles and team events for both men and women as well as a mixed doubles event.

It was hoped that more than one team of bowlers would be entered from Hawaii. Word is awaited from Eddie Matsueda, spokesman for the Hawaiian keggers.

Present at the meeting were: Harley Kusumoto, Paul Uyemura, Eddie Tsuruta, Bob Hayamizu, Rhoda Kobo, George Kobo, Eiko Watanabe, Mari Uyemura, Jeanne Kusumoto and Chick Uyemura, representing the NBA; Dorothy Kikuchi and Sue Takimoto of the Club Service Bureau; Sam Ishikawa, Henry K. Honda and Tats Kushida, Downtown L.A. JACL; Dr. Kiyoshi Sonoda and Richard Jeniye, West L.A. JACL; Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Alice Nishikawa, Tut Yata, Hana Uno, Saburo Kido and Dick Fujioka of the Southwest L.A. JACL; and Bill Takei, East L.A. JACL.

Salt Lake Bees Will Sell Yonamine to Higher Minors

Report Several Clubs Interested in Nisei Star from Hawaii

Wally Yonamine, versatile Maui-born athlete who was one of the leading hitters in the Pioneer League last season with a .335 average in 124 games, is going up the baseball ladder.

Owner Eddie Leishman of the Salt Lake Bees indicated this week

he was making a deal to sell Yonamine to a club of higher classification. It is believed several Class A and B teams are interested in the speedy Nisei centerfielder who played his first year of pro ball last year with the Bees.

Leishman said that the Bees would like to keep Yonamine in the Class C Pioneer loop but felt that Yonamine should have his opportunity to play in faster company.

General Manager Claude Engberg of the Bees is of the opinion that Yonamine whose timely hitting and sensational outfielding made him one of the most popular players to show at Derks Field in several seasons is only a year away from Triple A baseball if he continues to develop as he did last year.

Leishman said that the Bees would like to keep Yonamine for three reasons: (1) He is a fine player; (2) he is popular with the players and the fans and (3) he is draft-exempt, having served in the army in World War II.

Yonamine, now in Honolulu, recently finished the basketball season with the Russell's in the AJA league and was named at guard on the all-star team. He also led the team in scoring with 73 points.

The former halfback of the San Francisco 49ers and the Honolulu Warriors is now playing in the outfield for Moiliili in the Honolulu AJA winter baseball league. In three pre-season games, Yonamine has eight hits in twelve times at bat. He led the AJA league in Honolulu for two years with batting percentages of .444 and .446.

Dr. Furukawa Coaches Kiwanis Team to Utah City Title

HELPER, Utah—The Kiwanis-sponsored basketball team coached by Dr. Toshio Furukawa won the first half championship of the Helper basketball league, winning nine straight before losing to the CYO quintet.

Dr. Furukawa also played in the first five games.

One Nisei, Kayo Niwa, Carbon College football player, is a regular of the team.

The B team coached by Dr. Furukawa is in fourth place at the end of the first half. Teddy Niwa and Pete Amano are members of this squad.

Announce Classes in Piano, Cooking

CHICAGO — Registration is now being taken for piano and cooking classes at the ENIS community center, 4430 South Ellis ave.

June Oda will instruct beginning piano students in class sessions and will provide individual instruction for advanced students.

A fee of \$4 will be charged for the eight-week course, to be held every Saturday afternoon from 3:30 p.m. for children 7 to 12 years of age. The class begins Jan. 20. A limited number only will be accepted.

A six-week course in Japanese cooking will begin Jan. 27 under Y. Togawa. The class is for beginning students and will teach the preparation of such popular dishes as sukiyaki, osushi and tempura.

Registration should be made in advance by calling BOulevard 8-2227. A fee of \$2.50 will be charged to cover costs.

A class in advanced cookery will begin Mar. 31.

Other classes in ceramics, flower arrangement and bridge will be announced in the near future.

Football Player Heads Student Body At School in L.A.

LOS ANGELES — Hajime Ueyehara, 18-year old halfback star, was elected president of the student body at Belmont high school last week.

