



Ensign Joe Akagi of Sheldon, Tex., checks the controls with Lieut. Commdr. R. S. Schreiber. (Story below.)
—Photo courtesy of San Francisco Chronicle.

First Nisei Navy Pilot Flies California Training Missions

ALAMEDA NAVAL STATION, Calif.—Ensign Joe Akagi, USN, the first Japanese American to be qualified as a United States naval aviator, is going about his business as a member of Fighter Squadron 194, temporarily attached to the command of the Alameda Naval Air Station.

He is flying regular training missions—gunnery rocket firing—and handling his additional duties as squadron navigation officer.

All in all his activities and reception into the squadron come under the head of regular procedure and would go unnoticed except for the fact that he is the first Nisei navy fighter pilot.

Twenty-two years of age, 5 feet 6 inches tall, and about 140 pounds of muscle coordinated by a quick-operating brain, Ensign Akagi intends to make a career of naval service.

He is a native of Sheldon, Tex. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Toretta Akagi, are truck farmers near there. He was graduated from high school at nearby Houston in 1947.

He qualified for enrollment in the Navy's now concluded V-5 program which uses public educational facilities to supplement the Naval Academy. He was sent to Texas A & M to study aeronautical engineering for two years and then designated a midshipman.

When he went to the Navy's aviation school at Pensacola, Fla., he was making his first trip out of his native state. He went through pre-flight training, basic training, advanced flight training and was commissioned an ensign in October, 1950.

Stationed for several weeks at San Diego with the Fleet Aircraft Service Unit, he found a home with Fighter Squadron 194, now at Alameda, awaiting orders.

REPORT DENVER GI MISSING ON KOREAN FRONT

DENVER—Corp. Ted Hada, 21, fourth son of Taro Hada of Denver, is missing in action in Korea, according to Defense Department information received by his father.

The report stated Corp. Hada has been missing since Feb. 12 in the Wonju sector.

He was in the reserve and answered the call for active service in October and went to Korea in November.

Church, Farm, Civil Rights Groups Back Equality Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Continued support for the principle of equality in immigration and naturalization was expressed on March 9 at hearings before a joint Senate - House committee studying omnibus immigration and naturalization bills, according to the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Representatives of the National Council of Churches of Christ, the National Farm Labor Union, and American Civil Liberties Union, each supported elimination of Oriental exclusion in the omnibus bills under study.

The National Grange, testifying on the bills, offered no opposition to the racial equalization proposed, marking the first time in the history of this organization that it has not opposed such legislation. During the 1920s, farm groups were among the most vocal demanding racial exclusion of persons of Asian ancestry.

Testifying for the ACLU, Ed-

Propose Compromise Plan To Speed Claims Payments

Buddhist Symbol Approved for Graves of GIs

HONOLULU — The Buddhist "wheel of righteousness" has been approved as a religious symbol and will take its place alongside the Christian crosses and the Stars of David as an inscription for grave markers at the National Memorial Cemetery of Pacific.

The announcement was made last week by Pacific Army Headquarters at Fort Shafter, following receipt of approval by the Department of the Army.

The Buddhist symbol will be inscribed on all future grave markers of GIs of the Buddhist faith at government expense upon the request of next of kin.

One Nisei Dead, Three Wounded In Korean War

WASHINGTON D. C.—The Department of Defense this week advised the JACL ADC of the following Nisei casualties in the Korean area:

KILLED IN ACTION:

Pvt. Robert T. Uyeda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shunzo Uyeda, 3227 Diamond Head Road, Honolulu.

WOUNDED:

Pvt. Takeiei Onaga, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kochi Ikeda, P O Box 420, Haiku, Maui.

Pfc. Noboru Ikeda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kochi Ikeda, P. O. Box 120, Waimea, Kauai.

Pfc. Shigeo Jerry Nakashima, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jinpachi Nakashima, P. O. Box 55, Paavilo, T. H.

Seven Drafted

SEATTLE — Seven Nisei from the Seattle area have been inducted into the army in the past two weeks.

They are Akira Takeuchi, Gene M. Fujita, Bill T. Onishi, Harry Hatsukano, Kazuo Ishimitsu, Akira Nakashima and Taiji Miyamoto.

Phi Beta Kappa

DELAWARE, O. — David Tamotsu Kagiwada of Los Angeles was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honorary society, at Ohio Wesleyan recently.

Kagiwada is president of the Beta Sigma Tau social fraternity at the school.

Celler Bill Would Permit Justice Department to Offer Three-Fourths of Loss Claims

WASHINGTON, D. C. — A Congressional Subcommittee on March 12 began study of proposed legislation authorizing the Attorney General to make compromise settlements of evacuation claims, the JACL ADC announced this week.

A bill, introduced by Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.), at the request of the Attorney General and based upon recommendations of the JACL ADC seeking some method of speeding up the moribund claims program, would permit the Justice Department to offer a compromise settlement of claims up to three-fourths of the value of the claim, or \$2500, whichever is less, without the long, involved process of adjudication.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, said the "principle of compromise is excellent, although we feel the three-fourths maximum settlement allowance is too low."

He said the JACL ADC would appear at Congressional hearings in the near future to discuss the Celler Compromise bill.

This is the way the compromise provisions would work:

If a claimant requests a compromise settlement, the Justice Department will review the affidavits and documents available on the claim. On the basis of these, the Department will offer the claimant a settlement, not to exceed three-fourths of the claim, or \$2,500, whichever is the smaller figure.

If the claimant is satisfied with the proposed settlement, he may accept the claim. Otherwise, he may reject the compromise settlement and have his claim adjudicated in the usual pattern.

In following the JACL ADC recommendations for a process which would insure faster claims payments, the Attorney General said that: "In the light of experience... it is felt that a relaxation of these (adjudications) provisions so as to permit the compromise settlement by the Attorney General of a great number of the claims... would greatly expedite the disposition of these claims and would at the same time very materially reduce the expenditure of funds for the purpose of administering the act."

Unless a "more expeditious method for disposing of" claims is provided by Congress, the Attorney General said "the most optimistic estimate that can be made is that, at the current rate of appropriations for administrative expenses, 20 years will have elapsed before the last claims will have been adjudicated."

Reviewing the "three-fourths limitation," the Attorney General pointed out that the experience "to date has been that the average recovery on claims already adjudicated has been slightly less than half of the amount claimed."

"This figure is misleading because much of the reduction has been due to the claiming of non-reimbursable items, and... the computation of claimed loss has sometimes been based on an erroneous theory of replacement costs, rather than the value at the time of loss or damage."

"Accordingly, it is believed that if, as is proposed, the compromise authority is limited to awards not exceeding three-fourths of the claimed amount, ample protection will be afforded."

"The figure \$2,500 has been chosen as a maximum since this is the largest amount which can be administratively paid by the Attorney General."

Mr. Masaoka said the adjudications already made have generally set a precedent for the broad outline of what claims, and type of claims, are or are not compensable. With this background, the

Masaoka Meets With Officials on Compromise Plan

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, conferred on March 15 with Congressional and government officials concerning proposed changes in the Evacuation Claims Act which would permit evacuees to make compromise settlements of claims up to three-fourths of the claimed loss.

He conferred with Walter Lee, staff counsel for the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims, and Robert Young and Clair Nelson, staff counsel for the Senate Subcommittee, on what difficulties the proposed change might meet in winning Congressional approval.

They reviewed the possibility of early Congressional hearings on the change, and Mr. Masaoka said he was informed a Senate companion piece to the Celler bill in the House, granting the Department of Justice authority to make compromise settlements, would be introduced sometime next week.

In a conference with the Department of Justice, he sought to ascertain how much the compromise proposal would speed the settlement of evacuation claims.

"The JACL ADC proposed a similar change in the law to the Department sometime ago," Mr. Masaoka said. "Now that the Department has actually asked for the change, we are interested in how much this would be expected to accelerate the claims program."

Department officials did not indicate a time period, but did agree that the change could mean quicker settlements for thousands of claimants.

Immediately after the conferences, Mr. Masaoka prepared to leave for Chicago to discuss the proposed Evacuation Claims Act changes with Dr. Randolph Sakada, national president of the JACL. Afterwards, he will meet in Los Angeles with Mas Satow, national JACL executive director, and Frank Chuman, chairman of the JACL Los Angeles Subcommittee on Evacuation Claims.

Attorney General should find that the proposed amendment, or something similar, should prove much speedier in bringing the claims program to a close.

The Attorney General reported that it first was estimated total claims under the Act would not exceed \$10,000,000. But the program is "of far greater magnitude than was expected, and it seems imperative that some method be sought to provide a more expeditious method for disposing of these claims than is already provided under law."

Of the total 22,945 claims filed, aggregating \$133,125,104.90, 13,915 claims totalling \$18,648,336.42 are for \$2,500 or less.

The Attorney General estimated that not only a substantial majority of persons with claims less than \$2,500 would use the compromise formula for settlement, but that many claimants in the \$2,500 to \$5,000 bracket also would take advantage of this speedier method of settlement.

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Judd, Farrington Urge Repeal Of Race Bans in Immigration

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Rep. Walter H. Judd, (R., Minn.), and Del. Joseph R. Farrington, (R., Hawaii), this week placed their support behind proposed legislation eliminating racial inequalities in this nation's immigration and naturalization laws.

Testifying before a joint Senate-House committee studying omnibus immigration and naturalization laws which include repeal of racial restrictions in immigration and naturalization, Rep. Judd urged support of the equality principles either through the omnibus bills, or by quick Congressional action on his own bill for equality in immigration and naturalization.

Rep. Judd told the joint Committee he conferred recently with William Seabald, diplomatic advisor to General MacArthur, and was informed "elimination of the principle of Oriental exclusion would electrify the people of Asia. It would have the greatest effect upon the Japanese in their sympathies for America."

Rep. Francis E. Walter, (D., Penn.), presiding at the morning sessions of the joint Committee, interrupted Rep. Judd to add that some time ago General MacArthur had personally informed him the Communists were using America's discriminatory immigration and naturalization laws to discredit this nation.

Rep. Judd confined his testimony principally to the principle of racial equality, although the omnibus bills deal with numerous subjects touching upon all phases of immigration and naturalization.

He said equality of naturalization privileges was "a matter of simple justice. These people are here, they are entitled to stay, they are good, law-abiding members of their communities, they are worthy of American citizenship."

Referring to the quota principle of immigration, Rep. Judd pointed out less than 1000 immigrants a year of Asian races could ever be expected to enter the United States in a single year. But the elimination of racial exclusion can be of tremendous benefit to our country.

In the fight for ideological sympathy in Asia, he asked if it is "reasonable to expect those people to do their utmost while we continue on the statute books a wholly needless and bitterly resented official insult to them on account of their race."

Del. Farrington, calling attention to Hawaii's large population of Asian and Pacific peoples, strongly supported the argument that these immigrants should be permitted to become naturalized.

Referring to Hawaii as the gateway between east and west, he declared that in this strategic position, the islands were deeply concerned with equal treatment of all racial groups from the east.

Also testifying today, the National Council on Naturalization and Citizenship went on record favoring equality in immigration and naturalization. The Council also recorded its favor of a shorter waiting period for naturalization of spouses than required of other immigrants.

Ruth Z. Murphy, executive vice president of the council, said the three omnibus bills under study propose to eliminate "first papers" now granted to aliens when they first register their intent of becoming citizens.

She spoke with a great deal of feeling for the "emotional need for continuing to give some sign to immigrants that they are on their way to becoming citizens of this land" and added that elimination of first papers would create confusion in those States where such proof is required of aliens in order to hold many types of jobs.

Rep. Walter said the decision to eliminate first papers was done to "avoid confusion." It was his experience, he said, that immigrants frequently feel they have become citizens simply by applying for first papers.

Henry F. Butler, a member of the council's legislative committee, questioned the proposed naturalization oath in the omnibus bills which require a person to "bear arms in behalf of the United States."

