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JACL ADC Will Ask Senate To Boost Appropriation for Evacuation Claims Division

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An increase in the amount of administrative expenses allotted to the Justice Department's evacuation claims division to process claims of Japanese American evacuees during the 1951-52 fiscal year will be sought when the House-approved Justice Department appropriations bill goes before the Senate soon, the Washington office of JACL ADC announced this week.

The House passed the bill, containing an appropriation of \$725,000 for the evacuation claims division, on July 25. Of this amount \$225,000 is earmarked for administrative expenses and \$500,000 for the payment of claims.

May Suspend Deportation of 12 Japanese

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Senate Judiciary Committee on July 24 reported favorably the suspension of deportation for twelve Japanese, according to the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

The bill was ordered to be placed on the Senate Calendar.

Those included on the list were: Nakaguchi, Shigeki, or Robert Nakaguchi; Fukushima, Hideo, alias Eddie Fukushima; Ikuta, Yasutaro; Kato, Ikano (nee Ikeno Oishi); Kato, Kiyoka, or Kazuo Sewaki; Nakamura, Yoshimitsu; Nakanishi, Sadao, alias Shuichi Nakanishi; Nimori, Kaoru, or Richard Kaoru Nimori; Ono, Mokichi, or Frank Ono or Ichizaemon Suwa; Takemura, Nobuto, or Nobuya Takemoto; Tsukimoto, Tadashi; and Wakimoto, Matsue Kimura, or Matsue Kimura.

Parents Notified Body of Son Found

SEATTLE — The parents of a 442nd Combat Team soldier were notified last week that the remains of their son, Pfc. Masao Ikeda, had been found after seven years.

Pfc. Ikeda, a native of Seattle, was reported missing in action on Nov. 14, 1944 in the vicinity of La Petit, France.

The Department of the Army informed the parents the remains of their son has been casketed and are being held in an overseas mortuary pending instructions from next of kin.

A funeral will be held for sfc. Ikeda when his remains are returned to Seattle at the Japanese Methodist church. Burial, with full military honors, will be conducted at the Washelli cemetery.

Body of Student Drowned in Pacific Found After Search

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. — The body of William Katsuki Hada, 19-year old student at the University of Southern California, was found here on July 20, four days after he was drowned while swimming with friends.

Hada, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kikuro Hada of Bellflower, Calif., is believed to have been caught in a rip tide.

Explosion Rips House on Eve Of Occupancy by Doctor

LOS ANGELES — A home scheduled to be occupied by a doctor of Japanese ancestry was damaged by an explosion the night of July 24.

Planning to move into the house the following day was the family of Dr. Denshichi Matsumoto.

A corner of the house was severely ripped by the explosion.

It was one of two houses, a block apart on South Dunsuir Avenue where explosions occurred the same evening. The home of the doctor had a note pinned

to the door, reading, "Negroes—keep off of Dunsuir."

Mrs. Sally Mazoway, owner of the other home, said she was thrown from her bed when the explosion rocked the house. She told investigating officers she had recently shown it to Negro buyers.

Mrs. Mazoway also revealed she had recently gotten a number of threatening telephone calls, warning her not to sell to non-Caucasians.

Firemen said both explosions could have been caused by gas accumulations.

California Woman Finds \$100, Turns It In to Police

LOS ANGELES — If Mrs. Diogenes still is looking for an honest woman, she can put out her lamp, the Los Angeles Times said on July 25.

The Times reported Mrs. Miyo Toda of Santa Monica found a \$100 bill on a downtown Los Angeles street. And what did she do with it?

She turned it over to Desk Officer J. M. Fife at Central Jail. Police said that it will be hers unless the loser can prove his loss beyond doubt.

Three Soldiers Reported Hurt In Korean War

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

WOUNDED:

Private Kiyoshi Inouye, son of Mrs. Sami Inouye, Box 293, Koloa, Kauai.

Private First Class Masato Kusaka, son of Mrs. Soyo Kusaka, Box B, Waialua, Oahu.

Sergeant First Class Kosumo J. Sagami, son of Mr. Mitsuo Sagami, Mazamanie, Wisconsin.

An Editorial: California Cleanses Its Conscience

The State of California has cleansed its conscience of the ugly wartime escheat program under which it took approximately half a million dollars from American citizens of Japanese ancestry.

Early this week Gov. Earl Warren signed a bill under which the state will repay hundreds of thousands of dollars paid by Nisei during the war to retain title to their lands or lost in outright confiscation of their property by the state.

The escheat program was instituted under provisions of the infamous anti-alien land law of California, an act designed expressly to keep persons of Japanese ancestry from owning and using farm land. Ostensibly a measure to keep aliens of Japanese descent from holding such property, it worked hardships upon citizens of Japanese ancestry.

In the excitement of war, the California legislature embarked upon a program to confiscate Nisei-owned land, using sections of the land law to uphold its claims. Later, in the U. S. Supreme Court, the escheat program was to be branded as a vicious denial of citizen rights. But until that time the state wielded a powerful stick. It made no bones about its plans. It appropriated in 1945 \$200,000 to carry out the escheat program. It devised a curious "50-50 split" deal with counties to divide proceeds from escheated land.

More than 70 cases were filed in all against Nisei land owners. In 23 cases the Nisei were offered and accepted terms—cash settlements in exchange for outright title to their own land. The Nisei victims of these cash settlement deals were given no other alternative—save loss of their land.

The Oyama decision from the Supreme Court of the United States effectively quelled further prosecutions under the land act. The state land law was bitterly assailed by the justices. Land foreclosures ceased.

In the meantime, however, the state and those counties party to the escheat deals profited to the tune of half a million dollars.

But the tide of public opinion was soon to change. Early this year the California Assembly and Senate both received bills to repay escheat monies. House action was swift, but Senate approval did not come until June 21.

Early this week the governor put his signature upon the bill, making it law. This final action should mark "finis" to the land law, already severely crippled by action in the U. S. Supreme Court and by action of the state's voters, who refused in 1946 to approve Proposition 15, which would have strengthened the land law.

California courts, legislators and citizens will support no further transgressions upon Nisei citizen rights on grounds of race. To all intents and purposes the land law is dead.

Perhaps for final clarification of this complex problem it would be well for the legislature to revoke for all time its anti-alien land act. Such action would be hailed everywhere as a sincere indication of the legislature's intent to brook no further violations of justice through the land law.

California Governor Signs Bill Returning Escheat Case Settlement Funds to Nisei

SACRAMENTO—The State of California will pay some one-half million dollars to Nisei whose lands were escheated by the state during the war.

Gov. Earl Warren on Monday, July 23, signed an escheat repayment bill to return money paid as cash settlements in return for clear title to property and to reimburse Nisei whose land was confiscated outright under the Alien Land Act.

Twenty-three persons will receive a total of approximately \$19,000 paid in cash settlements, while the remainder of the money represents land forfeiture cases.

Three per cent interest is also provided in the bill signed by the Governor on Monday.

Signing of the bill concludes a half-year fight in the legislature to secure return of escheatment money.

The bill was introduced in the State Assembly on Jan. 22 by George D. Collins and on the following day in the Senate by Gerald J. O'Gara, Chris Jespersen (now deceased) and George Miller, Jr.

The House passed the bill on May 28 by unanimous vote. Senate approval, with amending of the interest payment provision by scaling it downward to 3 per cent, originally set at 6 per cent, was secured on June 21.

The bill is the third directly

affecting Japanese Americans to become law within recent weeks.

The Governor previously signed bills to lower sports fishing fees for Japanese aliens to \$10 and to permit recovery of liquor licenses held by Nisei and Issei prior to the war.

All three bills were initiated by the Japanese American Citizens League, with early work done through Joe Grant Masaoka, former regional director of the JACL office in San Francisco, and later through Sam Ishikawa and Tats Kushida.

Some speculation was raised here as to whether or not the bill would apply to \$20,000 worth of escheated property taken by the state between the time of passage of the land law and 1927, when the law temporarily became a "dead letter" statute. The bill provides for repayment of land to any American citizen whose land was escheated or who made a compromise settlement.

The new law states that claims against the state for such money must be made within six months after signing of the bill, with claims to be filed with the state controller.

In all the state filed more than 70 cases under its escheat program through the years 1942-48.

All charged that the lands in question were held or originally acquired by the Nisei owners through land law violations. The land act forbids ownership or use of real property by aliens "ineligible to citizenship," a phrase which in effect forbid Japanese aliens from ownership or use of farm land. Charging violations of the act, the state proceeded to take over Nisei properties.

The escheat program was strengthened in 1945 by legislative action appropriating \$200,000 for the campaign. The legislature also voted to split 50-50 with counties in which such lands were located.

In 23 cases the state accepted cash settlements from the Nisei. In other instances it took over the property offered it for sale and split the proceeds with the counties.

The program was bitterly assailed by Nisei and other Americans who charged that the cash settlements were "legalized blackmail."

Washington Co-ed Named Nisei Queen Of Seattle Fete

SEATTLE — Elaine Sakai, 19, University of Washington sophomore, was chosen the Japanese American queen for the International Festival which will be held next month in connection with Seattle's annual Seafair celebration.

Members of Miss Sakai's court for the Japanese American group will be Jane Hanada, 18, Tsukiyo Tanino, 18, and Jean Aya Fujii, 17.

On July 24 Miss Lilyan Mar, representing the Chinese American community, was selected as the representative of Seattle's racial groups in the court of the Seafair queen. Miss Mar selected in competition with Miss Sakai and queens representing Negro and Filipino groups was crowned by Bandleader Tommy Dorsey and Mayor William F. Devin of Seattle.

Digest Article Emphasizes Mother of Nisei Soldier Unable to Become Citizen

The mother of an American war hero of World War II became a citizen of the United States because of "our outmoded immigration and naturalization laws," Blake Clark emphasizes in an article published in the August issue of Reader's Digest under title, "Why Shouldn't They Be Americans?"

The article by Mr. Clark, author of several books on Hawaii and the writer of two previous articles on Nisei soldiers which were reprinted in the Reader's Digest, originally appeared in the July 16 issue of The Freeman Magazine.

The mother is Mrs. Nawa Munemori whose son, Private Sadao Munemori of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for wiping out two machine gun nests and throwing himself on an exploding hand grenade to save his fellow soldiers.

"The United States Army transport, Pvt. Sadao Munemori, which brought his regiment home from Europe, bears his name today," the article adds, "Yet Mrs. Munemori, his widowed mother, is denied citizenship by the country for which her son sacrificed his life."

Mrs. Munemori symbolizes the plight of victims of our outmoded immigration and naturalization laws, which discriminate against worthy people purely on the basis of their race," the Clark article declares. "Those antiquated statutes give the Communists in the Far East a powerful anti-American propaganda weapon, and damage our relations with the people of Asia."

"The situation of some 85,000 aliens in this country demonstrates the unfairness of the position we have taken. About 80,000 are Japanese; 5000 are Koreans and Poly-nesian, with a sprinkling of other nationalities. These residents legally entered this country before 1924. The Immigration Act of that year permitted them to remain here but continued to deny them the rights of naturalization that were granted to European immigrants. The sole consideration affecting our treatment of these long-time settlers is their race."

Mr. Clark, a roving editor for Reader's Digest, also comments: "The Japanese, the largest group affected, have probably contributed more to America than any other Asiatics. Their sons formed the famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team, which probably received more decorations and suffered more casualties than any unit of similar size in the entire U. S. Army. Yet these parents cannot become citizens."

"The abuses against those of Japanese origin are compounded in California, where many of them live. There state law prohibits an alien ineligible for citizenship from owning a farm. Men who have turned acres of desert waste into green, producing fields can cultivate the land only as hired hands."

