



First Japanese American From Hawaii Appointed to U. S. Military Academy

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Appointment of the first Nisei from Hawaii to the United States Military Academy was announced last week by Delegate Joseph R. Farrington, R., Hawaii. He is Pvt. Kenneth Kiyoshi Ikeda of Honolulu.

Pvt. Ikeda will be the third Japanese American to attend West Point. The first, George Shibata of Garland, Utah, was named in 1947 by Elbert D. Thomas, then U. S. senator from Utah. Shibata recently won an appointment as an Air Force second lieutenant. A second Nisei, Glenn Matsumoto, is attending West Point.

Pvt. Ikeda is a brother of Maj. Chiyei Ikeda, a veteran of the 442nd Central Postal Directory who is now on duty at Fort Holabird in Maryland and Lieut. Herbert Ikeda, now fighting in Korea.

The selection of Pvt. Ikeda for the one vacancy occurring for appointment from Hawaii to West Point was made by Mr. Farrington following the failure of the principal and three alternate candidates originally designated to take the examination for this place.

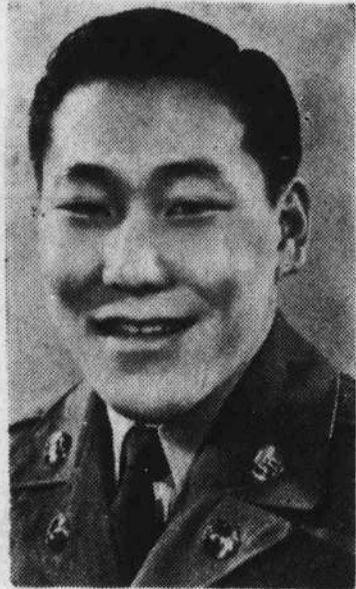
This made it necessary to select someone who had already qualified in other examinations for the vacancy.

"Of all those in this category who had applied for the vacancy," said Mr. Farrington, "Pvt. Ikeda most nearly filled the requirements of this appointment."

He entered the army voluntarily in 1949 and was one of the two selected at Ft. Ord, Calif., for the West Point preparatory school. The results of the examination of West Point preparatory school showed him in the top third receiving the highest marks.

"His record is an unusually good one," Mr. Farrington added, "The marks given him at this school for West Point aptitude were unusually high. Because of this, his admission to West Point is automatic."

"Although not the first to receive the appointment to the U. S. military academy, he will be the



PVT. KIYOSHI IKEDA

first Japanese American from Hawaii ever admitted to West Point."

Mr. Farrington also announced that in the future any candidate he designates for appointment to vacancies at West Point or Annapolis will be chosen through an examination conducted by the U. S. Civil Service Commission that will be open to all candidates meeting the requirements of residence who are designated by a principal of any high school in the territory.

The next appointment will be to the vacancy at Annapolis in 1952 and the so-called designating examination by the Civil Service Commission will be held in July in Honolulu and Hilo, the delegate said.

NISEI CORPORAL IS HONOR SOLDIER AT FORT LAWTON

FORT LAWTON, Wash. — The Soldier of the Month at Fort Lawton is Corp. Michiyoshi H. Nakamura, an enlisted reservist, Col. R. E. Willoughby, post commander, announced last week.

Corp. Nakamura is a World War II veteran, having served five years in the European Theater and with the occupation forces. He holds the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart with Cluster, all earned with the late Gen. George Patton's Third Army.

Nakamura, a native of Torrance, Calif., was called back to active duty last September and is serving with the 32nd Machine Records Unit.

Three Nisei GIs Killed in Action 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:

Pfc. George Y. Minakata, son of Mrs. Mume Minakata, Building 34, Apt. 979, Seabrook, N. J. (Previously reported missing).

Sgt. Yeikichi B. Itokazu, son of Mrs. Ushi Itokazu, Lanai City, Lanai, T. H. (Previously wounded and returned to duty).

Pfc. Satoshi Nakasato, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matsu Nakasato, 1920D East Kalihi St., Honolulu. (Previously reported missing in action).

DEAD OF WOUNDS:

Pfc. Lawrence Y. Shima, son of Mrs. Suzu Shima, Elele, Kauai, T. H.

WOUNDED

Pfc. Mike Yamamoto, son of Mrs. Sofia Z. Yamamoto, 233 South Second Ave., Glendale, Ariz.

Pfc. Joji Shiro, brother of Asao Shiro, Pihonua Camp No. 4, Hilo, T. H.

Sgt. Yoshito Nishioka, son of Ritaro Nishioka, 24 Iwaiwa St., Hilo, Hawaii.

Pvt. Charles S. Kinoshita, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shinkichi Kinoshita, 410-E Lele Lane, Honolulu.

Pvt. Katsuyoshi Shibuya, son of Mrs. and Mrs. Seishiro Shibuya, 721 E. Auahi St., Honolulu.

RETURNED TO DUTY

Corp. Clarence M. Ito, son of Chutaro Ito, 1670 Kino St., Honolulu. (Previously wounded in action).

NISEI NURSE WILL BE HOSTESS ON CANADA AIR LINE

MONTREAL, Que.—Masako Hikida, 23, a graduate nurse from Winnipeg, this week became Canada's first airline stewardess of Japanese ancestry.

She has received her uniform and shortly will be assigned to a Trans-Canada Airlines flight operating out of Montreal. She expects to be placed on either the Montreal-Winnipeg or the Montreal-New York run.

She is a graduate of Grace Hospital in Winnipeg and worked as a nurse there. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kaichi Hikida of Winnipeg. Before the mass evacuation in 1942, the Hikidas lived in Strawberry Hill, B. C.

Elected President

RENO, Nev.—Janet Sunada was elected president of the 50-50 Club of the Federated Church at a recent meeting in the church parlors. She succeeds Harold Biegler.

The 50-50 Club is a social group in the church.

Vice-President Barkley Heads Guest List for Washington Premiere of "Go For Broke!"

Congressional Leaders, Gen. Marshall
Joint Chiefs of Staff Among Officials

Expected to Attend Opening of 442nd Film

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"Go for Broke," MGM's tribute to the fightingest outfit in American military history, will have its glamorous east coast premiere in Washington May 17.

A host of top dignitaries from the Congress to the Pentagon will be on hand when Hollywood's story of the Nisei of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team sweeps across the screen at Lowe's Capitol theater. Leading the list of dignitaries will be Vice President and Mrs. Alben Barkley.

The Washington premiere will highlight a series of special showings of "Go for Broke," which began in Honolulu May 4 and concludes with the New York opening May 24. After that, the picture will play generally about the country.

The Army Ground Forces 100-piece band will participate in the premiere.

MGM is flying in three Nisei stars of the production, and three Hawaiian lovelies who will be presented from the stage opening night by screen beauty Esther Williams.

Robert Pirosh, writer-director of the play, and Dore Schary, producer, also are expected. They will be presented with scrolls from the 442nd veterans by Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, who served as a special consultant on the production.

Among Washington officials invited are the following Congressional leaders:

Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn; Senate Majority Leader Ernest McFarland, Ariz.; Senate Minority Leader Kenneth Wherry, Neb.; House Majority Leader John McCormack, Mass.; House Minority Leader Joseph Martin, Mass.; members of the Senate and House Armed Services, Judiciary, and Interior and Insular Affairs Committees; all of the Texas and California Congressional delegates, and Congressmen who either have large populations of Nisei in their home states, or who have shown special interest in the problems of persons of Japanese ancestry.

All cabinet members have been invited.

Expected from the Department

of Defense are such personalities as Secretary of Defense Marshall; the Joint Chiefs of Staff; the secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force; Generals Jacob L. Deviers, (Ret.), commanding general of the group to which the 442nd was attached during its rescue of the Lost Texas battalion in France; Charles W. Pence, former com-

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Court Refuses Citizenship for Two Stranded

Kondo, Hamamoto
Served in Japanese
Army During War

LOS ANGELES—Two Los Angeles Nisei who served in the Japanese army during World War II were denied restoration of their United States citizenship in U. S. district court on May 10.

Toshio Kondo and Minoru Hamamoto contended their army service had been compulsory. Previous decisions have held that under the Japanese dictatorship Nisei stranded in Japan during the war had no choice but to serve and ordered citizenship rights restored.

Federal Judge William M. Byrne ruled in the Kondo and Hamamoto cases that unless there was evidence of resistance to induction in the Japanese army, American citizenship must be forfeited.

Central California Chapters Support Compromise on Claims

REEDLEY, Calif.—The principle of compromise settlements to hasten payment on evacuation claims was endorsed by the Central California district council of the JACL at its quarterly meeting Sunday, May 6, at the Arrow Wood Cafe.

The delegates said that Americans of Japanese ancestry and their parents were facing difficulty in providing documented proof of loss in applying for claims for property lost in the 1942 evacuation and that the processing of claims often ended in an impasse.

A majority of the claimants are "in dire need of having the claims adjudicated and settled" immediately, the delegates said.

A copy of the resolution was forwarded to U. S. Attorney General J. Howard McGrath.

Delegates heard of legislative activities of the ADC in the capital, including bills to increase old age security provisions to include the Issei, to recover alien land law compromise settlement payments and restore off-sale and on-sale liquor licenses revoked from persons of Japanese ancestry during the war.

Districts reported a total of \$5,342.50 collected to date for the JACL-ADC. The drive will be completed by May 21, and a final meeting will be held the first week in June.

Tulare County leads all districts in the area with a total contribution to date of \$1,163, with a quota of \$1,200. Selma was reported the

first district reaching and passing its quota. Selma contributors gave \$707, against their quota of \$625.

The district council voted on a number of constitutional amendments, approving the following:

1. The district executive committee will meet quarterly in the place of general sessions.

2. The council will hold annual general sessions, alternately with the district council convention.

The Central California group voted to take part in two special showings of "Go for Broke!", MGM film on the 442nd combat team. One will be held on May 20 in Salinas, the other will be held in Sacramento.

The council accepted the resignation of Caroline Matsuyama, secretary. No replacement has been announced as yet.

Fred Hirasuna was appointed Central California representative on the national Pacific Citizen board. Tom Shimasaki was named to the national nominating committee.

Delegates rejected a proposal for a travel pool for persons attending national biennial conventions of the JACL. The proposal is being considered at other district council meetings and was suggested as a means of lessening travel costs for persons going long distances to national conventions.

Masaru Abe was toastmaster at the council dinner. Yo Ishida and Marshall Hirose were in charge of registration.

Assembly Committee Approves Bill to Return Escheat Funds

SAN FRANCISCO—A bill to return compromise escheat settlement funds paid to the State of California by persons of Japanese ancestry in escheat cases instituted by the State under the Alien Land law was unanimously voted out by the Assembly's judiciary committee, it was announced this week by the West Coast JACL ADC office.