Several committee members insisted the oath would not force bona fide members of religious organizations, such as the Friends or Amish, who traditionally oppose all military service, to fight, although

Maryland Doctor Aids In New Method of Hormone Production

BETHESDA, Md.—Dr. Yoshio Sato of the National Institutes of Health was one of four scientists whose recent work in the production of sex hormones has led to a new, inexpensive method of producing testosterone and progesterone from the leaves of tomato plants.

Announcement of the new discovery was made last week by the United States Public Health Service.

Dr. Sato worked with Dr. Thomas Fontaine of the Department of Agriculture, Dr. Erick Mosettig of the National Institutes of Health, and Dr. Alfred Katz of Switzerland.

Celler Raps Exclusion in McCarran Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The author of one version of the omnibus immigration and naturalization bill on March 15 called the immigration provisions of the McCarran bill "disguised exclusions" and asked for the inclusion of his omnibus bill for study by the joint Senate-House committee.

Rep. Emanuel Celler, D., N.Y., asked Rep. Francis Walter, D., Pa., who presided over the joint committee session to correct what he termed an error in the transcript of the hearings and to include his own bill for study by the committee.

Rep. Walter refused despite a warning from Rep. Celler that the latter would take over chairmanship of the House group studying the omnibus bills unless the bill was included. Walter then promised to bring up the problem at an executive meeting of the joint committee.

In comparing his bill with that of Sen. Pat McCarran, D., Nev., Rep. Celler charged that the selective quota system in the McCarran proposal would "hermetically seal our shores against immigration."

"Who's kidding whom?" Celler asked. "If we don't intend to let in immigrants, why not say so? Why mask our intentions with a lot of words? If you want to win friends let's get rid of this (the McCarran priority system)."

It was reported here the fundamental difference between the McCarran and the Celler-Walter bills lies in the availability of unused preference quotas. The McCarran bill would shut off priority quotas unused by the preference class but the Celler-Walter proposals would make unused quotas available to others.

Back Equality Bill

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organizations as criminal." He spent considerable time discussing a proposal that would bar the courts from reviewing findings of fact where an error may have occurred in an exclusion or deportation proceeding.

Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Penn.), said the committee, itself, was concerned with this provision and have given some thought to modifying it.

He also said the authors of the omnibus bills felt more serious consequences should be visited upon aliens who join proscribed organizations after they arrive in this country than if they do so while living in a foreign country.

there was some concession the oath might require further study.

Mr. Butler also urged that the omnibus bills exempt from loss of nationality persons who voted in elections or plebiscite held under the auspices of the United States. He said this would primarily apply to citizens who mistakenly voted in post-war elections in the Western zone of Germany, or in Japan, and who thought they were "acting in the interests of this country and complying with . . . official requests that all persons participate in such elections."

Family Learns of Posthumous Award of High Military Honor To Los Angeles Nisei Officer

LOS ANGELES—The family of Lieut. Bill Otomo, 28, which learned last month that he had been killed in action in Korea, was informed by the Army this week that he had been posthumously awarded the nation's second highest military decoration, the Distinguished Service Cross, for heroism.

Lieut. Otomo, a veteran of occupational duty in Europe, was a platoon leader in Korea.

Besides the DSC which is second only to the Medal of Honor, the Nisei officer also was awarded the Silver Star and the Silver Star with a "V" clasp for gallantry in action in Korea.

Lieut. Otomo met his death as, although wounded, he led his men into heavy fire near Ipsok last Feb. 7.

As his men started to dig in, Lieut. Otomo was hit in the back by a grenade fragment. Despite his injuries he crawled from foxhole to foxhole helping and encouraging his men. Then he led them from their position into hand-to-hand combat in which he died, but which forced the Reds to withdraw.

The young officer received his first Silver Star for leading a series of assaults near Sangjan which ended in the capture of an enemy stronghold. He was awarded the Silver Star with the "V" clasp for valor for leading patrols against guerrilla bands north of Taegu.

The Otomo family last week received letters from Gen. Douglas MacArthur and from Lieut. Otomo's commanding officer, Brig. Gen. J. H. Michaelis.

In his letter Gen. Michaelis said that Lieut. Otomo was killed in action on Feb. 7 near Nongong-ni, Korea, and said in part:

"As a member of this command, your son was liked by all his associates. He was an excellent officer performing all tasks . . . in a cheerful and efficient manner. . . ."

Lieut. Otomo's father, Roku-suke Otomo, and a sister, Mrs. Natsuko Takenaka, live at 3033 1/2 Van Buren Place. On the mantel beside the Buddhist shrine in the family home are two pictures. One is of the handsome young officer as an army engineer in Europe. The other is of a sister, Akiko Otomo, 22, who was killed in the O'Connor plating plant explosion in Feb., 1947, on the morning on which she reported for work the first time.

Lieut. Otomo was born in El Centro, Calif., and graduated from Belmont high school in Los Angeles in 1940. He and other members of his family were forced to evacuate from their Los Angeles home to the Heart Mountain relocation center in 1942. Mrs. Otomo died at Heart Mountain in Feb., 1945.

Bill Otomo was attending the University of Chicago in 1946 at the time of his enlistment in the army.

Gallantry of Nisei Soldiers Recalled at Fair in California

IMPERIAL, Calif.—The gallantry and war record of the Nisei GI's in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team highlighted the Japanese American display at the California Midwinter Fair held here in late February.

With February 26 designated as Japanese Day, the display featured framed inscriptions of the battle awards of the 442nd RCT, the Japanese American Creed and the life-sized portrait of the only Nisei to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor (posthumously), Sadao Munemori, whose family resides in Long Beach. In the background were arranged beautiful Japanese dolls, vases, screens, lacquer ware and other art objects.

The display was arranged by Takeo Momita, El Centro drugist, through the cooperation of the L.A. JACL Regional Office and Mrs. Sawa Munemori. Momita, JACL-ADC Chairman for Imperial Valley, expressed gratification at the favorable public reaction and attendance during Japanese Day, noting that the loyalty and patriotism of the Nisei GI's had contributed much toward the reacceptance of Japanese residents in this area. He revealed that articles in local as well as metropolitan Los Angeles news-

Committee to Guide Reactivated JACL Unit in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore. — A special committee will guide the Portland JACL, which was reactivated here last month after several years of inactivity.

Mamaro Wakasugi will serve as chairman, with Mary Minamoto acting as secretary.

Other members of the committee are George Azumano, Arthur Iwasaki, Dr. Tosh Kuge, Minnie Oyama, Ted Hachiya, Jimmy Mizote, Kimi Tambara, Dr. M. R. Nakata and John Hada.

The committee men were elected by secret ballot at the second JACL reactivation meeting, held Feb. 17 at the Oregon Buddhist church.

The chapter will hold monthly meetings with a different chairman in charge of each meeting.

A program for the months of March, April and May was outlined by a meeting of committee-men Feb. 24 at the JACL office.

The March meeting will be held under direction of Dr. M. R. Nakata on March 17. Dr. Tosh Kuge will chair the following meeting on April 21. Featured will be a movie on cancer. George Azumano will be chairman on May 19, presenting a speaker from the Oregon State Labor Commission who will discuss minority rights in employment.

Snake River JACL Installs Officers

ONTARIO, Ore.—More than 100 persons attended an installation banquet for the Japanese American Citizens League at the East Side Cafe in Ontario Sunday night, March 11.

Joe Saito, Ontario, served as toastmaster during the evening and introduced Masao Satow, national executive secretary of Salt Lake City, guest speaker.

Taking oath of office were Tom Iseri, pres.; Frank Sakata, vice pres.; Mrs. Bessie Harada, recording secy.; Mary Mio, corr. secy.; Tom Nishitani, treas.; George Sugai, official delegate; and Mrs. Boots Hironaka, historian.

Invocation was by Rev. Norio T. Yasaki. George Sugai, past president, and Tom Iseri, incoming president, spoke briefly.

Entertainment included a vocal duet by Ramona Jones and Jim Merrit accompanied by Carol Crume, and the movies "Story of the Nisei" and "Development of the Snake River Valley."

Mrs. Bobbie Watanabe and Shig Hironaka were in charge of the program and general arrangements.

Two Nisei Win Competition for Memorial Wall

Japanese American Also Takes Third in Los Angeles Contest

LOS ANGELES—Two Los Angeles Nisei architects were announced this week as the joint winners of first prize in the competition for the design of the proposed \$270,000 Fort Moore pioneer memorial wall planned for construction between upper and lower Hill streets between the Hollywood Freeway and Sunset Blvd.

They are Kazumi Adachi and Dike Nagano, whose design won over 76 other entries by Southern California architects.

A third Nisei, George Shimada, won third place for his design.

The names of the winners were announced on March 9 by George Dailey, San Francisco, chairman of the board of judges, at a luncheon in the Ambassador.

Funds for the memorial are scheduled to be provided by the Board of Supervisors, City Council, Board of Education and the Department of Water and Power.

According to the plans described at the luncheon, the wall will be the first unit of a minor acropolis. In later years, pieces of sculpture may be integrated into the wall.

The memorial will commemorate the first raising of the American flag on Fort Moore hill on July 4, 1847, the hardihood of the pioneer residents and the leadership of those who first brought water to Los Angeles. Supervisor John Ford was the originator of the project.

Adachi and Nagano teamed with Robert W. Blachnik, also of Los Angeles, to win a total of \$2,500 in cash in a national home design competition in which the winners were announced in January. They won the second prize of \$1,500 in the "best use of glass" division of the contest for a 1,000 square foot home with three bedrooms and took first prize of \$750 in Division I for low cost housing suitable to the southwest area. They also received \$250 for honorable mention in kitchen design. The contest was sponsored by the National Association of Home Builders.

Adachi, a USC graduate, is associated with the firm of Spaulding, Rex & DeSwart. Nagano, a Harvard graduate, is with Robert-Alexander.

Shimada, a USC graduate, is with Spaulding, Rex & DeSwart.

Eden Chapter Holds Inaugural

HAYWARD, Calif.—A capacity crowd of 100 members and friends was on hand when the Eden Township JACL installed its new cabinet at the Castro Gardens in Hayward.

Kiyo Kato, president of the Southern Alameda County chapter, administered the oath of office to Minoru Shinoda, pres.; Kimiko Fujii, vice-pres.; George Minami, 2nd vice-pres.; Hamako Nishida, corr. secy.; Kazu Okada, rec. secy.; and Henry Wada, treas.

On the board of governors are Toichi Domoto, Katsuo Tanabe, Giichi Yoshioka, Tak Shiba and Tom Hatakeda.

S. Kuramoto presented JACL-ADC certificates of recognition to the following: Ryutaro Fujii, Noboru Kawabata, Chozo Ishiwata, Tomojiro Nomura, Mosaburo Shimoda, Hisayoshi Tanizawa, Rino Yonekura, Tadao Yoshioka, Momotaro Kawahara, Toichi Domoto, Kenji Fujii, Yoshimi Shibata, Katsuo Tanabe, Henry Wada and Giichi Yoshioka.

Judge and Mrs. Lester Foley of Hayward, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Sakurak and Mr. and Mrs. V. Williams were among special guests. Judge Foley was the main speaker of the evening.

A movie, "Kenji Comes Home," and a travelogue on Japan climaxed the highly successful inauguration dinner. Ray Kitayama was master of ceremonies. Kimiko Fujii and her committee were in charge of the dinner.

Richard Arimoto, president of the San Mateo chapter, was among the guests.

Aids Blood Drive

SAN MATEO, Calif. — The San Mateo County JACL chapter is cooperating with the local Red Cross chapter in blood procurement for the armed services.

Eden Township JACL Aids Blood Drive



HAYWARD, Calif. — Nurse Julia Rigatto greets Gold Star Mother Mrs. M. Yonekura, one of 75 persons who turned out March 7, first day of the Eden Township JACL's drive to obtain blood for GIs wounded in Korea.