The article notes that California is not alone in making "the racially ineligible alien run an obstacle course for his livelihood."

"Nowhere from the Pacific to

the Atlantic," it stresses, "can he be a lawyer or certified public accountant. Despite shortages in important professions, 26 states prohibit him making a living as a dentist; 25 as a physician; 18 as a teacher. Some 500 laws passed by various states bar him from such work as a real estate or insurance agent, pharmacist or civil servant. In some states he cannot even accept an old-age pension, although money toward it may have been withheld from his wages!"

Mr. Clark concludes:

"Before the end of World War II, the United States and Nazi Germany were the only two major nations that used race as a test for naturalization. Now, we alone maintain this discrimination. In Asia we face a well-organized minority attempting to unite the East against us. We can show the people of the Orient we stand back of our national pledge of 'liberty and justice for all' by welcoming worthy persons and providing them equality under our naturalization and immigration laws. From a purely selfish standpoint, wiping discrimination off the books as well as out of our hearts would be worth more to us in the Orient than a dozen army divisions."

Los Angeles County Legislators Aid Passage of Bill

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles County legislators played a prominent role in guiding the passage of the JACL ADC-sponsored bill to reduce the sports fishing fee from \$25 to \$10 for Issei and other resident aliens, Tats Kushida, regional director of JACL ADC, reported this week.

The bill, passed by the state legislature in June, was signed last week by Governor Warren.

Assemblyman Augustus Hawkins, D., Los Angeles, author of the bill, commented this week:

"Enactment of the law is a good indication of public sentiment and a real recognition of the role played by persons of all ancestries in our society. I believe this is another step toward a more positive phase of race relations."

Kushida noted that Sen. Jack B. Tenney, R., Los Angeles, presented the assembly bill for passage on the floor of the State Senate.

Provisions of this bill will become effective with the 1952 fishing season.

Vetterli Given 6-Year Term in Perjury Case

LOS ANGELES—A 41-year old junior college journalism instructor, convicted on the charge of perjury for his denial that he had given a Nisei money for a trip to Tokyo in 1941 to oppose the militarists, was sentenced to six years in prison by Federal Judge Pier-son M. Hall last week.

Clarence H. Vetterli also was convicted on the charge that he lied when he denied knowing that an associate was a Communist.

The Nisei, Ted Ichiro Miwa, who went to Japan on money supplied by Vetterli was a government witness at the trial. Miwa later volunteered for the army and served as a first lieutenant.

The purpose of Miwa's trip, shortly before Pearl Harbor, was to contact anti-militarist elements in Japan.

HOUSE PASSES BILLS TO ADMIT MINOR CHILDREN

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The House of Representatives passed five private bills unanimously when it considered its private calendar, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported this week.

Three of the private bills were to authorize the admission into the United States of minor Japan-born children.

One was to permit the entry of the alien Japanese wife of a Los Angeles Nisei.

Another was to allow the Japan-born fiancée of an American veteran to come into this country for purposes of marriage.

Introduced by Rep. Charles B. Hoeven (Rep., Iowa), one bill provides that Shozo Ichihara, a minor child in the care of a Chinese couple on occupation duty in Japan, shall be permitted to enter the United States when his foster parents return to this country.

Another private measure provides for the admission into this country of Betty Minoru Kawachi, the Japan-born daughter of the Japanese wife of an American naval officer. A Senate originated bill, its passage by the House means that it will be sent to the White House for the President's signature.

The bill for the relief of Hoshi Kazuo, half-Japanese son of an American sergeant and his Japanese wife, waives the restrictions of the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924 and allows his entry into the United States notwithstanding his ineligibility to naturalization.

Mrs. Shizuko Yamane, wife of an American citizen residing in Los Angeles and the mother of three American-born children, would be permitted to rejoin his husband in the United States under the provisions of her private bill. This legislation was introduced by Rep. Clyde Doyle (Dem., Calif.)

The other private bill is to authorize Miss Kiyoko Matsue, the fiancée of an honorably discharged American veteran residing in Lancaster, Ohio, to enter this country in order to marry him.

With the exception of the Kawachi bill, all of the private measures have been sent to the Senate and referred to its Judiciary Committee.

Six South California Combat Veterans Home from Korea

LOS ANGELES—Six Southern California Nisei soldiers returned on Army rotation from the Korean war front during the past week.

Five were among the 1946 persons aboard the USS Telfair which arrived in San Francisco on July 21. They are Pfc. Sho Adachi and Corp. Harry K. Ishimoto, Los Angeles; Corp. Yoshito R. Matsuda, San Fernando; Pfc. Jingo Sakamoto, San Valley, and Master Sgt. Kazu Yoshihata, Montebello.

Corp. Ray M. Noda returned on the same day to San Francisco aboard the Navy transport Gen. William Wiegell.

Nisei Girl Violinist Wins Berkshire Festival Scholarship

CHICAGO—The first Nisei ever to win full scholarship to the famous Berkshire Music Festival now in progress at Lenox, Mass., is a violinist, Teruko Akagi of Chicago.

Miss Akagi, a member of the Chicago JACL chapter, first came to Chicago six years ago from Oberlin College with a bachelor of music degree. She had enrolled at Oberlin from a wartime relocation center for persons of Japanese ancestry.

Her story was told in the Chicago Sun-Times by Betty walker recently:

At that time, interestingly enough, she was so uncertain about her choice of a future that she asked a well known Loop violin teacher, a stranger to her, to advise her whether or not to continue with her studies—studies she was financing by working part time in the office of a west side calendar manufacturer.

Today, Teruko—or Terry, as she's usually called—is one of "Boss" Petrillo's busiest little (5-foot-2) girls. Besides "doing odd (musical) jobs" here, she is a member of the Kansas City, Mo., Symphony Orchestra, one of the few solvent symphony orchestras in this country.

Chronologically, the story of how she became a violinist began during her kindergarten days in her native Seattle, Wash. One day the teacher bade Terry and her kindergarten classmates to pick out their favorite musical instrument from a tableful of them. The teacher then organized the youngsters into a band.

"I picked a violin," Terry told us before she entrained for the music encampment at Tanglewood, scene of Massachusetts' yearly music festival. "I became so attached to it that when it came time to go into first grade, I didn't want to—because it meant leaving my violin."

Later, her parents, both of whom were born in Japan, presented her with a violin—plus lessons. And she was majoring in music at the University of Washington, when, early in her freshman year, Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and she, along with all other Japanese on our West Coast, was evacuated to an inland relocation center.

"We were only allowed to take our personal belongings with us," she said, "and in selecting what to take, I almost left my violin behind."

While working as an assistant teacher in the music department of the high school at the Minidoka relocation center in Idaho, she won a scholarship to Oberlin College and was on her musical way again.

Crowding Oberlin's four year course into two years ("including summer"), she managed to graduate with the class of 1945. Then, without contracts but with a B of M degree and \$16, she came to Chicago (where her family had been relocated from Camp Minidoka) and landed a part time job with the John C. Baumgarth Co.

In college, she had heard about the training orchestra maintained by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Chicago Civic Orchestra, and looked it up. Although promptly invited to play with it, she was beginning to be gnawed by the fear that there "was no place in this country for a Japanese American girl musician." And to dispel it, she sought out George Perlman, asking him:

"Will you listen to me play, then tell me frankly whether I should forget all about it?"

Not only did he urge her to continue, but became her teacher. And through him she auditioned two years ago for her present October through March post with the thriving Kansas City Orchestra.

Plan Nisei Service Group To Aid East Coast Soldiers

NEW YORK—A Nisei Service Organization is now being established in New York City, primarily to cater to the needs of servicemen stationed in the East Coast area and those on furlough, it was announced this week.

The organization is composed of a board of directors; representatives from Nisei social, religious, athletic, and veteran's groups; and the Hostess Club. Sponsors are still being sought. The 442 Association, thus far, has been the only club to volunteer sponsorship and financial aid.

Officers recently elected to the Hostess Club are: President, Sadie Kuratomi; Vice President, Frances Kadowaki; Recording Secretary, Pat Iwamoto; and Corresponding Secretaries, Sumi Young, Michi Teramoto, and Mary Iwamoto. Mary Chin was asked to represent the Chinese groups. Henry Yoshikawa, treasurer, is also a member of the Board and a Hawaiian Island representative. George Sawahata, who had been acting in the capacity of an executive secretary and began the service organization, is also on the board.

The board of directors include key Nisei leaders, and those having any background in USO-type of work.

Activities began three months ago through the effort of some thirty girls, and Nisei, Chinese American, and Hawaiian soldiers stationed at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey.

The NSO hopes to meet the needs of servicemen, Nisei or non-Nisei, through the medium of entertainment, correspondence, fellowship, and meeting overseas requests. The Hostess Club is asking for the addresses of boys in Korea; and casualties hospitalized in Japan, Hawaii, and the states. Addresses may be sent to any of the

above Hostess Club officers at:

Nisei Service Organization, c/o Japanese Methodist Church, 123 West 108th Street, New York City, New York.

Money contributions may be sent to Henry Yoshikawa at the same address.

Girls between the ages of 18-25, living in and around New York City, are welcomed as Hostess Club members. The NSO would also like to enlist the help of interested parties or organizations to participate in other capacities, it was stated.

Full Activity Slate Promised Delegates at Midwest Convention

DETROIT, Mich.—A full slate of activities is promised delegates and boosters who are planning to attend the 2nd JACL Midwest district convention on Sept. 1 and 2 at the Book Cadillac Hotel in Detroit.

Among the events planned by the host Detroit chapter are a grand ball, a mixed social, convention banquet, panel discussions, sightseeing tours and bowling, golf and bridge tournaments.

Identify Body Found on Beach

SAN FRANCISCO — The body of a man, tentatively identified as that of Shichiro H. Yoshino, 63, of Grimes, Calif., was washed up on Stinson Beach in Marin County on July 16.

The Marin County coroner said injuries indicated the man had leapt off a bridge.

Identification was made through a temporary driver's license found on the body. There was no suicide note.

RKO Seeks Nisei Extras for Roles in Korean War Film

DENVER—Sixty-five men, women and children of Japanese ancestry in the Denver area are being sought for extra roles in RKO's new war film, "The Korean Story," which is scheduled to go into production on July 30 near Camp Carson, Colo.

The Japanese Americans are being sought mainly for roles as Koreans in the picture which stars Robert Mitchum and will be directed by Tay Garnett. The film's producer is Edmund Grainger.

RKO recently asked the Denver office of the Colorado Department of Employment Security to secure 20 men, 30 women and 15 children between the ages of 5 and 12 for three weeks of work with the film company on the location site near Colorado Springs.

Roy Takeda of the Colorado state employment agency, formerly JACL ADC regional director in the Denver area, said that transportation, housing and meals will

be furnished by the studio and that actual shooting would start between August 6 and 12. Wages will be \$10 a day for men, \$8 for women and \$6 for children. Those obtaining speaking roles will get the regular scale for such roles.

Previously the studio had planned to make "The Korean Story" on location in Korea and Japan but decided to make the film in Hollywood with exteriors in Colorado. The picture, which will have the cooperation of the Defense Department, will tell of American soldiers in the Korean war. The film originally was announced in 1950 but was delayed because of the changing political and war situation.

Hollywood studios have made several films with Korean war backgrounds, including Lippert's "The Steel Helmet," "Korean Patrol" and 20th Century's "East Is East," which was completed last month.

Honolulu Newsletter:

Hawaii Governor Appoints Nisei Dentist to Fill Vacancy on Honolulu Police Commission

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

HONOLULU—A Honolulu dentist has become the first Nisei to serve on the Honolulu police commission.

