

Vagaries

Word-of-Mouth . . .

Metro's "Go for Broke!" is getting a terrific word-of-mouth build-up following the first two previews of the picture in the Los Angeles area . . . RKO is planning to use Nisei girls in kimonos and Nisei ex-GIs to ballyhoo "Tokyo File 212" later this spring . . . George Breakston who made "Tokyo File" recently finished another film in Tokyo called "The Invisible Worm." . . . A film which might have provided some choice roles for Nisei actors was 20th Century's "Atom of Love" in which Loretta Young and Celeste Holm were to play two nuns in Hiroshima. The picture was called off because of the uncertain war situation in the Far East . . . The producers of "Messer Marco Polo" hope to stage the musical on Broadway this autumn. Present plans are to recall Yoshiko Yamaguchi from Tokyo for the leading femme role. Producers Stanley Gilkey and Donald Oenslager postponed the show because of the Far Eastern war situation and "because the locale of the story is largely in China."

Prizewinner . . .

Dr. Hideki Yukawa, winner of the 1949 Nobel Prize in physics, revealed recently on the "Tex and Jinx" television show in New York City that he has given away nearly all of the Nobel Prize money to universities in Osaka and Kyoto where he once taught. Prof. Yukawa, who played second base on his college varsity team, kept out just enough money to buy baseball equipment for his two sons, 16 and 17, who are attending high school in the Bronx. The Nobel Prize award is worth approximately \$30,000. Prof. Yukawa, now teaching at Columbia University, recently announced his decision to take up permanent residence in the United States.

Baritone . . .

James Shigeta, the young Hawaiian baritone who was acclaimed U.S. radio's outstanding amateur when he won the national Ted Mack Original Amateur Hour contest over the ABC network, will appear in his first big-time professional engagement with a fellow Hawaiian, Charles Davis, at Hollywood's famous Mocambo night club starting March 13. Shigeta has been attending school in the east on the \$2,000 scholarship which he won on the Original Amateur Hour. He also has taken a screen test at MGM. Davis won national honors on Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts show last year.

Tea Garden . . .

From Herb Caen's San Francisco Examiner column of Feb. 26: OF HUMAN INTEREST — You know the poignant story of the Hagiwara family . . . After building the Japanese Tea Garden, in G'Gate Park, into a delightful and world-famed spot, they were booted out (on three days' notice) when Pearl Harbor was bombed. Their home in the Park was torn down, they wound up in "relocation centers"—and the name of their lovely creation was changed rather ridiculously to "Oriental Tea Garden." . . . After the war, the Hagiwara clan scattered to find whatever work they could. They were denied a return to the Park. The family treasures were auctioned. And a few months ago, the driving spirit of the family, Sumi Hagiwara, died in the County Hospital . . . But one of the last of the clan is back in town—the late Sumi's husband, Shigeru Nagata. He is now running a little flower shop in the Marina, after serving for five years in Tokyo—as a civilian specialist on the staff of General MacArthur.

Mississippi . . .

James Sugioka, national executive secretary of the JACL back in 1941, has been in church work for many years now and is at present at the Southern Christian Institute in Edwards, Miss. . . . Virginia M. Uemura of Honolulu who recently returned to the U.S. after a year in Paris is planning an exhibition of her jewelry designs in New York. She held a one-woman show of her work in Paris last Decem-

A Scene from "Go for Broke!"



HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — This scene from MGM's "Go for Broke," shows Van Johnson reunited with men of his former platoon, left to right, Akira Fukunaga, George Miki, Henry Nakamura and Lane Nakano.

The film, story of the famed 442nd regimental combat team, was written and directed by Robert Pirosh and produced by Dore Schary. Van Johnson leads the cast which includes a number of veterans of the 442nd.—MGM Photo.

Rep. Holifield Sponsors Bill To Aid Wartime Stranded

LOS ANGELES — Legislation proposed by the JACL-ADC enabling Nisei stranded to regain citizenship which they had lost through voting in Japanese elections in 1946 and 1947 was introduced on Feb. 26 by Rep. Chet Holifield (D., Calif.), it was reported to the local JACL Regional Office by Rep. Holifield.

This bill provides "for the expeditious naturalization of former citizens of the United States who have lost United States citizenship through voting in a political election or in a plebiscite held in occupied Japan."

The measure states: "Be it enacted by the Senate and the

House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled that a person, regardless of race, who, while a citizen of the United States, has lost citizenship of the United States solely by reason of having voted in a political election or plebiscite held in Japan during its occupation by American military personnel in 1946 and 1947 and who has not subsequent to such voting committed any act which had he remained a citizen would have operated to expatriate him, may be naturalized by taking, prior to two years from the enactment of this Act, before any national court specified in Sub-Section A of Section 301 of the Nationality Act of 1940, as amended, or before any diplomatic or consular offices of the United States abroad, the oath prescribed by Section 335 of the Nationality Act of 1940 as amended. Certified copies of such oaths shall be sent by such diplomatic or consular offices or court to the Department of State and to the Department of Justice. Such person shall have from and after naturalization under this Section the same citizenship status as that which existed immediately prior to its loss. The illegal or fraudulent procurement of naturalization under this amendment shall be subject to cancellation in the same manner as provided in Section 338 of the Nationality Act of 1940 as amended. Section II: The Act of August 7, 1946 (Public Law (14: 60 Stat. 886) is hereby repealed."

Journalist . . .

Bunshiro Suzuki, former foreign correspondent in the U. S. for the Tokyo Asahi, died in Tokyo on Feb. 23 of cancer. Suzuki was one of the first Japanese to be permitted to tour the U.S. after V-J day. He heard the stories of the 442nd and of Nisei participation in the U. S. war effort and told them to the Emperor and to the Japanese public in a number of speeches. Suzuki was an advisor to the Japanese edition of Reader's Digest at the time of his death.

Nisei Article . . .

Latest magazine article to appear on the Nisei is Ernest Maass' "An American Revolution" in the February issue of Kiwanis magazine. Mr. Maass' thesis is that Japanese Americans are gradually achieving the rights they fought for and which majority group Americans enjoy. The author is a research and publicity associate of the Japan International Christian University fund drive in the United States.

Army Flies Two Nisei GIs Home to Father's Bedside From Battlefield in Korea

HONOLULU—Two Nisei brothers, both on active duty in Korea, were flown home to Pearl City, Oahu recently by the Army to the bedside of their 70-year old father, according to A. A. Smyser in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

They are Sgt. Yoshio Kato and Corp. Kaneichi Kato.

Sgt. Kato, a Purple Heart veteran of combat in Korea and the winner of a Silver Star for frontline heroism, is a former night club bartender in Honolulu. He was shot in both legs while in Korea but was back in action within a month.

While he was on the front lines on Jan. 9 a message reached him that his father, Riichi Kato, was hopelessly ill. It took two days and nights of hitch-hiking for Sgt. Kato, then somewhere south of Inchon on the west coast, to get back to army headquarters. There he got orders for emergency leave and was flown to Japan and then home to Hawaii.

His brother, Corp. Kato, on duty with an interrogation section in Korea, also was flown home.

The brothers never met each other in Korea.