If this bill is passed by the state legislature, it will mean the return of approximately \$419,000 to Japanese Americans who made compromise settlements in escheat cases between 1942 and 1948.

After slight amendment by the author of the bill, Assemblymen George Collins of San Francisco, and a factual presentation of the intent of this Assembly Bill 2611, the committee, with a minimum of discussion, passed favorably upon the motion made by Assemblymen Bernard Brady of San Francisco, and seconded by William Rosenthal of Los Angeles.

Among those who were present who were ready to testify at the committee but found it unnecessary to do so because of favorable action of the committee, were: members of the Sacramento Nisei VFW Post, and Bob Ely, 17th District commander VFW; Sam Ishikawa, west coast regional director JACL-ADC; Joe Grant Masaoka, of the Committee for Justice to Japanese Americans; and other Nisei.

The JACL-ADC filed a five-page statement in support of A. B. 2611 to return escheat monies made on compromise settlements by Japanese American property owners. This statement of the JACL-ADC testified that it believed proceed-

ings under the alien land law was racial discrimination, and that the U. S. Supreme Court had declared the enforcement section of the alien land law unconstitutional in the Oyama case. The statement pointed out that undue and unfair hardships were caused American citizens of Japanese ancestry, that Japanese Americans had amply demonstrated their loyalty during the last war; that they were doubly burdened by escheat proceedings when they were trying to reestablish themselves after their return from the mass evacuation from the West Coast. The JACL-ADC also pointed out that the federal government had sought to make amends for the evacuation by passage of the evacuation claims act of 1948; and that California might well follow this lead in compensating for "second evacuation" losses caused by escheat proceedings under the state's alien land law.

Little Reiko Sunami Named Child Health Queen of New York

NEW YORK — Reiko Sunami, 4½-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Soichi Sunami, was crowned the "child health" queen of New York City last week.

She was rated tops by doctors who examined 700 pre-school finalists entered in the annual health contest sponsored by the Children's Aid Society in conjunction with National Health Day.

Young Miss Sunami's father is official photographer of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

House Judiciary Committee Approves Bill to Restore Citizen Rights of Two Nisei

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The House Judiciary committee has set a precedent in unanimously approving private bills to restore the citizenship of two Nisei expatriates, both women, who voted in Japanese elections, according to the JACL ADC.

The two are Dorothy Fumie Maeda, 26, and Mrs. Shizue Sakurada, 30, both natives of Hawaii and now residing in Japan. Their cases closely parallel each other.

Senate Approves Compensation for Victim of Accident

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Senate has passed and sent to the President a bill paying the heirs of Yoshio Fukunaga, of Honolulu, \$7,500 as compensation for Fukunaga's accidental death in a bus accident in Tokyo, the JACL ADC said this week.

Mr. Fukunaga, a civilian employee of the Department of the Army, was employed in Japan when fatally injured in an accident involving an army bus in July, 1948.

California Seeks Repeal of Mixed Marriage Ban

SACRAMENTO—The Senate Judiciary Committee this week approved and sent to the floor a bill sponsored by Assemblyman George D. Collins, D., San Francisco, which would repeal the section of the State law prohibiting mixed marriages.

Mr. Collins said the measure is designed to make the State Civil Code conform with a decision of the State Supreme Court which ruled that the ban on marriages between Caucasians and persons of Mongolian, Negro, Malayan and mulatto ancestry was unconstitutional.

Wins Photo Prize

DENVER — Toshio Okano of Manuel Training high school in Denver recently was awarded third prize of \$15 in the photography division of the national high school art contest of the Scholastic Magazine in New York.

Postpone Action on Proposal To Reinstate Liquor License

SAN FRANCISCO—The California State Assembly's committee on boards and commissions, meeting in Sacramento on May 7, postponed action for two weeks on A.B. 1582, a proposal to reinstate liquor licenses held by persons of Japanese ancestry which were revoked at the time of the outbreak of war in 1941 and have not been renewed, the JACL ADC's West Coast regional office announced this week.

This action took place after considerable discussion of this bill. The reason given for the postponement action was that not enough of the committee members were present for a fair vote.

The motion to postpone was made by Assemblyman Thomas Maloney of San Francisco.

Three Nisei, Joe Grant Masaoka, of the Committee for Justice to Japanese Americans; Sam Ishikawa, for the JACL-ADC; and Coffee Oshima, member of the Nisei VFW Post, appeared on behalf of the bill at the committee hearings.

Masaoka in his testimony asked for reinstatement of liquor licenses as a "matter of simple justice."

Ishikawa, west coast regional director for the JACL-ADC, filed a six-page statement in support of the bill, and testified that the action taken by the state board of equalization in revoking licenses of persons of Japanese ancestry was a pure case of racial discrimination. It was an act which was not enforced against citizens of Italian or German ancestry, he said.

Oshima stated that he himself lost his liquor license in 1942, and described how it was racial dis-

crimination, affecting only Japanese Americans.

During the discussion in questioning by the Assembly committee members, Assemblyman Doyle of Los Angeles made references to the need for a clause which will restrict transfer of any reinstated licenses until three years after they are received.

Assemblyman McCollister of Mill Valley raised the issue of loyalty and asked whether there would be any objections to having those who had their licenses reinstated go through another screening process. At the same time, he stated that he raised this issue because he felt that there were loyal and disloyal Japanese and that the main reasons why such action as the board of equalization had taken was because of security reasons.

When the bill comes before the boards and commissions committee of the California Assembly in two weeks, it is expected that the bill will be reported out favorably, said JACL-ADC director Ishikawa.

The primary reason for its not being reported out favorably was because of absence of three friendly assemblymen from the committee meeting, he said.

Without exception, American courts have ruled that:

1. Duress and general community pressure to vote forced the Nisei to go to the polls, and
2. The U.S. army failed to publicize the fact that if stranded voters voted they would be expatriated.

The courts have also pointed to the average youthful age of the Nisei at the time they were stranded as an ameliorating factor in their ignorance of American expatriation laws.

The JACL ADC said the private bills for Miss Maeda and Mrs. Sakurada are expected to come before the full House within a few weeks.

Meanwhile, the JACL ADC is sponsoring general legislation to restore citizenship to approximately 2000 Nisei expatriates in Japan who lost citizenship solely by voting in post-war elections. Similar legislation has been introduced for Americans of Italian ancestry who voted in post-war Italian elections.

The JACL-ADC bill was introduced by Rep. Chet Holifield, (D., Calif.).

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"Catholic Mother of 1951" and Family



Mrs. Teresa Matsudaira, 49, named the "Catholic Mother of the Year" last week by the Catholic Conference on Family Life in New York City, is shown here with her husband, Tom, 58, and 12 of her 13 children. They are (standing) John, 28; Martin, 13;

Mike, 26; Pauline, 16; Francis, 21; James, 18, and Theophane, 14; (seated) Vincent, 6; Joseph, 11; Mr. Matsudaira who is holding Stephen, 2½; Theresa, 5; Mrs. Matsudaira, and Ida, 8. Ida received her name because she was born at the Minidoka relocation center in Hunt, Ida., where the family was relocated after the mass evacuation in 1942.—Photo by Elmer Ogawa.

Yamato Faces Gambling Quiz By Grand Jury

Denver Employment Agency Operated Receives Subpoena

DENVER — A Federal Grand Jury in Kansas City was scheduled this week to question a Denver employment agency operator, Eddie K. Yamato, 49, about three years of bookmaking activities with St. Louis "betting commissioners," John J. Carroll and John Mooney.

Yamato was twice arrested on gambling charges in 1949, according to Denver police records. He was fined \$50 and ordered to destroy his equipment in Feb., 1949.

On July 1, 1949, he told raiding police officers at his downtown Denver employment agency that he took 500 to 1,500 bets daily on racing and other sports events.

He told officers that he relayed the bets a dozen times a day to a St. Louis gambler he knew only as "Mooney" by long-distance telephone.

Denver police said at the time Yamato's agency was operating as a "front" for St. Louis gambling interests and probably accepted \$900,000 in bets during the first six months of 1949.

Yamato was convicted of running a gambling house, fined \$300 and sentenced to 90 days in jail. He appealed but while his appeal was being heard he changed his plea to guilty and was fined \$280.

The subpoena served on Yamato from the Federal Grand Jury in Kansas City called on him to appear on May 11 and bring with him all his books and records from 1948 to 1949 of betting activities with Mooney and Carroll and any other St. Louis or East St. Louis gamblers.

Carroll was a reluctant witness recently before the Kefauver committee in St. Louis.

Interviewed in Denver last week, Yamato denied betting deals with St. Louis betting commissioners of the sort charged to him.

He said that reports that he had conducted a \$5,000 daily betting

Name of Nisei Poultryman Cited in California Spy Case

LOS ANGELES—The name of a former Los Angeles poultryman, Ichiro Ted Miwa, came up last week in the arrest of a 41-year old college instructor, Clarence Vetterli, on a charge of perjury in connection with a Communist espionage investigation in 1949.

Vetterli was picked up on May 2 by FBI agents after a Federal Grand Jury had issued a secret indictment charging he falsely denied knowing that Ignacy S. Witczak was a Communist spy in testimony before a 1949 Grand Jury.

Witczak, who disappeared from Los Angeles on Nov. 21, 1945, was named as a Soviet espionage agent later by Igor Serheivitch Gouzenko, former code clerk in the Soviet embassy at Ottawa.

Vetterli, a teacher at El Camino Junior College in Gardena, Calif., and a former resident of Salt Lake City, was also charged with lying to a grand jury in May, 1949 when he denied giving two persons money to go to Japan for a meeting.

The government contends that Vetterli gave Miwa and Thurman Scrubers Wilkins funds for a trip to Japan in 1941. Federal authorities charge Miwa went to Japan but failed to contact "persons" there and later returned to this country to report his failure.

The indictment charges that Vetterli answered falsely when he gave a denial in answer to the following question:

"Is it or is it not a fact that those instructions from you to Miwa were that he was to stand in front of the statue of Taka-

business and had done \$900,000 in business during the first six months of 1949 were "wild exaggerations."

He declared that in 1949 he had about \$6,000 worth of bets placed with Mooney" and received a 20 per cent cut, or about \$1,200.

Yamato said that his business at the employment agency, handling work calls mainly for Japanese Americans, was bad and that "I've been thinking of leaving town."

mori Saigo in Ueno Park, Tokyo, wearing a white panama hat one week after his arrival in Japan."

Federal authorities said Vetterli gave Miwa \$100 in expense money in addition to boat fare.

From his jail cell Vetterli denied the accusations made against him and added:

"All this is news to me. I am an American. I would do anything to prevent Communism from coming into this country."