Dr. Ernest I. Murai, active Democrat and civic worker, was given the distinction by an appointment last week by Governor Oren E. Long.

He fills the vacancy as fifth member of the police commission. The five-man commission sets policies for the Honolulu police force whose chief, incidentally, is Dan Liu, the first person of Chinese ancestry to hold that job.

Dr. Murai's appointment is the climax of two unsuccessful attempts by two Democratic governors to name a person of Japanese ancestry to the police commission during the recent session of the territorial legislature.

Just before he stepped out as governor last May, Ingram M. Stainback nominated Joseph Itagaki, a former territorial representative, to the commission.

But Itagaki's name was withdrawn, presumably because he is a Republican, when the new governor, Oren Long, succeeded Stainback. Stainback, although a Democrat, had named numerous Republicans to government jobs, to the displeasure of more party-minded Democrats.

In Itagaki's place, the new governor named Dan Aoki, a Democrat and former president of the 442nd Veterans club.

The Senate, however, failed to confirm Aoki. The legislature then adjourned without the police commission vacancy being filled.

Since the legislature is not in session, Dr. Murai's appointment is an interim selection which does not require senate confirmation now.

Honolulu-born, Dr. Murai received his dental degree for the University of California in 1926 and has practiced in Hawaii ever since.

He has been active in the Democratic party and in community affairs.

Dr. Murai has been chairman of the emergency service committee, which assisted Nisei service men and their families in World War II; dental examiner under selec-

tive service and a director of the Red Cross.

He also has been a member of the territorial veterans' council, the Christmas Seal committee and the Lions club; president of the Oahu Dental society, a trustee of the Society for Chipped Children and a director of the St. Louis Heights improvement association.

He was an unsuccessful candidate for a seat at the 1950 convention which drafted the Hawaii state constitution.

Dr. Murai is described as belonging to the moderate faction of the leftwing Democrats. The cleavage with so-called right wingers has been mending in recent weeks and a reconciliation of the two factions may be effected soon.

Continuing a trend of recent years, more and more Nisei are being recognized for appointments to government agencies.

Besides Dr. Murai, two other Nisei were among 18 appointments announced last week by Governor Long, a staunch friend of the Japanese population.

One appointee was Dr. Homer M. Izumi, named to the territorial advisory commission on hospitals and medical care. The Honolulu doctor is a delegate from Hawaii to the American Medical association.

The other Nisei appointee was Miss Mildred Asato, named to the commission on nursing education and nursing service.

The governor has 18 more appointments to make to various boards and commissions, and it's a safe guess there will be a number of Nisei among them.

Seattle Family Greets Nisei Veteran of Korean Conflict

SEATTLE—Few American families have paid more tribute in suffering to their country than the family of Koshiro Furukawa who stood quietly on a sun-flooded pier on July 17 waiting to greet the return from Korea of a son and brother, Nat Lund reported in the Seattle Times of July 18.

Sergeant First Class Fred Y. Furukawa, 27, was back from his second war, wearing a Silver Star Medal and an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star Medal he had won fighting with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Italy.

One year ago next Wednesday his brother, Sgt. Isaac Furukawa, was killed in Korea, the first Seattle man to fall in the nation's newest war.

On the pier was another brother, Hiroshi, 32, who was wounded in Italy, fighting with the 442nd, as did John, 31, still another brother. The fifth Furukawa boy, Ben, 24, also was in the welcoming circle. Ben, a former Army reservist, was recalled in August and is stationed at Fort Lewis.

Mrs. Koshiro Furukawa died while Ben was an infant. The boys and their sister, now Mrs. Ted Nakata, were reared by their father, a native of Japan who brought up a family of devout Americans.

Koshiro Furukawa, a slight, 63-year-old man, is not given to brave speeches or self-praise.

"They are all fine boys, and Marie is a fine girl," the father said as the Navy transport General Simon Bolivar Buckner moved ponderously along the pier through a blaze of color and a din of shouts and music.

"They all have worked very hard

for what they want to be. Hiroshi is studying to be a doctor, and John will be a dentist. Fred is a soldier, and so was Isaac.

"It was very hard to lose Isaac, but we must expect that when our sons go to war."

May Tsutsumoto, queen of the recent Japanese Trade Fair, was on hand to greet Sergeant Furukawa, at the invitation of Greater Seattle, Inc., officials. But there was no welcoming kiss. Miss Tsutsumoto explained:

"Somebody like Fred doesn't deserve the Hollywood treatment."

Fred and Isaac Furukawa were stationed in Japan with the 1st Cavalry Division when the Korean war began. Both were serving with the outfit when Isaac was killed. Fred transferred to the 24th Infantry Division after he was wounded while leading his mortar squad safely through enemy lines.

Aboard the Buckner were 1,291 combat veterans from Korea and 307 dependents who had been living in Japan.

On the day after his return Sgt. Furukawa visited Freedom Grove at Fort Lawton, a memorial to United Nation casualties of the Korean war.

Koshiro Furukawa helped dedicate the memorial recently in honor of Isaac Furukawa who was one of the first soldiers from the State of Washington to fall in Korea.

Inductee Feted

RENO, Nev.—Mike Hananouchi who was inducted into the army on July 16 was the guest of honor at a recent outing given by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Date at Lake Tahoe.

NISEI AIRMEN PLAN RACE ON PACIFIC COAST

LOS ANGELES — The second annual Nisei trophy air race, sponsored by the Nisei Flyers of America, will be held this fall over a 1200-mile course on the Pacific coast, according to Albert Kushihashi of North Platte, Neb., president of the sponsoring group.

Kushihashi won the first race held last year at the time of the National JACL convention in Chicago. Last year's route was from Los Angeles to Chicago.

Senate Passes Private Bills For Fiances

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Senate of the United States this week passed two private bills unanimously on the call of the consent calendar, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported.

Both of these private bills are to authorize the admission into the United States of Japan-born fiancées of American citizens for purposes of marriage.

One of these bills is now up for House action. The other, being a House originated bill, has been sent to the White House for the President's signature.

Miss Teruko Oguaki, whose private bill was introduced by Senator Alexander Wiley R., (Wisc.), is the fiancée of Martin Bronfenbrenner, a member of the faculty at the University of Wisconsin in the Department of Economics.

Miss Sanae Iida, whose private bill was introduced by Representative Donald L. Jackson (R., Calif.), is the fiancée of Douglas Reeves, a native of Salt Lake City, Utah who is presently employed as budget officer and special assistant to Controller, Economic and Scientific Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

A private measure to provide for the admission into this country of Betty Minoru Kawachi, nine-year old Japan-born daughter of the Japanese wife of an American naval officer, was signed this week by the President. The child presently resides with her maternal grandmother in Kyoto. Her mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. James J. Leatherman, reside in Norfolk, Virginia. Mr. Leatherman stated that he intended to adopt her legally. Mr. and Mrs. Leatherman have a United States citizen daughter born to them in Wichita, Kansas in 1949. Senator Andrew F. Schoepel (R., Kansas) introduced the private bill to permit Betty Minoru Kawachi to rejoin her parents. This is the eighth private bill directly benefitting a person of Japanese ancestry signed by the President this session.

A bill for the relief of Chikako Shishikura Kawata, the Japan-born wife of Henry S. Kawata, a citizen of the United States and an honorably discharged veteran of World War II was reported favorably by the House Judiciary Committee recently. The bill must now be acted on by the full House of Representatives. The bill was introduced by Representative Homer D. Angell (R., Ore.).

Housing Authority Praised as Relocation Program Completed

LOS ANGELES — The local Housing Authority was complimented recently by Robert F. Witter, director of the Bureau of Right of Way and Land of the City of Los Angeles, on the "efficient and satisfactory manner" in which it carried out the relocation of approximately 1,000 persons, principally Negroes, from the First and San Pedro "Little Tokyo" area.

The area formerly was a Japanese American business district before the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry in 1942.

The operation referred to was the clearing of a three-block area between Main and San Pedro streets and between First and Jackson streets. This site, immediately southeast of the City Hall, is being leveled for the construction of newly-authorized city buildings.

Kawakita Asks for Rehearing By Federal Court on Appeal Of Conviction for Treason

SAN FRANCISCO—Tomoya Kawakita, 29, asked the Ninth District Circuit Court of Appeals on July 20 for a rehearing of his appeal on his conviction for treason.

An attorney filed the rehearing request for Kawakita who is now in the death row at San Quentin Prison.

Kawakita, a native of Calexico, Calif., reiterated that he was a citizen of Japan in World War II and contended the appellate tribunal had erred in saying he was an American citizen.

Kawakita contended he had the right under the Nationality Act of 1940 to elect whether he was a national of the United States or Japan and that he had elected to become Japanese. He was in Japan during World War II.

He was convicted in the Los Angeles Federal court of Judge William C. Mathes by a jury on Sept. 2, 1948 and sentenced to death in the gas chamber.

The U. S. Appeals Court here upheld the conviction and death sentence on June 22 last.

Kawakita was convicted of treason because of his conviction for atrocities committed against United States prisoners of war at the Japanese POW camp at Oeyama, Japan, during 1944 and 1945. Kawakita was employed as a civilian guard at the camp. His defense was that in directing punishment of some prisoners, including British and Canadians as well as Americans, he merely was carrying out orders under martial law.

Kawakita, who had gone to Japan in 1939, returned in 1946 and was apprehended after one of his victims, William Bruce, recognized the man called "The Meatball" in a Los Angeles store on Oct. 19, 1946.

Nisei Student Named To Honor Society

CHICAGO—Mort Fujii, 21, was elected to Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honor society, at Illinois Institute of Technology.

Mr. Fujii, a former resident of Sacramento and now of Chicago, also was elected recently to Eta Kappa Nu, national electrical engineering honor society.

Standing Ovation Given Nisei At "Go for Broke!" Premiere

LANSDALE, Pa. — A standing ovation in tribute to the Nisei and their parents in the capacity theater audience marked the opening of MGM's "Go for Broke!" at the Lansdale Theater on July 18.

The premiere was held in conjunction with the American Legion's Hospitalized Veterans fund drive.

In a ceremony preceding the showing of the film Commander Jack Slotter of the William E. Hare post of the American Legion praised the members of the 442nd Combat Team and introduced R. M. Bitner who spoke in behalf of the Lansdale City Council.

Mr. Bitner praised the community's residents of Japanese ancestry, emphasizing their contributions to the cultural and economic progress of the community. He said that one local Nisei enterprise, the American Chick Sexing Association and School of which S. John Nitta is president, had brought national and worldwide recognition to Lansdale.

He said that this organization had come to Lansdale during the war when the general public was skeptical and even hostile toward persons of Japanese ancestry but that members of the group had overcome the obstacles of prejudice and that the city was proud of its Japanese American residents. He then led the audience in a standing ovation in tribute to the Nisei and their parents who were present in the theater as guests of the management.

Commander Slotter then introduced Wilson Makabe, a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team who appears in "Go for Broke!" Mr. Makabe thanked the Legion and the City Council and introduced the following 442nd veterans and their wives: Mr. and Mrs. Allen Okamoto of Abington, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nakada of Philadelphia, Dr. and Mrs. Yokichi Ito of

Mas Yonemura Sets Talk on Revision of Naturalization Laws

SAN FRANCISCO—Mas Yonemura, Oakland attorney, will talk Aug. 8 to members of the immigration and naturalization committee of the Commonwealth Club at the St. Francis Hotel.

He will speak on the need, for revising U. S. laws governing citizenship and immigration, as well as the effect of such changes upon the status of Nisei Americans.

Yonemura will also tell of work of the JACL ADC in seeking revision of these laws.

Yonemura is president of the East Bay JACL.