Recently Sgt. Kato visited Senator Wilfred C. Tsukiyama in Hawaii to tell him about his son, Owen Tsukiyama, 19, a private first class who is in the same unit. He said that Owen, who enlisted last July 27, was in Korea in action two months later and was only 13 miles from Manchuria at one time.

Sgt. Kato said that all of Owen's army buddies call him "Senator" and tell him to put in a good word for them with his dad.

Sgt. Kato also told Sen. Tsuki-

yama about the war in Korea. The sun is the soldier's best friend, he said. There are no enemy planes and no enemy artillery. By day, there is little movement.

When night comes, it's different. Each soldier digs a foxhole, lines it with straw, puts his sleeping bag in and manages to stay snug and warm inside.

But few sleep in the front lines. They watch for anything that moves. There are instances of men having been bayoneted while they slept—and fighting starts at 10 or 14 yards.

Sgt. Kato has a grudging respect for the Chinese soldiers—their obvious discipline and willingness to keep advancing into the most murderous kind of fire.

But they suffer woefully from lack of equipment. Some of them don't even have rifles, he says.

He considers them better than the North Koreans who were easier to force back.

But he considers the U. N. soldiers both better-trained and better equipped and is confident the lines in Korea can be held, if that is the decision of the high command.

The long retreat, he feels, helped the U. N. by opening the now-long supply lines of the Chinese forces to aerial attack, thus weakening the front.

A philosophical soldier, Sgt. Kato doesn't like Korea but he says Hawaii's boys have plenty of warm clothing and good food and are standing the climate well. Parents needn't worry on that score, he said.

In fact, he said, there seems to be less griping from Hawaii soldiers than from those from the mainland.

Sgt. Kato had an advantage in Korea over many American soldiers. He speaks Japanese and thus was able to speak to the Korean civilians.

He said the U. N. forces were treated as saviours in the north. Most North Koreans, he said, told him things had been far better during their long Japanese occupation before World War II than in the Russian occupation afterwards.

They liked neither, but one farmer told him that "at least we had profit" under the Japanese. Under the Reds, as much as 90 per cent of their crops were sometimes requisitioned, the sergeant was told.

Sgt. Kato is credited with leading a successful patrol action that wiped out four North Korean anti-tank guns and large quantities of ammunition last August. Because of the way he exposed himself to enemy fire, he won the Silver Star. "I thought my time was up. I was running around like a fool," confessed the man who once made a living tending bar in Honolulu night spots.

Senator Tsukiyama asked him what the boys in Korea most want from home.

"Not cookies or candy," Sgt. Kato said. "They have plenty of that. Most Hawaii boys want something to eat with rice—canned goods that can go with rice like sardines, dried fish . . . any seasoned canned goods."

Reno JACL Holds Installation Rites

RENO, Nev. — Installation services were held by the Reno JACL for 1951 officers.

The Rev. J. Munroe Warner of the First Christian Church performed the services and also gave an interesting talk.

Elected officers are Oscar Fujii, pres.; Ida Nishiguchi, vice-pres.; Mas Baba, treas.; Mrs. George Oshima, secy.; Ida Fukui, correspondent; Dewey Fukui, delegate; and Frank Chikami, alternate.

Pres. Fujii is a local business man and owner of the City Body Auto Shop.

He has been active in the JACL for the past two years.

Reno Nisei Join In Brotherhood Week Observance

RENO, Nev.—A number of local Nisei attended a dinner given by the First Christian Church of Reno in observance of National Brotherhood Week.

After-dinner speakers were the Rev. J. Munroe Warner; the Rev. C. A. Crosby, who spoke on behalf of the Negroes; and Oscar Fujii, president of the Reno JACL.

Nisei attending were Mr. and Mrs. Fujii, Mr. and Mrs. George Oshima, Mr. and Mrs. Mas Baba, Ida Fukui and Mits Baba.

Return from Japan

SAN FRANCISCO — Seventy-eight persons of Japanese ancestry arrived here on Feb. 23 aboard the President Wilson from Japan. There were 11 Nisei among the passengers.

GI Who Escaped Death in War Seeks to Rejoin Old Outfit

HONOLULU — Corp. Jack C. Arakawa, first Nisei to be reported killed in action in the Korean war, has applied for a transfer to rejoin his old unit, the 19th Infantry Regiment in Korea.

Corp. Arakawa, a Purple Heart veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, received the Silver Star for gallantry in action in Korea and an oak leaf cluster to his Purple Heart at ceremonies held recently at Schofield Barracks where he is now assigned as a driver for the post chaplain.

Corp. Arakawa was liberated by advancing UN forces after 97 days as a prisoner of war of the North Koreans. His wife, an Italian war bride, had been notified officially of his death by the Defense Department and memorial services had been held for him in Honolulu.

Arakawa recently made his request to return to the front lines through official channels at Pacific Army headquarters, Fort Shafter.

He is at present living in Honolulu with his wife and two children, Jack, Jr., 5, and Mary Lou, 3.

Rep. Celler Proposes New Omnibus Bill

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"This basic thought underlies the security provisions of my bill—I want the administrators of the law to look at the record of the individual himself and not to classify him automatically as the component part of an objectionable group."

Rep. Celler said that "it is our desire to see this legislation enacted before the current session of Congress adjourns, but we do not intend to proceed hurriedly and we certainly do not intend to curtail our hearings so as to prevent anybody from testifying."

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Nisei USA

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A Letter from Korea

The other day we received a letter from a GI in Korea who shall remain nameless. He was but lately arrived from the States where the Korean war is still a subject for debate. He found in Korea that our forces are engaged in a determined war of survival and that the land was a shambles, ruin being a byproduct of the use of the modern weapons of destruction. He was doing his job in that war but he had some questions to ask and he was disgusted by the greed, the black marketeering and other forms of opportunism which thrive like vile weeds in the backwash of battle. As a Nisei, he was troubled by some of the racial aspects of the situation in Korea—by exhibitions of white supremacy on the part of some members of the American army in their dealings with Korean nationals.

This is the nature of an answer to that letter—as much of an answer a non-combatant can give to a GI in a frozen foxhole.

The first and only time we saw Korea was back before Pearl Harbor when the hand of Japanese occupation was still heavy on its land. When we landed at the port which is now called Pusan on a ferry from Shimonoseki, we were met by an agent of the Japanese police. We got the standard escorted tour. A glimpse of green countryside, quiet river valleys and crag-like mountains to the east. It was in early summer and peonies bloomed in the parks of Seoul.

At the time of our visit the Japanese occupation had been in effect for some three decades but the heel of the conqueror still ground heavily. The few Koreans we were permitted to meet were fawning collaborationists but in the streets, the market places and the railroad stations it was clear that the people of Korea resented their overlords. These initial participants in the East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere were resigned to the present and disenchanted regarding the future. Undoubtedly an underground movement for a free Korea existed and was in contact with Korean nationals in Japan, Manchuria and China and in Hawaii and the United States but there was no visible evidence of overt opposition. The impetus for Korean freedom was being developed outside the peninsula and this was the reason why Japanese occupation authorities were suspicious of tourists and other travelers. That was why even a young Nisei was met on arrival by a police agent.

For one accustomed to the informality of travel in the United States our brief Korean interlude was both enlightening and frightening. Americans are prone to accept individual freedom of expression and travel as a birthright. Perhaps one does not learn to value freedom until it is lost or comes in contact with a people who have not known it for a generation.