Other first day donors are shown in the photo above, which pictures, left to right: Min Shinoda, chapter president; Mrs. Yonekura; Mrs. Helen Terasawa, widow of a World War II veteran; Nurse Rigatto; Kaz Mori, World War II paraplegic; and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Sakai, co-chairmen.

Fifty-three-year-old Mr. N. Kawabata, an Issei, was the oldest donor present, while the youngest was 18-year-old James Sato. Mrs. S. Kino-

shita was among Issei contributors.

Fifty-two pints of blood have been donated to date in the drive which is still continuing. Ninety-two pledges have been obtained through the efforts of the Sakais. A number of persons applying on the first day were asked to return in April because of recent colds.

All Issei and Nisei are urged to participate in the Eden Township chapter campaign. Interested persons may contact Chairman Sakai at LUerne 2-2431.

The Red Cross-Western Pacific blood unit is stationed in Hayward at the Western Pacific station every third Friday of each month.

Senate Approves Extension Of Soldier Brides Measure

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The JACL ADC sponsored one-year extension of the Soldier Brides bill was approved by the Senate this week and sent to the President for his signature. He is expected to sign the measure promptly.

Passage of the bill revives the Soldier Brides Act, which expired last month. This will permit service personnel and veterans to bring into this country as non-quota immigrants Japanese and Korean spouses and minor children, otherwise barred by law, if they are married before March 12, 1952.

An extension of the Act was approved by the House last month. Meanwhile the Senate was considering a smaller bill of its own.

When the Senate called up its version on the consent calendar on March 12, Sen. Pat McCarran, (D., Nev.), author of the Senate bill, asked to have the House bill substituted for his own measure, thus permitting final congressional action on the extension.

There was no opposition to the bill.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, said passage of the extension will be of "significance to the thousands of Americans stationed in Japan and Korea who, through the Soldier Brides Act, are given the same right to find happiness that Americans stationed elsewhere in the world enjoy."

He said it is anticipated that before the expiration of the new Soldier Brides bill, Congress will have taken some action on an

Fresno Sergeant Wounded in Korea, Returning to U. S.

FRESNO, Calif.—A Nisei army reserve sergeant who went overseas less than two months ago is returning from Korea as a war casualty.

He is Sgt. Bill Nakagawa, third son of Seitaro Nakagawa, who was wounded in the leg while on front-line patrol with three ROK soldiers.

Sgt. Nakagawa is returning to the United States for further treatment.

omnibus immigration and naturalization law eliminating racial barriers in immigration and obviating the need for future special legislation of this type.

Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.), introduced the House version of the Soldier Brides bill.

Long Beach JACL Will Help Dedicate Community Center

LONG BEACH, Calif.—Dedication ceremonies of the Harbor District Japanese American Community Center will take place at 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, it was announced jointly by the Long Beach JACL Chapter and the Nikkeijin Kai (Issei civic organization).

The long awaited opening of this completely renovated building, formerly government property, culminates two years of effort on the part of Japanese community leaders and Mike Masaoka of the JACL-ADC office in Washington, D.C. to make available a community center for the Harbor area to provide a meeting hall, recreational facilities and other much needed services.

Co-masters of ceremonies for the dedication will be Momota Okura of Wilmington and Fred Ikeguchi of Long Beach. Food and refreshments will be served to the public which is invited to attend. Entertainment will be provided.

It was announced by Ikeguchi that following the ceremonies, the newly elected officers of the 1951 cabinet of the Long Beach JACL Chapter will be installed by Regional Director Tats Kishida. Attorney Saburo Kido, prominent Los Angeles community leader, will address the audience, which is expected to include many civic officials and other dignitaries.

The community center is located at 2391 Judson Street, Long Beach, at the foot of Burnett Avenue, five blocks west of Santa Fe.

YOUTHS RECOVER ROBBERY LOOT, RECEIVE BONDS

HILLSBOROUGH, Calif.—Three young Nisei each received \$100 defense bond awards here on March 10 for their part in locating and returning articles stolen from a Hillsborough home earlier this year.

Ronald Shimizu, 13, and two brothers, Yasuyuki, 15, and Michi Ota, 13, were honored in ceremonies at the Hillsborough city hall.

While cycling on the Crystal Springs road on Feb. 3 the three San Mateo youths found loot valued at \$5,000 in a stone quarry. The articles included two fur coats and two radios taken from the home of Henry Sicular in Hillsborough on Jan. 29.

The youths immediately notified the police.

The bond awards were presented by Clayton Roberts, adjuster for a San Francisco insurance company. Arrangements for the presentation were made by Walter J. Wisnon, chief of police in Hillsborough.

The parents of the boys were present at the ceremonies.

Denver JACL Gives \$25 Donation to Unity Council

DENVER, Colo.—A check for \$25 was presented the Denver Unity Council Monday, March 5, by Pres. Y. Terasaki of the Denver JACL in recognition of the DUC's work in human relation.

The check was presented at a dinner honoring Dr. Robert C. Weaver, director of the John Hay Whitney Foundation's opportunity fellowship program.

More than 100 persons attended the dinner. Dr. Weaver addressed the group on "Lay Groups and Human Relations."

Nisei members of the DUC board are Toshio Ando and Min Yasui. Other Nisei attending the dinner were Mrs. Mitchie Terasaki, Mrs. True Yasui and Ed Matsuda.

Honor Society

LOS ANGELES — Edward M. Wada was initiated from the commerce department of the University of Southern California last week into Phi Kappa Phi, national all-university scholastic fraternity.

Persons of Japanese Descent Now Comprise 40 Per Cent of Population of Hawaii Islands

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—If this were 1941 instead of 1951, there might be some alarm expressed because of the civilian population figures for Hawaii released last week by the territorial board of health.

The eye-catching statistics are those for the Japanese and Caucasian groups. According to the latest figures, the Japanese comprise roughly 40 per cent of the entire population of the territory whereas the Caucasians make up only 16.5 per cent.

As of Jan. 1, 1951, the Japanese group was estimated at 39.9 per cent of the whole population. Their number increased .8 of 1 per cent from Jan. 1, 1950. During this same period, the Caucasians decreased an astonishing 17.7 per cent.

In 1941, before Pearl Harbor, these figures would have evoked cries of "Japanese peril" among hot-headed racists.

But last week, when these statistics were published here, they were passed off without any particular public comment.

It was not so much the increase in the Japanese population, which was less than 1 per cent, but the sharp decline among Caucasians that makes the vital statistics newsworthy.

The decrease in Caucasians is the result of a mass out-migration from Hawaii to the mainland

—a reversal of the stream of mainland Caucasians who flocked to the islands after V-J Day to augment the war-swollen population.

The racial breakdown as of Jan. 1, 1951, placed the estimates in this order:

	Number	Pct.
All races	466,329	100.0
Japanese	186,205	39.9
Part-Hawaiian	78,815	16.9
Caucasian	77,065	16.5
Filipino	61,708	13.2
Chinese	30,089	13.2
Hawaiian	12,902	2.8
Puerto Rican	10,477	2.2
Korean	7,278	1.6
All others	1,790	0.4

Of the Japanese group of 186,205, U.S. citizens numbered 156,740 and aliens, 29,465, or a ratio of more than 5 to 1 in favor of the citizens. The only other large group of aliens is found among the Filipinos, 29,66 aliens against 32,542 citizens.

The total territorial population declined 2.5 per cent during 1950—from 478,119 to 466,329.

Of the nine racial classifications, these gained in number during 1950: Japanese, .8 of 1 per cent; part-Hawaiians, 4.4 per cent; Puerto Ricans, 2.3 per cent; Filipinos, .8 of 1 per cent; Koreans, .1 of 1 per cent; all others, 8 per cent.

Groups which declined were Caucasians, 17.7 per cent; Chinese, 2.4 per cent; Hawaiians, .6 of 1 per cent.

The Japanese decreased slightly from 184,811 on Jan. 1, 1950, to 184,732 on July 1, 1950, then rose to 186,205 on Jan. 1, 1951.

All figures reported here are estimates based on April 1, 1950, provisional U.S. Census figures, minus members of the armed forces as of that date. Population estimates are computed on the basis of births, deaths and migration.

The Japanese population of 39.9 per cent of the total population on Jan. 1, 1951, is not a record high.

Old statistics indicate the peak was reached in the 1920s. Follow are some comparative data on Japanese population changes.

	Japanese Pop.	Pct. of Total Pop.	Total Pop.
1890	12,610	14.0	89,990
1900	61,111	39.7	154,001
1910	79,675	41.5	191,909
1920	109,274	42.6	255,912
1930	139,631	37.9	368,336
1940	157,990	37.0	426,654

Son of Famous Pioneer Passes in Seattle Hospital

SEATTLE — Benjamin Ohnick, attorney and businessman, died at the age of 61 in a Seattle hospital on March 12.

He was the son of Hachiro Onuki, one of the pioneers who built the city of Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. Onuki made his start in Arizona more than 65 years ago by selling drinking water and then was instrumental in starting a street car line and organizing the first gas and electricity company for the city.

Benjamin Ohnick was born in Arizona but came to Seattle with other members of his family and attended Lincoln high school and the University of Washington where he was well known as an athlete. He played end on the Gil Dobie football teams of 1909 and 1910.

He started the practice of law in 1913 but left to go into the army in World War I. He returned to his law practice in Seattle after the war but left soon after to go to Manila to enter business.

Mr. Ohnick became a prominent Manila attorney and later was executive vice president of Marsman & Co., which had extensive holdings in the islands, including gold mines, a drug company, an air line and a trading company.

The Ohnicks were in the Philippines when Japan opened war on the United States. Mr. Ohnick narrowly escaped death in the bombing of Manila on Dec. 10. After the fall of the islands, the Ohnicks were interned at Santo Tomas and were liberated in 1945.

Mr. Ohnick never fully recovered his health after three years of wartime internment at Santo Tomas. After his release he sought to rebuild his company's operations in the Philippines.

Mr. Ohnick returned to Seattle last August. He was a member of Masonic organizations, including the Nile Temple of the Shrine and a member of the Washington Athletic Club and the Washington State Press Club. He was also active in American Legion affairs and was a former member of the Legion's national executive committee.

He is survived by his wife, Ina, and a daughter, Barbara, an assistant attorney general for the State of Washington, and two sons, Benjamin Ohnick, Jr., and Van Millard Ohnick, all of Seattle. Other survivors include two sisters, Helen Ohnick of Los Angeles and Haru Onuki, former opera singer with the San Carlo and other companies.

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EDITORIALS:

A Change in Sentiment

An impressive fact about the present joint House-Senate committee hearings on the omnibus bill to rewrite our immigration and naturalization codes is that not a single representative of an important national organization has come forward to oppose the principle of racial equality embodied in the McCarran and Celler bills.

There was a time, not too long distant, when a proposal to permit the immigration under even a limited quota of Japanese and other Asians and to allow their naturalization would have met with determined opposition, particularly from the west coast congressional delegation and from lobbyists for Pacific coast groups. In addition, such groups as the American Legion were categorically opposed to any suggestion to democratize our immigration and naturalization codes.

Last week, however, representatives of three of the nation's major veterans organizations appeared before the joint House-Senate committee to endorse equality in immigration and naturalization.

As Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of JACL ADC, declared: "The official stand of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled Veterans is historic for it represents a complete reversal of former policy."

Mr. Masaoka recalled that in 1924, when the Asiatic Exclusion Act was passed despite the opposition of President Coolidge, these veterans groups were in the forefront of the organizations urging restrictions against persons of Japanese and Asian ancestry.

The present hearings in Washington emphasize the point that a bill for equality in both immigration and naturalization no longer is a matter of controversy and that the great majority of the American people are in favor of eliminating racial restrictions from these statutes. It is to be hoped that Congress will translate this desire on the part of the American people into law at its earliest opportunity.

