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Japanese Americans in Japan Look Homeward as Peace Pact Means End of Occupation

TOKYO—Occupation Nisei, many of whom "never had it so good," are looking homeward to the United States now that the Japanese peace treaty has been signed.

Nearly 5,000 Nisei GIs and DACs (Department of Army Civilians) have played an important and integral role in the United States occupation of Japan in the six years since the Japanese surrender was signed on the deck of the U. S. S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

Most of the first Nisei GIs were to serve in Japan as linguists, especially trained for their work at U. S. Army language schools at Camp Savage and Fort Snelling in Minnesota and later at the Monterey Presidio. Many of these soldiers remained in Japan to take civilian jobs in the occupation. Hundreds of Nisei girls also arrived from the United States, mainly for clerical jobs.

Maj. Gen. Charles A. Willoughby who was Gen. Douglas MacArthur's chief of intelligence has cited the role of the Nisei GIs in the war in the Pacific against Japan as "invaluable." After V-J day the Nisei soldiers played what has been called an equally important role in the occupation. They translated Japanese government documents and military records which were used in the war crimes trials of Gen. Hideki Tojo and other government and military officials. Nisei also served in the U. S. Army's criminal investigation services which helped to check black market activities.

Large-scale use of bilingual Nisei in the occupation is said here to have had a powerful psychological effect on the Japanese people, impressing them with the fact that the war in the Pacific was not a race war. The Japanese reportedly were also impressed by the fact that most of the Nisei service personnel in the occupation were officers or were non-coms of the top three grades. The Japanese people, particularly those who were employed by the occupation, also noted that the U. S. Army did not discriminate against the Nisei on racial grounds.

Two field grade officers of Japanese ancestry in the occupation were Lieut. Col. John F. Aiso of Los Angeles, attached to Gen. MacArthur's headquarters, and Lieut. Col. Walter Tsukamoto of the Army's judge-advocate general's department who saw service in Korea recently.

Both Army and civilian Nisei found Occupied Japan free of the job and housing discrimination many had encountered in pre-Pearl Harbor years, particularly in the Pacific Coast states. They also found that their knowledge of the Japanese language was an asset both on and off their occupation jobs.

In addition to the Nisei GIs and the DACs from the States, the occupation also put to work several thousand American-born persons of Japanese ancestry who had been stranded by the war in Nippon. The presence of this considerable reservoir of bilingual manpower is credited with having had much to do with the smooth working of occupation policy.

Although Army records on marriages between GIs and Japanese nationals are not segregated by race, it is believed that about one-half of the 3,000 unions have involved Nisei GIs. The first such wedding was that of Lieut. George Goda of Los Angeles and Mitsuko Miura, a Japanese film actress. Although many of the GIs have returned to the U. S., taking their "war brides" to new homes in Hawaii and the mainland, other couples have been living in Japan, the GI husband usually taking his discharge in Japan and obtaining occupation work as a civilian. Many of these couples are now packing as American authorities begin to wrap up the six-year long occupation.

A large number of the Occupation Nisei have been employed in jobs in which full advantage was taken of their skills, both in specialized fields and as linguists. Many of these Nisei, some of whom have spent the past five years in Japan, are understandably hesitant

about returning to the United States where they feel they may be forced to contend with discriminatory employment practices and may be forced to accept work which will not utilize their full capabilities.

The Japanese peace treaty is not yet in effect and will not be until it has been ratified by Japan and by a majority of the Far Eastern Commission nations, including the United States, which sign it. Present guesses are that the process of ratification will not be completed until the early summer of 1952. Despite this fact, General Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme commander of the occupation, already has issued orders which mean a tapering off of occupation activity.

Even after the ratification of the peace treaty, all of the Occupation Nisei will not return home immediately. Some will remain in Japan in private enterprises as American nationals in a foreign country. Others will be employed in the United States agencies which will continue to operate in Japan, largely as a result of the new U. S.-Japanese security agreement under which the United States will maintain armed forces in Japan. It is also expected that Japan may be the beneficiary of some form of "Marshall Plan" aid.