Korea has been historically the high road of conquest between the islands of Japan and the Asian mainland. Succeeding tides of conquerors have washed over it and receded. Its geographical location has made it a victim of history. It has known the blood of Chinese invaders, of the armies of Ghengis Khan and the legions of Hideyoshi. Lately its soil has been reddened by fallen GIs from Georgia and Brooklyn and from Idaho and the plantations of Hawaii, men from a nation projected unwillingly into the role of arbitrator of the world's destiny.

The immediate situation in Korea goes back to the deterioration of the Kuomintang's power in North China and to the final days of World War II and the Soviet Union's intervention in the war against Japan. Soviet troops surged across the frontier into Manchuria and Korea. Following the Japanese surrender an arbitrary line between Soviet and American occupation forces was drawn and the 38th parallel became a political division. The division was one of military expediency and separated agrarian South Korea from the industrial centers and port cities of North Korea. Since Korea had been guaranteed its freedom by the Allied powers the division was to have been a temporary one. Soviet occupation resulted in the

development of a Communist government for North Korea at Pyongyang while a South Korean republic was established at Seoul and Syngman Rhee, an exiled Korean leader who had resided in the United States during World War II, was elected to head the government. Mr. Rhee's restrictive and reactionary policies and such tactics as the wholesale execution of political opponents have since lost him the support of his own legislature but he remains the nominal head of the government until such a time as another election can be held.

The division of Korea at the 38th parallel was unrealistic and the desire of the Korean people for unification was a legitimate one. The situation was complicated in the years until 1950 by the crystallization of the two separate governments on the Korean peninsula, one pro-Soviet and the other pro-American, although by the summer of 1950 all American troops except for military advisors had been removed.

In June, 1950 the military forces of North Korea attacked the republic of South Korea. This outright act of aggression posed an immediate problem for the United Nations, the international body which remains the last great hope for an enduring peace. In plain words the UN had to put up or shut up. In the closet of history at Lake Success rattled the skeleton of the League of Nations which similarly had sought to align the nations of the world against war. But the League had permitted a series of minor aggressions, such as the seizure of Corfu by the Italians, and the League's stature had withered and had been unable to prevent the overrunning of Manchuria and the rape of Ethiopia.

It may be that North Korea's aggression posed the one great question of our time. The United States, as the UN nation with police power in Asia, answered it by intervening in Korea. This action was ratified by the United Nations. Since that time the United States has sustained some 50,000 casualties in Korea and other UN forces, including those of Great Britain, Turkey, Australia and Thailand, also have sustained heavy losses. The United States has committed most of its combat-ready troops to the war in Korea, one of the latest being the GI whose letter arrived the other day.

The price of intervention in Korea has been a heavy one, both in human losses and in material. But it has prevented the United Nations from deteriorating into an ineffectual debating society.

It is a disquieting fact that the United States as the most powerful nation in the west has permitted the Soviet Union and the nations in the Soviet sphere of influence to control the initiative of history. The United States is at present in the role of a man with a leaky roof who has not enough pans to catch all the water.

We have lost the initiative, not alone in the war of men and weapons, but also in the war of ideas. We are committed at present to defensive maneuvers and in the conflict of ideologies it is also possible to be too late with too little. We have done little to combat the propaganda of Peiping and Moscow to the peoples of Asia that American military action represents an attempted revival of white imperialism.

In Korea the United States army has made a conscious effort to combat race discrimination, within its own forces and in the relation of Americans to Korean nationals. But there have been excesses, as the Nisei GI noted in the letter we received the other day.

The United States and its allies are now engaged in a program of mobilization to build up military power and billions of dollars have been allotted for this purpose. But the ideological battleground, particularly in Asia where a majority of the world's peoples live, has been neglected. It is in this area, which has known the "white man's burden," that the story of race relations has the greatest potency in winning the friendship and allegiance of men. But the story of democracy will

MINORITY WEEK

Progress

Appointment of the first Negro school teacher in Los Angeles probably occasioned a good deal of comment. Today there are more than 400 of them, and five Negroes who are principals.

Like the Big Boys

Ever since Jackie Robinson, the big leagues everywhere have been snatching up Negro baseball talent like mad, and in most parts of the country it's no longer news that a team has signed up a Negro player.

Out in Texas, however, it seems Manager Jay Haney of the Lamesa Lobos has been wistfully eyeing all these doings, wondering, perhaps, exactly what would happen if he, too, joined the parade.

A couple of statements he's made recently to the press sound like the first tentative bites of a hungry trout. He's been negotiating, he says, for two Cuban Negro players.

"I told Cy Fausett (club owner in the same loop) that if he'd use Negroes, I would too," he said cautiously.

If he follows through, the deal will make news, of course, in view of the fact it will mark the first appearance of Negroes in organized baseball in Texas. We hope the southern leagues fall into line. It's a shame they're depriving themselves of such a lot of good talent.

Fight It Out

The NAACP says it's going to test the new Georgia law which says the state will cut off funds of any white school that admits a Negro student.

A. T. Walden, Atlanta attorney and member of the NAACP's legal staff, put it on the line:

"Gov. Talmadge has gone to great lengths to achieve this foolish act," he said. "He vows he will carry through with it and we are going to give him the opportunity."

Turnabout

Apparently on the theory that turnabout is fair play, the Mound City Bar Association (an organization of Negro lawyers in St. Louis) has admitted a white member, Edward T. Wright, for the first time.

No Deal

Frank and Rose Yee, who operate a Chinese restaurant in Stockton, Calif., thought they had found the house they wanted. They paid the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Cowan, a \$1000 cash deposit.

Suddenly the Cowans decided they couldn't sell to the Yees because of their Chinese ancestry.

That's the story from the Yees, who took the case to court.

We're pretty sure the practice described by the Yees happens fairly often. When it does, it ought to be aired, like all other dirty linen.

More Jackie

We're inclined to look at most real estate operations with a jaundiced eye.

But Jackie Robinson being one of our personal heroes, we'll go along with this one. The baseball star has announced plans for a low-cost housing cooperative in Brooklyn, with plans to house two to three thousand low-income families. Robinson said the project from his desire to help get decent housing for slum families. We believe him, too.

have a hollow ring so long as race and religious discrimination persists in these United States, for the excesses of prejudice in America are exploited and magnified as the stories of Southern lynchings and of the mass evacuation and detention of Japanese Americans in World War II were used by the propagandists of Imperial Japan.

The fight against prejudice at home is one in which we non-combatants can participate while the GIs fight a more immediate war on the front-lines of Korea.

EDITORIALS:

Rewriting the Immigration Codes

Growing national interest in modernization of our antiquated naturalization and immigration laws is manifest in the recent introduction in Congress of three omnibus bills, those introduced by Sen. Pat McCarran, Rep. Emanuel Celler and Rep. Francis E. Walter.

All three seek to codify and modernize the complexity of laws which today govern our naturalization and immigration practices. In the past our laws have been built up on no organized framework. They were dictated by political expediency, practical necessity and emotional atmosphere.