"Prejudice Won't Hide!"

A little eight-page pamphlet that deserves wide distribution has been prepared by the California Federation for Civic Unity under the title "PREJUDICE WON'T HIDE!"

Described as "a guide for developing a language of equality," the booklet shows how all of us, consciously and unconsciously, reveal and perpetuate racial prejudices in our everyday language.

Its greatest value will not be for the conscious race bigot who deliberately uses "Niggers," "Kikes" and "Japs" in his conversation and who would probably refuse to read it anyway, but for average Americans, Nisei included, who think they are free of prejudice. For it is in their language that such persons often reveal subconscious feelings of race differences, of race supremacy and prejudice.

Many a Nisei has been irked by the well-meaning after-dinner speaker who says "your people" when he refers to the Nisei. And other Nisei have been irritated by well-intentioned remarks that "all the Japanese are so clever with their hands! So artistic!" Such remarks may come out with good intentions, but they reveal an attitude of condescension that is annoying at best.

Nisei who have winced at expressions of prejudice directed at themselves might well take stock of their own speech habits. Many of them might be shocked to learn that the term "Jewess" or "Negress" is highly offensive.

Nisei are not guiltless of the error of referring to "you Filipino boys," when indeed they were addressing men, or of praising a Negro athlete as "a credit to the Negro race." The CCU points out that such terms as the latter "damn with faint praise." They actually express surprise that the Negroes could produce so outstanding a person.

Rooting out prejudice in language would be a supreme accomplishment, since the difficulties are all but insurmountable. The obvious phrases can be done away with, since such terms as "Dago" and "Chink" are unacceptable in what might be termed "polite" society, though only a short time ago gadabout Elsa Maxwell unhesitatingly referred to the "Chink language" on a TV broadcast.

But aside from these terms, there are innumerable expressions that have been accepted and used for generations. There is the callous "Jew him down," and "Indian giver."

And then there are those firmly entrenched expressions: "He's a real white man," or the other, "black of heart."

The National JACL is distributing copies of "PREJUDICE WON'T HIDE!" to all its chapters with the suggestion that further copies can be ordered for local members. We urge full use of the pamphlet by all chapters. It should prove of inestimable value.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

UN and the Land Law

It is possible that no single judicial ruling during the past year has evoked more comment in legal circles throughout the nation than the decision handed down by the California appellate court in the Fujii case, in which the tribunal ruled that the Charter of the United Nations had become the supreme law of the United States and superceded state laws and even the Constitution itself.

The immediate impact of the decision was its effect on racially discriminatory state laws. In ruling the Alien Land law of California invalid because it violated the guarantee of human rights inherent in the UN Charter, the California court made precarious the status of other discriminatory legislation, particularly those enforcing racial segregation in the Deep South.

The ramifications of the California decision went far and wide. It was noted, not without alarm, in Washington and was read with interest in the nation's law schools. It was discussed by Philadelphia lawyers and debated at length in the mahogany and leather domiciles of Wall Street barristers. The decision was welcomed by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz at the United Nations and its possible consequences were weighed by legal experts at Lake Success.

If the basic premise of the California court's decision should be upheld by higher courts, the UN Charter would become a living, working document rather than a blueprint of promise for the future. But it is also possible that such a development would also imperil the immediate future of the United Nations itself. There are members of the United Nations, like South Africa with its "apartheid" or racial segregation and Australia with its "whites only" policy, which would not subscribe to it. There are groups within an individual nation, like the southern states of the United States, which would oppose it.

The California decision probably was read with gravest concern within the State Department itself, since a revolt of southern members of Congress against the UN on the race issue would prove embarrassing to American leadership at Lake Success and might doom effective cooperation with the UN. In addition, the UN's Genocide Convention, barring systematic racial annihilation such as that practiced by the Nazis against the Jews, is awaiting congressional ratification.

It is understood that Secretary of State Dean Acheson, believing that United States commitments to the UN might be imperiled, wanted to intervene and to oppose the appellate court decision outlawing the Alien Land law when the California State Supreme court heard the appeals by the state against the Fujii case decision and

against Superior Judge Thurmond Clarke's verdict in the Masaoka test case. Secretary Acheson was persuaded to withhold his fire since it is possible that the California Supreme Court may press over the decision in the Fujii case. The California tribunal, which now has both cases under consideration, can repudiate the lower court decisions in both cases and uphold a racially discriminatory statute, or it can affirm Judge Clarke's verdict which declares that the Alien Land law violates the rights guaranteed all legal residents of this nation under the 14th Amendment.

It is interesting to recall that Secretary Acheson, then in private law practice in Washington, D.C., joined with A. L. Wirin, special counsel for the National JACL and the American Civil Liberties Union, in October, 1947 to argue the unconstitutionality of the California Alien Land law before the U.S. Supreme Court in the Oyama test case. The Supreme Court, in the Oyama case, sidestepped the issue of the law's invalidity and ruled only that the State of California cannot discriminate against American citizens of Japanese ancestry in its enforcement of its ban against American citizens of Japanese ancestry in its enforcement of its ban against property ownership by Japanese and other "aliens ineligible to citizenship." The effect of the decision was to render the Alien Land law virtually unenforceable and the Attorney General of California abandoned more than 100 cases in which the state sought to escheat property from Nisei and other landowners on the charge that alien Japanese had an interest in the land.

The 38-year old history of the Alien Land law in California has been one of the use of a state statute as a screen for a gigantic land grab. As the late Justice Murphy declared in a blistering concurring decision: "The Alien Land law was designed to effectuate a purely racial discrimination, to prohibit a Japanese alien from owning or using agricultural land solely because he is a Japanese alien. It is rooted deeply in racial, economic and social antagonisms. . . ."

Both the Fujii and Masaoka test cases were inspired by the desires of a resident alien of Japanese ancestry to purchase and occupy residential property. Both were frontal challenges to a discriminatory and discredited law which even the state's citizenry had disowned when a proposition advanced by State Senator Jack Tenney to tighten its provision was defeated at the 1946 elections. The Fujii case became a subject of international interest because the ruling signed by Justices Emmet H. Wilson, Minor Moore and Marshall McComb invoked the United Nations Charter in a court of American law.

Man Behind the Decision

The man behind the precedent-shattering California state court of appeals decision in the Fujii case is Justice Emmet H. Wilson, already recognized as one of the nation's leading legal minds.

Last week Elmer Cain, editor of the Daily Journal which is the official paper for the city and county of Los Angeles, discussed Judge Wilson and the Fujii case in his column of March 1.

"There is no denying," said Mr. Cain, "that this decision is one of the great historical, judicial landmarks of the present age of law in the United States."

"In his long career on the trial and appellate benches of California, Emmet Wilson has been noted for the unswerving quality of his legal reasoning."

"Time after time he has rendered decisions in cases of major importance — cases which, undoubtedly, in the privacy of their chambers, would have given pause to many a jurist. For, even though it not always be conceded publicly, judges are human too, and it often must require considerable courage to let the legal chips fall as the axe is wielded."

"The judge who speaks in Fujii vs. California speaks with the voice of legalism but it follows in-

evitably that he also sets in words the idealism, the principles upon which the whole structure of the United Nations is based.

"The restraint in the court's language in the Fujii case in dealing with a shattering new precedent is so marked as to be at once obvious."

"Actually, the story goes, the attorneys for the plaintiff had not placed any great reliance upon the contention that the Charter of the United Nations, by virtue of treaty, had become the supreme law of the United States, even beyond the Constitution of the United States. The contention had been sort of 'tacked on' but it was taken up unerringly by a keen judicial mind, analyzed, and transposed from a background of the case into a central medium. Upon this new pillar, the court rested a decision which startled the legal world and gained prominence in the news accounts of all the newspapers of the world."

"The Charter of the United Nations, said Justice Wilson, guarantees universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without regard to race, color or religion—and because the Alien Land Law of California discriminates against Japanese in the

MINORITY WEEK

Clipping

A reader sends a clipping from the real estate want-ad section of a California newspaper which advertises homes "ideal for Japanese, Chinese, Filipinos and Mexicans."

"I wonder why the Negroes were forgotten. Or were they?" She writes. "I send this to you because such a real estate practice is of serious interest to us all."

We also liked the unconscious interracial angle in all this. The writer of the letter is, we believe, of Jewish faith. The clipping was given to her by a friend of Filipino ancestry. It was forwarded to a Nisei newspaper, with the purpose of inquiring into the rights of Negroes.

The Book Shelf

If you're interested in the Judd bill, the Walter resolution for equality in naturalization and immigration and other proposals to end racism in our citizenship laws, you might look into PRESSURES ON CONGRESS, written by Fred W. Riggs, and published by Columbia University Press.

Riggs' book is a study of the movement that led to repeal of the Chinese exclusion acts. It shows how a small, effective group organized a successful campaign to bring about the repeal.

The book goes at \$3.75.

Quickie

"I do not concur with those in the South who say the South should be left to work out its own problems in its own way and at its own tempo. I think the attention of our entire nation should be focused wherever injustice occurs."

"We are one nation. Whatever happens to a part of us affects the whole nation."—Federal Judge William H. Hastie.

Interracial

The acting pastor of the Long Beach Japanese Presbyterian Church is a Chinese, Dr. D. D. Su, whose mother and wife were killed in the Sino-Japanese war.

Dr. Su first went to the church "for the summer," but his congregation asked him to stay on when his original stint was finished.

Turnout

We might take a lesson in citizenship from the Navaho Indians.

Last week they held their tribal elections under the "white man's" system for the first time, and they recorded a better than 75% response. Some traveled as far as 60 miles by wagon or horseback over rugged roads.

Voters who stay home because it's raining on election day might take notice.

ownership of land, its restrictions are untenable and unenforceable.

"The United Nations Charter, said the court, is a treaty between the United States and other nations and the Federal Constitution provides that all treaties take precedence over state laws."

Because of the decision invoking the UN Charter, the forthcoming decision of the California Supreme Court on the validity of a racially biased state law is being awaited with both interest and apprehension in Washington and at the United Nations. It is entirely possible, of course, that the California high court may ignore or sidestep the UN issue but the decision of Justices Wilson, Moore and McComb will remain an example of high principle in a world of expediency.

As Editor Cain declared: "Whether it stands now or is demolished by higher courts, later to be reerected, this decision is a great judicial signpost, blazoned with the everlasting light and in-laid with words of eternal guidance."

"It is as if the court had said: This is the way to the brotherhood of man—the legal pathway to the most high and beneficent goal of humankind — peace and honor among all the peoples of the earth."

Maturity of Nisei Americans Since Evacuation Noted by Writer in "Frontier" Article

"Japanese America has matured and adjusted remarkably since relocation," says Ward Moore, author and critic, in an article titled "The Nisei: Ten Years Later," printed in the March issue of Frontier magazine.

"Considering the magnitude of the injustice (of the evacuation), there is astonishingly little bitterness," he says. "Ten years after, although the scars are prominent, the wounds have closed."

Both the Nisei attitude and the attitude of Caucasians toward them have changed for the better, says the author, though the question of which change occurred first is comparable to the chicken-or-the-egg question.

"Certainly the economic pressure which was so strong a component of the anti-Japanese sentiment has relaxed," says Moore. In many occupations where Nisei and Issei were once dominant, they now work for others on salary. "The Caucasian, having robbed the 'greedy Japs,' can afford to be generous with sentiments."

Prior to the relocation, Japanese Americans tended to accept and implement exclusion from full activity in American life, says the author. He cites the language barrier of the Issei, their disinclination to take part in politics since they were unfranchised, anyway, and the general passiveness of the Nisei "in their response to general culture media above the Coco Cola, jazz, comic book and colloquial speech level."