Reno JACL Joins in International Fete

RENO, Nev.—The Reno JACL participated in the YWCA's third annual international festival held April 27 in the University of Nevada gym.

An attractive booth was set up by Tuffy H. Yasuda, George Oshima, Oscar Fujii and Art Nishiguchi. Mas Baba was in charge of handling flowers and fortune cookies.

Clerking duties were handled by Mrs. Joyce Chikami, Mrs. George Oshima, Joy Nishiguchi, Aiko Chikami and Judy Aoyama.

Mrs. S. Imagire put up a beautiful flower arrangement.

Annette and Gail Chadwell presented a hula dance which brought much applause from the audience.

Buddhists Schedule Eastern Meeting

CHICAGO—The Eastern Young Buddhist League will meet in Chicago June 29, 30 and July 1, according to George Katahira, general chairman.

Scheduled for the three-day convention are an oratorical contest, convention mixer, business and discussion meetings, a convention ball and banquet.

Extra activities slated for the delegates include a sightseeing tour of metropolitan Chicago and a bowling tournament.

Convention activities will close with a "Sayonara Social."

Report from Hawaii: "Go for Broke!" Deserves Acclaim Given at Glittering World Premiere in Honolulu

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU — From a Hawaiian point of view, "Go for Broke" is a memorable movie. It is a film that deserved the acclaim given it at the world premiere here May 4.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's movie story of the 442nd combat team lived up to its advance notices and, in some respects, exceeded expectations. It had to be good to rate the most exciting exception any movie has received on its opening night in Hawaii. Otherwise, "Go for Broke" would have been a disappointment, an anti-climax to the terrific build-up that preceded the premiere.

First, for a description of the day, glittering spectacle that accompanied the premiere—then a brief review of the movie itself.

Van Johnson, the star of "Go for Broke," must be credited with drawing many among the 5,000 persons who turned out for the movie opening. The Hollywood actor who flew here with his wife specially for the premiere, was cheered and applauded when he appeared at the famous Waikiki theater.

Many in the crowd, especially the women, had waited for hours for a glimpse of the big, boy-ish star. Police had to check the crowd from breaking the lines and pushing him, so great was the excitement at the theater entrance. This was an unusual demonstration, since people in Hawaii do not ordinarily work themselves into a dither over celebrities.

Johnson waved to his fans, then spoke briefly over a radio microphone, before stepping into the theater to see, for the first time, the complete showing of "Go for Broke." He said he had seen only short takes of the movie before coming to Honolulu.

Only 1,300 of the 5,000 in the crowd actually saw the premiere of "Go for Broke." The theatre could hold no more than that number.

Four Hawaii Nisei who are featured in the film were celebrities for the night. They were Akira (Sunshine) Fukunaga, George Miki, Henry Oyasato and Ken K. Okamoto. A fifth Hawaii Nisei, Henry Nakamura, is in Hollywood to make his second movie, for which he was selected because of his outstanding performance in "Go for Broke."

Fukunaga, Miki, Oyasato and Okamoto were interviewed on the radio, like Johnson, and shared the spotlight with him for newsreel cameras and news photographers. Okamoto performed with his Shelby Serenaders during the pre-show ceremony. Appropriately, he acts the role of an ukulele-strumming, happy-go-lucky singing GI in the movie.

Civilian and military guests added distinction to the occasion. The new Governor of Hawaii, Oren E. Long, and his wife headed the list. The former governor, Ingram M. Stainback, and a former chief justice of Hawaii, James L. Coke, were present also.

Lt. Gen. Henry S. Aurand, top army commander in Hawaii, Rear Admiral C. W. McMorris, commandant of the 14th naval district, and other military dignitaries attended also.

Brig. Gen. C. W. Pence first commanding officer of the 442nd, represented the department of the army in paying tribute to the men

he led at Camp Shelby, Miss., and overseas in Italy.

Maj. Gen. Floyd L. Parks, army information chief, cancelled his scheduled trip from Washington because of pressure of work.

Earl Finch, the Mississippi rancher-farmer who now makes his home in Honolulu, was a familiar figure at the premiere to the 442nd veterans whom he befriended during their Camp Shelby training days.

Another staunch friend of the Nisei, Col. Kendall J. Fielder, was present too. He was one of the prime movers in the formation of the 442nd regiment.

Special guests were 286 Gold Star Mothers of men of the 442nd and the 100th infantry battalion killed in action. Seats were reserved for them by the theater management and MGM.

Now for brief remarks on the movie itself. "Go for Broke" has a particular value, aside from good entertainment, in its ability to deliver a "message" — the message being to portray to the theater-going public, Nisei as Americans and not as Japanese. Robert Pirosh, the able MGM writer and director, has hammered home one lesson: that no Nisei wants to be called a "Jap."

In "Go for Broke," Nisei GIs are pictured as individuals, each with his own temperament, virtues and faults, like GIs of any other racial group. They are not stereotypes of stone-faced, sadistic "Jap soldiers" familiar to moviegoers.

"Go for Broke" effectively distinguishes between the Hawaii Nisei and the Mainland Nisei, even going so far as to label the latter as "kotonks."

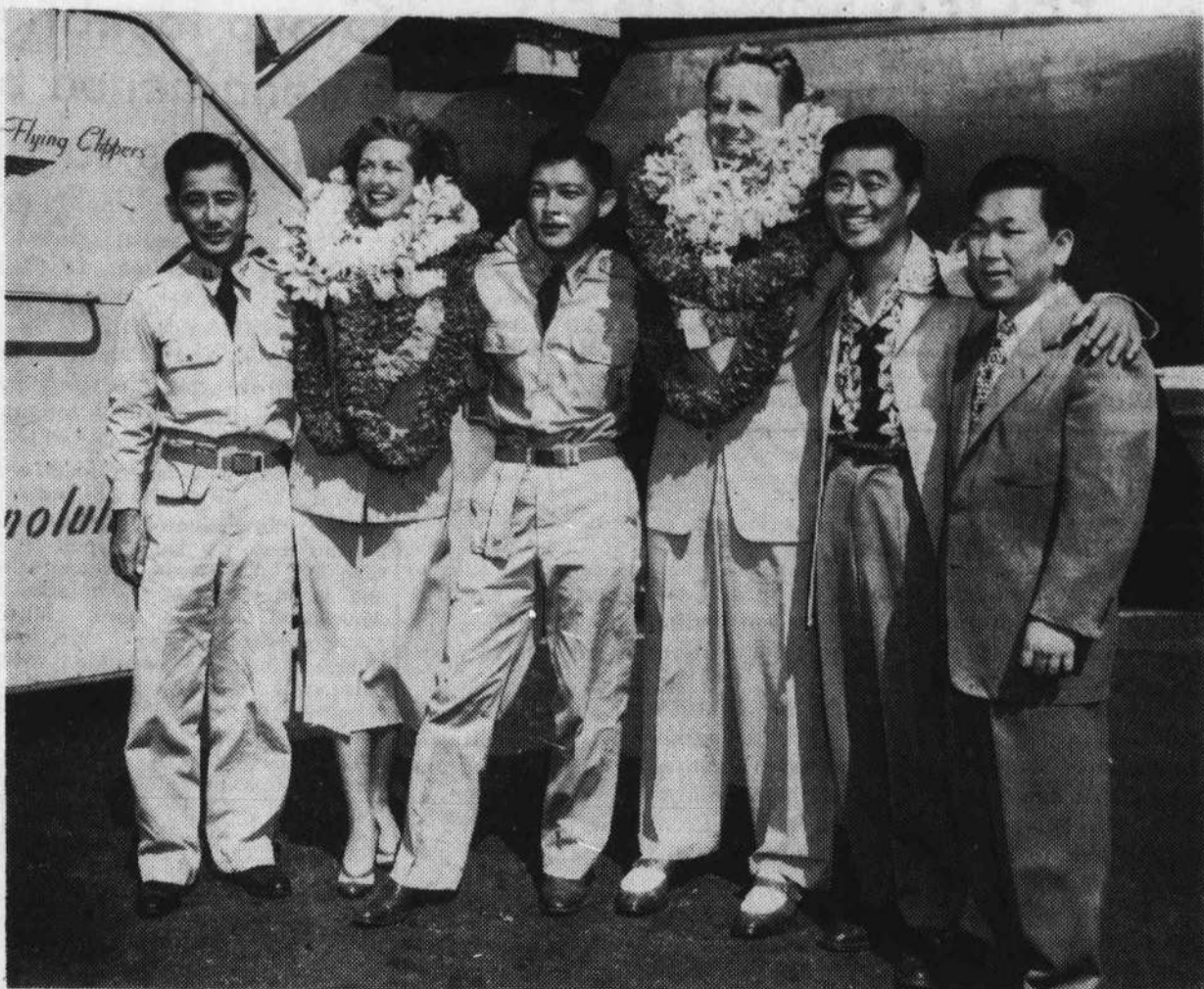
This distinction is important for the non-Japanese. As the movie shows, the average mainland Nisei fared differently from his counterpart in Hawaii. The former was forced to live in barbed-wire relocation centers. The latter did not experience internment but he did live through the Pearl Harbor attack.

The Mainland Nisei was depicted as a more hardened individual who had faced job discrimination on account of his race.

The Hawaii Nisei, on the other hand, was portrayed as being more care-free. His English was more the pidgin patois than the polished speech of his mainland brother. But he evidently enjoyed life more fully—he liked Hawaiian music and sang at the strum of an ukulele.

"Go for Broke" probably will make more friends for the Nisei than any other single medium. Hollywood and MGM in particular can be proud of their contribution to a better understanding of the Nisei and his problems.

Film Star, Wife Get Hawaiian Welcome



Hollywood star Van Johnson and his wife were welcomed with leis upon their arrival for the world premiere of "Go for Broke." in Honolulu May 4. Pictured with the couple are four Hawaii

Nisei featured in the movie about the 442nd Combat Team. Left to right, Henry Oyasato, Mrs. Johnson, George Miki, Johnson, Ken Okamoto and Akira (Sunshine) Fukunaga.—Star-Bulletin photo.

Head-on Auto Collision Kills Nisei Nurse

HANFORD, Calif.—A Hayward, Calif., Nisei girl, Suzie Misuzu Hasegawa, 22, was one of three student nurses who were killed on May 3 in a head-on auto collision 12 miles south of Avenal. Miss Hasegawa and Patricia Henry, 21, Concord, were dead when pulled from the wreckage. The third, Beverly Mae McCullough, 21, of Oakland died the following day.

A fourth nurse, Marjorie Ann Cundall, 21, Berkeley, was critically injured.

The State Highway Patrol reported that the car in which the nurses were riding collided with one driven by Eugene Collins of Sanford.

The four girls had been on vacation at San Luis Obispo and were headed for Fresno.