All the bills recognize, for the first time in our history, the right of all peoples of the world to come to this country as immigrants and share in its citizenship. For many generations we have held a popular misconception of this country as the haven of the oppressed, the country which offered home and citizenship to all peoples. Enactment of any of these omnibus bills would bring us closer to this conception of the United States. All three bills provide for the elimination of racial requirements in naturalization and for the extension of immigration quotas to all countries. All three bills would eliminate setting off of some countries as ineligible for immigration quotas, and they would eliminate the setting apart of certain aliens as persons ineligible to citizenship by reason of race.

Of the three, Rep. Celler's appears the most liberal. Under his bill, unused portions of total immigration quota would be distributed for the use of immigrants chargeable to the small quota countries, to a total not to exceed 7,000 annually.

The bills provide for issuance of immigration permits first to persons having special skills and talents. Sen. McCarran's bill provides that 100% of all quotas be allocated to preference classes, but that in the event the quotas are not filled, up to 10% of any quota would be available to new immigrants. Under Rep. Celler's bill, all quota numbers not used by preference classes would be available to new immigration.

Rep. Celler's bill also eliminates many of the stringent controls provided in the McCarran bill, calling only for the exclusion of those who "knowingly, willingly and voluntarily" are or were active advocates of totalitarianism.

At this juncture, perhaps, there would be no point in suggesting new major changes. And yet, if only to provide some thought on the matter, we suggest that at some time in the future we must do the following:

1. Overhaul immigration quotas according to 20th century thinking: Our present quotas give undue preference to peoples from northern European countries. They were based upon population figures in this country at a time when quotas would be overwhelmingly balanced in favor of selected countries, denying proportionate rights to persons from southern European countries and Asia. Immigration from such countries as China, for example, where the population is upwards of 400,000,000 is restricted to a few more than 100 per year. Immigration from Japan, likewise, would under the omnibus bills be restricted to 100. This is token immigration, recognizing the right of peoples of these countries to enter the United States, but it is not equal immigration.

2. Eliminate the concept of "race" in immigration: Despite the fact that citizens of Canada, for example, are granted immigration rights to this country, Canadian citizens of Japanese ancestry at present are considered "Japanese" instead of Canadians, and therefore restricted. This is an obvious inequality and must sometime be eliminated.

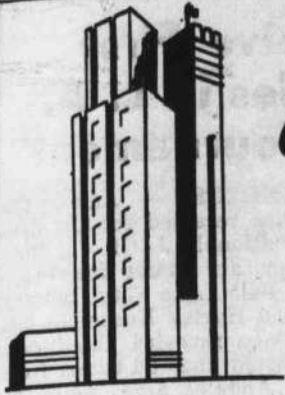
Whether or not Congress even considers these last two proposals, and it would be safe to say it will not, the fact that the three omnibus bills have been submitted marks a major step forward in our thinking on naturalization and citizenship. We are beginning to recognize that these laws have been assembled, law by law, in hit-and-miss fashion, and that their modernization has been long overdue.

A Navy Officer Is Commissioned

The commissioning of Ensign Joe Akagi of Shelton, Tex., as a Navy flying officer last week points up the fact that Nisei are now being accepted for Navy and Marine service on an equal basis with other Americans. It also recalls the Navy's exclusion of Nisei during World War II.

It was not until late in 1945 that the Navy rescinded its ban against Nisei enlistments, although the Navy did "borrow" Army-trained Japanese American linguists for intelligence and interrogation work during the Pacific war.

The Navy's decision to accept Japanese Americans was hastened in 1945 by an appeal by the JACL to Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz. Since that time several hundred Nisei have enlisted in the Navy and several have served as medical officers, but Ensign Akagi is the first combat officer to be commissioned.



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

Miracle on Orchard Street

Orchard street is on the lower east side of New York. It is cluttered with pushcarts, outdoor bargain counters, and all types of tattered street peddlers. Just off Delancey street, about a mile east of Chinatown, this is the mecca for those who seek the best buys in the city.

Orchard street is smack in the center of the tenement district of lower Manhattan. It is narrow and crowded, with the usual old and dingy cold-water flats on both sides of the street. Large families live in these dismal quarters where fat old ladies and tired gray men look out of the windows with their elbows propped on cushions and a look of resignation in their eyes.

It is a faithful reproduction of Hollywood's interpretation of Manhattan's tenements, crowded, noisy, dirty and weatherbeaten. Shouts ring up and down these narrow canyons of humanity from early morning till late at night. It may be a mother calling her child from play, a neighbor shouting to her friend across the street, or a wife yelling at her husband to be sure to pick up a salami at the delicatessen around the corner.

Hot and sticky in the summer, reeking with sweaty human smells, this district is equally as cold and uncomfortable in the winter.

Hot or cold, summer or winter, the street is always filled with echoes from the peddlers and bargain pushers who cry out their wares from dawn until dusk.

"Look what I got for a dollar," a peddler will be yelling, holding up three pairs of nylon stockings.

"Cheaper than Macy's or Gimbel's," a next-door competitor may shout, offering ties for a quarter or woolen gloves for fifty cents.

"Dollar, dollar, dollar," comes a hoarse voice from across the street, the seller stamping his feet to keep warm and drumming on a wooden stick to emphasize his remarks.

Heaps of merchandise are literally piled up in stall after stall. You get the feeling of a European bazaar. Thousands of people are passing slowly along the street, carefully and knowingly eyeing the merchandise.

Prices are cheap. Perhaps they sell for less than uptown stores. Unless you are careful, you will find that you're buying "irregulars," "seconds," "thirds" and "imperfects."

Proving Grounds for Merchandising

This is the home grounds of the Dead-End kids, the spawning beds for partners of Murder, Inc., and the rugged tough environment for thousands of successful New Yorkers who graduated from this land of struggle, sorrows and disappointments.

Nevertheless, some of the best merchandisers of goods in this country learned their fundamentals on Orchard street. Many a self-made sales manager who could not afford to go to Harvard Business School or Columbia Business College mastered the art of making a profit by working and selling on Orchard street.

These peddlers do an astounding amount of business. They can move all kinds of merchandise. Usually by the cleverness of their sales talk they will compel the onlooker to buy. You feel that you just can't pass up the bargain. All of the tricks in the trade are known by these dealers whose main idea is to sell cheap and move the goods.

Distressed goods, job lots, auction merchandise, odd lots, surplus goods, off-brands, fire-damaged stock, blemished merchandise, and every type of non-standard article is sold. Whatever the regular stores will not handle, it will usually wind up on this street. Whatever the regular department stores cannot sell or get stuck with, Orchard street merchants can and will dispose of.

Sunday is the big day for Orchard street. With no competition from the major uptown stores on this day, huge throngs pour into the narrow streets. With all the shouting, crowds, and assorted smells, the gala atmosphere encourages sales. Policemen are constantly on the lookout for unauthorized peddlers who will try to horn in on the business. Independent peddlers will carry a large stock of goods until they spy a cop coming up the street.

Haggling over prices goes on all the time. Veteran habitues never pay the asking price but usually knock down the quoted figure. Vendors are clever enough to quote prices depending on the customer's interest and the quality of his clothes. Bargain seekers are cautious enough to always go down there poorly dressed and drive home a hard, tough bargain themselves. Many people go down just to match wits and conversation with these Orchard street sharpies.