"Ten years have produced a revolution," says Moore. "Today the Nisei of voting age outnumber the Issei by far. Although grumblings are heard that the Issei control the funds for communal projects, it is the Nisei who operate them. Nisei intellectuals may enjoy flinging words like 'the Oriental mind' around and even, with curdled pride, taking the old stereotypes of the Jap-baiters and proclaiming them caricatures of reality rather than absolute fabrications, but even if he wished to (which he does not) the Nisei, like the Sansei (third generation) or the Shisei (fourth generation), cannot escape his obvious Americanism. His very physical type is American rather than Japanese, with only the epicurean eyefold...to remind him of his genetic past..."

"The Nisei today does not shy away from politics; he is a reg-

istered Republican, Democrat or (more rarely) Progressive or Socialist. As a commercial fisherman he is a member of the CIO, as a gardner of the AFL. In other trades or professions he joins organizations if not barred; if he is he protests the barrier and demands admittance."

The author points out that the Nisei have "inevitably" absorbed "some of the nastier Caucasian thought patterns."

"Anti-Semitism is not unknown, as in the case of one Okamoto who urged the election of Nixon because Helen Douglas was supported by Jews. Responsible Japanese Americans contemptuously term Okamoto a crackpot and he was roundly denounced in the Nisei press. A few, recalling the shame of relocation and remembering the 'I Am A Chinese' buttons in lapels when the Nisei were being herded into camps, are inclined to be complacent and say, 'Well, it's their turn now.' On the other hand there are signs that Japanese Americans will be among the most vigorous in opposing repetition directed against another minority."

Perhaps the best indication of Nisei maturity is the Sansei, who have made what Moore calls "a flying start" in their final synthesis with America.

"The Nisei were distinguished in their schooldays by all the virtues schoolmams are supposed to approve: they were studious, well-behaved and inconspicuous. The Sansei are much, much less so. Though frequently the brilliant kids who learn everything, winding up with top honors and the presidency of the student body, they are also likely to be among those bringing home despairing notes from the teacher or distinguishing themselves in the less laudable activities of the young. The behavior gap between them and their Caucasian contemporaries seems to have been wiped out."

Writer Notes Change in Status Of Japanese American Group

The change in status of Japanese Americans in the years since the war is termed "An American Revolution" by Ernest Maas, writing in the February issue of The Kiwanis magazine.

The author cites a number of individual cases, including those of Ben Kuroki, wartime Air Force hero who now edits the York (Neb.) Republican; of Jack Fujii, Denver barber; and Yutaka Shiroma, Los Angeles flower shop operator.

"Watching the Shiromas, Kurokis and Fujiis at work and at play one detects nothing revolutionary about them," says Maas. "Actually, behind their undramatic way of life lies a profound reversal of fate for themselves and 130,000 other Japanese-Americans strangely different from its ominous beginning."

Author Maas relates the circumstances of the evacuation of 1942, when 110,000 Japanese Americans were uprooted from their homes, though not a single act of disloyalty was proved against them.

He recalls their war service in Europe and their later work with the occupation in Japan.

Maas points out that a new spirit toward these Nisei arose in the Far West, where once they had been distrusted.

"During the enforced absence of Japanese - American farmers and fishermen, produce merchants and domestics, many persons discovered that it is always easier to discriminate against a group than to replace it," the author writes. "When some Americans picked on returning evacuees with threats or even arson and gunfire, many local citizens and officials showed them their places. They made inveterate Japanese-baiters realize that 'No Japs Wanted' was no welcome for wounded soldiers."

Legal discrimination received a hard blow when the United States Supreme Court killed state laws that forbade Japanese to own land. In a similar case a California Appellate Court invalidated an anti-Japanese law for a significantly new reason: it conflicted with the charter of the United Nations to which the United States adheres."

Maas points out that this country still needs to adopt legislation to make aliens of Japanese ancestry eligible to citizenship.

"For millions of critical Asiatics who keep close check on our claims to democratic world leadership, this issue and the exclusion of Japanese from immigration are important test cases," he says. "For many reasons, as the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce pointed out, we need equality in naturalization and immigration, if only to 'remove an affront to the Asiatic race.'"

Maas quotes Robert S. Kuwahara, cartoonist, who is an alien, as saying: "This is my country. But for a hazy memory, I know no other. I would like to get up and voice my opinions, and exercise my rights as a citizen, and that I cannot do as an alien."

Bill Hosokawa:

FROM THE FRYING PAN

A Visit to San Luis Valley

Alamosa, Colo.

You climb over Poncha pass, slide into a downgrade, and you're in the San Luis valley. What a magnificent valley it is, billiard-table flat, spreading into a huge bowl bounded by range on range of tremendous peaks. All that is needed to make it flower is water.

Unfortunately only a portion of the valley has enough water to make agriculture possible. Much of it is only grazing land; that portion under irrigation produces McClure potatoes, peas, lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower and many another crop.

You can't be in the southern part of the valley very long without seeing Japanese faces. Min Yasui says there are some forty families in the area, with a total of about 250 individuals. They've been here a long time, have sunk their roots deeply, are well accepted.

At Alamosa high school Principal Kenneth Montel has nothing but raise for his Nisei students. As in almost every other community we've visited, the Nisei take more than their share of scholastic honors. But here they're part and parcel of extracurricular activities too, including student government offices.

"About half of our population is Spanish American," Montel says. "The Caucasians are in the minority. We're proud of the way our students of various racial backgrounds work and play together without any sort of friction."

Several Japanese Americans are members of local Farm Bureau Federation chapters. Andy Mair, assistant state organizer for the Farm Bureau, calls them "the best, most progressive farmers in the valley." They've been accepted as good neighbors.

Do You Know?

JACL Chapters Assisted In Filing Evacuation Claims

By ELMER R. SMITH

Services outside that of legislation and litigation were carried on by the JACL in various ways and in all the local chapters. One of the most significant services was that of assisting, without fee, the filing of evacuation claims. The local JACL chapters were active in giving secretarial service, acting as interpreters for the Issei, and suggesting other aids in the filing of the claims.

Local chapters participated in the over-all community activities by cooperating with other civic and service organizations in such activities as Red Cross drives, community chest activities, interracial and intercultural meetings of various kinds, and the building of "peace gardens," or other types of community affairs.

The JACL became the clearing house for a number of scholarships, the two most important ones being the National Ethical Society scholarship and the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial scholarship. During 1949 and 1950 six Nisei attended the National Ethical Society Encampment for Citizenship on scholarship awards, and one Nisei for 1949 and one for 1950 were given college scholarships from the Masaoka Memorial fund.

In 1949 a representative of the JACL visited Hawaii, as was done in 1948, for the purpose of reporting on the activities of the JACL and the ADC of interest to persons of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii. The cooperation given by the inhabitants of Hawaii to the JACL since 1947 is of significance when it is recalled that in the early days of JACL an attempt to bring about such support and cooperation was not successful. The forces set loose during World War II and the position taken by the JACL in combating these forces tended to weld the Nisei together in a common cause that was not forthcoming before. This is a specific instance where group morale was tightened in times of stress and strain and closer cooperation brought results.

The JACL both on a local and national basis was interested in the conducting and sponsoring of a national JACL bowling tournament. Such tournaments had been conducted in previous years, and held in Salt Lake City, but in 1950 the tournament was moved

Leader

The city of Toledo last week honored a young Negro, Joseph E. Doneghy, as the "outstanding young man of 1950." The award was made by the Toledo Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Doneghy, boys' referee in juvenile court, has been recognized nationally for his work in rehabilitating juveniles after they have been arrested.

Ever since we can remember we've been fascinated by the name Manassa. It's Jack Dempsey's home town—remember the old Manassa Mauler? For a long time we didn't even know where Manassa was, and then one day we discovered it on a Colorado map.

We took advantage of this trip into the San Luis valley to visit Manassa, just to be able to say we'd been there. Of course Dempsey left Manassa long before he became famous, and there is little but memory to link him to this little town. But it was a bit of a thrill to walk over the dirt streets of Manassa, just to be able to say we'd done it.

Manassa is about 25 miles south of Alamosa. It's in the middle of a farming area, and there is little to distinguish it except a huge, cavernous "opera house" that belongs to the Mormon church. There's a store or two, a gas station, a liquor store. And that's about all.

At Poncha Springs is an ancient hostelry called the Jackson Hotel. One of its claims to fame is the hotel register which is hauled out to oblige curious tourists. For on a single page are the signatures of Susan B. Anthony, mother of woman suffrage, and the James brothers, Jesse and Frank of train-robbing fame.

"Are these signatures genuine?" we asked the proprietor.

"Search me," he said. "I wasn't here when they signed. That was more than 65 years ago. I've been told they're the real goods. And that's all I know."

Well, they looked authentic. That fat, dog-eared register is a veritable treasurehouse—full of autographs, in archaic hand, of stage coach travelers who were only too glad to rest on their strenuous journeys.

Vagaries

Murder Victim . . .

Reiko Sato, playing the role of a dancer, is one of the two victims of the murderer in the Fidelity Pictures production of "Woman on the Run" which stars Ann Sheridan and Dennis O'Keefe. Young Miss Sato is teamed with Sen Yung in a dance act in the film which has a San Francisco setting . . . Kuroemon Oroye, son of the late Kikuro, Japan's foremost Kabuki actor, will enroll soon at Pasadena Community Playhouse for a two-year course in the American drama. A number of actors of Japanese ancestry studied at Pasadena in pre-war years, including Joe Hirakawa, now teaching English over Radio Tokyo. Hirakawa had a leading role in "These Few Ashes" at Pasadena with Bradley Page. He also studied at the University of Washington where he had a leading part in a production of Ibsen's "Peer Gynt."

Release Date . . .

"Go for Broke!" has been definitely scheduled for May release by MGM. It will be one of two major productions released in that month by the studio. The other is "Pandora and the Flying Dutchman," starring Ava Gardner and James Mason, which was filmed in England . . . MGM, already plugging "Go for Broke!" as one of the company's major films of 1951 in ads in trade publications, is also mimeographing the entire script written for the film by Robert Pirosh and will send copies of it to 1,800 newspaper editors throughout the nation. James Merrick, handling publicity on the film, also is writing a story of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team which will be distributed to movie editors.

Lobbyist . . .

The Sacramento Bee ran the following head above Arthur Edson's AP article on Mike Masaoka last week: "Mike Is a Lobbyist Without Fur Coat, Deep Freeze, Girls." . . . A Japanese motion picture, starring Ken Uehara and Mitsuko Mito, is included in a current release of Art Baker's "You Asked for It" television program . . . Yoshiko Yamaguchi is now on her way back to Japan now that "Messer Marco Polo" has folded because of the international situation . . . Sculptor Isamu Noguchi also is reported to be en route to Japan by plane. Noguchi visited Japan last year on the last leg of an 18-month round-the-world tour.

Japanese fishermen, held the interest of the Idaho chapters, and ground work was begun to have these laws eliminated at the next meeting of the Idaho state legislature.

PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

Hank Matsubu May Be First Nisei Holdout

Unless the Yuma, Ariz., club of the new ten-team Southwest International League can come up with a better contract **Henry (Hank) Matsubu**, catcher-outfielder for the club last year, may decide to work on the family farm this summer at New Plymouth, Idaho. Matsubu recently returned the contract offered him by Yuma which probably makes him the first Nisei holdout in history. Hammering Hank, a good prospect since his days at Hunt high school at the Minidoka relocation camp, played GI ball and was performing with the Payette, Idaho, Packers when he was signed to a Modesto, Calif., contract by **Floyd (Babe) Herman** of the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1949. He finished out the 1949 season with the Reds and then was sent to Hutchinson, Kans., in the Western Association, another link in the Pirate chain. From Hutchinson he moved to Yuma in the Sunset League where he batted .276 last season. Matsubu, who also caught for the College of Idaho in 1949, has been keeping in shape playing basketball during the winter and helped his Twin Valley YBA team to the Northwest Bussei championship recently at Ontario, Ore.