Ueyehara is the third Nisei to head the student body at the hill-top school.

Jeanne Kagiwada, 17, was elected student body treasurer.

Ueyehara won the election in a race against another Nisei, John Mino.

Injured Nisei Reported Improved

DELANO, Calif.—Ben Nagatani, who was injured in an auto accident Dec. 24 was reported on the road to recovery this week.

Earlier reports listed his name erroneously as Ben Nakamura. Nagatani was vice president of the Delano JACL in 1950.

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Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom O. Imazumi, San Diego, Calif., a boy on Dec. 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Miyoshi, San Diego, Calif., a boy on Dec. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kengo Komaru a girl on Jan. 1 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Goi a boy, David Masami, on Dec. 26 in Sacramento.

To the Rev. and Mrs. John Yamashita a girl, Karen Tei, on Jan. 7 in Oakland, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Takagishi, Loomis, Calif., a boy on Dec. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Satoru Kawashima a girl, Linda Miyo, on Dec. 27 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hikida a boy on Jan. 8 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kiyoshi Matsumura a boy on Jan. 8 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kuwabara a boy on Dec. 31 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sugino a boy on Jan. 12 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hisao Sakuda a boy, Albert Seichi, on Jan. 9 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazumi Kawakawa a boy on Jan. 13 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Yukito Koyama a girl on Jan. 6 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ariki a girl, Janice Joy, on Dec. 21 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hiroshi Miyahara, Watsonville, Calif., a girl, Cleoris Gwen, on Jan. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Harry Koga a girl on Dec. 24 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Terry Teruo Ishijima a girl on Dec. 28 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Kawakami a boy, Katsumi Karl, on Dec. 30 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Ichiro Fukushima a girl, Jolene Reiko, on Dec. 16 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. B. Furukawa, Santa Maria, Calif., a girl, Sandra, on Dec. 26.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Hoshide, Santa Maria, Calif., a boy, Greg Takao, on Jan. 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshi Utsunomiya, Santa Maria, Calif., a girl, Carol Jane, on Jan. 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fuchiwaki, Arroyo Grande, Calif., a boy, Ronald Kei, on Jan. 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Tsuneshi a girl on Jan. 14 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence T. Yamada a boy on Dec. 22 in Stockton, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isao Harada, Los Gatos, Calif., a boy, Christopher Minoru, on Dec. 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Kato, Newark, Calif., a boy, David, on Dec. 24.

DEATHS

Rokujiro Inouye on Jan. 16 in Fort Lupton, Colo.

Kosuki Yamaji, Sanger, Calif., on Jan. 8 in Fresno.

Shigenaka Kawada on Jan. 3 in Chicago.

Mrs. Yae Shigio on Jan. 10 in Hawthorne, Calif.

Mrs. Mato Fukushima, 67, on Jan. 10 in West Los Angeles.

Mrs. Nabe Shimabukuro on Jan. 8 in Denver.

Fukumatsu (Frank) Sasaki, 66, on Jan. 11 in Sacramento.

S. Kodama, 96, of Third Fruitridge, Colo., on Jan. 10.

Motoichi Yage, 65, on Jan. 12 in West Los Angeles.

MARRIAGES

Emiko Takahashi to Tom Tokimaru Toya on Jan. 7 in Fort Lupton, Calif.

Joyce Chiba to Yas Aochi on Jan. 7 in Denver.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

Tsuneko Oki, 24, and Tomio Munekawa, 32, in San Francisco.
Nobu N. Nagata, 26, Santa Cruz, Calif., and Shin G. Shimaji, 25, in Visalia, Calif.

Mary Shizuko Sugai, 23, and Ben Y. Uyeda, 23, Reedley, Calif., in Fresno.

Fumiko Wakabayashi and Edwin Honma in San Francisco.

Two Nisei Exhibit Paintings in Denver

DENVER—Paintings by Chiye Kuroiwa (Mrs. Ken Takatsui) and Joe Kuroki are now on exhibition at the Denver Art Museum.