Western Buddhists Will Send Delegate To Hawaiian Parley

BERKELEY, Calif.—The Western Young Buddhist League will send Kinji Hiramoto, president of the WYBL, as its official delegate to the Hawaiian territorial convention of the Young Buddhists Association on August 17-19 on the Island of Maui.

Decision to send an official delegate was reached at a meeting of the WYBL cabinet and board on July 15 in Fresno.

Jiro Nakaso of the WYBL recommended this week that any YBA member on the mainland planning to attend the territorial convention make an immediate reservation with an airline since a strike of a maritime union has tied up shipping to Hawaii.

Geermantown, and John Endo of Philadelphia, William Okamoto of Willow Grove and Harry Sakamoto of Lansdale. He also introduced the following Issei: Mr. and Mrs. Okamoto, Mr. and Mrs. Sugi and Mrs. Hirokawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ohama of Willow Grove were introduced. Mr. Makabe noted that Ben Ohama's brother, Abe, had been killed in action with the 442nd Combat Team during the rescue of the Lost Battalion. Ben Ohama himself is a veteran of the war in the Pacific and Mr. Makabe stressed that thousands of other Nisei had served in military intelligence in the Pacific war, a phase of wartime activity of which the general public has heard little.

Mr. Makabe then introduced the special guests of the evening, Col. Virgil Miller of Bethlehem, Pa., former commanding officer of the 442nd Combat Team. Col. Miller presented the background and highlights of the 442nd and told of the history of the outfit.

Allen Okamoto presented a gift on behalf of 442nd veterans in the Philadelphia area to Col. Miller. Following the presentation Mrs. Miller and their daughter, Judy, and son, Lieut. Jerry Miller of the 82nd Airborne Division, were introduced. Another son is a cadet at West Point.

Before the premiere the guests were feted at an informal dinner at the American Legion Hall with Col. Miller and his family as guests of honor. The affair proved a reunion for many of the 442nd veterans attending, some of whom met for the first time since the war. The highlight of the dinner was the cutting of a cake, inscribed with the words "Go for Broke!" by Col. Miller. It was also noted that the gathering was in the nature of a farewell party for Col. Miller who is departing soon for an overseas assignment.

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EDITORIALS:

Group Action Against Prejudice

Nisei Americans can point with well-earned pride toward a rather remarkable success in attainment of their rights through the courts and through legislation in the years since 1945.

In those few years the Nisei have achieved all but outright nullification of the California alien land act; have wrung from Congress the right to repayment for evacuation losses; and have achieved some success in putting cases for the deportation of persons of Japanese ancestry upon the same basis as for persons of other ancestries; and have brought about general recognition of the fact that citizenship by naturalization must be made part of our citizenship laws.

California within the past two months has passed two bills of specific benefit to the Nisei and Issei: the lowering of sports fishing fees for aliens of Japanese descent and rescinding of bans upon Nisei and Issei-held liquor licenses. The legislature has also approved repayment of escheat money taken from Nisei after the war in settlement of state "claims" against Nisei-owned property.

These are momentous victories. They affect, in the total population, only a small group. They were achieved by a miniscule minority.

But what the Nisei have learned, in group organization to fight discrimination, has been great.

The Japanese Americans have been the recipients of much goodwill and generous effort on the part of other Americans. Perhaps now the Nisei might consider offering, for whatever it is worth, the benefit of their experience to other groups. Certainly the Japanese Americans might make a concerted effort to work with other minority groups to solve common problems.

Japanese Tea Garden

Herb Caen, San Francisco's man-about-town columnist, reports this week that the famous Oriental Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park will soon be known by its pre-war name, Japanese Tea Garden.

The garden suffered the name-change as a result of Pearl Harbor, the era that caused the Japanese cherry trees in Washington to be known variously as "Oriental" or "Korean" cherry trees and produced numerous other changes of like character.

It's a heartening commentary on changed public attitudes toward Japan and, additionally, toward Nisei Americans. The rose has again become a rose, and it still smells as sweet.

Discrimination on the Job

Increased government expenditures for war and expanding defense employment bring us again to the question of discrimination in plants fulfilling government contracts.

Ten years ago President Roosevelt issued his then-startling FEPC proclamation. He set down a policy that banned discrimination in employment on all government procurement contracts. He established a Fair Employment Practices Committee to enforce this policy through persuasion and conciliation. End result was the integration of millions of workers of minority ancestry in defense plants. The policy of non-discrimination had numerous beneficial by-products, among them expanding of the social and economic horizons of Americans of Negro and Oriental ancestry. But foremost was the providing of proof positive that citizens of all ethnic groups could work together.

America, mobilized for war, was apparently ready and willing to accept non-discrimination in employment.

But in 1946 the FEP committee was disbanded

Today government defense contracts with private industry still contain non-discrimination clauses, but the absence of any enforcing power makes them generally ineffective.

This inconsistency between practice and theory reflects upon our professed aims in world affairs. Until that gulf between what we say and what we do is made narrower, the peoples of the world will look upon us with justifiable suspicion.

These people see in our professed aims their hope for freedom. But they point also to our undemocratic actions in employment, in housing and in numerous other spheres of activity, as proof that our actions are inconsistent with our stated aims.

Perhaps, too, it is time to consider what our actions in this regard can do to prove to our own citizenry of minority ancestry that they are entitled to a fair share in this country's advantages, as well as its responsibilities.



Foxhole digging to music does not amuse Lieut. Michael Grayson (Van Johnson) in this scene from MGM's "Go for Broke!" Ken Okamoto and his ukelele sets the pace for Akira Fukunaga who plays Frank, a mainlander. Okamoto organized the Shelby Serenaders while at Camp Shelby, Miss., with the 442nd while Fukunaga is a veteran of Italian and French campaigns with the famous Japanese American outfit. Okamoto sings and plays several songs in the picture. One of them was composed by him especially for the film and named "Pirosh Hula" in honor of Robert Pirosh who wrote the screen play and directed the picture.

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

"Go for Broke!" Scrapbook

By this time practically every Nisei in the country has seen "Go for Broke!" at least once. The film has been shown in nearly every community and in many areas it is already being booked by the neighborhood houses and the drive-in theaters.

It is pleasant news that Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer can count the film as one of its box-office successes since Producer Dore Schary and Writer-Director Robert Pirosh turned out a picture which did not compromise with facts and which did not gloss over the bitter realities of wartime discrimination against Japanese Americans. MGM also is to be congratulated for its excellent exploitation of the feature. The newspaper and magazine advertising turned out by the studio did not attempt to hide the fact that this was a war story about a group of Japanese American soldiers.

"Go for Broke!" received an excellent press, including a favorable review in The New Yorker whose film critic, John McCarten, generally views his movies with a jaundiced eye. Mr. McCarten found the picture to be "an amusing and exciting account of the activities of the Nisei... who served with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team."

"Besides being entertaining, the picture should be enlightening to those Americans who tolerated the wartime program of tossing non-combatant Nisei into prison camps euphemistically known as relocation centers."

Here are some other newspaper reviews of the picture:

"This tough and absorbing action picture is remarkable on two main accounts: it shows war without the glamour treatment and it says something about racial tolerance... just a straight, realistic account of a combat unit's adventures and an officer's getting to know his men. But it is done with such honest understanding, good humor and warm humanity that the picture comes off one of the fairest and most rewarding so far this year."—Bosley Crowther in the New York Times.

"It is an impressive tribute to the courage and heroism of the Nisei, the loyal Japanese of American descent who made up the reg-

iment."—Rose Pelwick in the New York Journal American.

"Go for Broke!" can qualify both as first rate entertainment and as a belated righting of wrongs done loyal Japanese Americans during the hysteria of World War II."—Archer Winston, New York Post.

"A wonderfully winning film—thanks largely to the performance of a dozen or so veterans of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team who are certainly among the most engaging actors ever to appear on the screen. The film is essentially a tribute to the 442nd and its record of courage and heroism... None of its scenes, however, are heavy handed, nor ridden with obvious 'messages.' The film endeavors merely to paint a lively, warm and understanding picture of a group of soldiers whose record speaks for itself—and we think it has succeeded wonderfully well."—Doris Arden, Chicago Sun-Times. (The picture received the Sun-Times' highest rating—four stars.)

"(Robert) Pirosh, backed by Producer Dore Schary, steps into, not away from controversy in his script. Whenever the occasion arises, as it did in real life, the picture reminds the audience of an unpleasant inconsistency. Combat men view their Nisei comrades with high and warm regard. Letters to the Mediterranean editions of The Stars and Stripes showed this. Men learned never to call a Nisei a Jap. To the men of the 442nd, that was as bad as a wound..."

"Yet at the same time the Nisei were welcomed into combat comradeship of men who daily face death, their parents back home were getting a rough reception when they left their relocation camps and tried to establish themselves in, say Texas, or California.

"It is therefore a movie with a sting. Yet there was humor as well as bitterness to be found in that dedicated 442nd and this humor is there, too, in 'Go for Broke!'—From a long review by Jack Foisie, former Army combat correspondent, in the San Francisco Chronicle.

"Go for Broke!" is far more than another war story. It is democracy at work in the field of death and suffering. Against this

grim background Robert Pirosh, writer and director, has fabricated a grand human-interest drama."—Herbert L. Larson, drama critic, Portland Oregonian.

"In direct, unsentimental fashion this film tells a warm and arresting story of the famed 442nd regimental combat team... In my opinion, it is superior to 'Battleground,' also the work of Writer-Director Robert Pirosh... The real star of the film is the tiny, round-eyed Henry Nakamura, playing Tommy, a pint-sized lonely little rookie. He has that flair for the ludicrous, dissolving swiftly into pathos, which is the trademark of expert clowns, and his contributions to the general excellence of the film is an important one."—Mae Tinee in the Chicago Tribune.

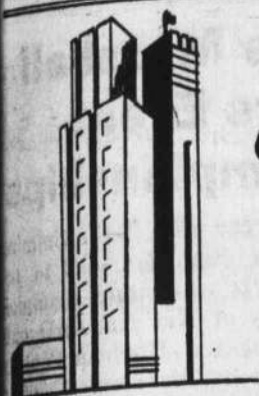
"... a really first-rate production which gives highlights of the service history of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in the late war."—Samuel T. Wilson in the Columbus, O., Dispatch.

"The excellence of the picture stems from the amount of detail crowded into a comparatively brief picture by Pirosh, the skill of his direction and the number of fine performances that are given by Nisei and other members of the supporting cast... Henry Nakamura nearly steals the show."—Wood Soanes in the Oakland, Calif., Tribune.

"Let the reader ponder the actual story of the Japanese American 442nd Combat Team, as presented in the current movie 'Go for Broke!'... These youths were fighting for America, fighting also for the honor and good names of Japanese parents whom our country had evicted from their California homes and lodged in the inhospitable desert. Cincinnati can take satisfaction now that it welcomed the homeless wanderers in the days of their exile... One token of this is that eight of their sons, veterans of that incomparable combat team, are among its citizens."—From an editorial in the Cincinnati Times-Star.

"This story of a shoot-the-works combat group certainly is a most worthy promoter of tolerance and understanding as well as remarkably fine entertainment."—E. B. Radcliffe in the Cincinnati Enquirer.

"The gallantry and humanness of these splendid (Nisei) citizens is effectively dramatized in the film, 'Go for Broke!' a name taken from the Hawaiian dice-shooting slang meaning 'shoot the works.' The film is important now for several reasons. Based on the real (Continued on page 7)



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

Its No Dice in Nippon

The Nisei are still batting a flat juicy zero in the social acceptance league in Japan.

I am told, from several well-informed sources, that our compatriots are still the low man on the totem pole.