By scouting around, you can pick up good buys on occasions. One hundred per cent woolen socks for a quarter or nylon shirts for \$2, sheets for \$1.75 or cashmere sweaters for \$2 are some of the buys I noted.

Cycle of Success

Successful merchandisers follow a pattern something like this.

They start in as sneak-peddlers. That is to say, they carry a suitcase in their hand and then spring it open wherever there is space and no cops around. No overhead at all. Then they become regular peddlers with a regular curbside location. In this category, they pay a small daily rental to the store-owner for the use of the gutter space. They also have a small apple box on which to place their suitcase and merchandise. He is getting established.

When they get a few dollars ahead, the enterprising seller will buy a small pushcart. This vehicle gives him more space to display goods and carry larger quantities. By this time he gets an assistant to do the yelling or help him sell.

If everything goes well, he graduates to the "inside," which means he has a ground-floor store in one of these tenement buildings. He loads his show windows with all kinds of goods and has a couple of sales counters on the sidewalks in front of his store. By this time he has "arrived" and supervises a dozen sales persons. He is usually busy doing the buying by this time.

The top of the ladder is when he "graduates" uptown. This means he opens a shop in the Times Square area or lower Broadway sector. He begins to put on a suit, wears shoes that fit, and gets a haircut regularly. This is the dream of every peddler who has a spot on Orchard street—to make enough money to get to the "big wheel." Many an Orchard street graduate winds up as sales or merchandising manager for one of the big department stores of the country.

What makes them tick? It is a peculiar knack for pricing the merchandise at the right and most appealing price. It is knowing just what the customer wants to buy and just how much he will pay for it. It is, above all, buying at the "right" price. There is always that certain flair for showmanship in their merchandising

Bill Hosokawa:

FROM THE FRYING PAN

The High Cost of Eating

Denver, Colo.

We went to the neighborhood supermarket the other evening, took one look along the length of the meat counter, and came away with an ill feeling in the region of the pocketbook. The newspapers say prices were frozen some weeks ago, but it seems the freeze didn't extend very deep.

Relatively, we cannot afford to eat much more meat than the average Asiatic family. At least that's the way it seems. So we decided to meet the problem in the same way an Asiatic family would do—stretch the meat farther. You don't hear of a Chinese or a Japanese splurging on steak very often. But they can stretch one portion into a family meal by slicing it thin and cooking it up with vegetables.

And that's the way we're going to do it, too.

Incidentally, have you tried yogurt? It's one of the so-called basic health foods advocated by the currently most popular food and nutrition expert. Yogurt is supposed to be a large part of the diet of Hungarians or Bulgarians or some such Balkan people who live to a ripe and vigorous old age.

We first read about yogurt in the Readers' Digest aboard a Japanese train northbound from Hiroshima. The light was bad and so was the roadbed, which may account for the impression we had gained that yogurt is manufactured from yak's milk.

Actually, says the clerk at the corner health food store, it's just good old fashioned cow's milk

that has been clabbered by means of a culture. It looks like soft vanilla ice cream and tastes as if it were spiked with lemon juice.

One of the fellows at the office who looks as if he needs such things got the yogurt habit, and we've taken to downing a dose of it now and then to keep him company. So far we feel neither younger nor livelier, but we're learning to like the yogurt flavor. Provided, of course, that there's plenty of sugar on hand.

Susan Has a Birthday

March, mumps and Susan's seventh birthday arrived simultaneously in our household. March was lamb-like, but the mumps weren't. So Susan spent her big day in bed, well-dosed with aspirin and fluids, and trying to make the best of a heck of a way to spend one's seventh birthday.

Among Susan's gifts this year was an alarm clock, one of those jobs with a loud tick and a green enamel case. Susan had shown a mounting interest in clocks ever since she learned to tell time, and for some inexplicable reason, she had her heart set on one.

So we acquired one for \$2.25 at the drug store—no use buying any old cheap hunk-a-junk—and gifted her. The vigorous ticking will keep her company, and she is quite happy. But we have a paternal suspicion that her primary interest is in seeing how long she can lie a-bed mornings before she will be late for school.

Susan, by the way, is missing three teeth out of the front of her grin and gives a pretty good version of what is known as the vacant smile.

Do You Know?

Future Program of JACL Charted at Salt Lake Meet

By ELMER R. SMITH

The problem of the future of the JACL was one of the principal topics for discussion at the tenth biennial convention. The basic question for one of the panels held on contemporary problems was: Can we justify the continued existence of the JACL when the problems of the Japanese Americans have been all but solved?

During the discussion by the panel members, it was suggested that the future course of the JACL would have to be centered around the following points:

1. The JACL should function within the total community and not a restricted community of Nisei, Issei, Kibei and Sansei.
2. The JACL should develop and follow a specific program to protect persons of all minority groups from discrimination and democratic action.
3. The JACL should push an education program within its membership and thus lay the foundation for full support of its programs in the future.
4. It should work with other groups and organizations to fight the growing menace to civil rights.
5. The JACL should expand its recreation, welfare and community services to persons of Japanese ancestry, but also to others where the need demands.

Further discussions on the part of the panel on the future of JACL brought up the problem of what should be done in terms of discrimination practiced by Nisei against other groups within the American community. The consensus was that the JACL should take a positive stand on civil rights and liberties, but before a definite program would be initiated more insight and study of techniques to fight discrimination should be worked out. "Nisei," said one speaker, "are often guilty of discrimination particularly where economic factors are concerned. Where these economic factors play a part, we are often reluctant to take a stand against discrimination. The democracy that gave us equality deserves our support in fighting discrimination."

A delegate from the floor, in speaking on the policy for the future of JACL, stated "its policy should be suicide." He went on to say: "The policy of having segregated groups is not a healthy thing. We should work for the time when the JACL is no longer needed."

The majority of the panel agreed that the need for a JACL would not cease with the completion of the legislative program outlined by previous JACL programs. Mr. Frank Chuman of Los Angeles summed up the problem when he said:

"The JACL has been through an evolutionary process. The nature of the problems facing us during the war period forced us to become an educational group . . . Now we are taking over many of the community problems, like Issei needs and welfare . . . The JACL is now entering its evangelical stage. We must get together on a common program for a broad civil rights program with other groups."

Three important decisions were made by the Tenth Convention governing the program of the JACL and ADC for the coming two years. One of these was the pledge to continue work for the naturalization of aliens of Japanese ancestry who were residents in the United States. This aspect of the JACL-ADC program was to take precedence over all other business.

The second part of the program centered in the assistance JACL should give to the implementation of evacuation claims legislation. It was unanimously agreed that JACL, as a matter of principle, should "(1) render service as possible and proper in the filing and processing of evacuation claims, (2) charge no fee for whatever services it may render or offer as a part of its over-all services to all persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States."

The third aspect of the JACL program on a national and local level of general interest dealt with the problem of racial discrimination. In a resolution passed by the Tenth Convention of the JACL, racial discrimination in all of its forms was condemned. The resolution follows:

"Be it resolved that the National Council in full session at Salt Lake City commit itself to the following:

- "1. As a matter of principle, the JACL stand firm on the policy of non-discrimination and equal access and opportunities to members of all minority groups.
- "2. By a process of education, the JACL discourage discriminatory practices committed by members of the Japanese communities.
- "3. To remove a negative aspect in American life, the JACL seek the cooperation of the

To the Editor: LETTER-BOX

Editor,
Pacific Citizen:

I want to commend you on your recent editorial regarding the affair of the withdrawal of an invitation to Miss Pearl Buck to speak before an assembly of students in Washington, D.C., on the pretext that certain investigations of all regarding Miss Buck were "not clear."