The paintings are among 65 art works which were accepted by the museum for exhibition from more than 300 submitted by Colorado artists.

Mrs. Takatsui, formerly of Oakland, Calif., has exhibited her work previously at the San Francisco Museum of Art and other western galleries.

Kuroki, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kuroki, is a graduate of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts school and has studied at the University of Minnesota.

Denver Mothers Chart Activities

DENVER—Next regular meeting of the Denver Nisei Mothers Club will be held Thursday, Feb. 8, according to Rui Taniguchi, chairman. A speaker will be featured.

Regular April meeting of the group will feature a demonstration in the making of fancy sandwiches. The meeting will be held April 12 at the home of Mrs. Masaji Takata, 4125 Vallejo st.

The club will hold an Easter dance March 24 at the Albany hotel with Atsuyo Ito in charge. She will be assisted by Hana Takamine, Ethel Yanase and True Yasui.

The mothers are currently sending gift packages to orphanages in Japan.

Brighton Group Names Officers

BRIGHTON, Colo.—George Masunaga was named president of the Japanese American Association of Brighton in annual elections held here recently.

He will be assisted by six vice presidents, each charged with specific responsibilities. They are: James Imatani, program and activities; Jess Masunaga, socials; Jay Fukaya, membership; Kay Sakaguchi, property management; Sam Chikuma, sports; and Dr. John Chikuma, civic affairs.

Roy Mayeda will be recording secretary, with Mike Tashiro as corresponding secretary.

On the advisory board are John Miura, John T. Horie, Bungo Horiguchi, T. Hatasaka and Frank Nakata.

Future activities of the group include a Pioneer night to honor Issei in the Brighton area and a square dance Saturday, Jan. 20, at the Brighton Buddhist church.

Optometrist Opens Office in Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif.—Dr. Ernest S. Takahashi, optometrist, has opened new offices at 3310 Grand ave., Oakland.

He returned to the bay area last year after several years of practice and teaching in Chicago. He was dean of the Monroe College of Optometry and clinic administrator of the Chicago College of Optometry.

He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of California and has received honorary membership in several optometric and learned societies.

Before the war Dr. Takahashi practiced in Fresno, Calif. He is the brother of Drs. Henry, William and George Takahashi of Berkeley and Sacramento.

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San Francisco Will Accept Challenge From San Jose JACL

SAN FRANCISCO — The local JACL chapter this week announced they will accept the challenge of the United Citizens League of Santa Clara County in a membership contest to see which chapter will be the first to sign 500 members.

The San Francisco membership drive is now under way with Frank Itaya, Dr. George Sakai and Yukio Wada as co-chairmen.

COLORADO NISEI GROUPS ASSIST IN REGISTRATION

DENVER—A number of Nisei organizations in Colorado aided in the registration of Japanese aliens Jan. 1 to 10 in compliance with the new McCarran Internal Security act.

The new measure requires the registration of all aliens in the first ten days of each year.

Sixty-seven Issei registered at the Mountain Plains JACL office. In addition some 40 AR-16 forms were completed for Issei who had lost their original alien registration cards.

The Denver JACL under Tosh Ando handled 37 registrations and 9 AR-16 application forms. Ando headed a registration committee consisting of Sue Maruyama, Atsu Ito, Chiye Horiuchi, Bess Matsuda, Mike Kitano and Dr. George J. Kubo.

The Sangha club of the Buddhist church assisted 36 registrants and referred AR-16 applicants to the JACL. On the Sangha committee were Sam Chikuma, James Imatani, Jess Masunaga, Mike Tashiro, Jay Fukaya and J. T. Horie.

Kish Otsuka headed a committee to aid registration in the Sedgwick area, while Norman Satow aided registrants in the Colorado Springs area.

The registration procedure is required annually, Min Yasui, JACL regional director cautioned. Possession of alien registration cards by Issei is required by law.

Join Church

CHICAGO—New members joining the Ellis Community Center church during the holiday season were Mr. and Mrs. John Adachi, Mr. and Mrs. Jonokuchi, Mr. and Mrs. James Kirita, Mr. and Mrs. George Koyama, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tarumoto and Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Mochizuki.