Before the war I knew the Nisei were in the doghouse. The powers that be used to tag undercover man on our trail and watch every move with suspicion. We were classified as "N.G." and they told us so.

Now that the shooting and the shouting is over, the Nisei are again back in the old country, heavy-handed with floozy yen and holding down some cushy job. This time the natives are a little more polite. They give us the thumbs down treatment with a little more finesse. It is still no dice.

They don't like the way we talk, the way we dress, our care-free outlook, and for that matter, everything we do is wrong. We are both "namaiki" and "tsumaranai" at the same time. We have hit the jackpot for being offensive.

In short, the Nisei is a schlemiel.

This is Strictly on the QT

Of course, all this barrage against us is "under the soh-de" as they say. The natives back there will not come out and say so or lay their cards on the table. It is strictly entrenous, not to be repeated, and confidential.

In guarded whispers in the backrooms of teashops along the Ginza, the natives cackle and roar when they deride the hapless Nisei. It is always open season for the Tokyoan to get ready, aim and fire a lengthy tirade against us country cousins.

We are the yokels, the upstarts, the opportunists. We are carpet-baggers, chiselers, and con men.

They hate our guts to put it mildly.

The Nisei are supposed to drink too much, eat too much, brag too much, and do everything in excess but work.

Quietly, discreetly, and behind their own silken curtain, they laugh and ridicule our pidgin "takenoko" Japanese. They double up in an uproar over our feeble attempts to write Japanese Kanji, which they say shows the effects of a "barnyard Nihon Gakko" education.

More than a few bigwig executives back there have gone on record to say that they would no more employ a Nisei for a responsible job in their American branch than cut off his right arm.

Well, a whole decade has gone by since Pearl Harbor. There has been a war lost and an occupation gained. A lot of water has gone over the dam but the natives in Japan are still very critical, suspicious and disdainful over the children of "dirt farmers" from California. Meaning us, of course.

The Case Against the Nisei

This much I must say. The old country is now flooded with Nisei of all ages, sizes and shapes. They are in the army, navy, marines, WACS, SCAP, State Department, and dozens of governmental agencies. There are Nisei tourists, businessmen, and just plain Joes who are just looking around.

There have been many unpleasant incidents.

For example, more than one drunken Nisei has gotten into a brawl, started to throw vicious rights and haymaker lefts at innocent bystanders, and proceeded to tear up the joint.

Much more common is the sight of a misguided, frustrated schmoe of a Nisei who starts throwing his weight around just because he is wearing an officer's uniform or is holding down a desk job in the occupation. All of a sudden a nice little high school boy from the fruit orchards of the San Joaquin becomes a self-important Mikado with a built-in sneer and a hide of a rhino. They abuse the privileges of their office or rank. They decide they must act like a bunch of finks.

More than a few once-mild-mannered married Nisei starts to feel their oats when they get around Tokyo way. They imagine they are dashing Don Juans and become persona non grata by making a pass at every wide-eyed damsel and lousing up every dance hall in the area. They get into the habit of taking sake straight and their geishas strong, then there is no stopping them. They manage to make a general nuisance of themselves and get into debt in the process.

Then there are the black market lads. A few of the largest big time operators are Nisei. They have parlayed empty beer cans, cigarette butts, and leftovers from the mess of army camps into fat fortunes and tall stacks of 100-yen bills. They trade in cigarettes, penicillin, used clothing, saccarin, candy bars, cosmetics and most anything to turn over another buck.

So it all adds up to this: The Nisei are a bunch of carpet-baggers who are milking the country and exploiting the situation to the limit.

The natives see Nisei families take over the better housing facilities. They watch Nisei eat at the best restaurants, wear the finest clothing, drink the choicest liquors. They see country girls from the hills of California trying to act like society ladies because they happened to have four servant girls in the house. All this does not sit well with the native Japanese.

It girdes them.

My Soliloquy

I have not been back there.

I can only tell you what I have heard—second hand. I believe that some of this must be true and that other portions are vastly exaggerated.

These are just the undercurrents of feeling that I have picked up from Nisei who have returned from there. Some are reactions I chanced to get from Japanese visitors to this country in some unguarded moments or "off-the-record" conversations.

A defeated country is a bitter land. The people drink deeply from the cups of remorse. They are easily annoyed. They are quick to complain. They become thin-skinned. They are very irritable.

The Nisei just happened along, minding his own business.

He gets it right in the teeth . . . where it hurts.

In my next column I'll give you the Nisei reply.

Bill Hosokawa:

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Chickens with Feathers

Denver, Colo.

We went out to the country to buy us a couple of frying chickens last Sunday. We drove up one highway and down another until we found a farmhouse that had a sign reading "Frys" tacked to the front porch. It looked like a clean, fairly prosperous place, so we went in.

A young woman answered the knock, asked us to wait a moment, and went in to awaken a man who appeared to be her father. He came out rubbing the sleep from his eyes and fastening the last of his pants buttons. "Sure," he said cheerfully, "I can get you a couple of nice frys."

He picked up a length of stiff wire with a loop twisted into the end and walked into the henhouse. There was a great deal of fluttering and squaking within, and presently he emerged with two chickens hanging upsidedown from his hands. "These about the right size?" he asked.

Well, we'd been instructed to get 3-pounders, and the only chickens we'd seen in a long while had been nude. I couldn't tell within five pounds what a chicken all dressed up in its best feathers would weigh.

The farmer made up our mind for us. "This here one isn't quite as fat as 'tother one," he said, and gave it a reprieve. He unlimbered his wire, hooked the loop around the leg of another young chicken, and hauled it in with the pride of an Eskimo who's speared a seal. "This is more like

it," he said, and led the way to some rusty spring scales hanging from a fencepost.

Carefully, he tied the four legs together and hung the two chickens on the scale. "Six pounds on the nose," he observed. "That'll be \$2.40."

We started back toward the farmhouse where our car was parked and we followed a few steps behind, hoping we could avoid having to witness the execution. But he walked straight to the car and said: "Now where do you want me to put 'em."

"Put 'em!" I must have sounded incredulous.

"Aren't you going to kill 'em, and clean 'em, and take the feathers off, and..."

"Nope," he replied firmly. "We don't dress 'em. Don't have to. We can sell all the chickens we can raise without having to dress 'em, so we don't do it."

We had mental visions of trying to assassinate two fierce and powerful young chickens in the back yard. Of the look that would come into their beady eyes when we raised the Boy Scout hatchet. We thought of the neighbors, and of the smell of hot water on feathers.

Then the thought of eating chicken was suddenly revolting and we said: "Nope, sorry, guess you'll have to keep 'em because I'm not going to kill 'em." He smiled. It was hard to tell whether he was being philosophical, or just contemptuous.

Next time we'll pay a little more and get our chicken from the butcher. A chicken looks much more edible in a frosty showcase, all plucked, drawn and delightfully clean, than he does in a barnyard.

Thank goodness we don't have to go out and shoot a buffalo for dinner any more.

Vagaries

Hawaiian Bills . . .

Not generally known, even in Hawaii, is the fact the Constitutional Convention, meeting in 1950, considered a bill which would in effect, if not intent, have amounted to an anti-alien land act directed against the Issei. A proposal was introduced to the effect that foreigners "eligible to become citizens" would have "the same rights in respect to the acquisition, possession, enjoyment, transmission and inheritance of all property as native-born citizens." . . . This spring the Territorial Legislature's lower house passed a bill containing the same "aliens eligible for naturalization" gimmick. The bill would have given these aliens the right to be hired as mechanics or laborers on public works, and would presumably have kept out Issei and others ineligible for naturalization. The bill got through the House, but was killed in committee in the Senate.

Mat Background . .

Haruo Ishimaru, new JACL chief in San Francisco, wrestled for the University of Chicago in Big Ten competition back in 1945-'46, in the 175-lb. class. He showed up for workouts, mainly to keep in condition, and found himself hustled into a couple of matches, the first with Bill Ivy, Northwestern University football captain and wrestling star. A rib injury in his second bout ended the Ishimaru wrestling saga.

Phone Workers . . .

Officials of the Communications Workers of America, CIO, made a hurried effort to organize the more than 100 Nisei girls employed by the telephone company in San Francisco recently. The reason was the imminence of the strike, now in progress, against the phone company. The Nisei are employed in the business department.

Comment . .

Editorial comment from the Pacific Citizen is quoted in Dr. Edward W. Barrett Jr.'s "The Tenney Committee," a study of the California legislature's un-American Activities Committee which was published recently by the Cornell Press. Dr. Barrett is a professor of law at the University of California. The PC's comment appears in a section of the book dealing with the Tenney Committees' handling of the Issei-Nisei question during the war.

Go for Broke!

The Parent-Teachers Association's film listings recommend "Go for Broke!" as an "excellent" film

Box-Score on Race Relations:

U. S. MINORITY GROUPS

By ELMER R. SMITH

Some of my friends in Portland, Ore., have suggested that I discuss the place "minority groups" occupy in the field of race and race relations. It was pointed out that I failed to do this in my previous three columns on "Race." We will give our attention to this subject of "minority groups" for the present.

The term "minority group" can be traced to Europe for its origin. This term described the particular social position of some people in relation to the rest in a given national population. One

should not forget that in Europe certain cultural backgrounds frequently had an ancient attachment to a given territory. These people, associated with a given piece of land and characterized by a specific culture, were known as nationality groups. However, conquests, migrations, and changing political boundaries made it impossible for many of these nationalities to be incorporated into a strange and often radically different political state than to what they had been accustomed. This was usually associated with the fact that the conquerors were of a different speech and culture. These submerged nationality groups were allowed, in many instances, to occupy only a small piece of territory or were even dispersed by residence and place of occupation in various parts of the territory of the conquering "majority" group. The conquered and submerged group thus became known as a group apart, or as a minority group.

The term "minority group" in the United States has no such distinction, unless it be applied to the American Indian, who fits the conditions found in Europe. Rather, the term "minority group" has come to mean those groups in the U. S. who face certain types of discrimination, who are in a position to have certain types of prejudice leveled against them, and who thus face certain handicaps due to their social position in the over-all American society. In other words, a minority group in the U. S., instead of being conquered as a nationality group, is one made up of persons with a different racial, national, religious, or language background from those who happen to be in the position of social power in a community. This last remark means that a "minority group" in the United States is an elastic concept, depending upon time and place for its existence. An example

for adults and audiences in the 14 to 18 years group. The P-TA says the picture is "tense" for 8 to 14 year olds. . . . Smoky Sakurada sends in an ad for "Go for Broke!" which says simply: "MGM brings you the amazing story of the Japanese American combat team that won more decorations than any other fighting unit." The picture was shown in 45 theaters in the Chicago area during the past week.

of this is the status of the "Irish" over a period of years. They at one time were considered as a minority group and treated as such by other people within the community. However, with the passing of time they lost the type of prejudice and discrimination leveled against them and became socially acceptable. They in turn began to act like the majority group in picking out others for prejudice and discrimination upon the basis of race, nationality, language, and religion.

The Negro is classed as a minority group in the United States, not because of his numerical strength, but because of his race and traditional status of servitude within the framework of U. S. society. The person of Japanese or Chinese ancestry is classed as a minority because of race, nationality, and traditional cultural background. Even for the Nisei and second generation Chinese American, the fact of "race" gives a physical basis for such a classification, and this is fortified by the traditional stereotype or "picture in the head" of a person of Japanese or Chinese ancestry common in the cultural tradition of the American people. Look how hard it is to get a Mr. Moto detective radio program to depict a Nisei without accent and without the so-called habitual behavior patterns of a stereotyped Japanese! Such traditional pictures of persons making up a minority group never die, they just fade away — and sometimes they are a long time in fading away, if ever!