It was not known which girl was driving.

All were student nurses at the Permanente Hospital in Oakland.

Final rites for Miss Hasegawa were held on May 8 in Hayward.

Coroner J. Larry Smith said the accident occurred when the Collins car hit the one in which the nurses were riding almost head-on. Collins received minor injuries and shock. Highway Patrolman Frank Walton said a felony charge will be filed against Collins.

According to the coroner the girls were en route to Shaver Lake near Fresno. They had fishing and camping equipment in their car.

442nd Veterans Plan Hollywood Bowl Skit With Van Johnson

HOLLYWOOD — Fifteen decorated veterans of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team will join Van Johnson in a skit from the current MGM movie, "Go for Broke!" on the "I Am an American Day" program at Hollywood Bowl on May 20.

29 Cleveland Nisei Reported in Service

CLEVELAND, O.—Twenty-nine Nisei from Cleveland are now in the United States armed services, according to information compiled by the Cleveland JACL chapter.

One of them, Lieut. Gene Takahashi, recently was returned to the United States to recover from combat wounds received in Korea. He is now at the Army hospital in Camp Atterbury, Ind.

Ask U. S. Supreme Court To Review Citizen Status Of Tule Lake Renunciants

SAN FRANCISCO—The United States Supreme Court may hear the case of 4,000 Nisei renunciants whose United States citizenship was affirmed and then denied in the lower courts.

Both the government and the renunciants are appealing a decision of the U. S. District Court of Appeals handed down here on Jan. 17.

The appeals court partially reversed a decision by Federal Judge Louis E. Goodman, written April 29, 1948, in which he

restored citizenship to 4,315 Nisei and Kibei on grounds they had been victims of coercion and duress while at the Tule Lake center.

The circuit court affirmed Judge Goodman's decision only for those who were minors at the time of their renunciation, numbering 899, another eight persons who were "incompetent," and 58 adults who went to Tule Lake to be with members of their families.

The Justice Department has asked the U. S. Supreme Court to grant it until May 28 to file an appeal against this portion of the appeals court decision.

The renunciants have already filed their notice of appeal.

The appeals court served notice that all other renunciants will have to prove their loyalty individually to regain their American status.

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California Assembly Committee Beats Fair Employment Bill

SAN FRANCISCO — A strong FEP law was thoroughly trounced on May 9 when the California Assembly's committee on governmental efficiency and economy voted it down, 15-2, and the more mild Maloney bill, which was intended to set up a study commission on discriminations was lost 9-8, it was reported this week by the West Coast JACL-ADC office.

Sam Ishikawa, West Coast Director of the JACL-ADC, testified before the committee, urging the passage of a strong FEP law. Ishikawa stated that the opportunity to work and to earn is a fundamental human right. When this right is denied on the basis of race, color, or creed, it is the worst form of discrimination, he said. Dis-

crimination in right to earn a living has great ramification in denying proper housing, nutrition, medical care and recreation. This discrimination condemns racial and religious groups to an inferior standard of living. Such condemnation is contrary to the American way of life, Ishikawa said.

Besides the JACL-ADC, other groups including the AFL, CIO, California Federation for Civic Unity, NAACP, United Auto Workers, etc., testified in support of the bill.

Among those opposed to the bill were the San Francisco Employers Council, the Associated Farmers, and the San Diego Employers Council.

Nisei Interpreters Teach Japanese to GIs in Nippon

WITH THE 40TH DIVISION, JAPAN—Nisei GI interpreters are now conducting an informal language school for soldiers of the 40th Infantry Division which is now in training in Northern Japan.

The Nisei GIs are members of the California National Guard outfit which recently arrived here from Camp Cooke, Calif.

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EDITORIALS:

The Subversives List

Of only academic interest to most Issei, perhaps, was the United States Supreme Court's recent ruling that the U. S. Attorney General may not list an organization as subversive without proper hearing.

Under the Internal Security Act of 1950, the Attorney General lists organizations which are subversive. Aliens with past membership in such organizations are subject to deportation and naturalized subjects with past membership can be deprived of their citizenship rights. And no alien can become naturalized if he belonged to one of these groups in the ten-year period preceding his naturalization.

Twenty-one organizations with Japanese membership are on the current subversive list. All of them, however, have been defunct as of Dec. 7, 1941, and no proceedings against Japanese aliens have been entered into as a direct result of this section of the security law, though one deportation case has listed membership in a proscribed organization (a fencing club) as one reason for deportation.

Nonetheless, the danger inherent in the arbitrary listing of groups as subversive, and the penalties attached to membership therein, has been clearly defined by the Supreme Court in its recent decision:

"... the right to be heard before being condemned to suffer grievous loss of any kind, even though it may not involve the stigma and hardships of a criminal conviction, is a principle basic to our society."

In reference to this ruling, other questions arise relating to persons of Japanese ancestry.

First is the question of whether or not all of the organizations condemned by the office of the Attorney General were actually subversive. Some of them, certainly, appear to have been fraternal, social or other community organizations, such as the various Japanese associations listed. These were primarily formed to aid in the economic and social problems of persons of Japanese ancestry. Issei who joined these groups only to share in such economic and social benefits are, at most, innocent victims of an arbitrary classification of the organizations by the government.

Secondly, in view of the fact these organizations are and have been defunct for nearly ten years, it would be all but impossible to provide witnesses in their behalf in the event hearings are called.

The U. S. Supreme Court's decision was a necessary one. It is obviously opposed to American principles to permit a single individual the arbitrary right to classify organizations as subversive or unsubversive and thereby condemn the entire membership therein to deportation or denaturalization.

The California Legislature

The California legislature, once the fountainhead of racist anti-Oriental legislation, is still hesitant to place itself on record in favor of legislative measures which oppose the practice of race discrimination.

Last week the California Assembly's committee on governmental efficiency and economy smothered two bills designed to help outlaw discriminatory practices in the state. One was the FEPC bill sponsored by Assemblyman William Byron Rumford, D., Alameda County, one of the two Negro members of the lower house. The other was a proposal by Gov. Earl Warren, introduced by Assemblyman Thomas A. Maloney, R., San Francisco, to attack racial prejudice by study, community discussion, persuasion and education.

The Rumford bill, which would have provided for the actual use of the state's police powers to prohibit discrimination in private and public employment, was defeated in committee by a 15 to 2 vote. The Warren proposal, a stop-gap measure at best, lost by a close 9 to 8 count.

Recalling the racist background of the state, particularly in reference to persons of Oriental descent, even the mild program advocated by Gov. Warren was a considerable step toward the eventual enjoyment of the privileges of democracy by all of the state's residents. On the statute books of the state are such legislative anachronisms as the Alien Land law, originally passed as a punitive measure against the state's farmers of Japanese descent, and the statutory ban on miscegenation.

The Warren-Maloney proposal declared that "it is the public policy of the state to minimize racial prejudice or discrimination. It provided for the creation of a nine-member commission, to be appointed by the governor, which would be empowered to study discriminatory conditions, conduct hearings, look into the enforcement of laws relative to bias against minority groups, call conferences for better understanding for minorities, develop an education program of race relations and report annually to

Box-Score on Race Relations: Group Identification Tendency Strengthened by Reaction of Minorities to Race Prejudice

By ELMER R. SMITH

The group identification of "Mexicans" in the United States arises out of reactions to prejudice and discriminations leveled against them over long periods of time. The Mexican national from Mexico tends to identify himself with the "Mexican American" group and also with the Mexican government. This is evidenced by the important position the Mexican Consulate occupies in the various communities where a large "Mexican" population is to be found. The "Mexican American" group often

finds themselves being identified with the Mexican nationals and receiving discriminatory treatment by the majority based upon this type of identification. Economic and social status of the "Mexican American" is much lower than many of the majority group, and thus treatment is associated with this status level, which is discriminatory and definitely based upon a segregated basis.

The Puerto Ricans, scattered in small groups throughout the mountain and Pacific Coast states but concentrated in the area around New York City, have racial, language and cultural barriers separating them from all other groups in the United States. The Puerto Rican who has migrated to the United States is very dark on the average, but he is rejected by the American Negro. He speaks Spanish, but is not accepted by the Spanish-speaking American because of his color. These conditions have forced the Puerto Rican to identify himself with the people of his island homeland and with its type of government, even though it is a possession of the United States. He has established group identification through his organizations for his survival in a culturally hostile environment within the confines of the mainland of the United States. He is inside America, but outside of it!

The Filipinos are in the most peculiar position of any group so far discussed. Their group identification is bound up by the hatred and high degree of discrimination shown them over a long period of time by the dominant groups in the United States, and by the lowly position in which they have been placed. Their forms of group organizations are principally social and economic made up of males. The population of Filipinos in the U. S. is mainly males because females have not migrated to the U. S. mainland. The aggressiveness of the Filipino is basically on an individual level because their organizations, such as they are, do not have the power to exert control beyond their own membership.

The American Indians have a well developed and traditional sense of

group identification, even though it rests primarily in their "tribal" or "community" unit. This sense of group identification is based upon a number of factors, the most important ones probably being the following.

- 1). The American Indian is the benefactor of a long aboriginal cultural inheritance;
- 2). He has been segregated on reservations for a number of generations, and has been allowed to perpetuate many of these traditions;
- 3). The American Indian has been and still is highly discriminated against by the "whites;" many Indians have developed a traditional feeling of antagonism against the "whites;"
- 4). The "paternalistic philosophy" toward the Indian maintained by the government has fostered a sense of group mindlessness and specific group identification on the part of the Indian.

In summary, the large amount of group identification found among racial groups in the United States is a function of their exclusion from much of the organized life of the total American community. Group identification and group organizations growing out of this situation are types of compensation for their being "kept out" of full participation in the cultural life of the majority. Many of the racial groups, such as the Japanese, Chinese, Filipinos and "Mexicans," find it necessary to build up a complement of associations to parallel those of the white community. These associations also carry out traditional group functions of their previous cultural life. It is with this in mind that one must be objective in evaluating many personal characteristics of some individuals belonging to various non-white groups. To fail to do this creates misunderstanding and tensions, both individual and social.

(Some of the material in the last two issues of this column are taken from "Culture and Race," a book to be published soon by the author of this column).

Plan Washington Premiere Of MGM's "Go for Broke"

(Continued from page 1)
manding officer of the 442nd; Mark Clark, commanding general, army ground forces, who commanded the 5th Army in Italy; Col. V. H. Miller, who succeeded Gen. Pence as commanding officer of the 442nd, and other top generals.

Former Ambassadors to Japan Joseph C. Grew and William R. Castle have been invited.

David K. Niles, assistant to the President, is expected as are Dillon S. Myer, former War Relocation Authority chief and now Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and other former officials of the WRA in the Washington area.