The Ellis church is a community church sponsored by the Evangelical and Reformed church. It welcomes persons of all denominations.

Seattle Girl Wins Prize in National Fashion Contest

CASPER, Wyo.—Yuki Arase of Seattle, Wash., winner of the "Make It With Wool" contest in the Pacific Northwest, was one of the prize-winners in the national contest which was held recently in Casper by the National Wool Growers.

Miss Arase was one of the eight divisional winners among the 30 finalists sent by 13 participating states.

The finals were held as a fashion review at the Rex theater in Casper.

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Learns to Operate Trolley



LOS ANGELES—Hughes Tataru, first Nisei motorman in training with the Los Angeles Transit Co., gets pointers on operating a streetcar from "Mac" MacCarter.

Tataru reported for instruction on Dec. 20. He is currently working on the S car and is expected to receive his regular run in the near future.

The training period varies from one to three months, depending upon the trainee.

Tataru is a veteran of World War II. Prior to his present job he was employed by Three Crown Mercantile.

—Photo courtesy of Crossroads.

Woman Elected To Presidency Of Church Council

CHICAGO — Rhoda Nishimura was named the first woman president of the Ellis Community Center church council at elections held last week.

Miss Nishimura recently received her master's degree in the field of human development at the University of Chicago. She is a graduate of Vassar college and has taken graduate work at the University of California.

She was chairman of the Sunday school last year.

Others elected to office were Ted Miwa, vice pres.; Hagi Teramoto, secy.; and Lewis Matsuoka, treas.

Seven new council members were named Jan. 7 at the annual congregational meeting of the church.

Elected to three, two and one-year terms were the following:

Ted Miwa, Harry Nakano, Hagi Teramoto and Mits Kawagoye, three years; Harold Arase and James Matsumoto, two years; and Lewis Matsuoka, one year.

Denver Mothers Plan Easter Dance

DENVER — The Denver Nisei Mothers Club is planning an Easter dance, to be held at the Albany Hotel, on Saturday night, March 24, from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Atsuyo Ito has been named chairman for the affair, with her committee consisting of Hana Takamine, Ethel Yanase and True Yasui.

During the intermission, several hand-made prizes will be given away. Members have commenced weekly meetings to work on beautiful prizes, including an afghan, a hooked rug, and a cigarette box and ashtray set.

Mrs. Beatrice Iwasaki and Mrs. Alice Hosokawa head the committee as co-chairman.

Dance tickets are \$2.25 for couples, \$1.75 for stags, with special prices of \$1 for servicemen and \$1.75 for servicemen with dates.

The entire proceeds of the affair will be sent to Japanese orphanages thru CARE.

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Love Conquers Distance for Utah Girl and Army Sergeant

TOKYO, Japan—Mariya Mardie Yasuda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Y. Yasuda of Route 3, Orem, Utah, can prove that love can conquer distance, 7,000 miles of it.

It all started four years ago when she met Sergeant Shig Motoki of Salt Lake City, Utah. The two spent much of their time together before the heart breaking day came when Sergeant Motoki was transferred to the Far East Command. Almost three years passed without the two seeing each other. Their only contact was through the media of personal correspondence.

Sergeant Motoki was previously scheduled to return to the United States on January 8, 1951. Then came June 25, 1950, war in Korea, and rotation of personnel to the United States was suspended indefinitely.

Miss Yasuda received word from her fiancé stating that he would not be coming home for a long time. This was sad news for her, but she decided to do something about it. She did.

Miss Yasuda gave up her job with the Tintic Standard Mining Company of Salt Lake City, to accept employment with the Civil Service. She was accepted on November 8, 1950, and seven days later left the United States for duty in Japan.

Arriving at the port of Yokohama in late November, she was immediately assigned to the Far East Air Materiel Command Headquarters where she served for one month prior to re-assignment to her present organization.