Minority groups in the United States are different from those in Europe. The criteria for their differentiation are entirely different, and their treatment is even distinct than that given to European minorities. In the United States a minority is a socially and psychologically defined group with little to do with numbers, their geographical and traditional location, or the length of time they have been in the United States; however, this last factor is beginning to play a more important part than formerly. The minority groups in the United States are not of importance in themselves, but rather as they are participants in intergroup relations do they take on significance. This is emphasized through the discriminations and prejudice that make certain people into minorities within a given type of American community.

PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

St. Louis Browns May Sign Aramaki

Bill Veeck's international scouting system, headed by Abe Saperstein of the Harlem Globetrotters, is currently interested in two Japanese pitchers to help Ned Garver on the St. Louis Browns. The Japanese hurlers, two of the best in Japanese pro ball, are Atsushi Aramaki of the Mainichi Orions of Tokyo and Shigeru Sugishita of the Tokyo Giants. Veeck personally watched Aramaki in action when the Orions visited Hawaii earlier this year while Sugishita caught the eyes of West Coast scouts when he trained with the San Francisco Seals during the spring. It's not known what Japan's reaction would be if organized baseball in the U.S. reached out for their stars but there's no question about the fact that Veeck is serious. The Browns, perennial occupants of the American League cellar, need help desperately and must look to hitherto untapped sources for talent since they have difficulty in competing with such well-heeled clubs as the New York Yankees and the Cleveland Indians for the domestic talent. Veeck has a scout in Honolulu in the person of Ralph Yempuku while Saperstein who has been touring the world with his basketball champions has been assigned the job of digging up potential Brownies from such places as Caracas, Manila and Tokyo. Bill Veeck already has proved during his tour of duty as the operator of the Cleveland Indians club that he doesn't care about a man's race, creed or color as long as the player can run, hit and throw. The Cleveland club's policy under Veeck was that the team refused to patronize any establishment which discriminated racially.

Baseball experts who have watched Aramaki and Sugishita work are doubtful whether they can make the grade in major league baseball, although they are probably no worse than some of the flingers currently tossing them for the Browns. However, the Browns have San Antonio in the Texas League and Dayton in the Class A Central League where these Japanese hurlers can gain experience. The Browns also are interested in Bill Nishita, the top Nisei pro baseball prospect, who is probably better at this moment than either Aramaki or Sugishita.

Meanwhile, Bill Veeck already is at work untangling the red tape which must be cleared before Aramaki can come to the United States. Veeck saw Aramaki, then handicapped by an injured knee, work only two innings in a game at Honolulu last April. Aramaki, a lefthander with a fast ball and a good curve and control, faced only seven batters and he struck out six. Aramaki, who had a 26 and 8 record with the Orions last season, is 5 feet 8 inches in height, 22 years of age and weighs 155.

Veeck's star hurler, Ned Garver also is comparatively small for a major league pitcher but he is regarded by many baseball men as the best pitcher in baseball.

Veeck believes that Aramaki has the makings of another Garver. "The kid is colorful and he can really throw," he declared.

Veeck would like to have Aramaki immediately, if possible, and Yempuku has initiated negotiations with the Orions in Tokyo.

Chances are, however, that Aramaki will not join the Browns until next year, if then.

Tommy Umeda Wins at L. A. Olympic

There is a dearth of Nisei boxing talent in both Hawaiian and mainland rings. At the present time Tommy Umeda, a smart featherweight from Honolulu via the Pacific Northwest, is the only one fighting consistently as a pro on the mainland. Umeda who was rated among the tops in his division in the Northwest and British Columbia last year moved down to Southern California some months ago and has been building himself a reputation. He appeared in the six-round special event last Tuesday on the Aragon-Gonsalves card at the Los Angeles Olympic and impressed the boxing experts with a first-round technical knockout over Johnny Malloy. Carl Arakaki, another Hawaiian who was fighting at the Olympic last year, is back in Hawaii. Meanwhile, such prospects like Robert (Ripper) Takeshita and Tsuneshi Maruo, both of whom won National AAU championships back in 1946, have retired although there is talk that Takeshita may try a comeback if he is assured a big purse. Takeshita once drew \$55,000 at Honolulu Stadium when he lost a decision to Maxie Docusen. Sad Sam Ichinose once had a number of Nisei boxers in his stable but he is currently concentrating on his world's flyweight champion, Dado Marino. Top mainland fighter of the past decade probably was Harold (Homicide Hal) Hoshino, the Pendleton, Ore., welterweight, who was rated among the best in the Pacific Northwest. His last bout just before Pearl Harbor was against Jimmy Florita in a main event at the Los Angeles Olympic, suffering a KO in the first. Hoshino essayed a short comeback after the war before hanging up the gloves for good.

Konno Nearly Misses Detroit Meet

Young Ford Hiroshi Konno will emerge from the National AAU outdoor swimming championships in Detroit as the only United States hope for the Olympic championships in the middle distances. Yet Konno, the greatest swimmer America has yet developed in the 800 and 1500 meter freestyle events, almost didn't get to Detroit this week.

Konno and his coach, Yoshito Segawa, were ready to pass up the national championships in Detroit when money wasn't forthcoming from the brasshats of the National AAU for the trip. The Hawaiian AAU championships, in which Konno was the brightest individual star, failed to raise enough money for the trip and a number of telegrams to the Detroit Athletic Club, sponsors of the national meet, were unanswered. The Hawaiian AAU rightly believed that the Detroit AC should help finance Konno's trip since the young Nisei star is one of America's outstanding swimmers.

A lot of individuals in Hawaii dug deep into their pockets to help finance the trip of Konno and a number of other Hawaiians who are not members of Coach Soichi Sakamoto's Hawaii Swim Club. The latter group, which includes Evelyn Kawamoto, Julia Murakami, Winifred Numazu, Thelma Kalama, Jane Ogata and Richard Cleveland, raised their travel expenses through sponsoring of the Keo Nakama invitational meet last month in which Konno set new United States records in the 200, 400, 800 and 1500 meter events. But Konno and such young swimmers as Sophie Aoki, Hawaiian 100-meter breast stroke champion, and Richard Tanabe and Yoshi Oyakawa were nearly left out in the cold until the Oahu Amateur Swimming Association under its acting president, Iwao Miyake, staged its "On-to-Detroit" financial drive.

Davis Cup Matches Run True to Form

The Japanese Davis Cup tennis team did about what was expected of them in the first round of American zone play against the

TRIPLE PLAY FEATURES WIN BY PLACER JACL

AUBURN, Calif.—A triple play featured the victory of the Placer JACL team over the Colfax Fireballs, 10 to 3, in a night game on July 21.

With the bases loaded with Fireballs in the first inning and none out, Hill hit to Second Baseman Enkoji who threw to Shortstop Kozaiku for the first out, the latter throwing to Matsuoka at first to retire Hill. Matsuoka then threw to Catcher Bob Hayashida to get Morris who was trying to score from second.

George Goto went all the way for the JACL team, allowing only four hits while his teammates got 13 bingles.

The victory gave the JACL team a 3 and 3 record for the second half of the Placer Nevada League season.

Name Fukushima Cage Coach at Coast School

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Danny Fukushima of Berkeley, Calif., was named head basketball coach last week at the new James Lick high school.

Fukushima, a graduate of the University of California and a veteran of World War II, was varsity basketball coach last season at Contra Costa Junior College, East Campus at Martinez.

He will also serve as journalism instructor at James Lick and will be the adviser for the school newspaper.

Fukushima served in Army intelligence during the war and starred on the Fort Snelling, Minn., basketball team.

During the summer he is a member of the faculty at George Washington high school in San Francisco and is the directing teacher for the school's publication.

Fukushima was rated among the most outstanding Nisei basketball players on the West Coast for his performances for the Berkeley Nissei.

Reno JACL Holds Community Picnic

RENO, Nev.—The 4th annual Reno JACL community picnic was held at the Boy Scouts camp grounds on June 24.

June graduates were honored at the picnic and each was presented with a gift. They included Toshiko Ishii, Sparks High School; Arthur Imagire, Reno High School, and Clarence Omoto, University of Nevada. Arthur Imagire received a \$250 scholarship at his school graduation last month.

Jim Chikami was the winner of

United States. The Japanese scored something of a moral victory when Jiro Kumamaru broke Dick Savitt's service to take one set in one of the singles matches. The Americans swept all the sets in the other three singles and the one doubles match. Kumamaru, Goro Fujikura and the veteran Fumiteru Nakano proved themselves to be competent players but they could not match the play of such Americans as Herb Flam, Tony Trabert and Savitt. The Nipponese have a long way to go before they can match the prewar brilliance of such stars as the late Jiro Satoh and Ryosuke Nunoi. However, the Nisei have yet to produce a tennis player who can match Kumamaru, Fujikura or Nakano. The only Nisei playing regularly in regional tournaments at present is Jim Sato of Los Angeles.

Wrestling Promoter Imports Sumo Men

It's difficult to see what Toots Mondt, the Madison Square Garden wrestling promoter, expects to do with the four big sumo wrestlers he has imported from Japan. The four behemoths arrived in Los Angeles by plane last week for a tour of the United States. They include Maedayama, 37-year old, 300-pound former Japanese champion; Yakatayama, 34, 360-pound giant; Oroumi, 35, 290-pounds, and Fujitayama, 27, the lightweight of the quartet at 275 pounds.

Sumo in Japan is a very serious sport unlike American professional wrestling which is three-fourth vaudeville. Unless the four Japanese are willing to entertain in the manner to which American fans are accustomed, they are not going to be very popular.

However, the Issei who enjoy the sport of summo are looking forward to the tour of the four sumo-men with anticipation.

Sports items: Kaz Maseba of Stockton, Calif., is currently in second place in Class 2 of the annual Grape and Wine singles bowling classic at Lodi. Maseba has 1204 pins for six games. James Maruyama's par round of 71 at the Hillview course in San Jose, Calif., last week is the best card turned in by a Nisei in five years. Dick Kitamura, the Colorado A & M star, is now playing shortstop for entry in the city's Metropolitan league, is scheduled to leave Aug. 8 All-Stars, claimants to the national Nisei championship, and the strong winner of the Distinguished Service Cross while serving with the 442nd Combat Team. Rosa Mayeda with a 166 in the Nisei Women's League in Denver has the highest league average of any Nisei woman bowler.

Ford Konno Defeats Marshall To Win 1500-Meters Event In National AAU Championships

DETROIT—Young Ford Konno, 18-year old Nisei swimming star from Honolulu, defeated Australia's John Marshall to become America's new 1500-meter freestyle swimming champion in the feature on July 26 of the first day of National AAU outdoor men's and women's championships at the Brennan Pool in Rouge Park but a slight cramp prevented him from breaking the world's record for the distance held by Hironoshin Furuhashi of Japan.

Konno easily whipped the 22-year old Marshall who had defeated Konno in the 1500, 800 and 400 meter freestyle events at the 1950 championships in Seattle.

Marshall stayed right with Konno until the two approached the 500-meter mark. Then Konno leaped away from Marshall and appeared on his way to a world's record. A pain in his side forced him to ease up and he finished in 18:46.3s. Furuhashi's world mark, established in 1948, is 18:19.

Konno defeated Marshall by a full lap.

In his preliminary race on July 25 Konno had won in the fast time of 18:31.5, only 12.5s off of Furuhashi's record, and his coach, Yoshito Segawa, believes that Konno could have broken Furuhashi's mark had he not been forced to ease up because of the cramp.

The races between Konno and Marshall in the 800 and 400 meter events are expected to be the highlights of the final two days of the national championships.