Although there has been some criticism of the Nisei on the part of the Japanese public, most of this has been inspired by the activities of a few individuals. The official Japanese attitude was expressed by Premier Shigeru Yoshida in speeches at Honolulu and San Francisco on his recent trip to the United States as the head of the Japanese peace treaty delegation. Premier Yoshida expressed the appreciation of the Japanese people for the change in attitude of the American people toward persons of Japanese ancestry which he credited to the wartime loyalty of Japanese Americans to the United States.

Chi Alpha Delts Announce Winner Of Scholarship

LOS ANGELES — Nancy Aiko Ishizaki of Rockford, Ill., who will attend UCLA this fall, has been awarded the Chi Alpha Delta Alumnae scholarship for \$75.

Miss Ishizaki plans to major in business education and English and is planning on a teaching career. She was selected for her excellent grades, previous school activities and her extra-curricular record, according to Bonnie Sakamoto, scholarship chairman.

The award is given annually and is made possible through public support of the Chi Alpha Delta Alumnae scholarship bridge tea, held every spring.

Son of Hawaii Senator Wins Top Sergeant Rank at 20

WITH THE 5TH REGIMENTAL COMBAT TEAM IN KOREA — One of the youngest first sergeants in the United Nations Army in Korea is 20-year old Master Sgt. Owen Tsukiyama, son of Sen. Wilfred Tsukiyama, president of the Hawaii territorial senate.

Tsukiyama, a Honolulu high school graduate in 1950, rose from the rank of recruit and rifleman to that of master sergeant in 14 months of army life.

He enlisted in the army shortly after graduation from Honolulu's Farrington High School and

NISEI STUDENT ELECTED "MAYOR" OF OREGON CITY

ONTARIO, Ore.—Martin Hasegawa, Ontario High School student, will be the Mayor of Ontario on Sept. 22.

Mayor Hasegawa's term will expire the same day.

He will be one of a number of local high school students who will take over the duties of city officials as part of the Kiwanis-sponsored National Kids' day.

The American History classes at Ontario High held elections for city officials on Sept. 12. Hasegawa was elected mayor. Another student, Grace Shikuma, was elected city recorder, while Terry Fujinaga was among six named to the City Council.

Four Nisei GIs Reported Hurt In Korean War

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Four more Nisei casualties in the Korean area were reported to the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee by the Department of Defense.

WOUNDED:

Private Francis H. Hamasaki, son of Mrs. S. Hamasaki, 1710 Baker Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

Private Tom T. Nozaki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Natajiro Nozaki, 3748 Dufresne Court, Los Angeles, California.

Private First Class Kiyoshi Kato, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seiichi Kato, Route 6, Box 583, Stockton, California.

INJURED:

Sergeant Robert A. Aoki, brother of Mrs. Violet Yasutomi, 2084 Kam Fourth Road, Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

RETURNED TO DUTY:

Corporal George Doi, brother of Henry Shigeo Doi, Route 1, Box 53-A, Fort Lupton, Colorado (Previously wounded).

Aged Issei Killed In Highway Accident

STOCKTON, Calif. — Tsunekichi Ohama, 84-year old resident of Acampo, was killed instantly on Sept. 16 when he was struck by a car while walking on Highway 99. The driver of the car, Eugene B. Frazier, was not cited.

The victim was attempting to cross the highway near the farm of Yookichi Nakagawa in Lodi and apparently became confused by the traffic, according to witnesses.

Nisei Girl Wins Therapy Scholarship

HONOLULU — Helen Inouye, a graduate of the University of Hawaii in 1950, is the recipient of the 1951 annual \$1,000 scholarship from the Occupational Therapy Association of Hawaii.

Miss Inouye plans to work for an occupational therapy diploma at Washington University.

Funds for the scholarship are raised annually by the sale of calendars.