But this placed her 30 miles from her fiancé. So she requested re-assignment, and on December 30, 1950, one month after she arrived in Japan, she was re-assigned to the 1808th Airways and Air



MARIYA YASUDA

Communications Service Wing in Tokyo. She is presently employed as a clerk stenographer for the director of personnel of that organization.

December 30 was a lucky day for Miss Yasuda. She received her first Civil Service promotion on that date in addition to being assigned to an organization only one block from that of her fiancé. He is presently assigned to General Headquarters, Far East Command.

When asked about their future plans, Miss Yasuda replied, "We will make our announcements later."

Miss Yasuda graduated from Lincoln High School of Orem in 1944, and later attended Brigham Young University of Provo for one year. The pretty employee of the 1808th Airways and Air Communications Service Wing, clings to music, sewing and sports as her special interests.

Portland Chapter May be Reactivated

PORTLAND, Ore.—Reactivation of the former Portland JACL will be discussed Saturday, Jan. 27, at a meeting in the Portland JACL office, 1204 S. W. 3rd ave.

All interested persons are invited to attend. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

Philadelphia JACL Names Two to Appointive Posts

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Two persons were named to appointive positions on the Philadelphia JACL cabinet recently.

Re-appointed to the post of social chairman was Nobu Kobayashi.

Mrs. Grayce K. Uyehara was named to a new cabinet post, public relations officer. She will handle chapter contacts with other civic groups. Mrs. Uyehara was one of the earliest settlers in the Philadelphia area and has been active in launching Nisei activities here.

12-Man Board Will Govern JACL Group

LOS ANGELES—A twelve-man board of governors system will feature the new structure of the East Los Angeles JACL chapter, according to the unanimous recommendation made at a special executive board meeting at the JACL regional office in the Miyako hotel on Jan. 16.

"This new board is not intended to replace the present cabinet set-up, but to supplement and strengthen it," explained retiring president Lynn Takagaki.

"The board will serve not only in advisory capacity and aid in determining policy matters, but will assume a substantial portion of the workload normally placed on the president and his cabinet in carrying out the administration of chapter activities."

Members to serve on the interim board, including past chapter presidents, were selected at the meeting subject to the approval of the membership to whom ballots listing board members and cabinet nominees will be mailed in the immediate future, it was announced.

Acting chairman of the interim board will be past president Akira Hasegawa. Other past residents are Bill Takei and Lynn Takagaki. Also serving on the board will be Grace Shibata as acting secretary, Sam Furuta, Ritsuko Kawakami, Margaret Takahashi, Mrs. Molly Mittwer, Anson Fujio, Henry Mori and Tami Matsumoto.

George Akasaka, 1950 treasurer, has accepted the nomination for the 1951 presidency on a streamlined cabinet which will include only four other official posts, according to Sam Furuta, chairman of the nominations committee. Also nominated were Mac Shintaku for vice-president and Bill Ujifusa as treasurer and Florence Sahara and Frances Tashiro for the two secretarial positions.

Regional Director Tats Kushida and Robert Y. Kodama, director of All Peoples Community Center, were appointed to draft a new constitution incorporating the reorganization of the chapter.

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Konno, Kawamoto Dominate Annual Honolulu Swim Meet

Named Outstanding Performers of Punahou Affair

HONOLULU—Hawaii's two All-American swimmers, Ford Konno and Evelyn Kawamoto, were voted the outstanding swimmers of the second annual Punahou invitational swimming meet which was concluded on Jan. 13.

Konno won three events in the men's open division, setting a new meet record of 2:12.3 in the 220-yard freestyle and in the 100-yard backstroke in 1:08. He also won the 100-yard freestyle in 53.4.

The 18-year old McKinley high school senior also was presented a special award from Punahou school for his outstanding contribution to swimming in 1950.

Konno was named on the AAU's All-American swimming team in the 880 and mile freestyle events and was given a place on the 880-yard relay team while Miss Kawamoto, also a student at McKinley, was cited as All-American in the 300-yard medley in which she holds the national women's outdoor title for the second straight year.