It is my sincere belief that no person in this U.S.A. is any more loyal to our country than Miss Buck. In the light of her staunch support during the recent world conflict I do not understand how there could even be any investigation of her standing. Certainly no person in any position has any more complete understanding of the pitfalls certain groups are building for our executive peoples by their continued stirring of group antagonists and minority oppressions. Nor does any other person so thoroughly understand what a poor light these discriminations are placing us in in the eyes of much of the other world countries.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Max L. Moore,
Hood River, Ore.

American press toward the elimination of the careless use of the term 'Jap' in its news articles and heads."

For the first time in the history of the JACL, a coast-to-coast broadcast was made by the national JACL president. National JACL President, Mr. Hito Okada, on Wednesday evening, September 8, over the Mutual network gave the following message to the radio public.

"From all across this land, Japanese Americans are assembled here to map a course for the future. It is significant that delegates have come from as widely separated places as Boston, Portland, New York City, and Los Angeles.

"Since the end of the war, Japanese Americans have resettled throughout America. The resettlement has given us an unusual opportunity to mingle with our fellow Americans. We have been exceptionally well accepted for what we are, individuals with the faults and virtues of all groups.

"Much of the reason for this acceptance must lie with the 33,000 Japanese Americans who fought in World War II, who marked up a magnificent combat record in Europe and the Pacific.

"But a large share of the acceptance has been due to the true democratic attitudes of Americans. For this attitude, we say 'Thanks.' No finer example could be offered to the world of the greatness of our nation than this example of a democracy at work.

"The one great objective before us today is this: We are asking Congress to give our parents, many of whom have lived almost all their lives here, who have given sons on the field of battle, the right to become citizens. This is our next great goal."

that moves the goods.

Nurtured in this type of environment, it is no wonder that many of the young people in this area become top-notch salesmen, brilliant merchandisers, and aggressive showmen. They know what the people want.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Matsura, Acampo, Calif., a boy on Jan. 25.

Calif., on Feb. 22 in Los Angeles. Toshoharu Tachi, 64, on Feb. 22 in Denver.

MARRIAGES

Aiko Takemoto to Henry Tanouye on Feb. 25 in Fresno. Tatsuko Makino to William Miyamoto on Feb. 11 in Chicago.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Emiko Nakahara, 21, and Yoshio Kobata, 28, in San Francisco. Yoshiko Yamashita, 28, and Ken Takasugi, 27, Weiser, Idaho, in San Francisco.

DEATHS

Sam Ito, 45, La Jara, Colo., on Feb. 27. Zenjuro Yakabashi on Feb. 11 in Chicago.

WATANABE WINS MAT TITLE IN PULLMAN MEET

PULLMAN, Wash.—Sosh Watanabe helped Washington State college win the Northwest AAU wrestling tournament with 53 points on Feb. 22 as he threw Leo McElrey of Lewis and Clark College in 1:54 of the 2nd round to win the championship of the 121-pound division.

Watanabe also is the Pacific Coast conference champion in his division.

Yosh Kiyokawa of Oregon State won the 115-pound title by throwing Jerry Holt of WSC in the 2nd round.

Enter Seattle ABC Meet for First Time

SEATTLE—Japanese American bowlers competed for the first time in the Seattle City Bowling Association tournament last week and one of them, Bill Tanaka, moved into seventh place in singles with a 683 series, including a 58 pin handicap.

Two other Nisei bowlers, Morrie Yamaguchi and George Tanagi, were tied for tenth at 671.

The Seattle Bowling Association was one of the city groups which carried the fight against the ABC's "whites only" rule to the floor of the ABC's national convention at Columbus last year.

San Jose Will Send Two Bowling Teams

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Two teams will represent the San Jose Nisei bowling league in the National tournament in Los Angeles this month.

Team No. 1 is composed of Mike Sakuda, John Kasano, Jim Taketa, Mike Murotsune and Kaz Nakamura. Team No. 2 includes Bob Takana, Frank Sakamoto, Sam Okazaki, George Sakamoto and Von Miyasaki.

NISEI BOWLERS IN SAN JOSE MEET

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Nisei bowlers, competing for the first time in the San Jose city bowling tournament, placed in the money in the singles and doubles events at Valley Bowl last week.

Bill Takeda and Sada Ushijima took fifth place in the doubles with a 1261 total, while Mike Murotsune and George Sakamoto were 13th with 1231. Vic Hirose and Nab Otomori were 21st with 1213, while Jim Takeda and Bill Kuwada were 23rd with 1212. All totals include handicaps.

Tom Mitsuyoshi took 8th place with 666 in the singles, while Kaz Nakamura was 11th with 656. John Kasano was 17th with 647 and Sada Ushijima was 26th with 641 and Mike Sakuda 28th with 640.

Sada Ushijima's 1944 won him third place in the handicap all-events while Bill Takeda was 10th with 1858.

Alert Nisei Snaps Photo of Rescue

SAN FRANCISCO—Sam Sato happened to have his camera handy last week when a sport fisherman was rescued from his capsized boat in the surf near Seal Rocks.

Sato snapped the picture and sold prints to the San Francisco Chronicle and Acme photo service for \$25.

Gardena Chapter Plans Installation At Dinner Dance

GARDENIA, Calif.—An installation dinner dance of the Gardena Valley JACL Chapter will be held on March 10 at the Eleda Restaurant, 4296 South Crenshaw boulevard at 7 p. m., chapter officials revealed this week.

Officers to be installed are Henry Ishida (Gardena), president; Jack Kobayashi (Torrance), vice-president; Robert Ueda (Lomita), treasurer; Shiz Yanaga (Gardena), recording secretary; Sally Tanaka (Gardena), corresponding secretary; Ruth Fujimoto (Hawthorne), and Calvin Ueda (Lomita), social co-chairmen.

This cabinet served during a portion of 1950 following reactivation of the chapter last summer. The officers were unanimously reelected to serve during 1951 at a meeting held in Torrance in December.

Sam Minami, former chapter leader now operating a sporting goods shop in Li'l Tokyo, will be master of ceremonies, while installing officer and speaker will be Regional Director Tats Kushida. Marlene Fujita will entertain with songs, accompanied by Kay Haga.

Tickets for this first 1951 chapter event are available at \$2.50 per person at the following: Gardena Pharmacy (Ryo Komai), the Central Market (Taul Watanabe), Koby Appliances (Kobayashi brothers), the Service and the Aloha Barber Shops, Motoyama's and from JACL chapter officials.

Cortez Group Meets With Livingston

TURLOCK, Calif.—The Cortez JACL held its first joint meeting with the Livingston JACL chapter on Feb. 24 at the Cortez hall.

Sam Kuwahara, Cortez president, welcomed the visiting Livingston group.

Card games, including bridge, canasta and pinochle, were enjoyed by the members with prizes given for high and low scores.

Mrs. George Yuge headed the refreshments committee.