Federal Judge Hits Validity Of 1940 Nationality Act in Cases of War-Stranded Nisei

HONOLULU, T. H.—The entire U. S. Nationality Act was declared unconstitutional on Sept. 12 by Federal District Judge J. Frank McLaughlin in citizenship cases concerning two Nisei.

Judge McLaughlin ruled that Congress has no right to make laws divesting American-born citizens of their citizenship and restored two Nisei to American citizenship.

His rulings were handed down in behalf of Kiyokuro Okimura and Hisao Murata, Hawaiian-born Nisei who were considered as having forfeited their American status by the State Department.

Judge McLaughlin ruled that persons born in this country do not lose their citizenship by voting in a foreign election, serving in a foreign army or through employment by a foreign government, as provided by the Nationality Act.

Both Okimura and Murata served in the Japanese Army during the war. Okimura also voted in the Japanese postwar elections of 1947 and served as a teacher in the employ of the Japanese government.

In Okimura's case, the State De-

partment held that he lost his United States citizenship on the three above grounds.

Judge McLaughlin rejected all these grounds and ordered Okimura's American citizenship restored as well as Murata's.

His rulings affect the status of some 5,000 Nisei in Japan who are considered by the Department of State to have lost American citizenship through Army service, voting or employment by the Japanese government.

The government is expected to appeal Judge McLaughlin's rulings.

Okimura and Murata were represented by A. L. Wirin of Los Angeles and Katsuro Miho of Honolulu.

Follow Instructions Carefully, Says JACL on Claims Forms

National JACL Plans Services to Assist Claimants

WASHINGTON, D. C. — With compromise offers already being received by the Department of Justice, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee warned all claimants desiring to take advantage of the compromise settlement formula to follow instructions carefully and to fill out their forms completely.

Only by cooperating with the government will the program be expedited as planned, Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, declared after discussions with departmental officials in charge of the evacuation claims program.

The first claimant to send in his compromise offer misused the address label. He pasted it over the government frank even though it had his name and address on it. The second claimant failed to include his label with the rest of his forms.

The instructions clearly state that the claimant should check the name and address on the label to determine its correctness and then include it with the forms to be sent to the Department of Justice. The government intends to use these address labels in replying to the offers of the claimants.

Failure to properly include these address labels with the forms forces an added secretarial burden on the already over-burdened evacuation claims staff and unnecessarily slows up the program, Masaoka said.

Another government complaint was that the claimants were not filling in their forms in sufficient detail to permit the departmental review officers to properly evaluate their claims.

One claimant sent in his forms listing only the selling price and the loss sustained on various household items. Information as to when the items were purchased and the purchase prices were not included. In this circumstance, the government cannot accept the figure suggested by the claimant as a compromise.

"Although the forms are necessarily detailed, they should be filled in completely and as accurately as memory and records allow," Masaoka said. "Since the Department of Justice attorneys will have only these forms to determine the validity of the claim and the legitimacy of the compromise offer, it is to the advantage of the claimant to fill in his form in the most detailed manner possible. This will insure a more just and equitable,

as well as expeditious, consideration of the claim."

In order to assist the claimants, Masaoka revealed that the National JACL ADC, as a public service will supply specimen forms of the official documents and Japanese translations of the instructions and the forms to all interested claimants through its various chapters in all parts of the country.

Claimants residing in areas where there are no JACL chapters may write to national JACL headquarters in Salt Lake City for copies of these specimen forms and Japanese translations, indicating whether they wish the specimen forms, the Japanese translations, or both.

These specimen forms may be used as work sheets and retained by the claimants as copies of what they sent to the Department of Justice, Masaoka said.

Chapters should have these specimen forms and Japanese translations within a week or two.

Local chapters may sponsor public meetings at which these forms and translations may be distributed. Attorneys or other qualified individuals may also explain in detail the compromise settlement promise settlement program of the Department of Justice, Masaoka said.