Bill Veeck Seeks Japanese Ball Payers

Manager **Lefty O'Doul** of the San Francisco Seals who brought tour of Japan's top pro baseball players to the Seals training camp at Modesto, Calif., as a goodwill gesture was quoted this week as saying he thought **Bill Veeck**, former owner of the Cleveland Indians, was just talking for publicity when he said that he hoped to get three members of the Mainichi Orions, now barnstorming in Hawaii, to sign contracts with Dayton, Ohio in the Class A Central League and Oklahoma City in the AA Texas League. "There was a story out of Honolulu last week stating that **Ralph Yempuku**, Hawaiian representative for Veeck, had wired the Tokyo Eilers, asking them to release **Hiroshi Oshita**, hard-hitting outfielder. Yempuku also said that Manager **Henry (Bozo) Wakabayashi** of the Orions, champions of the Japanese pro league, would ask **Shintade Matsushima**, owner of the club, to break his contracts with Outfielder **Kaoru Betto** (called the "Babe Ruth" of Japan) and Pitcher **Atsushi Aramaki**. "Veeck wants them to try out as soon as possible," Yempuku said. The Honolulu Nisei said he was confident that the trio, rated among Japan's best players, could get their releases from the Tokyo clubs. "They are eager to play in America," he added, "not so much for the money, but for the precedent they might set." The 190-pound Betto hit 43 home runs last year while Aramaki had a 26 to 8 record. Luring Betto and Oshita to America would be somewhat equivalent to getting **Joe DiMaggio** and **Ted Williams** out of the U.S. majors and probably would result in unfavorable reactions from Japanese fans. As far as the players themselves are concerned, it appears that the majority would like to try out their abilities in American baseball, especially since there are only two Japanese pro baseball leagues. Although O'Doul doesn't think there is anything to the Veeck proposal, he added this week that he was sure that the players could make the grade on the Dayton and Oklahoma City teams. He also has stated that Outfielder **Makoto Kozuru** and Infielders **Tetsuji Kawakami** and **Fumio Fujimura**, now working out with the Seals along with Pitcher **Shigeru Sugishita**, could play Coast League AAA ball.

Yosh Kawano Helps Train Chicago Cubs

Busiest man in the Chicago Cubs training camp at Catalina Island off the California coast is **Yosh Kawano**, the Ex-GI who is the trainer of the National League club. Paul Hatago was the only member of the UCLA team to win an event as the Bruins lost a dual meet last week to the USC gymnasts. Hatago won the tumbling event. Hatago won his specialty and **John Mizushima** took first place on the rings on March 3 as the Bruins defeated Stanford and UC in a triangular meet. Hajime Uyehara who has cleared 11 feet 6 in the pole vault this year is a member of the Belmont high varsity in Los Angeles. The touring Japanese collegiate all-stars from Tokyo lost all five bouts to Iowa State Teachers of Cedar Falls on March 12. **Jim Tsuda** of Placer Union high of Auburn, Calif., who set a Class C Northern California record of 6 feet in the high jump two years ago, is competing for the varsity again this season. He cleared 5 feet 8 to win as Placer defeated San Juan high in a dual meet last week.

Kobayashi Sets New Big Ten Swim Mark

Herb Kobayashi, captain of the Ohio State swimming team, was one of the two swimmers who broke the Big Ten conference record in the 100-yard freestyle at the conference prelims in Minneapolis last week. Kobayashi and **Charles Scholes** of Michigan State both swam the distance in 51.2s, breaking the mark previously set by **Wally Ris** of Iowa of 51.3. Best 100-yard freestyle swimmer in Big Ten competition, however, is Kobayashi's teammate from Honolulu, **Dick Cleveland**, who has beaten the present mark on several occasions and is considered the best man at the distance in the world. Cleveland won the 100-meters for the U.S. in the Pan-American Games in Buenos Aires last week. **Willie Takai** of Palo Alto, Calif., is one of the nation's 100 top badminton players who competed in the California state championships in San Francisco last week. **Ted Kanamine**, the University of Nebraska's top freestyle swimming star, placed fifth in the 100-yard event at the Big Seven conference championships in Ames, Iowa, on March 10. The winner was **Bob Brown** of the championship Iowa State team who took the event in 51.3, setting a new conference record. **Jim Yoshimura** is a returning letterman on the Yuba, Calif., College Honkers baseball team.

Watanabe Aids Two UCLA Relay Wins

Bob Watanabe, the UCLA flyer and probably still the fastest Nisei around, contributed to two UCLA victories in the 440-yard and 880-yard relay events at the annual Long Beach Relays on March 10. Watanabe has done 9.8 in the century while a GI in Japan and was one of a number of Army men sent back to try out for the 1949 Olympic team. **Henry Aihara**, probably the only trackman to hold both the Pacific Coast and Big Ten broad jump titles as well as the NCAA crown, will be back in competition this year for the Los Angeles Athletic Club. He co-captained the USC team last year. Aihara won the Big Ten title as a freshman at the University of Illinois before transferring to USC.

Cal's New Nisei Hurler Makes Debut

Bill Nishita, the slim fireball ace who was the outstanding pitcher in junior college ball on the coast last year for Santa Rosa JC, made his debut for the University of California on March 9, hurling the Bears to a 7 to 2 win over the Camp Pendleton Marines.

Two Nisei Outshine Japan's Top Pros as Fresno Wins

FRESNO, Calif.—Two Nisei college baseball players outshone four of Japan's top pros here on March 10 as Fresno State College defeated the San Francisco Seals B team, 5 to 2, before 2,500 fans at the state college park.

The Nisei were Fresno State's two outfielders, **Fibber Hirayama** in centerfield and **Howard Zenimura** in left. Hirayama who led the California Collegiate Athletic Association with a .435 batting average last season and Zenimura who hit .412 two years ago played a major role in defeating the Seals.

Shigeru Sugishita, winner of 27 games for the Nagoya Dragons last year, started on the mound for San Francisco and pitched well, allowing only two hits and no runs in the four innings he worked.

Makoto Kozuru, who beat **Joe DiMaggio** in a batting contest last year in Tokyo, was in center for the Seals and got two for three, while **Fumio Fujimura** at third base and **Tetsuji Kawakami** on first drew the horsecollar.

Fresno State went into the lead

in the sixth off the Seals' **Dick Lerner** as Zenimura pulled a drive into right center for three bases and scored on a triple by Morse. Hirayama then fled to right field, scoring Morse.

One of the features of the game was the play of Hirayama in center. The speedy Bulldog star, named to the All-American non-professional baseball team last August at the Wichita tournament, turned in four fine catches.

A large portion of the 2,500 attendance was of Japanese ancestry.

Hirayama, co-captain of the Fresno State squad, and Zenimura also used their batting prowess on March 6 to help the Bulldogs open their season with a 7 to 1 conquest of the Camp Pendleton Marines.

Both Hirayama and Zenimura scored in the first inning to send Fresno ahead. In the eighth Hirayama belted a long double and took third on an infield hit. He then stole home. Besides two hits and an RBI, Hirayama turned in some sparking catches and also stole two bases.

Ford Konno Sets Two World's Records in Honolulu Meet

HONOLULU, T. H.—**Ford Konno**, 18-year old Nisei star from McKinley high school, broke two world's records last week and established himself as the outstanding American hope in the middle distances in the 1952 Olympics.

Konno set new marks in the 400 meter and 440-yard freestyle events. He swam the 400 meters in 4:29 flat on his way to the world's mark in the 440-yards in which he stopped the watches at 4:30.6, six-tenths of a second faster than the present record held by **John Marshall** of Australia who swims for Yale University.

Konno was five-tenths of a second better than Marshall's mark for the 400 meters.

Before Konno's record performances his coach at the Nuuanu YMCA, **Yoshito Segawa**, had predicted that his star protegee would set the new records in the Honolulu meet.

Konno, now completing his senior year at McKinley has turned down offers to tour Australia and South America with AAU swimming teams.

The slim Konno covered the 220-yard freestyle in 2:07.5, only two seconds slower than the world mark, also held by Marshall, while on his way to the two new records.

Konno's marks must be recognized by the International Swimming Federation to become the official record.

Officials of the Honolulu meet indicated this week that the marks would be submitted.

PENRYN TEAM ADMITTED INTO BASEBALL LOOP

AUBURN, Calif.—**Penryn** was accepted as the eighth club in the Placer-Nevada Baseball League for the 1951 season at a meeting of league directors in Auburn.

The league, the strongest non-professional baseball organization in the Sierra Foothills area, has teams in Roseville, Placerville, Grass Valley, Colfax, Auburn, Lincoln and Nevada City.

The Penryn team will consist entirely of Japanese Americans, many of them former stars for Placer Union and other local high schools and Placer College. All home games for Penryn will be played at the JACL baseball park which was built last year as a project of the Placer County JACL chapter.

Nishita allowed only two hits in the five innings he worked. Placer Union high's ace forward, **Vic Nakamoto**, was given honorable mention on the all-Northern California high school basketball team picked this week by the San Francisco Chronicle. **Kenneth Nishiyama** of Piedmont and **George Katayama** of Berkeley were named to the second team of the all-star Class B team picked by the Alameda County Athletic League last week. **Ben Yano** had three hits for three for Fresno JC as the Rams and Bakersfield JC played to a 7 to 7 tie in 11 innings last week. **Hiro Tsukimura** captained Fowler, Calif., high schools B basketball team which won the Sequoia league championship this year. **Tom Osaki** was also on the squad. **Yamaguchi** of Riverside, Calif., high school placed third in the broad jump at the National Orange Show Relays on March 10. The winning distance was 22 feet 6 in. The Placer College Spartans have another Nisei pitcher this year in **Aki Hokama**, while **Jimmy Yokota** is a fixture at shortstop. **Tom Yego** and **Ed Miyamoto** are among the team's outfielders.

Conference Title Lost by Nishimoto

Joe Nishimoto lost his Coast Conference, Northern division championship in the breaststroke as the University of Washington won the annual meet on March 10 at Seattle. Nishimoto, the University of Oregon star from Honolulu, placed second in the 200-yard breaststroke to **Dick Magnuson** of the Huskies. In the 100-yard breaststroke the best Nishimoto could get was fifth as Magnuson set a new record of 1:02.3. Nishimoto, however, swam a lap on Oregon's winning 400-yard relay team. **Eugene Machida** of Idaho State, one of the best collegiate boxers in the nation at 125 pounds, was the victim of an upset as he lost to **John Camp** of San Jose State in the 5th annual Intermountain intercollegiate boxing tournament at Pocatello. Machida was the defending champion in his division. **Tom Nekota** of Honolulu has been serving as manager of the University of Oregon swimming team this season. Nekota coached the Webfoot frosh last year.

Dr. Kurumada Misses "700" Series

Dr. Jun Kurumada lived up to his Scene Magazine publicity this week (his was the lead photo in a story on Nisei bowling in the March issue) by rolling a 694 series (211-269-214) for Okada Insurance in the JACL league in Salt Lake City. "Doc" came up to the last frame of his third game, needing only a spare for a magic "700" but erred on the five-pin. **Bob Shiba** also rolled a 651 for the Okadas on games of 225, 216, 210. **Ike Ogata** of the Pagoda team hit the high individual game of the Salt Lake season with 275. **George Sakashita**, meanwhile, had a 620 in the Salt Lake Ritz league last week.

Many Trophies Await Bowling Meet Winners

JACL's National Tournament Being Held in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—"The biggest and most" trophies awards in the five-year history of the National JACL Bowling Tournament will be presented to the winners at the fifth annual tournament to take place this weekend at the Vogue Bowl in Los Angeles. Chairman **Harley Kusumoto** and **Dick Fujimoto** announced.