Such newspapermen as Drew Pearson and Marquis Childs head the list of Washington correspondents invited.

The three featured Nisei actors flying here for the premiere are Lt. George Miki, recently recalled to active duty, who portrays the role of Chick; Ken Okamoto, who plays Kaz, and Akira Fukunaga, who acts as Frank in the picture.

Accompanying them will be three Hawaiian misses. The sextette is

expected here Monday via United Air Lines and will be officially welcomed by Del. Joseph R. Farrington, (R., Hawaii).

A series of radio and TV appearances are planned for the six.

Del. Farrington also will fete them at a luncheon on Capitol Hill Tuesday. Mr. Pirosch and a group of newspapermen will attend.

On Wednesday, the six will be honored at a reception sponsored by Del. Farrington for residents from Hawaii living in the Washington area.

Many of the dignitaries invited to the premiere will be guests of MGM at a cocktail party and buffet supper in the National Press Club immediately preceding the opening performance of the picture.

Meantime, Mr. Masaoka expressed the hope that "Go for Broke" will "help promote an understanding of the Nisei," and "also will contribute to the cause of Hawaiian Statehood as well as the efforts of the Nisei portrayed in the movie to win for their parents the privilege of naturalization."

the governor and the legislature regarding practices requiring remedial legislation.

If the legislative mood on race relations legislation is accurately reflected by this Assembly committee, there appears little possibility of the passage of any major remedial measure, such as the repeal of the Alien Land act, at this time.

Vagaries

Translation . . .

A Japanese language edition of Ralph G. Martin's biography of Ben Kuroki, "The Boy from Braska," has been published in Tokyo . . . Shelley A. Ota's novel, "Upon Their Shoulders," will be issued in June by Exposition Press in New York City . . . The magazine carries a special feature on the Issei in its current issue.

Isamu Noguchi and George Naashima are among nine architects and designers shown recently in Look Magazine along with their designs for the Knoll furniture house. Noguchi contribution is a lamp, Japanese-inspired, while Naashima's is his famous adaptation of the traditional Western armchair.

Film Roles . . .

Henry Nakamura's success in the role of Tommy in "Go for Broke" has launched him on a Hollywood career. Nakamura, now working in MGM's "Westward the Women," has been signed for a third MGM film, "The Light Touch," which stars Stewart Granger and Patricia Angeli. . . . A Washington, D.C. premiere also is being planned for Allied Artists' "I Was an American Spy" which stars Ann Dvorak in the role of an American woman who acted as a U.S. agent behind Japanese lines in the Philippines during World War II. Nearly a hundred Nisei appear in the film as Japanese soldiers.

Visitor . . .

The first "Japanese" woman buyer to arrive here from Japan is Helene H. Choy, an Australian of Chinese ancestry. Miss Choy has been in Tokyo two years and has her own women's wholesale shoe business. Arriving in San Francisco on her buying trip she visited the Forbidden City, a Chinese night club. A number of the girls in the chorus came over to meet her at her table. "It's nice to meet a Japanese lady," one of them said. "Oh, I'm not Japanese," said Miss Choy, "I'm Chinese—and I'm glad to meet you Chinese girls." "We're not Chinese," replied the chorus girls, "we're Japanese Americans."

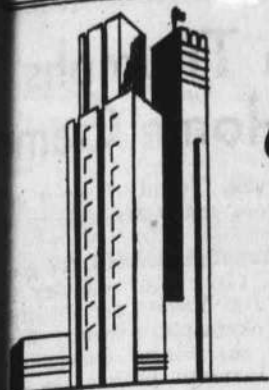
The Kanazawa Trio is touring the country with the Latin Quarter Revue and played the Golden Gate in San Francisco last week. . . . A new NBC weekly adventure show will feature "Mr. Moto," the Japanese detective character of the John P. Marquand stories in the Saturday Evening Post before World War II. Mr. Moto, played by Peter Lorre, also was the subject of a number of movies. NBC will launch the Moto show on May 20. It will be the first revival of Mr. Moto since Pearl Harbor.

Go for Broke! . . .

"Go for Broke!" now being shown to GIs in Japan and Korea, will be seen by the Japanese public until 1952. Special 16mm prints of the MGM film about the 442nd are being sent to Japan by Army Special Services to be utilized in Army hospitals and in showing to the troops in Korea. . . . Robert Pirosch, writer and director of "Go for Broke!" was scheduled to fly to Washington, D.C., this week to start research on his next project, "Mr. Congressman." Dore Schary will produce the film.

Fumi Akimoto is one of the dancers in a Dancers' Studio concert on May 13 at the Weidman Studio in New York City. . . . Aiko Tashiro was the pianist in the Brooklyn College dance recital on May 4 in the auditorium of the High School of Homemaking. . . . King Vidor will direct Anson Bond's 20th Century Fox production, "East Is East," which is scheduled to go before the cameras in four weeks. This is the film about a GI and a Japanese nurse for which Yoshiko (Rikoran) Yamaguchi was tested.

A number of actors of Japanese ancestry, some with Hollywood experience, are expected to be cast for roles in "A Night in Geisha House," a GI comedy with Tokyo backgrounds, which goes into production in June in the Japanese capital. The film is being produced by George Breakston and Ray Stahl.



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

From Here to Eternity

I have just gotten around to reading this amazing best seller for 1951. I enjoyed James Jones' novel about army life immensely. He has the rudimentary ingredients for a smash hit: sex, army life and frustration.

I had expected another large dose of four-letter words as in "The Naked and the Dead," but I found "From Here to Eternity" woven of more stable and sterner stuff. The sex life of the male GI is always interesting and commands a lot of attention. Jones gives it that authentic flavor, the brutal factual treatment, and does not pull his punches.

As a former army man, I found the Jones' analysis of life in the army to be a fairly accurate reproduction of what goes on in the barracks, the latrines, the kitchens, on the firing range, and in the beer joints. It brought back a lot of memories of standing guard, pulling KP, dice games, beer busts and the ordeal of doing various special detail work as cutting grass, picking up papers and washing windows.

This 30-year-old midwestern writer has hit the jackpot as far as money is concerned. Most writers of first novels are lucky to get \$500 for their labors. Jones has already topped the \$50,000 mark from movie rights, book of the month, and regular royalties with the end nowhere in sight. It will undoubtedly remain on the best-seller list for the rest of the year.

I do not go overboard with some critics who say James Jones is another Thomas Wolfe. He still lacks the maturity of Wolfe, the proper shading of words, the rhythm and sweep of sentences that made Thomas Wolfe so famous. However, James Jones writes brilliantly. His characters have life, especially is this true of Sergeant Milt Warden and Robert Prewitt, the two main characters in "From Here to Eternity." Jones is adept in catching the true sounds, the visual sights, and the smells that permeate an army camp. His treatment of the life in the army stockade, the repartee of the orderly room, and the first day of World War II in Hawaii are truly literary gems.

I found the book too long and drawn out in spots. After all, 850 pages is about a little more than double the usual novel length. I think Jones could have written two or three books from "Eternity" instead of jamming it all into one volume. Also there is a little too much philosophizing to suit me. He tries to catch the mood and reasonings of every army man, from a general down to the lowest private.

The Nisei Girl Friend

As of interest to the Nisei, James Jones brings a Nisei girl into the story. Her name is Violet Ogure and she is the first girl friend of the main character of the book, Private Robert Prewitt. Being a week-end, easily available, bed companion of the hero may not be a true picture of the Nisei girls in Hawaii. The writer, however, manages to quickly insert the reaction of the Issei to the questionable actions of their daughter. Fortunately, Violet is quickly shuffled out of the story and Prewitt carries on his sex life with a prostitute.

The story of Violet Ogure brought back many memories of my stay in Germany. There were hundreds of Nisei GIs who had their German "shack jobs" with a blonde fraulein attached. I often wondered what became of those many relationships. There might have been the seeds for a good story, a sort of a "Madame Butterfly" in reverse. I am afraid that my experiences and research fell very much short of gathering enough data for a full fledged book. Someday I expect to see a book written by a Nisei outlining his love life in Europe. Might be interesting.

The Writing Profession

I have several Nisei writer friends who have completed novels about their lives. Most of them deal with the evacuation and relocation story. None have found their way to the printing press. There was something about them that just did not jell. The editors usually commented that the subject matter too narrow or that the characters did not seem realistic. The art of writing a novel is not merely one of putting one word after another, one experience following another. Rather, it is a very complicated and intricate process that calls for characterization, proper shading of dialogue, setting the right tempo and tone, and weaving a thread of continuity and interest throughout the book.

For every James Jones, there are about a thousand budding novelists who never quite make the grade and must go back to a more humble task as driving a truck, waiting on tables, selling shoes, driving a tractor and peddling insurance.

I think the main difficulty with Nisei fiction writers is that they do not have enough experience. They have not traveled enough, seen enough. To get the real flavor, a person must go through a number of ordeals, witness the unusual, and visit the remote parts of this country.

I do not think that it is quite possible for the Nisei or Sansei, in the not too distant future, to produce a James Jones in our midst.

A Large Investment is Required

The author of "From Here to Eternity" was quite fortunate in having a sort of sponsor in the person of Mrs. Lowney Handy. This Illinois woman took a profound interest in helping out people in trouble and attempting to put their creative powers into full bloom. She was the inspiration and the impetus in Jones' life to complete this masterful novel. She spent a lot of money buying Jones a car and a trailer, building an extra room in her home, and giving him the right atmosphere that would be conducive to writing. It took many years and many sacrifices to complete the book.

Successful writing is a full-time job. It requires intense concentration. It requires change of scenery to get into the proper mood or spirit. Especially when the words do not come smoothly, it may be necessary to move around and try to find some inspiring atmosphere.

Sometimes it may take a full decade to write a book. That is just one of the requirements of the writing profession, a wealth of time is imperative.

Somehow I feel that the Nisei story of the evacuation and relocation has the elements of a great novel. The writers who have attempted to weave a tale about this situation have not quite reached

Bill Hosokawa:

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Odds and Ends

Denver, Colo.

Dr. Shunzo Mitani of Hillsboro, Kan., an Issei, writes that he is looking for someone to collaborate with him in writing lyrics for all manner of songs. Dr. Mitani composes the music, but he needs some help with the words. Any takers? Write him at Hillsboro.

A small handful of Nisei have won notice as singers, but have there been any composers of note? If so, there must be even fewer Issei tune-smiths. There was one, name of Miyashita, up in Seattle years ago, but his were not the popular variety.

The May Fortune magazine notes that Seattle will sponsor a Japan merchandise fair soon. It should be beneficial for all hands, for Nippon needs the markets and Americans have yet to learn that Japanese industry produces objects more substantial than Christmas tree ornaments, light bulbs and Easter baskets.