Hirayama, Zenimura Run Wild In Fresno State Victories

HONOLULU—Hawaiian baseball fans may not have been impressed when they first saw Fresno State's two little Nisei outfield stars but they have revised their initial impressions after watching Fibber Hirayama and Howie Zenimura perform in the eight games the Bulldogs have played to date.

Fresno State has won six of eight games against Hawaiian competition, all but one of the games being against teams of the Hawaii Baseball League.

Hirayama's biggest day, however, was in the game against the team that is the pride of Uncle Sam's Navy, the Subpacs (Submarine Pacific) who were defeated 11 to 1 by the Fresnoans on July 20 in a game which saw the Nisei star run wild on the bases.

Hirayama stole seven bases. Getting on base three times in five trips to the plate, Hirayama, base-running champion of the California Athletic Association, stole second and third every time and on one occasion also stole home.

Here is how Hirayama stole home:

He singled, scoring Coach-Catcher Pete Beiden. He stole second while Zenimura was waiting out a walk and also stole third. Then Zenimura raced to second and Hirayama came home on the double-steal.

The little 140-pound Fresno center fielder did not confine his larceny to the bases. He also robbed Subpac batters of seemingly sure hits with one spectacular catch after another.

Hirayama's performance, stealing the hearts of the fans, completely obscured All-American Dan Barnett's two-hit pitching feat.

The Bulldogs lost the second game of their Hawaiian tour on July 18, bowing to the Hawaiians of the Hawaii Baseball League by a 12 to 11 margin despite a ninth-inning homer by Hirayama.

Hirayama and Zenimura starred for Fresno in this game, also, the former collecting a single and walking three times and the latter rapping five singles and getting a walk for a perfect evening. Hirayama stole three bases in this game and scored four runs, while Zenimura stole one base and scored twice.

The Bulldogs atoned for their first defeat of their Hawaiian trip by defeating their nemesis, Bill Nishita, and the Honolulu Braves, 3 to 2, on Fred Sommers' last-frame triple. George Fujishige was behind the plate for the Braves.

Lodi AC Upsets

Fresno Nisei Team

LODI, Calif.—The Lodi AC became the first Nisei team to defeat the Fresno Nisei All-Stars, claimants to the national Nisei championships, when they shaded the Raisin City team 3 to 1 on July 22 at Lawrence Park.

Fresno's only other loss this season has been to the strong Fresno State College team.

Tom Daijogo was the star of Lodi's victory, contributing a double and triple to score two runs and cutting off Fresno's rallies in the third, fourth and sixth innings by sparkling defensive play at third base.

Sam Kawamura went all the way for Lodi, holding Fresno to seven hits while his mates also got seven safeties off Fresno's J. Tanigawa.

Chicago Recreation

Group Plans Outing

CHICAGO — Young adults and family groups attending the College Camp weekend sponsored by the City-Wide Recreation Council will have a wide choice of activities, including swimming, golfing, sailing, tennis and square dancing, the Chicago Resettlers Committee announced this week.

The weekend will be held at College Camp, the Lake Geneva campus of George Williams college in Wisconsin, 75 miles from Chicago, on August 4 and 5.

The fee of \$5.00 per person includes food and lodging.

Tom Oye, vice chairman of the recreation council, will be in charge of the outing. He will be assisted by Helen Sasaki, Hannah Tani, Raiko Konatsu, George Kita, James Matsumoto, Joe Maruyama, Kiyu Yoshimura, Tom Kanno, Jeanne Mori and Kiyu Yoshimura.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Murata a boy on July 14 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Kenji Nakagawa a girl on July 23 in Salt Lake City.
To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Akira Hayashi a boy on July 10 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Susumu Iwasa a girl on July 9 in San Francisco.
To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Aoki a boy on July 20 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masato Tashiro, Brighton, Colo., a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yosh Nakamura a boy in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nob Nishimoto, Fort Lupton, Colo., a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mikuni a boy, Gary Shigeo, on July 17 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Morimoto a girl, Kathryn Sachiko, in Albuquerque, N. M.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Hall Yamamoto, Parlier, Calif., a boy on July 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ichio Takeno, Selma, Calif., a girl on July 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Toshio Ichimoto, Caruthers, Calif., a girl on June 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takaaki Okano a girl on July 2 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Shimizu a boy on July 16 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Suda a boy on July 16 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Iguchi a girl on July 16 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Kimoto, Reedley, Calif., a girl on June 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yasuo B. Akagi a boy in Berkeley, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isami Kashiwagi a girl on July 6 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Kyono a girl on July 22 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Taki Nagasawa a boy on July 22 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Koba a boy on July 17 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yukio Yano, Weiser, Ida., a boy on July 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hisamura Kimura a boy on July 3 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Matsuzaki a boy on July 3 in Reedley, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Toshihiko Kamei a boy, Jerome Satoshi, on July 10 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Arima a boy, Glenn Yoshikazu, on July 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mitsuru Hayami, San Gabriel, Calif., a boy, Scott James, on June 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Setsuto Ichikawa, Long Beach, Calif., a boy, Robert Don, on June 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Iseri a boy, Gregory Lane, on June 23 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Braven Kumai a girl, Claudia Katsu, on June 29 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Jiro Matsushima a girl, Susan Lani, on

June 28 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kakuro Mochinaga a boy on May 30 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Sechi, Sierra Madre, Calif., a girl, Joanne Harumi, on June 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hitoshi Takeya a boy, Daniel Ray, on June 23 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Owen Ikeda a boy, Ronald Kiichi, on July 5 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiromi Ito, Pasadena, Calif., a boy, John Robert, on July 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masanaga Okumura, Venice, Calif., a girl, Patricia Lynn, on July 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshisaburo Hayashida, Hawthorne, Calif., a girl, Linda Keiko, on July 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sadayoshi Iijima a boy, Christopher Norio, on July 5 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Osamu Morita a boy, Shuichi Fred, on July 1 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyosaburo Shimatsu a boy, Derick Ikusaburo, on July 5 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yuhiko Shio-saki, Norwalk, Calif., a girl, Sharon Midori, on July 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Akiyama a girl, Dianne Hatsuko, on July 5 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoto Hama-saki a girl on July 15 in Auburn, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Kiyomura, Los Gatos, Calif., a girl, Adele, on July 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. Allen Nakamura a boy in Berkeley.

To Mr. and Mrs. Eichi Yoshida a boy in Berkeley.

DEATHS

Toyojiro Yoshida, 83, on July 24 in Twin Falls, Ida.

William Katsuki Hada, 19, Bellflower, Calif., on July 17 at Huntington Beach, Calif.

Terahiko Kawakami, 71, on July 23 in San Jose, Calif.

Masanori Akimoto, 75, Salt Lake City, on July 19 in Tempe, Ariz.

Mrs. Joanne Hisaye Yoshitomi Furuta, 34, on July 16 in Seattle.

Keiichiro Yata, 54, on July 22 in Torrance, Calif.

Yamato Goya in Chicago.

Shigeo Hosoda in Chicago.

MARRIAGES

Mae Furukawa to Mike Ohashi on July 15 in Seattle.

Midori Naito to Henry Iriye on July 22 in Los Angeles.

Janice Tsuyako Takata, Los Angeles to Masao Sugimoto, Fresno, Calif., in Las Vegas, Nev.

Eayo Anna Tanaka to Toshikuni Tainaka on July 22 in Los Angeles.

Margaret Joy Takeyama, Cheyenne Agency, S. D., to Dr. Edward Hashimoto, Salt Lake City, on July 21 in Gettysburg, S. D.

Mikiko Anzai to Yosh Murakami,

Community Support Promised
Concert for JACL Benefit

LOS ANGELES — Community-wide support is assured the JACL ADC benefit concert featuring the Japanese prima donna, Michiko Sunahara, on July 26 at the Koyasan Hall, the JACL Regional Office announced this week.

It was revealed that more than seventy Issei and Nisei couples will serve as patrons and patronesses for this outstanding social event. They include forty-two Nisei and thirty-two Issei names.

Organizations co-sponsoring the event are the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California, the Rafu Fujinkai, the Hiroshima Kenjinkai, and the four Japanese newspapers of Los Angeles.

Miss Sunahara, who was born in Kure, Hiroshima, has studied music for almost fifteen years under European instructors in Japan, and made her debut at the Imperial Theater in Tokyo in February, 1947. She has since appeared in the role of prima donna in "Tannhauser," "Carmen," "Barber of Seville," "La Traviata," "Madame Butterfly," "Don Giovanni," "Eugene Onegin," "Tosca," "Faust," and "Aida."

Michiko Sunahara
Honored at Reception

LOS ANGELES—Michiko Sunahara, Japanese prima donna, who will be presented in a JACL ADC sponsored benefit concert on July 26 at the Koyasan Hall, was feted on July 23 at an informal reception held at the home of Fred Wada where she is staying during her Los Angeles visit.

More than forty persons, Issei and Nisei, including representatives of the organizations supporting the concert, as well as patrons and patronesses, met with the kimono-clad lyric soprano, who charmed them with her rendition of "Matsushima Ondo." She was accompanied by Mary Minato, who also entertained with piano solo selections. Helping to round out the evening's entertainment were Sue Takimoto, Frances Wakamatsu and Ritsuko Kawakami.

Mrs. Merijane Yokoe and members of the Traviennes and the JACL Club Service Bureau assisted Mrs. Fred Wada as hostesses. Eiji Tanabe was the evening's chairman. Present were representatives of organizations supporting the concert: the Southern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Rafu Fujinkai, Hiroshima Kenjinkai, and the three Japanese daily newspapers.

Seabrook, N. J., on July 14 in Denver.

Florence K. Nakano to Tom T. Tsunoda in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Matsuye Takeuchi to Shinichi Nakamoto on July 22 in Fresno.

Agnes Hiroyasu to Sam Sakata on July 22 in Fresno.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Setsuko Hirota, 22, and Iwao Roy Kawashiri, 31, both of Berkeley, Calif., in Alameda County, Calif.

Kikue Tomotoshi, 29, San Lorenzo, Calif., and Makoto Shirai, 31, in Sacramento.

Margaret Sakata, 19, and Teruo Nomura, 23, Lodi, Calif., in Stockton.

Matsuye Takeuchi, 27, and Nobuo Nakamoto, 34, in Fresno.

Agnes Yoshimi Hiroyasu, 19, and Sam S. Sakata, 27, Biola, Calif., in Fresno.

Alice Lindsay, 31, Quilcene, Wash., and Hitoshi Kawahara, 34, in Seattle.

Toshiko Yukawa, 21, and Tadao Sunohara, 28, in Seattle.

Kazuko Nose and Isamu Umeda in Seattle.

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PRIVATE AOKI

Attends Army School

SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Tex.—Pfc. Kaoru Aoki, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Aoki of Madera, Calif., recently entered the airplane and engine mechanics school at Sheppard Air Force Base, home of the largest technical school of this type in the world.

Upon graduation he will be awarded the rating of airplane and engine mechanic and probably will be assigned to one of the major air force commands for on-the-job experience.

He is a graduate of Madera high school.

Go For Broke!

(Continued from page 4)

experiences of the famed 442nd, it emphasizes that race and color have nothing to do with loyalty or valor. At this time, when we so desperately need allies and understanding abroad, especially in the Far East, it strikes at senseless discrimination and injustice and accents the ideals upon which our democracy was founded." — From an editorial in the Salt Lake Tribune.

"It's one war film that doesn't need any mock heroics to build excitement. . . ." — Fred Childress in the Youngstown, O., Vindicator.