Miss Kawamoto broke the Hawaiian record and the meet mark for the 150-yard individual medley with a 1:51.7 race and also set a new meet record of 2:32.8 in the 220-yard freestyle. She also won the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:18.6, also a new meet record. She also finished second to Thelma Kalama, also named to the All-American team, by four yards in a 1:02.6 100-yard freestyle contest.

In setting her new Hawaiian record in the 150-yard medley, Miss Kawamoto beat out Julia Murakami. Miss Murakami won the 100-yard backstroke in 1:13 defeating Catherine Kleinschmidt.

Winifred Numazu, a member of the Hawaiian team to the AAU nationals last year, won the junior 100-yard backstroke in 1:20.8.

In presenting the school award to Konno, Dr. John F. Fox of Punahou said that the young Nisei swimmer "was outstanding in the school meets, other local meets, at the nationals, then beat John Marshall of Yale and Japan's Hiroroshin Furuhashi in the international meet."

Coach Soichi Sakamoto's Hawaii Swim Club women's relay team of Winifred Numazu, Julia Murakami, Evelyn Kawamoto and Thelma Kalama, all of whom were on the Hawaiian AAU team last year, set a new meet record of 4:21.1 in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Nisei Technician Describes Effects Of Atom Bombing

FRESNO, Calif.—First-hand observations made by Velma Yemoto while attached to the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima were described to hospital officials who met here last week at the Fresno County General Hospital to discuss civil defense for the area in the event of an atomic attack or other enemy action.

Miss Yemoto is now a laboratory technician at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Fresno.

Salt Lake Chapter Outlines Program At Board Meeting

Preparations for an intensive program were outlined by the Salt Lake JACL cabinet at its first board meeting Jan. 12.

Tentative plans for the coming months include a basketball tournament March 22, 23 and 24; a benefit program in March for the ADC; and a membership drive to be concluded by the end of February.

Mas Yano, 1st vice president in charge of the ADC, will direct the ADC benefit. Membership will be headed by James Miyake, 2nd vice president, while Lyle Kurisaki, Jr., 4th vice president, will direct the basketball tournament.

The chapter's basketball league is currently holding games every Wednesday at the new Greek church gym.

Other activities will be directed by Alice Kasai, public relations chairman; Rodney Toma, chairman of the veterans committee; and James Sato, 3rd vice president and social chairman.

Fresno Chapter Plans Installation

FRESNO, Calif.—New officers of the American Loyalty League (JACL) will be installed in office Saturday, Jan. 27, in the Sequoia hotel Royal room.

Toru Ikeda, regional director for Central California, will administer the oath of office.

The service will be part of the chapter's annual inaugural dinner. A program of entertainment will follow the dinner under direction of Grace Mano and Paulo Takahashi.

Reservations must be made by Wednesday, Jan. 24, by calling the Fresno JACL office, 6-5377, or by mailing a card to 1344 Tulare st., Fresno.

Mrs. Mukoyama Joins Travelers Aid Group

CHICAGO—Mrs. Helen Mukoyama, member of the Chicago JACL, resigned from the Illinois Public Aid Commission recently to accept a position with the Travelers Aid Society.

Prior to this appointment she was a case worker with the city welfare department and the Cook county department of welfare.

During the early days of relocation Mrs. Mukoyama was a consultant to the Illinois Public Aid Commission.

She received her M.A. from the University of Chicago school of social service administration. She is formerly of Hawaii.

Falls to Death

SAN FRANCISCO—Masao Okazaki, about 35, sustained fatal injuries on Jan. 12 when he fell while washing a fourth floor window of an apartment house here. Okazaki died about four hours after the accident.

Salt Lake JACL To Aid Exhibit Of Japan Paintings

The Salt Lake JACL is currently working upon plans to show a number of paintings by Japanese schoolchildren.

Cooperation of the Salt Lake board of education has been assured, according to Mrs. Alice Kasai of the JACL, by Maude Hardman, art director.

The paintings were sent to this country as a goodwill gesture by the Japanese students. Each painting is accompanied by a letter from the young artist.

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