Japanese optical goods and cameras have been getting a big play recently, especially after some bigtime U.S. photogs found and tried Japanese lenses, then announced with great enthusiasm that they were superior to German lenses.

Fortune quotes Kimpei Sheba of the Nippon Times as saying World War II forced Japanese industry to become honest. In other words, manufacturers who had been turning out shabby goods at cut-rate prices had to produce quality products for the war effort after foreign sources had been shut off. But it may take some time to live down the reputation for shoddy workmanship — even

though it's no longer true.

The radishes, onions, spinach, turnips and sugar peas are in, and the strawberry patch weeded out in this year's version of the postage stamp sized backyard truck garden. When the weather settles down—springtime in the Rockies is treacherous—we'll put in the tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash, beans, corn and a smidgin of other crops. Then through the hot months comes the routine of watering and weeding, watering and weeding, before the harvest begins.

The fact that I've never lived on a farm probably is the reason I get such a kick out of growing things, such as they are. That, and the fact that I know we won't starve even if the crop is beaten to the ground by a midsummer hailstorm. It's just fun.

But if some of my colleagues become any more persuasive, the garden will get a lot of competition from the trout streams for time and effort.

The lady who runs the house says it's okay to go fishing provided I bring home enough trout to eat. Which poses a delicate question.

A press report says King Farouk of Egypt "deserted" his 17-year-old bride on their wedding night to visit a Cairo night spot. I once knew an upper caste Japanese who went out to a bar and deliberately got himself thoroughly plastered a few nights after his marriage. He left instructions that his bride was to be informed after he had become incapacitated.

So she came down, packed him in a cab, took him home and put him to bed. Later he told me: "You've got to break a wife in right from the very beginning."

Smog-Lites:

SMALL FRY'S PARADISE

By MARY OYAMA

Los Angeles

Finally hied out to the paradise of the Hopalong Cassidy set—Knott's Berry farm in Buena Park out Orange County way. We had heard of this place for years as being famed for good food but never dreamed that the Ghost Town was such an extensive show-place covering whole blocks and acres on an imagination-twisting scale. Even this lowly adult was duly impressed to the point of wide-eyed gogglement, if you know what we mean.

First after parking your car, you ride for free on a sightseeing type train-bus (or whatever one calls those county fair species of transportation) through beautiful grounds to the perfect replica of a by-gone mining town which is a dead-ringer of a Hoppy movie set. Saloon with bar, hotel, post-office, assayer's office, sheriff's ditto, jail, barber, Chinese laundry, blacksmith shop, general store, miner's bunk-house, restaurant, and even a bawdy-house. Each place is a western museum crammed with authentic antiques, and "peopled" by life-sized mannequins in period costumes.

At the bar soft drinks are served by real attendants in western clothes and all employees in the shops and other concessions are similarly attired. And oh yes, the admission is free—With eyes bugging out, the younger set gaze upon such other authentic props as a complete mine-shaft with trains, even a volcano which emits smoke with a loud boing when a strange-looking contraption with crank-handle is turned by a miniature devil.

This last character of the volcano might have been somebody's imagination working overtime but every small fry is terribly impressed by his satanic majesty. We're told that the volcano glows with a baleful ruddiness at night. Nearby is a creek-bed ("creek") with waterfall and running stream which operates a large old water-wheel and ancient sluice-box and open-mouthed onlookers are invited to "try your own luck at panning gold" for a very nominal fee. There's a barn, there's a wind-mill.

And looky, the real cigar-store Indian. "A tree where some guy was hung, it says here—" A trough and a hitching post. Ancient vehicles and transportation of every kind, most of which can be clambered onto, for "pitchers" to send to Aunt Sue back home. Sit on the lap of or pinch the cheek of the two giant-sized miners who sit on the bench by the tavern. They are statues but photograph very realistically.

the gripping epic proportions. Another novel could be fashioned on the Issei story, how they came as immigrants to this great country and of the difficulties they faced.

Most Nisei writers, I am afraid, have neither the time nor patience to delve into the background material and fashion a heroic novel. The materialistic press of day-to-day living leaves us little time except for the bare essentials.

According to age, a child may mount either a live burro or mounted bucking-bronco; pose with the wooden Indian or a real live one resplendent in a dazzling war-bonnet. In the Seventh Heaven of Delight, every cow-boy, cow-girl, and podner, runs from this exhibit to that completely enchanted, each wonder more overwhelming than the previous one.

Even the parents become so fascinated by such exhibits as the music-boxes, and antique ancestors of the present day juke-boxes, or great grandparents of pinball machines; coin and precious stone collections galore, that everybody forgets to eat. By the time the whole family drops into the exquisitely appointed Indian room, Covered Wagon room, or Gold Miner's ditto, old and young are raringly hungry.

Dinners are moderately expensive but taste out-of-this-world. On the Sunday we went, we Nisei and Sansei Hoppys gorged on chicken noodle soup, lime sherbet appetizer, tossed green salad with Roquefort-chili dressing (yum!) (Time out for drooling while you listen to us munch crackers). Then followed by homemade hot rolls with fresh boysenberry jam, one of their famed specialties; whole kernel corn and green-beans succotash, and ham steak or any other kinds of steak—New York cut, top sirloin, etc., huge baked potato with parmesillo sauce or chives. (Wow!)

Or Pioneer Stew which the kids got and which we tasted, of course. Each of us eyed the other greedily, wondering whether the other guy's order wasn't better—? When coffee time arrived we were too stuffed for desert. Sterner souls than Gungha Din carried on at other tables with such delicacies as: Bosenberry tarts with ice cream, Bosenberry ice cream pie, or Bosenberry ice cream cake. Egad.

Or as Jobo Nakamura of the Hokubei Mainichi would say, "Sigh-sigh." Next time we'll return for the dessert, we muttered, as we waddled out to the Cowboy Music show in the natural amphitheater.

Not until we arrived home did

MINORITY WEEK

Debut

A couple of fans left the game when Bob Bowman, first Negro to play in Southern pro ball, made his debut May 6 with the Middlesboro (Ky.) team of the Mountain States League.

They should have stayed, because Bowman made an auspicious debut. He came in as relief pitcher and saved the day for Middlesboro.

The 37-year-old pitcher signed with the team only two hours before he went on the mound.

Mask and Cross

Two symbols of the Ku Klux Klan may be on their way out in Georgia.

The House and Senate have passed a measure outlawing use of the white hood and the fiery cross. Gov. Herman Talmadge has indicated he will sign the bill.

"When people are denied the equality of opportunity for employment they are half slave. And this country cannot survive—as Lincoln said—half slave and half free."—Adrien Falk, president, California State Chamber of Commerce.

Viewpoint

Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, mediator extraordinary who has the Nobel peace prize among other honors tucked under his belt, isn't regarded in quite the same light by his son, Ralph Jr.

Taking over a press conference at their home when Dad was absent, young Ralph (7) told reporters he didn't think much of his father as a mediator.

"He's not too good as a peace-maker," the boy said. "He can't keep me and my sister, Joan, from fighting."

Asked if he knew what his father had been doing in Palestine, young Ralph said "everyone" knew his dad was "the UN radiator in Palestine."

we realize that we had completely forgotten about the Korean war upon which we had brooded so much of late. Upon reflection we recalled some Air Force uniforms and numerous navy men mingling among the vicarious miners, pioneers, and cowboys. All we could remember was the jauntily defiant air of a teen-aged middy who posed with sailor-hat askew and a very adult cigarette dangling from his mouth.

Not potential cannon fodder, horrible thought, but just a young sailor on a holiday of a Sunday afternoon, away from home enjoying the sights and the gay camaraderie of men among men. We hoped that he had as good a time as we did.

PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

Wrestler Nominated for Illinois Award

Yukio Matsumoto, a versatile athlete attending the Chicago campus of the University of Illinois, was nominated recently by Coach Dean Ryan, varsity wrestling coach, as a candidate for the school's "athlete of the year" award. Matsumoto was one of the outstanding collegiate wrestlers around the 125-pound weight in the Midwest this year and recently won the horizontal bar championship at the Central AAU gymnastic meet. Matsumoto is now pole vaulting on the track and field team. There's a May 15 entry deadline for the Northern California Nisei golf tournament which will be held at the Sonoma Golf and Country club on June 30 and July 1. Yosh Setoguchi won the Class C 180-yard dash in the league record time of 19s for University High in the Western League meet in Los Angeles last week. Aki Tomita, Los Angeles City College sprinter, was third in the 100-yard dash in the Western State Conference track and field meet last week in Glendale, Calif. There are 101 entries in the West Los Angeles JACL tournament on the Fox Hills and Baldwin Hills courses on May. Fort Lupton won the 1951 Denver Men's bowling league championship last week. Moritz Drug was second in the 12-team league. The league bowls at Bowl-Mor lanes, the tentative site of the 1952 National JACL bowling tournament. The Cathay Post Nisei team placed sixth in the 4th annual Rocky Mountain American Legion bowling tournament in Denver with a handicapped 2893 series.

Two Nisei Act as Villains on Mat

A number of Nisei have expressed apprehension lest the wrestling activities of two professional "meanies" incur an unfavorable public reaction toward persons of Japanese ancestry generally. The two wrestlers mentioned generally are "Mr. Moto of North Tokyo" and "The Great Togo" who also happen to be the most successful of the wrestlers of Japanese descent. Both Moto (Masaru Iwamoto) and Togo (George Okumura) are Nisei and both put on good shows. Moto is attended by a "valet," Joe Nozawa, while Togo's man is Oxy Goto. The two wrestlers are favorites on television, many of their bouts being kinescoped and televised on western TV stations via the Paramount network. Both Iwamoto and Okumura are nice fellows outside the arena and their acts of villainy are put on at the insistence of promoters since the wrestling public apparently likes to see them in their present roles. Since the problem also constitutes one of the livelihood of the athletes involved, it is difficult to ask them to change their styles since they already have established reputations as villains of the mat. At the same time their activities do contribute to public expression of anti-Orientalism, particularly inside the arena.

Promoter May Import Three Sumo Stars

The latest novelty in wrestling is reported to be the importation of three of Japan's sumo wrestlers by an American promoter. One of the wrestlers slated for an American tour is the 320-pound Maedayama who got into hot water with his public in Japan when he reportedly played hooky from a sumo tournament in order to watch the San Francisco Seals play baseball. Maedayama's associates, however, say that the Nipponese grappler was ill at the time and could not have performed in the tournament. Hal Sakata, the best weightlifter in America in the lightweight division three years ago and a point-winner at the Olympics in London, is now touring the Midwest with Canadian-born Tor Yamato. The two Nisei are teaming up in tag matches. Sugy Hayamaka of El Paso has been wrestling in Honolulu in recent weeks.