Latest additions to the prize pool were two Gruen wrist watches from **George Fukushima**, representing the E. A. Eddy and Company, to be presented to the champions of the men's and women's all-events. **George Kobo** revealed that a Manhattan bowling ball will be presented to the men's high series winner by L.A. Bowling Supplies while bowling bags donated by the Kik Bowling Supplies and ABC Bowling Supplies will be awarded to the women's high series and the men's high game champions.

JACL perpetual trophies will be awarded to winners in the men's and women's all-events, men's team and men's singles, the latter two donated by the H & F Company and the W. Fay Company respectively, local produce firms. JACL gold medals will also be given to the all-events champions, and for the first time, individual trophies (permanent) will be awarded to the members of the champion men's team by the H & F Company.

Permanent trophies will also be awarded to the champions in the men's team, singles, doubles and sweepstakes, while the top women's team and champions in the women's singles, doubles and mixed doubles will also receive permanent trophies, all donated by local merchants.

The Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council will present each individual champion with embroidered shoulder patches.

Trophies, awards and prize money will be presented by JACL National Director **Masao Satow** at the tournament dinner dance to be held at the Nikabob Restaurant, 865 South Western Avenue, on Sunday, March 18, at 7 p. m. Tickets for this sports formal event are available to the public at \$3.75 per person, including tax, tip, dinner and dance.

Idaho Falls JACL, Honeyville Team Enter Tournament

The Idaho Falls JACL and the Honeyville Bees from northern Utah have been selected for berths in the forthcoming 16th annual Intermountain invitational basketball tournament which will be sponsored by the Salt Lake JACL on March 29, 30 and 31 at the new Hellenic gym in Salt Lake City.

The Idaho Falls team is considered to be the best of the Nisei teams in southeastern Idaho, according to **Yosh Kojimoto**, tournament official, while the Honeyville quintet recently won the championship at the annual Idaho Falls JACL invitational tourney.

The San Jose, Calif., Zebras who defeated the Hawaii AJA All-Stars for the Intermountain title last year will return to defend their crown.

Nisei Bowlers Lead Salinas League

SALINAS, Calif.—The Nick Cominos Insurance team, only Nisei squad entered in the ABC-sanctioned Veterans Bowling League in Salinas, took over first place last week when they defeated their closest rivals, the Aladdin Cleaners, after trailing the Aladdins for the first three rounds.

Members of the team are **Lefty Miyayagi**, president of the Salinas JACL; **Kay Tsujihara**, **Bob Yamamoto**, **Kujo Hirano** and **Charles Tanada**.

Name Matsumoto On All-Star Team

ONTARIO, Ore.—**Dick Matsumoto** of Middleton, Ida., high school was named to the first team of the Snake River Valley B league all-star basketball team picked by **Gordon Capps** on his KSRV sports show last week.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Kay Nakamoto, a boy on March 5 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. John F. Suyeiro a boy, David Kenji, on March 5 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Juji Shintani a boy, Jack Goro, on Feb. 15 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Sugimoto a boy, Gene Kiyoshi, on Feb. 11 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Joel Takeuchi a boy, Michael Jon, on Feb. 11 in Los Angeles.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hoichi Narasura a girl on March 4 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Tashiro a girl in Denver.
To Mr. and Mrs. Fujio Takeuchi a girl in Denver.
To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert H. Yamate a girl in Oakland, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Kenney Nakagami a boy on March 5 in Seattle.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Hoshida a girl on March 7 in Seattle.
To Mr. and Mrs. George T. Kubo a boy on March 3 in Seattle.
To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Ueda a girl on Jan. 26 in Fresno.
To Mr. and Mrs. George Misaki a girl on Feb. 6 in Fowler, Calif.
To Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Tadehara a boy in Denver.
To Mr. and Mrs. Yukichi Nishiyori, Vashon, Wash., a boy on March 7.
To Mr. and Mrs. Hatsuji Hanada a boy on March 7 in Seattle.
To Mr. and Mrs. John Kenji Hatamiya a boy in Berkeley.
To Mr. and Mrs. Wataru Miura a boy in Berkeley.
To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Otani a boy in Berkeley.
To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kazuo Shikano a boy in Berkeley.
To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Ogo a boy in Berkeley.
To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tamotsu Kimura a girl in Berkeley.
To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeya Tomita a girl in Berkeley.
To Mr. and Mrs. Kanichi Iwami a boy on March 1 in Seattle.
To Mr. and Mrs. Kaz Izumi a boy on March 1 in Sacramento.
To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Omi a boy, Michael Allen, on March 2 in Berkeley.
To Mr. and Mrs. Chiyoji Ono, Mill Valley, Calif., a girl on March 1.
To Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Maruoka a boy on Dec. 30 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Tad Hatanaka a girl on March 15 in Salt Lake City.
To Mr. and Mrs. Harry K. Konda a boy on Feb. 27 in San Francisco.

DEATHS

Masakichi Kitani, 78, on March 5 in Fresno.
Shinsaku Sawada, 62, on March 4 in Seattle.
Fukutaro Yokoyama, 60, on March 11 in Salt Lake City.
Takejiro Noguchi on March 6 in Pasadena, Calif.
Mrs. Masaya Kurokawa, 50, on March 10 in Ontario, Ore.
Mrs. Seki Uyemura in Chicago.
Hitoshi Taniguchi, 40, on March 10 in Campbell, Calif.
Mrs. Yayeko Kamimura Fujikawa, 58, on March 9 in Brigham City, Utah.

MARRIAGES

Setsuko Yamazaki to Teruo Sato on March 3 in Chicago.
Sumiye Nishida to George Isao Mayeda on March 4 in Longmont, Colo.

Lillian Toshiko Ochai to Lloyd Yamamoto on March 4 in San Francisco.
Osame Takagi to Henry Gotanda on March 3 in Los Angeles.
Rose Fujimoto, Morgan Hill, Calif., to George Naganuma on Feb. 25 in San Francisco.
Shizuko Sugai to Ben Uyeda on March 11 in Fresno.
Satoko Igarashi to Hirohito Okada on Feb. 22 in Richmond, Calif.
Etsuko Arikawa to Sakari Yamashita on March 11 in Los Angeles.
Barbara Takahashi to Dr. Mitsuya Yamaguchi on March 11 in Los Angeles.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Mae Suguro, 23, to Seiichi Deguchi, 29, in Seattle.
Clara R. Okura, 21, Algonia, Wash., and Armando Meo, 23, in Seattle.

Salinas Chapter Aids YMCA Drive

SALINAS, Calif.—The Salinas JACL chapter recently collected \$90.50 for the local YMCA drive and are now conducting a fund campaign for the Red Cross.

Members and friends from Monterey and Watsonville joined the Salinas church at a dinner recently to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. S. Kanow and their two children to the Lincoln Presbyterian church. They also thanked Abe Dohi, student at San Anselmo Theological Seminary, for his services for the past year. The program chairman was Dr. Harry Kita. Mrs. Marian Tanda and Mrs. Eva Urabe were co-chairmen for the dinner.

Dr. Saburo Takeshita of Chicago and his brother, Shigeo of Philadelphia, were recent visitors in Salinas, their former home town.

Tad Tanda of Denver, Colo., is visiting his parents and friends in the Salinas area for a week.

Toni Mukai Weds James Ushio in Salt Lake Rites

Miss Toni Mukai, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Mukai of Ogden, Utah, was married on March 13 to James Ushio, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ushio of Murray, in services at Memorial House in Memory Grove in Salt Lake City. Bishop Merlin Shaw officiated at the rites.

Miss Dorothy Mukai, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor, while Peggy Mukai and Kiyo Kariya were the bridesmaids.

Shigeki Ushio, brother of the groom, was best man.

The flower girls were Linda Ushio and Maurine Terashima.

A reception was held for the Issei at the Pagoda restaurant following the ceremony and a reception and dance were given in the evening at Memorial House.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ushio are active members of the Mount Olympus chapter of the JACL.

Two Robbers Seize \$2,000 from Woman

SACRAMENTO—A loss of more than \$2,000 in cash, checks and personal property was reported on March 10 by Mrs. Masao Ninomiya who told police that she was robbed by two men who were hiding in the stairway leading to her two-story home here.

Mrs. Ninomuya said the two men snatched her purse and fled.

In the purse, she reported, was approximately \$1,500 in cash, \$400 in cash and two wrist watches valued at \$180.

She had just closed the grocery which her husband operates and most of the money consisted of the receipts of Saturday sales as well as a large sum paid on a loan.

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French Camp JACL Holds Installation For New Cabinet

FRENCH CAMP, Calif.—State Senator Verne Hoffman installed newly-elected officers of the French Camp JACL at the chapter's annual installation banquet on March 3 at O Sol O Mio.

More than 100 members and friends witnessed the installation of John Fujiki, pres.; Harry Itaya, 1st vice pres.; Ayako Tsugawa, 2nd vice pres.; Sue Maruyama, rec. secy.; George Ogino, treas.; Satsuki Iwata, historian; Tamako Yagi and Helen Tomita, public relations chmn.; Haru Yagi, correspondent; Bob Ota, official delegate; and Yosh Maruyama, athletic chmn.

Special guests for the evening were Sen. Hoffman; John McFull, assemblyman from the 12th district, and Mrs. McFull; George Ohm, chairman, San Joaquin Board of Supervisors, and Mrs. Ohm; Bob Takahashi, chairman, JACL Northern California—Western Nevada district council, and Mrs. Takahashi; Akimi Sugawara, executive director, KKD; Kibei Ikeda, KKD; June Fujita; Elsie Flowers, program director, KGDM; Teruji Endow, Northern American News; Kanzo Ohashi, Japanese Americans News; Yosh Oshita, Linden Nisei Club; and Jack Matsumoto of the Stockton JACL.

Joe Grant Masaoka, retiring regional director for the JACL in Northern California, spoke on the subject, "Korea Is Closer Than You Think."

Bob Ota was toastmaster. A dance followed the banquet.

Stockton Chapter Plans Novel Dance

STOCKTON, Calif.—"Gingham and Jeans" will be the theme when the Stockton JACL sponsors its first dance of the year this Saturday, March 17, from 8 p.m. at Anderson Hall on the College of the Pacific campus.

Ice-breaker dances will start out the evening, followed by "Sadie Hawkins" and other specialty dances. Jan Komure will be chairman.

Dr. and Mrs. M. Yayoshi and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Matsumoto will be chaperones.

Stags will face a 65c door charge. Girls will be admitted free.

"Open House" Held At Chicago YMCA

CHICAGO—"Open House" was scheduled Friday, March 16, at the Larrabee YMCA by the City Wide Recreation Council, with ticket funds slated to go toward the Chicago Resettler building fund.

George Noritoku was chairman, assisted by Lucy Nakagawa, Jiro Yamaguchi, Smoky Sakurada, Chiye Tomihiro, Helen Sasaki, George Morisato, Abe Hagiwara, Hiroko Uchida and Chizu Iiyama.

Church and club representatives volunteered their services, helping with the coat checking, coke sales and at the gate.

Announce Second Ceramics Class At Ellis Center

CHICAGO—An unexpectedly large response to the Tuesday evening ceramics class at the Ellis Community Center has resulted in formation of a second beginners' class to start March 22 for a period of six weeks.

The class is offered through the adult education program under the direction of Min Mochizuki, program director. Paul Cushman will instruct the class.

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U. S. Newspapers Carry Feature On Mike Masaoka

ADC Director Mike Masaoka is the subject of a nationally syndicated column by Arthur Edson released in hundreds of papers throughout the country this week. "Like many another person working here to influence legislation, Mike has no money to throw around — and he doesn't control enough votes to swing a single Congressional election," the column says.

"All Mike has is his own seemingly boundless energy, a cheerful friendliness, and, he quickly points out, 'a cause that is just.' That may be enough."

Edson points out the two objectives of the JACL's Anti-Discrimination Committee: naturalization rights for Issei and the right of immigration for persons of Japanese ancestry.