Ogden Nisei Tells Role of Buddhism In World Brotherhood

OGDEN, Ut.—Mrs. Rose Ochi of the Ogden Buddhist church told of the Buddhist approach to world brotherhood at a symposium at the Lewis Junior High School Feb. 27.

The meeting was sponsored by the Ogden Ba'hai as a World Brotherhood Week activity. Leroy Wahlquist of the LDS church was moderator.

Also speaking for their respective groups were the Rev. J. R. Rollerson of the Ogden Negro Baptist church; the Rev. Cardman Garretsen, Presbyterian; Father Frank Brusatto, Catholic; Rabbi Eli Cardon, Salt Lake City, representing the Orthodox Jewish church; and Lt. Don R. Wetzel, Ba'hai.

Couples Feted

CHICAGO—Three couples of the Young Married Couples Club of the Ellis Community Center Church were feted at a surprise baby shower last week.

Honored were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Matsuoka, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Akita and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Endo.

Plan Tournament

LOS ANGELES—The Western Young Buddhists League "AA" basketball tournament will be held on March 24 and 25 at Dorsey high school.

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Council Meet Hears Reports On Claims Cases

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Progress reports on JACL activity featured the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL district council's first 1951 meeting, held here Feb. 25 at the Hotel De Anza.

A report on evacuation claims was made by Victor Abe, San Francisco attorney. He reviewed rulings made to date by the Justice Department's claims division, which is handling loss claims of former evacuees.

Joe Grant Masaoka, regional director in San Francisco, told delegates he would resign his post April 1. His successor has not been named.

Bob Takahashi of French Camp presided over council sessions as district chairman.

A number of Issei were presented with ADC certificates of recognition for their services in promoting the JACL-ADC national program.

A number of delegates reported that Issei motorists in their communities were having difficulty in getting drivers' licences renewed. Investigations will be made locally to see if oral tests can be substituted as provided by law for written examinations.

Next meeting of the district council will be held in Salinas on May 20.

Southwest District Council Will Hold Quarterly Meeting

LOS ANGELES—The first quarterly meeting of the JACL Pacific Southwest District Council will be held on March 18, it was announced by Chairman Ken Dyo.

Following a luncheon at 12 noon, a three-hour business session beginning at 2 p. m. will be held.

"We are happy to receive the invitation of the Fifth Annual JACL National Bowling Tournament to join in its traditional Awards Dinner Dance that evening," said Chairman Dyo, who estimated that most of the sixteen chapters of the PSWDC would be represented and possibly the newest JACL chapter now being organized in Hollywood.

Elect Komoto Student Body Head

FRESNO, Calif.—Watsuro Komoto, three sports star, was elected president of the student body recently at Edison high school.

Komoto was the star center on the Edison varsity football team for two years, winning a place on the all-city team and also made the baseball and basketball teams.

He won a gold award last year for the football player earning the highest grades.



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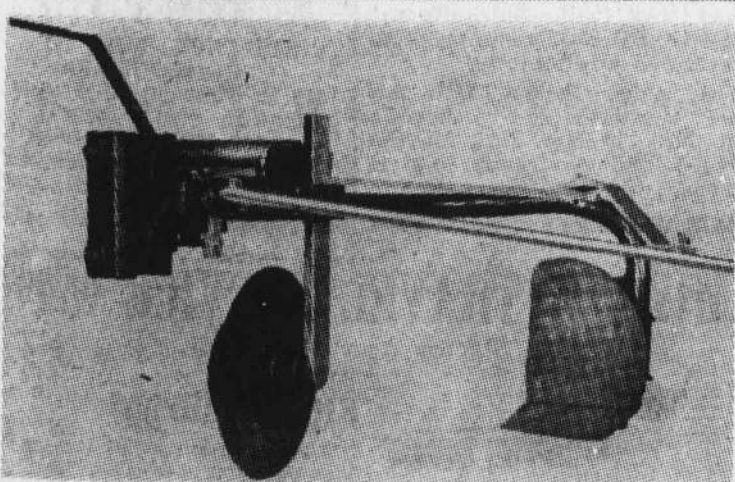
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Coachella Valley JACL Holds Annual Installation Program

INDIO, Calif. — The Coachella Valley JACL Chapter held its annual installation dinner program at the Vendome Restaurant in Indio on Feb. 24.

Toastmaster Elmer Suski introduced the speakers of the evening: Frank Chuman, JACL national first vice president, who spoke on the future objectives of the JACL; Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL treasurer, who covered the highlights of the JACL convention in Chicago in 1960; Regional Director Tats Kushiida who conducted the installation ritual and reported on the MGM production, "Go for Broke;" immediate past president, George Shibata and president elect, Jack Izu; and Mas Oshiki who led an entertaining quiz session.

The new cabinet headed by Pres. Izu is comprised of Ben Sakamoto, first vice-president; Henry Sakemi, second vice-president; George Seto, treasurer; Shizuko Hashimoto, secretary; Elmer Suski, athletic director; Mas Oshiki, reporter; and Tom Sakai, Mas Seto and George Shibata, members-at-large.

Chuman in his address emphasized the need for JACL to look within itself for future leadership, especially at the grass roots level, describing how JACL is completing its transition from a protective and defensive organization to one which should cooperate and work with other programs and activities within the general community. He pointed to broader community participation by JACL members as one of JACL's major future objectives, and commended the chapter for its program in this respect. It was revealed that George Shibata had just been accepted as a member of the Rotary Club, while Elmer Suski, Tom Sakai and Jack Izu belong to the Lions Club.

Ellis Center Announces Class In Ceramics

CHICAGO—A new class in ceramics will be taught at the Ellis Community Center, beginning March 6, under direction of John Markou.

The class will meet for six weeks. A three-layer kiln has been constructed for use of students.

A fee of \$4 will be charged to defray cost of materials. The size of the class will be limited. Interested persons can call Bo 8-2227 to register in advance.

Matsumoto Elected To Presidency of Sacramento JACL

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—William Matsumoto, insurance agent, was elected 1951 president of the Sacramento JACL.

On his cabinet will be Harry Makino, 1st vice pres.; Dubby Tsugawa, 2nd vice pres.; Sakaye Ishihara, rec. secy.; Amy Kamikawa, corr. secy.; George Tambara, treas.; Stirling Sakamoto and George Nishikawa, publicity directors; Minoru Sakuma, official delegates; and Dr. Jim Kubo and Ginji Mizutani, alternates.

An installation dinner is being planned by Kiyu Sato, Machiko Kimura, Shig Sakamoto, Ginji Mizutani and George Kawano.

Initiate Drive To Purchase, Repair Resettlers Building

CHICAGO—General solicitation by the Chicago Resettlers for funds to purchase and repair their building began Feb. 15, according to I. Kondo, chairman of the fund drive.

Organized teams will appeal to Japanese Americans for support. More than 100 members of the agency have volunteered their services in the campaign.

Nisei members will sponsor a benefit contest with awards to be given March 25 at the Olivet Institute. George Teraoka will be chairman, assisted by Smoky Sakurada, Harry Sabusawa, Ben Chikaraishi, Jim Ezaki, Abe Hagiwara, Jiro Yamaguchi and Chizu Iiyama.