Isono Loses Well-Pitched Game

Herb Isono pitched one of his best games of the season but his University High team lost to Los Angeles High, 1 to 0, in extra innings last week. Despite a four-hitter by Kay Mitsuyoshi the Hanford High varsity lost a 6 to 3 game to Fresno State's frosh last week. Leo Takeuchi is playing first base for the league-leading Central High team of the Shasta League in Fresno County. Roy Takaki had two for three as Mountain View, Calif., high school downed the Palo Alto varsity, 4 to 0. Garfield's Yamashita pitched good relief ball but his team lost an 8 to 4 Seattle city league game to Franklin.

Bill Nishita May Pitch for Honolulu Team

Reports are that Bill Nishita will pitch for the Honolulu Braves in the Hawaii Baseball league this summer. Nishita joined the Braves last year for the U.S. non-professional baseball tourney at Wichita, Kans., and nearly hurled the Hawaiians, rated as rank outsiders, to the championship. Under the racial rule invoked in previous years Nishita would have been unable to play for the Braves in the Hawaii league but the rule has been dropped this year and there are Nisei players on all six clubs in the circuit, the top baseball league in the territory. Two clubs, the Asahis and the Red Sox, have all-Nisei lineups and are rated as the favorites for the championship which the Red Sox won last year. Nishita added a Stanford Indian scalp to his belt last Saturday (May 5) when he hurled the University of California Bears to a 5 to 4 decision. Nishita had a shutout going until the eighth when the Indians combined an error and four hits for four runs, three of them unearned. Nishita also holds victories over UCLA and USC.

Kitamura Saves Game With Four Pitches

The best shortstop in the Mountain States Skyline Eight conference is probably Colorado A & M's Dick Kitamura, the fancy fielder from Hawaii. Kitamura last week proved he had other talents when the Aggies played the University of Colorado. The A & M team was coasting along to an easy win when CU rallied for eight runs in the ninth inning, making the score 11 to 10 in favor of the Aggies. With two outs and the bases loaded Coach Mark Duncan called on Kitamura to stop the Buffaloes. Although it was the first time he has been on the mound in collegiate play, the little Nisei star needed only four balls to strike out the batter and save the game. Kitamura, who was offered a pro contract by the Ogden Reds of the Cincinnati chain after a brilliant year with the Weber College team two years ago, helped A & M win the Skyline title last year.

The amazing Fresno State Bulldogs now have won 29 of their 32 games this year and sport an 11-game winning streak, establishing them as one of the outstanding college teams in the nation. However, because they do not play what is considered a "major"

Tominaga Hurls No-Run, No-Hit Win for Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — Henry Tominaga, Springfield College's sophomore pitching star from Honolulu, pitched a no-run, no-hit game in his first varsity start on May 2 as his team defeated American International College, 3 to 0.

Tominaga was a high school pitching star in Hawaii and was a member of the World team in the Brooklyn Versus the World boys game at Ebbets Field three years ago.

Tab Yoshioka As Next World Lifting Titlist

HONOLULU — George Yoshioka of the Nuuanu YMCA is tabbed here as a coming national weightlifting champion in the 132-pound division.

Competing in the Territorial AAU championships recently Yoshioka equalled the national record of 278½ in the clean and jerk event. Dr. Richard You of the Territorial AAU weightlifting committee predicted after the Hawaiian tournament that Yoshioka would be the next world champion in his class.

Emerick Ishikawa, former national champion in the 123-pound division, returned to competition in the Territorial meet and won the 148-pound title.

Yoshioka, Ishikawa and Richard Tomita in the 132-pound class are favorites to make the 1952 Olympic team.

Sam Takeda Wins Marbles Tourney

SACRAMENTO — Sam Takeda, a southpaw shooter, won the marbles championship of the Nisei VFW Post No. 8985 in a tournament sponsored recently to pick a local champion to enter the VFW's district tournament.

Howard Nishio was second and Hide Noguchi placed third among the 50 grammar-school age marbles shooters who competed.

schedule, the Bulldogs may not be eligible for the NCAA playoffs. The caliber of the Bulldogs play is shown, however, by the fact that they have won five of seven games this season against professional teams of the Western International, California and Pioneer Leagues. Fibber Hirayama had 2 for 5 and Howie Zenimura sported a 1 for 2 day as the Bulldogs trounced Los Angeles State, 17 to 7, last week. Hirayama also came up with several fielding gems as Fresno swept a doubleheader from College of Pacific.

Centerfielder Murakami had 1 for 4 as Western State lost a 9 to 7 verdict to Colorado College in a Rocky Mountain Conference contest on May 5. Sekizo Yoshikawa was eliminated by M. Gallagher in the second round of the veterans singles in the annual Southern California tennis tournament last week in Los Angeles. San Leandro's Yoshioka won the 180-yard low hurdles in 22.6 and the second in the century and third in the broad jump as his team lost a Class B meet to Fremont in an Oakland, Calif., Athletic League meet last week. Moriyama of El Cerrito qualified in the 440-yard dash in the Alameda County League meet but did not place in the finals. The Denver Nisei team entered again this year in the city's Metropolitan League. First Baseman Jim Nakamura blasted a triple and a single as league-leading Reedley College defeated Fresno JC, 9 to 1, on May 2.

San Jose Bowlers Roll in State Tourney

A pair of San Jose bowlers, Johnny Kasano and Vic Hirose, are currently tied for third place in the California State Bowling Tournament which got underway last week at Richmond, Calif. Kasano and Hirose sport a 1252 total. A number of other bowlers are entered in the state tourney and are scheduled to bowl in the next two weeks. The visiting Hawaiian All-Stars had a rough time last week in two matches against the Max Adler's team of Los Angeles, one of the best in the nation. At the Pan-Pacific lanes on May 6 the Adlers uncorked a terrific 3222 scratch three-game series to defeat the Hawaiians who had 2786. Max Gardens had a 716 triplet for the Adlers. In a match at Vermont Bowl the Adlers hit 3100 to 2828 for the Hawaiians. Hank Lauman, former ABC doubles champ, fired a big 716 for the Adlers while Dick Nishizawa's 634 was high for the Hawaiians who are scheduled to roll soon at St. Paul in the ABC tournament. Taro Nagasawa, who had a 605 against the Adlers, and Gene Akamine are the other two Nisei members of the Honolulu team. Fred Takagi owns the highest scratch series rolled to date, a five-game 1,023 in the Empire Bowl's Classic tourney in Seattle. His 1,108 with handicap put him in third place. Lillian Sato is one of the six-member Pla-Mor All-Stars of Honolulu who have entered the Women's International Bowling Congress which starts in Seattle on May 17.

A 20 foot, 11½ inch jump by Mitsuchi of Los Angeles High won first place in the Western League's Class B broad jump event last week. The Salt Lake JACL women's bowling league will open its summer season on May 16 at Temple Alleys. A three-man team men's league gets underway on May 22 at the Ritz. General Produce, champions of the Nisei Winter bowling league, is entered in the city's annual Champion of Champions tournament. Jim Yokota lege in a Golden Valley conference game, 5 to 2, on May 5. Tateishi of Sacramento's McClatchy High won the Class C 100-yard dash in 10.8s at the Sac-Joaquin conference meet in Modesto, Calif., on May 5. Tateishi set a new league record of 10.6s in a trial heat.

Placer JACL Team Triumphs 28 to 0 in Opening Home Game

By HOMER TAKAHASHI
LOOMIS, Calif. — Placer JACL's surging ball club made it a whiz-bang homecoming for itself last Saturday night, May 5, at Auburn and an obnoxious host at that to the Grass Valley Braves, running up a monotonous 28 to 0 score in the third Placer-Nevada league game. This score broke all existing scoring sprees in the history of the league.

The Nisei started the fireworks by running up 8 runs in the opening inning and thereafter scored in every frame. Enkoji, Matsuoka, Kozaike, and Miyamoto got two hits apiece of the 14 garnered by the JACL.

Big George Goto started for Placer and completed 6 innings of no hit, no run ball, striking out 14 in that period. He whiffed 8 straight Braves to face him.

Aki Hokama relieved Goto from the seventh and was touched for three singles but none did any damage because of splendid support by his fielders.

Brown, and Trathen shared the mound duties for the losers. The Grass Valley nine committed 14 errors while Placer made 2.

Placer JACL plays host to the hard-hitting Roseville Merchants in a day-game Sunday May 20 at James Field in Auburn, game time at 2:30.

Roseville has always been a strong hitting team but this year has been eclipsed by the performance of their opposition.

Saturday night, May 12, the Placers were scheduled to play the strong Placerville Bartletts at Placerville in another Placer-Nevada league encounter.

HOME COMING HIGHLIGHTS

Topcoats, mackinaws, and blankets were very much in evidence as the weather, with an all-week hang-over, was still unsettled. Rain fell in drizzles through the third inning. A fair crowd, however, was on hand to welcome home the boys who played on the road, winning one and losing one.

The JACL club* looked pretty sharp decked out in new uniforms, the donations of fruit shipping firms of Loomis, Penryn, Newcastle, and Auburn, at thirty dol-

lars a crack. Twenty-two new uniforms were made available to the club.

Saturday night's JACL-GV game was the third of the day. Placer's Jim Yokota and Ed Miyamoto. Yokota plays regular shortstop for the Placer College team while Miyamoto patrols the outfield. Both were instrumental in the double win Placer College pulled over the visiting Vallejo JACL team Saturday afternoon.

Lefty Norm Matsuoka, former Ely, Nev., athlete, now caving at first base for Placer JACL, got the only extra-base hit of the night with a triple.

Nisei Captain Leads Team to Relays Victory

RUPERT, Ida. — Captain Sam Goto led the Nampa Bulldogs to the championship of the fourth annual Rupert relays on May 5.

The Bulldogs, members of the Big Six high school conference, were five first places.

Goto contributed greatly to Nampa's victory by winning the low hurdles over a short course in :21.065.

The championship trophy, emblematic of team supremacy in the biggest of all Idaho high school track events, was presented to Goto after the running of the last race.

Three Nisei Help Elk Grove Win

ELK GROVE, Calif. — Three Nisei helped the Elk Grove High team win the Sacramento County League championship last week.

Roy Matsuzaki was second in the 100-yard dash and took third place in the 220 and the broad jump.

Sam Yamamura won the shot put and took thirds in the 160-yard low hurdles and the 120-yard high.

J. Inouye won both the 120-yard and 160-yard hurdle events.

Beat Tulare Aztecs

TULARE, Calif. — The Fresno Nisei All-Stars, claimants to the National Nisei baseball title, won their third straight game as they defeated the Tulare Aztecs, 9 to 1, on May 6.