The latter would mean token immigration of 185 Japanese to the United States each year, a figure which Masaoka admits isn't many.

"But it's the principle that counts," he explained. "We think this law, which made the Japanese feel inferior, played a part in bringing on the last war."

Baby Shower

DAYTON, Ohio — A surprise baby shower was held on March 10 in honor of Mrs. Yo Sato.

Mrs. George Yoshida and Mary Yoshida were co-hostesses. Twenty friends attended.

Montana Chapter Signs 18 Members

ROSEBUD, Mont. — Eighteen members have been signed by the Montana JACL, according to Tom Ogoshi, Jr., treasurer.

Recent activities of the group included special send-off parties for Nisei entering the armed forces. Tom Koyama is chapter president, serving his third consecutive term.

Gardena Valley Chapter Honors Former Officers

GARDENA, Calif. — JACL pins were awarded to three past cabinet officers in recognition of services during 1947, 1948 and 1949, while a pearl studded pin was awarded to Past President Paul Shinoda. The presentation was made on behalf of the chapter by JACL National Treasurer Roy Nishikawa at the chapter's installation dinner dance held at the Eleda Restaurant in Los Angeles on March 10.

"The national organization appreciates the leadership you have provided for your chapter and for your community," Nishikawa told them. "I know that you will wear your pins proudly for they symbolize your contributions toward the betterment of your fellow Nisei and the strengthening of JACL."

1951 cabinet officers installed by Regional Director Tats Kushida were: president, Henry Ishida (Gardena); vice president, Jack Kobayashi (Torrance); treasurer, Robert Ueda (Lomita); corresponding secretary, Sally Tanaka (Gardena); recording secretary, Shizuko Yanaga (Gardena); and social chairman, Ruth Fujimoto (Hawthorne) and Calvin Ueda (Lomita).

In his address, Kushida described the background of JACL, how its leaders, since its inception over a score of years ago, had kept in sight the need for organized representation, calling attention to one of JACL's two mottoes, "Security through Unity." He pointed to JACL's program now shifting its focus to its second slogan, "For Better Americans in a Greater America."

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Two Nisei Win Coast College Mat Crowns

PULLMAN, Wash.—Two Nisei matmen successfully defended their Pacific Coast intercollegiate wrestling championships here on March 10 as the University of California and Washington State tied for team honors.

Joe Kimura of San Francisco State won all three of his bouts by falls and scored all of his team's nine points to win the championship of the 123-pound division. Kimura defeated Ben Ichikawa of San Jose State in 1:38 of the second round. He pinned Bill Rose of Oregon State in the semi-finals.

Sosh Watanabe of Washington State defeated Bryce Wheeler of UC to win the 155-pound title for the second straight year.

Dave Kikuchi of US lost in the finals to Dick Robinson of San Diego State in the 130-pound class.

Yosh Kiyokawa of Oregon State defeated another Nisei, Mits Sakayada of UCLA, to win the consolation round title in the 115-pound bracket.

Ichikawa entered the finals by defeating Henry Sam of San Diego State by a fall in the second round. He also pinned Leo McElroy of Lewis and Clark.

Enters Service

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo.—Pvt. George H. Nakai, Fruita, Colo., has volunteered for extended active duty and has been ordered to report to Fort Sheridan, Ill.

San Jose State Wins Judo Title At Stockton Meet

STOCKTON, Calif. — The five-man San Jose State college team, coached by Yosh Uchida, turned back the determined bid of the Stockton Judo Club to retain the Northern California team judo championship on March 11.

The eight-hour tournament was held in the Buddhist auditorium before a packed house. More than 150 entrants took part in the various divisions.

San Jose scored 15 of a possible 30 points while Stockton had 13. Other teams in the tournament were the San Jose Buddhists, San Francisco School of Judo, San Jose State Jayvees and the San Carlos School of Judo.

Judo, recognized this year by the AAU, is bidding for a place in the next Olympic Games, it was reported here at the tournament.

Members of the winning San Jose State team were George Best, Ford Harvey, Gil Baker, Jim Foster and Wesley Dobbs. The Stockton team included Jimmie Ichicho, Mossy Hirata, Carl Hooper, Bill Quentin and Al Shook.

Kiyoshi Oshiba of the San Jose Buddhists won first place in individual honors for entrants under 17 years, followed by George Nagao of San Jose and K. J. Moriguchi of San Francisco.

Harry Kotsubo of the San Jose Buddhists won first place for entrants under 13 years.

Nisei Attorney Wins Judgment in L.A. Fraud Case

LOS ANGELES—Culminating a two week trial, a judgment for \$11,500 in a fraud case was handed down on March 1 by Judge Allen W. Ashburn of the Superior Court of Los Angeles in favor of James G. Wiley, custom broker, and against Merrill F. Porter, Catalina Island financier.

Representing Wiley was John Y. Maeno, prominent Nisei attorney, while counsel for the defendant was Kendricks and Sloan. The case involved monies due from a large firm importing bicycles from Italy.

Church Announces Dance Classes

* CHICAGO — A new class in creative dance for children from three to 12 years of age will start Saturday morning, March 17, at the Ellis Community Center.

In charge will be Marianne Cohen, nursery school director. An instructor from the Sibel Shearer School of Dancing has been secured for the eight-week course.

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Federal Court Hears Appeal in d'Aquino Case

SAN FRANCISCO—The appeal of Iva Toguri d'Aquino, 33, convicted in Sept., 1939, of giving aid and comfort to the Japanese in World War II through her "Tokyo Rose" broadcasts beamed at American GIs, was argued before three judges of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on March 16.

Mrs. d'Aquino was represented by Attorney George Olshausen, while government arguments in opposition were presented by Special U.S. Prosecutor Tom Wolfe.

Mrs. d'Aquino was sentenced to 10 years in prison and was fined \$10,000. She is now in the Federal women's prison at Alderson, West Virginia.

Mrs. d'Aquino's attorneys have submitted a 347-page brief to the court in which they argue that she aided Allied prisoners of war, that there was uncontradicted testimony to that effect, and that the trial court in San Francisco erred in excluding evidence that she was under duress by the Japanese military when she made the broadcasts.

JACL Credit Union Audits Accounts

CHICAGO—A complete audit of all members' books and records is now being carried on by the Chicago JACL credit union.

The audit is to determine that all transactions have been properly recorded on members' books and that each pass book is in agreement with other records.

The work is being done by the union's three bonded treasurer, who handled \$50,000 in loans and deposits last year. They will also record the 4% dividend on shares declared for the past year. Ray Ikegami, supervisory chairman, is directing the auditing.

The credit union is headed by Linc Shimidzu, president. Mike Hagiwara, Ariye Oda and Sumi Kobayashi are treasurers. The boards anticipate an increase of \$25,000 in share holdings for the coming year and a total loan of \$75,000.

Golfers Prepare Benefit Dance

CHICAGO—The Ellis Community Center Golf Club will sponsor "Dancing on the Green," a fund-raising dance, this Saturday, March 17, at the McCormick YWCA.

Money raised will be used to purchase trophies and other prizes for club tournaments.

Seattle Chapter Installs New Officers



SEATTLE, Wash.—Newly-installed officers of the Seattle JACL joined hands with Pres. Harry Takagi in a pledge for unity and teamwork in 1951 after the chapter's installation service recently.

From left to right, Kay Yamaguchi, Ken Nogaki and James Matsuoka, vice-presidents; Pres. Takagi; Beulah Shigeno, corre-

sponding secretary; Betty Noji, recording secretary; and Mits Kashiwagi, treasurer.

Attorney Bill Mambu administered the oath of office and also acted as toastmaster. Attorney George Revelle, active on the Mayor's Civic Unity Committee, spoke on constitutional rights and the obligations of citizenship.—Photo by Elmer Ogawa.

Hi-Liters Plan Pre-Tourney Dance

The Salt Lake City Hi-Liters will hold a pre-tournament dance, "Dedicated to You," on March 28 in anticipation of the Nisei invitational basketball meet to be held the last weekend in March.

The dance will begin at 8 p.m. and will be held at the Murray B. Allen Blind Center, 309 East 1st South St. LaMar Giles' orchestra will play. Entertainment is scheduled for the intermission period. Refreshments will be served.

Tickets can be obtained at \$1 per person from club members. In charge will be Hisaye Shiba, chairman of the social committee. Virginia Atagi heads the refreshments committee, while Amy Shigehira will handle publicity.

Passes Exams

DENVER, Colo.—Peter Doi of 2205 Larimer St., was recently admitted by the New Mexico Naturopathic Physicians Board in Santa Fe, New Mexico, as a naturopathic physician.

Doi indicated that he would continue advanced studies in Denver. He has completed two years of pre-medical training.

BUREAU TO AID NISEI SOLDIERS SET UP IN L.A.

LOS ANGELES—Operation of a Servicemen's Bureau to aid Nisei soldiers on furlough in the Los Angeles area will begin on March 23 in the Miyako Hotel lobby, according to Mike Kawaguchi of the Nisei Veterans Association this week.

A coordinating council composed of four Nisei veterans organization will attempt to provide complimentary tickets to radio and TV shows, tickets for some of the major theaters and playhouses in Los Angeles and will help arrange social activities.

The cooperating groups are the Perry Post of the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Nisei Veterans Association.

Mile-Hi Golfers Start Activities

DENVER, Colo. — An 18-hole tournament will start spring activities for the Mile-Hi Golf Club on April 1, according to Jim Hamamura, president.

Match play will follow May 6 to 27. Summer projects include a 36-hole tourney June 10-17, a 72-hole tournament Aug. 5-26, followed by an 18-hole tourney Sept. 16 and a 36-hole tourney on Oct. 14.

A turkey tournament will wind up the year's activities on Nov. 18.

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Japanese Americans Join in Tribute To Portland Woman

PORTLAND, Ore.—Nisei in the Portland area joined on March 11 in a tribute to the late Mrs. Margaret Wyman who died on Feb. 26 at the age of 71 while talking to an interracial fellowship meeting on the plight of Korean victims of war.

Members of that fellowship group of the First Congregational church sponsored the memorial service in which representatives of Nisei and other minority and social service groups participated.

Mrs. Wyman was remembered for her work on behalf of Japanese American evacuees in World War II and for her work in promoting better race relations.

Included in the service were a selection by a Nisei on a Japanese musical instrument, the playing of a composition by a German refugee, the singing of Negro spirituals and the reading of some of Mrs. Wyman's own poems.

Portland Chapter To Hear Talk On Atomic Defense

PORTLAND, Ore.—Captain John Shum, executive director of Portland's civilian defense program, will speak before the Portland JACL this Saturday, March 17, at the Nichiren church.

He will familiarize the group with civil defense procedures and give instructions on what to do in the event of atomic attack.

Captain Shum will also show a movie, "Pattern of Survival," which portrays the results of an atomic bombing.

Dr. M. R. Nakata will be chairman.

Initial Survey Completed In Denver Area

DENVER, Colo.—First part of the proposed \$3,300,000 urban redevelopment program for this city was completed March 5 with ending of a survey of the worst housing areas in the Denver downtown area.

City authorities originally had planned a city-wide survey of housing conditions, but the Korean situation and a presidential order limiting urban redevelopment plans have curtailed further developments.

The survey completed last week included areas of large Japanese American population. The survey team included two Nisei, Roy M. Takeno and Ray S. Tani.

Statistics developed from information gathered on the survey will be compiled by Maxine Kurtz, administrative assistant to William Heninger of the City Planning office. Oleny G. Smith, survey supervisor, has been ordered to report for Army induction.

Commencement Honor

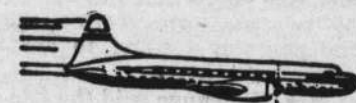
SAN JOSE, Calif.—William H. Yamada of San Jose was one of 13 students who were graduated "with great distinction" on March 14 at informal commencement exercises for the March class at San Jose State College.

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