Reedley Chapter Plans Annual Picnic

REEDLEY, Calif.—Plans for the annual community picnic under the sponsorship of the Reedley JACL are now being made with Fred Nishida as general chairman.

Tentative date of the outing is April 1.

The following committee chairmen have been selected to serve under Nishida: Hiromi Shimizu, purchasing committee; Kazuo Kunishige, location; Frank Sasaki, transportation; Hiroshi Togioka, finance; Masao Okamura and Mrs. Charles Iwasaki, program; and Ben Nakagawa and S. R. Nakamura, Issei program.

Rail Worker Killed, 4 Hurt As Cars Crash

CENTERVILLE, Utah — One man was fatally injured and four others, all of Japanese ancestry, were hurt when a rail section truck car of the Bamberger railroad crashed into a line maintenance car during a blinding snowstorm near here on Feb. 23.

The dead man is Naomi Nagano, 64, of Clearfield.

The injured are: Masayoshi Nagai, 50, Clearfield; B. Kataoka, 63, Centerville; Ginichi Shigemi, 63, Clearfield; and Ichiji Ichimachi, 60, Kaysville.

All of the injured suffered only cuts and bruises. All were reported in satisfactory condition after hospitalization.

The accident occurred about 2:30 p.m. when the open section car, motor driven, was going south about ten miles an hour with seven men aboard, while the maintenance car was northbound at about 12 miles an hour. The two rail cars skidded on the snowy tracks and collided.

Mr. Nagano died at the LDS hospital in Salt Lake City on Feb. 24 of spinal injuries.

Alameda JACL Plans Evening of Canasta

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Alameda JACL will hold a canasta night on March 3 from 7:30 p.m. at the local Buena Vista Methodist church hall.

More than 30 members will participate in the card game, according to Dr. Roland Kadonaga, chairman. Prizes will be awarded to top two winning teams.

Refreshments will be served by Haruko Yamashita and her committee.

The local ADC fund campaign is being conducted under the direction of Ryuzo Maeyama, the chapter's ADC chairman, and Naoyemon Mikami, chairman of the Issei committee. Assisting in the drive are: Shigeru Furuno, Ryuzo Hashimoto, Haruo Imura, Kanjiro Inouye, Riso Koike, Robert Mizokuchi, Yutaka Nakayama, Sam Narahara, Keiji Shiota, Keiichiro Sugiyama, Hikoichi Tajima, William Takeda, Totaro Yamamoto and Satoru Yamasaki.

The Alameda chapter was represented at last Sunday's Northern California-Western Nevada District Council meeting in San Jose by its president, Haruo Imura.

JACL Initiates Inter-club Group

Formation of an inter-club council will be discussed Saturday evening, May 10, at the Salt Lake City YWCA by representatives of a number of Nisei organizations in the city.

In charge will be Mrs. Alice Kasai, public relations chairman of the Salt Lake JACL.

Mrs. Kasai explained that formation of the council would facilitate Nisei cooperation in civic and community activities. She said that at the present time there was no overall group to represent the Nisei.

The meeting will start at 7:30 p. m.

The following groups have been asked to send representatives to the meeting: the YBA, Sonenkai, the Young People's Fellowship, Maryettes, Utorients, the JACL and the JACL Women's Auxiliary.

All interested persons are invited to attend, whether or not they are official representatives of Nisei groups.

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Salt Lake JACL Plans "March Hop"

Saturday, March 10, will be the date of the Salt Lake JACL's "March Hop" social at the YWCA.

Highlight of the evening will be an Hawaiian floor show, featuring songs and dances of the Islands. Taking part will be a number of LDS missionaries and former Hawaiians.

The social will conclude the chapter's membership drive, conducted this month under James Miyake. All 1951 paid members will be admitted without charge. Other persons will pay \$1.50.

Dancing will start at 9 p. m. at the YW gym.

The Heath Trio, popular Salt Lake combo, will provide the music. The group was formerly featured at the Club Manhattan.

Veleda Group Installs Cabinet

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Veledas, composed of married women of this city, entered its third year of activity recently with installation of new cabinet officers.

Mrs. Shigeo Yokota heads the group as president, assisted by Kimi Kusunose, vice pres.; Shiz Hinatsu, secy.; Sue Wong, treas.; and Sumie Tsunemitsu, historian. Tana Marumoto was appointed program chairman.

The club, affiliated with the YWCA, has Miss Betty King as its adviser.

The group will hold a tea March 11 to encourage new members. Ruth Namba and Lily Hongo will be co-chairmen. Plans are also being made to sponsor a bazaar in April.

All married women are invited to attend any of Veleda's meetings or activities.

East Los Angeles Will Install Officers

LOS ANGELES—A sports formal installation dance in honor of the 1951 cabinet of the East L.A. Chapter will be held on Tuesday, March 6, at the International Institute at 8 p.m., according to Lynn Takagaki, retiring president.

Dr. Roy M. Nishikawa, national JACL treasurer and past chairman of the Pacific Southwest District Council, will be the installing officer for the new cabinet headed by Pres. George Akasaka and including Mac Shintaku, vice-president; Bill Ujifusa, treasurer, and Frances Tashiro and Florence Sahara, co-secretaries.

The public is invited to attend. Fifty cents per person will be charged for admission. Special entertainment will be provided, while refreshments will be served by Mrs. George Akasaka and her committee.

Salinas Youth Inducted into Army

SALINAS, Calif.—Shiro Higashi, formerly of Denver, Colo., was called to active duty recently.

The Salinas Valley JACL this week acknowledged a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mayeda who left Salinas recently to start a business in Santa Cruz.

U. S. Considers Appeal in 39 Hawaii Cases

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The acquittal by a U.S. district court in Hawaii of 39 persons, including 21 Nisei, who were charged with contempt of Congress may be appealed to a higher court by the Justice Department.

It was reported this week that Attorney General J. Howard McGrath was studying a possible government appeal of Federal Judge Delbert Metzger's decisions which freed the "reluctant 39" in Hawaii. The 39 persons, most of whom were former officials or members of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, were indicted last year when they refused to answer questions before a House un-American Activities subcommittee headed by Rep. Francis E. Walter, D., Pa.

Rep. Walter this week urged the Justice Department to appeal the cases in view of a new Supreme Court decision which he felt strengthened the government's case.

Judge Metzger acquitted the 39 on the basis of a Supreme Court decision last December which held that a witness may legally refuse to tell a grand jury about his affiliations if he pleads self-incrimination.

Dorothy Yuki Named To IDC Cabinet

ONTARIO, Ore.—Dorothy Yuki of Ontario has been appointed secretary of the JACL Intermountain District Council, according to Joe Saito, chairman.

She replaces Helen Shimizu of Murray, who resigned.

Fresno Students Install Cabinet

FRESNO, Calif.—Joe Inami, junior marketing major, was installed recently as president of the Fresno State College Nisei Club. The club, which started the spring semester with its annual Sweetheart Dance, is now making plans for a forthcoming central district CINO meeting.

Other officers of the club are Bob Sakai, vice-pres.; Yoko Uota, rec. secy.; Asako Shimizu, corr. secy.; James Nishioka, treas.; Lester Yoshida, student council rep.; Dorothy Shinagawa, AWS rep.; Joy Kawamura, historian; and Jimmy Ryono, athletic mgr.

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