Going into the last inning with the score tied, Ben Yagi led off for Fresno with a single. George Toyama came through with his third hit of the day and Pitcher Nizawa sacrificed the two along. On an attempted squeeze play Yagi was trapped off third but a wild throw by Catcher Morales of Tulare allowed the two runners to score.

Fresno is scheduled to play the Parlier Nisei All-Stars in Parlier on May 13.

Tuxedo Cafe Wins Temple Section of Champions Tourney

Tuxedo Cafe, champions of the Wasatch League, won the Temple alleys section of the Salt Lake Champion of Champions bowling tournament by defeating the strong Schubach's team in the finals on May 9.

The Tuxedo team which also competes in the Salt Lake JACL league defeated the JACL champions, Okada Insurance, in the semi-finals of the Temple tourney last week.

Members of the Tuxedo team are Ben Mayeda, Tosh Igata, Bill Oike, Tak Kojima and Jimmy Ichiji.

Tuxedo will meet the winner of the Ritz tournament for the Salt Lake championship.

Mecca Billiards, a team which includes Dr. June Kurumada and Hito Okada, were scheduled to meet Duce Billiards for the Ritz title this week.

Named to Honor Club

SEATTLE — Harry Yamada, basketball and baseball manager, is one of 27 University of Washington upperclassmen who have been pledged to Oval Club, men's activity and service honorary society, according to an announcement last week.

Compromise Plan Wins Support Of JACL Group

To Mr. and Mrs. David Hōki,
Murray, Utah, a boy on May 3.

DEATHS
Tsunetaro Umetani, 75, Lindsay, Calif., on May 6 in Tulare.

Mrs. Tomi Ichikawa on April 29
in Albuquerque, N.M.

MARRIAGES

Grace Takahashi to John Matsushima on April 15 in Cleveland.

Mieko Uyeno, 24, and Henry Ogawa, 25, both of Walnut Grove, Calif., in Sacramento.

President George Suda has announced that the general meeting of the A.L.L. will be held on May 17, Thursday evening from 8 when reports will be made by the JACL Blood Bank, Issei Night, ADC Fund Drive and Membership committee heads.

Lydia Ota will be mistress of ceremonies. Hostesses for the evening will be Fumiye Higashiyama, Sue Matuyama, Helen Tamate and

Miss Takeshita has been the past president and chairman of the Avalons and the San Mateo United Fellowship, respectively.

More than 300 children from Reno and Sparks, ranging in age from 2 months to six years, were entered.

The area in back of the church will be transformed into a Japanese garden and Oriental food will be served by girls in kimonos.

Entertainment will include dances, songs, judo and kendo exhibitions and displays of art and flower arrangement.

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Yasui Plans Field Trip to Southern Area

DENVER, Colo. — Min Yasui, regional director of the JACL for the Mountain Plains area, will leave here May 18 for a month-long field trip through the South and Southwest.

He will seek financial and personal support for the JACL-ADC program in communities of Japanese American population. He will also explore the possibility of setting up ADC committees in these areas and confer with political leaders.

Accompanying him will be J. Z. Kanegaye, Issei ADC leader in Denver.

His itinerary, as announced this week, is as follows:

Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Gallup, N.M., May 19; Albuquerque, May 20 and 21; El Paso, Tex., May 22; Lubbock, Tex., May 23; Fort Worth-Dallas, May 24; San Antonio, May 25; Rio Grande Valley, May 26, 27 and 28; Houston, May 29, 30 and 31; New Orleans, June 2 and 3; Mobile, Ala., June 4; Tampa, Fla., June 5; Miami, Fla., June 6 and 7; Savannah, Ga., June 8; Knoxville, June 9; Memphis, June 10; Little Rock, Ark., June 11; Oklahoma City, Okla., June 12; Wichita, Kans., June 13.

San Diego Nisei Plan Reorganizing Of JACL Chapter

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — First general meeting to discuss reorganization of the San Diego JACL was scheduled for Friday evening, May 11, at the local Buddhist church under temporary chairmanship of Moto Asakawa.

Emphasis was on local social and sports activities. Movies of general interest were shown and refreshments were served.

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Dinner Climaxes Membership Drive

REEDLEY, Calif. — The Reedley JACL concluded its 1951 membership drive with a potluck dinner on April 21 under the chairmanship of Mae Kuroda, first vice president, and the food committee, consisting of Mrs. Hiroshi Togioka, Mrs. Terashi Ibara, Mrs. Frank Kimura and Mrs. Frank Sasaki.

Ninety members attended the dinner.

Bill Minami was master of ceremonies. Mas Sakamoto, president, reported briefly on the chapter's program for 1951.

Toru Ikeda, central California regional director, discussed the JACL legislative program, including national, state and local affairs. Mas Abe gave a personal report on local politics and asked that each member vote after careful consideration of issues and candidates.

Remainder of the evening was spent in folk dancing under direction of Arlene Mitchell of Reedley High School. Cards and ping pong were also on the program.

Japanese Organist Gives Recital In Dayton Church

DAYTON, O. — Prof. Eisaburo Kioka, eminent Japanese church musician and organist, gave an organ recital at the Westminster Presbyterian Church on April 29. Proceeds of the concert will help replace organs destroyed in Japan during the war.

Selections included organ music by Bach, Liszt, Charles M. Widor and Louis Vierne. Kioka also played two of his own compositions.

Prof. Kioka compiled the Union Hymnal in Japan. He is on the faculty at Women's Christian College in Tokyo and director of the Institute of Church Music.

He studied at Yale and Columbia and in Paris with Widor and Vierne.

Cleveland Group Shows Movies

CLEVELAND, O. — A Japanese movie, "Tzen-so," was sponsored by the Shinwakai organization of Cleveland on May 6 at the IOOF Hall.

The postwar movie stars Ken Ueyehara and Mitsuko Mito and was recently telecast over Station WXEL.

Don Nakagima announced that proceeds would go to the Issei social welfare fund.

Salt Lake Picked As Convention City By District Council

Salt Lake City has been picked as the 1951 convention city by the Intermountain JACL district council, which will meet here Nov. 23, 24 and 25 at the Newhouse Hotel. Pres. George Mochizuki of the Salt Lake chapter will be general chairman.

Committee chairmen named to date are Grace Kasai, registration; Lyle Kurisaki, bowling tournament; R. Toma, program booklet; Bill Mizuno, finance; James Miyake, socials; Alice Kasai, public relations; Mas Yano, awards; and E. Seko, publicity.

A tentative schedule has been drawn up and includes a mixer on the first day, banquet, farewell dance and bowling awards on the second day, and a luncheon and bowling sweepstakes on the final day. A sightseeing tour will be arranged for interested delegates.

Philadelphia JACL Holds Forum on Military Training

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia JACL held a forum on the topic, "Resolved: That the U. S. should adopt a permanent UMT program," at its April meeting. Speakers on the panel were Sumi Kobayashi, James Nishimura, Jack Ozawa, Bill Sasagawa, Ernest Kurkjian, and Burton Parshall. Max Franzen was moderator.

The audience gave close attention to the pro and con arguments presented by the panel and participated freely in the spirited question and answer period.

The discussion was preceded by a "chicken with rice" dinner, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Grayce Ueyehara, and a regular business meeting.

Auxiliary Members To Visit YWCA

Members of the Salt Lake JACL women's auxiliary will visit the YWCA Wednesday, May 16, at the invitation of Betty Krummel, program director, and Mrs. Mas Satow, member of the board.

Auxiliary members will tour the building, watch activities and learn of the YW program.

Mrs. Tama Kojima and Mrs. Alice Kasai will be in charge.

The auxiliary's June activity will be a children's recital. Mrs. Kojima and Mrs. Kasai are to be hostesses.

JACL Urges Early Action On Compromise Amendment Evacuation Claims Legislation

Seek Measure Which Would Expedite Present Claims Program

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this week asked immediate action on a compromise amendment to the Evacuation Claims Act.

The compromise proposal, contained in the Celler bill, would authorize the Attorney General, at the request of the claimant, to pay evacuation claims up to \$2500 or three-quarters of the claimed value of compensable items, whichever is less, without lengthy adjudication procedures but simply upon the basis of "affidavits and records."

By expressly limiting payments to compensable items, the amendment would thus not authorize payments on any claimed items which might erroneously have been included in a claim.

In a meeting with Rep. William T. Byrne, (D., N.Y.), chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims, Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, said the JACL ADC is anxious to secure "early consideration and approval of the amendment."

He told Rep. Byrne that in the opinion of the JACL ADC, adoption of such a proposal would "markedly facilitate the entire program to the benefit of all concerned."

"It would speed up tremendously the payment of claims. It would save the government money," he said.

Mr. Masaoka pointed out the rate of payments at the present time means the "program will be going on for 25 to 100 years before the last claimant is paid."

"This is most contrary to the original intent of Congress that claims payments should help the rehabilitation of the thousands of persons of Japanese ancestry who suffered such heavy personal and property losses in the evacuation."

"If the money is to serve the purpose intended, it should be paid as expeditiously as possible. The way the program is working, however, with the long, technical and legalistic adjudications, the Depart-

ment of Justice simply cannot move much faster.

"The solution seems to rest with the compromise program, and the Attorney General himself recognized this when his office drafted the present bill before the Subcommittee."

Mr. Masaoka told Rep. Byrne that with its experience in the claims program during the past two years, the Department should be able to screen claims under a compromise settlement within a relatively short period of time.

Larger claims still must be adjudicated regardless of the amendment.

"But we of the JACL are primarily concerned with the thousands of smaller claimants whose losses were of the 'household' variety and whose needs for awards are acute and pressing," he added.

"The proposed amendment is a step in the right direction."

"If the Department uses this legislation with wisdom to speed up the program without depriving claimants of the justice to which they are entitled, the original intent of Congress will be carried out."

Mr. Masaoka said the views of the JACL ADC also were communicated to the full membership of the claims Subcommittee, which includes:

Reps. James B. Frazier Jr., N.J.; Woodrow W. Jones, N.C.; and Thaddeus M. Machrowicz, Mich. Democrats, and Kenneth B. Keating, N.Y., Angier L. Goodrich, Mass., and Edgar A. Jonas, Ill., Republicans.

Officials Thank Omaha Chapter

OMAHA, Neb. — Letters from Gov. Val Peterson and City Commissioner H. B. Berquist thanking the Omaha JACL for inviting them to a recent dinner-dance have been received by the chapter.

WANT ADS

PERSONAL—Miss Emiko Fukuya of Nishinomori Kanie-cho, Amagun, Aichiken, Japan would like to correspond with some young girls and boys. She is an English speaking high school graduate and would like some pen pals from America.

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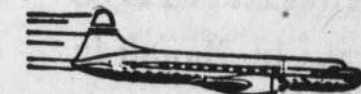
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