" . . . The Nisei Veterans (of Seattle) have two additional principles it seeks to promote. One is the opportunity for their parents, the Issei, to become citizens. The other is to help in the continuing campaign against racial discrimination in employment. 'Go for Broke!' is a timely reminder of how the Nisei earned the right to speak up for these things." — Byron Fish in the Seattle Times.

The quotes printed above are a sampling of hundreds of newspaper reviews, columns and editorial comment inspired by "Go for Broke!" The picture was received with warmth and understanding by the nation's film critics and newspaper editors.

The public response to the picture is reflected in these staccato headlines from a single recent issue of Variety: 'Broke' Boffo \$29,000, Frisco; 'Broke' Brisk \$16,000, Cleveland; 'Broke' Socko \$12,000, Indpls.; 'Broke' Paces Pitt at sturdy \$19,000; 'Broke' Bright \$14,000, Louisville.

The verdict on "Go for Broke!" appears to be that it is both an artistic and financial success. Since its sellout premiere in Honolulu in May the picture has done well in every community and was held over in many cities, including Los Angeles, New York, Washington, Houston, Atlanta, Toronto, Chicago and Philadelphia. In June the picture was listed fourth among the nation's box-office leaders, topped only by "The Great Caruso," "On the Riviera" and "Fabiola."

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MINORITY
WEEK

No Chivalry

Chivalry has given way to prejudice, according to Mrs. Lillie Leanier, a Negro woman currently suing the Greyhound Bus Co. for \$10,000 in Federal Court in Birmingham.

Mrs. Leanier says she had to give up her seat to two white men passengers on June 22, 1951.

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Quick Quote

"Discrimination, particularly against employment of Negroes, took some hard blows during the war, but there is much evidence that it has made a comeback. Its existence does enormous harm on an international scale to our professions of a free democracy. Economically the rising tempo of defense production, which should hit its peak within the next few months, means that we must obtain full utilization of manpower. Then, too, there is the simple but often-forgotten fact that the Americans who are discriminated against play just as much a part in the defense program as do all other Americans. There is discrimination neither in the taxes collected to pay for armaments nor in the obligation of the citizen to use them." — The New York Times.

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Caricatures

The NAACP, through Walter White, executive secretary, has protested the "Amos 'n Andy" television show, sponsored by Blatz, the beer people.

White says the show is a "gross libel on the Negro and a 'distortion of the truth,' and asks the Blatz company to withdraw its sponsorship.

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Guilt

Two shocking cases of discrimination in the Chicago area recently have caught the attention of people everywhere.

The first was the Cicero incident, in which town officials, police and residents appeared to work together in keeping a Negro family from moving into the "all-white" town. The affair, dragged out for many weeks, exploded in an ugly race riot, with heavy damage to the apartment house into which the family hoped to move.

Not so violent, but still as ugly, was the more recent incident in which Dr. Percy L. Julian, one of our foremost medical scientists, was barred from a luncheon at the Chicago Union League Club because of his Negro ancestry. The luncheon was a gathering of 84 scientists meeting to hear a talk on vitamin research.

The two events are far apart in the degree of expressed hostility, but Dr. Julian's banishment no less shameful, no less humiliating. In Cicero the banishment was violent. The Chicago Union League Club was, perhaps, polite—if discrimination can ever be "polite."

But discrimination can never be anything but ugly. In the minds of civilized men, there is little difference between the action of a mob destroying property and the Union League Club's refusal to permit Dr. Julian into its dining room.

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Nisei Week Group Abandons Newspaper Ballot Procedure

Sadako Higa Takes Lead as 34 Thousand Votes Tabulated

LOS ANGELES—The method of nominating candidates in the Nisei Week Festival queen contest, which drew more than 40 entries, was changed this week with the announcement that ballots will no longer be published in three local Japanese American publications.

The decision by the Nisei Festival's queen contest committee was sanctioned by the Downtown Businessmen's Association following a meeting on July 17.

Final tabulations of queen contest ballots will be made on July 28 when the top 15 in total votes will be nominated. From these 15 candidates a panel of judges will pick five finalists. The finalists will then compete on the night of the festival's Coronation Ball on Aug. 18 for the selection of "Miss Nisei of 1951."

A member of the queen contest committee explained that balloting for the festival queen originally was established as a means of promoting business in the "Little Tokyo" area. In most of the ten previous years of the Nisei Week Festival the queen was selected through ballots obtained through the purpose of merchandise at co-

operating stores. This year the ballots were published in the Rafu Shimpo, New Japanese American News and Crossroads.

The committee member said that the newspaper voting procedure had "gone awry" resulting in the decision to stop further publication of the ballots. The committee did not explain specifically, however, the reason for discontinuing the procedure.

Meanwhile, Sadako Higa took the lead following the tabulation of 34,219 votes during the past week. Miss Higa has 10,990 votes, followed by Mitsuka Mutaguchi with 9,200 and Aiko Ogomori with 8,873. Others among the top 20 candidates to date are Yae Ishimoto, Tami Koide, Inez Kuriyama, Yoshiko Nagai, Kay Fujiwara, Florence Wada, Margaret Shizuko Koyama, Pat Nagai, Suzie Yamashita, Mary Tateoka, Dorothy Ito, Tazuko Yamamoto, Somi Masuda, Kimi Omotani, Dorothy Oshinomi, Midori Suzuki and Sechi Kawahara.

The Nisei Week queen and her court this year were invited to reign at "Nisei Night" on Sept. 9 at the Ice Follies of 1952 at Pan-Pacific auditorium.

Practice sessions will start on July 30 for one of the features of the Nisei Week celebration, the Ondo parade.

Arizona Fund Drive Nets \$800 for JACL

GLENDAL, Ariz. — The Arizona JACL ADC fund drive has so far netted \$800, according to Ted Fujii, Arizona JACL chapter treasurer, who revealed that this amount had been forwarded to the Los Angeles JACL regional office.

Co-Chairman of the local drive are Hitoshi Yamamoto and Shig Tanita. The 1951 goal is \$1500. Additional pledges are expected to be received shortly to wind up the campaign, according to Ikuo Okuma, chapter president.

Gilroy Legion Honors Nisei War Veterans

GILROY, Calif.—Eighteen Nisei veterans of the famous 442nd Combat Team were honored in special ceremonies on July 26 at the Veterans Memorial Building and the Strand Theater where the MGM motion picture "Go for Broke!" received its first showing in the area.

Originally it was announced that 14 veterans in the Gilroy area would be honored but four other veterans of the famous fighting regiment were found to be living in the area. They were identified as Hank Yoshikawa, Satoshi Morita, Yukio Ogawa and Mits Katayama.

The program honoring the wartime feats of the Nisei soldiers was arranged by a special committee of Las Animas Post 669 of the American Legion. The committee was headed by Duane Evans and included Bill Ventry, Firm Voorhies, Lamarr Gheney and Jerry Mullen.

Special scrolls were exhibited at the Veterans building and in the lobby of the Strand Theater containing names of 442nd veterans and other Nisei veterans now living in the Gilroy area. A special tribute was given Chiz Toyota, only Nisei from this area to be killed in action in World War II.

New San Diego JACL President Installed

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Mas Honda, newly elected president of the San Diego JACL Chapter, and his 1951 cabinet were officially installed at a dinner meeting held on July 21.

Installed with Honda were Moto Asakawa, first vice president; Arthur Kaihatsu, second vice president; Harry Kawase, third vice president; Leo Owashi, treasurer; Kiyo Matsumoto, recording secretary; and Chizu Imoto, recording secretary. Installing officer was Regional Director Tats Kushida.

President Honda, in accepting the new office, pointed to a strong local program of activities as a major objective, and announced that the membership drive would be under full steam soon. The retiring president, Dr. George Hara, was unable to be present.

Following the meeting, chapter members enjoyed an evening of bridge at the home of Joe Owashi. Paul Hoshi was responsible for making the arrangements for this successful dinner program.

Reno Chapter Holds Monthly Meet

RENO, Nev.—Combining chapter business with an outing the Reno JACL held its monthly meeting in the form of a picnic supper recently at Geiger Point.

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Urge President Truman Retain Minority Problems Assistant

JACL ADC Notes Guidance Given By Niles, Nash

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The President this week was urged by the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee to retain a special administrative assistant to handle minority problems.

In a letter to the White House, Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, noted that since the resignation of David K. Niles, administrative assistant to both President Roosevelt and President Truman specializing in the field of minority problems, racial, religious, and other minorities in the country have been concerned lest the vitally needed work of his office be suspended and forgotten.

Pointing out how the various minority and civil rights organizations had utilized the facilities of that office, Masaoka said that they (Mr. Niles and Mr. Philleo Nash, his assistant) "have served to guide us (persons of Japanese ancestry) in making our racial minority a more integral part of American society."

"They have always demonstrated the sympathetic interest in our problems that represent your concern as President of the United

States in the welfare of all Americans, regardless of their race, color, creed, or national origin," the JACL ADC official declared.

The letter stated in part: "As the only national organization representing persons of Japanese ancestry, Mr. President, we respectfully suggest that some qualified person be constantly and continually assigned the important task of working in concert with the various minority groups in this nation."

"We feel that especially in such times as these, when some of our practices are being subjected to critical review by Communist elements seeking to discredit our way of life, it is essential that an appropriate person or persons with at least the status of a presidential assistant be given the specific responsibility for demonstrating your Administration's continuing concern for the welfare of the least of our citizens."

In closing, the JACL indicated some of the many projects in civil rights, segregation, and remedial legislation that such a specialist in minority problems might handle in order that "all Americans may better enjoy the full privileges and heritage of American life."

World Assembly of Youth To Learn of Nisei Problems

WASHINGTON, D. C. — When the World Assembly of Youth convenes at Cornell University Aug. 16, it will learn of some of the problems faced by the Issei and the Nisei in the United States, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee announced this week.

The Young Adult Council of the National Social Welfare Assembly, the United States member of the World Assembly of Youth, requested the JACL ADC to supply information on racial discrimination in this country as it applies to persons of Japanese ancestry in

order that its delegation would be adequately and properly briefed to participate in the August conference.

The theme of this year's Assembly is "Youth and Human Rights."

Sixty-nine national organizations are either members of or affiliated with the Young Adult Council. Some of these organizations are the American Red Cross, Collegiate Council for the United Nations, National Catholic Welfare Conference, the YMCA, the YWCA, Boy and Girl Scouts of America, and various government agencies like the Federal Security Agency and the Department of Justice.

"The major discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States is the ineligibility of resident alien Japanese to become naturalized citizens," Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, said.

"This federal discrimination is the legal basis for almost every community and state discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry," he charged.

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New Mexico JACL Suspends Activities For Summer Months

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. — The New Mexico JACL chapter has suspended its activities during the summer because of the busy farming season.

George Matsubara, chapter president, notes that the Albuquerque chapter has a roll of 35 active members and recently contributed \$197 for the JACL ADC national financial campaign.

Setsuko Matsumoto, correspondent secretary, reports that chapter activities will be resumed in the fall.

Issei in Japan Thanks JACL

SAN FRANCISCO — A former Bay area Issei, Misao Takahara, now in Japan, this week thanked the JACL regional office for assistance in securing Social Security payments due him.

A letter from Takahara, a resident of Kobe, said he had recently received a check for \$258.40, representing eight months of Social Security payments. He has been assured that further payments will be made regularly.

Takahara moved to Japan early this year. He asked aid of the JACL in getting his Social Security.

Occupants of Auto Escape Injury in Highway Accident

MONTEREY, Calif.—Four Nisei escaped with minor injuries on July 14 when the car in which they were riding rolled over twice on the highway near Fort Ord when the driver lost control of the vehicle momentarily.

Those in the car were Henry Kuwatani, Min Takamoto, Frank Uyeda and Ray Yoshinobu.

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