Aside from making specimen forms and Japanese translations available and possibly sponsoring public clinics on evacuation claims, the local chapters should be very careful in offering more than mere secretarial and translation services, Masaoka emphasized, because of the detailed and technical nature of the forms.

"It is to the advantage of every claimant to consult an attorney," Masaoka explained. "Those whose original claims were prepared by attorneys should ask their attorneys to fill in these compromise forms if they wish to take advantage of the new program. This additional work will not cost them any more, since the law prohibits any attorney from charging more than ten per cent for his services.

"Even those who did not consult an attorney in the first instance should carefully consider the advantages of retaining competent legal assistance in preparing compromise settlements, for it is likely that even after the ten per cent for fees have been deducted a well-prepared claim will net more for the claimant than a poorly prepared one," Masaoka advised.

Justice Department Hopes New Compromise Plan May Speed Payment of Claims

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Justice Department hopes for speedy disposition of many claims filed against the government by former Japanese American evacuees under the new compromise settlement act, according to Deputy Attorney General Peyton Ford, Edward H. Dickson, McClatchy newspapers' staff writer reported this week.

Ford estimated that 13,915 claims totaling \$15,322,643 may be acted upon within a short time. And he sees the possibility of quick settlement of many cases in an additional batch of 3,909.

Settlement chances are best in the cases of small claimants who seek amounts varying from less than \$500 up to \$5,000.

Under the original claims act, which sought to reimburse the evacuees for property and business losses suffered in the 1942 mass evacuation, a total of 22,945 claims were filed, asking for a total of \$133,125,104, far above the former estimate that the claims would amount to only \$10,000,000.

The claims fall into the following classifications:

Less than \$500—2,371, totaling \$725,561.

\$501 to \$1,000—3,305, totaling \$2,573,000.

\$1,001 to \$2,500—8,239, totaling \$15,322,000.

\$2,501 to \$5,000—3,909, totaling \$14,678,000.

\$5,000 to \$25,000—4,393, totaling \$49,526,000.

\$25,000 to \$100,000—622, totaling \$31,356,000.

In excess of \$100,000—66, totaling \$18,915,000.

In passing the original claims act in 1948, Congress thought that only \$10,000,000 in claims would be filed and wrote a strict legal formula to be followed.

The Justice Department interpreted the act as meaning it would have to make findings of facts in each case, just as in court.

The Senate appropriations committee became critical this year of the slowness with which the department was acting in handling the claims, pointing out that the department had spent \$183,134 on its staff to pay out only \$14,593 in claims.

Justice Department attorneys defended the expenses on the grounds it had to build up a staff to undertake the work but admitted that under the 1948 act and rather limited appropriations, it might take 20 years to complete the job.

With both Congress and the Justice Department irritated at the slowness with which the program moved, the department proposed an amendment to the act. Instead of going through what amounts now to a trial, the department can now compromise on the smaller claims.

This procedure could take care

Salt Lake Girl Enrolls at Utah Under Fellowship

Jean Kimiye Hirano of Salt Lake City is one of 40 holders of Ford Foundation scholarships, all Utah youths of 16 and 17 years of age, who enrolled in the freshman class at the University of Utah this week.

Each of the 40 has completed only his junior year in high school but received his scholarship as part of an experiment to determine if more gifted students can crowd three years of learning into two.

Purpose of the two-year Ford scholarship is to determine if boys can complete two years of college before reaching the draft age of 18 years and six months.

Plan Bridge Class

SAN FRANCISCO—A new 16-week course in contract bridge was started Tuesday evening, Sept. 18, at the YWCA, 620 Sutter St., under Ernest Rovere, life master and three-time winner of the all-Western open pair championship.

Classes will consist of two-hour sessions, with the first hour devoted to theory and the second to actual play.

of all the 13,915 claimants with claims up to \$2,500, and probably a considerable portion of the 3,909 who want between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

The larger claims will continue to be subject to the more formal procedure of the 1948 act.

Justice department officials believe the amount paid out by the government may be held down to around \$50,000,000.

Some of the claimants may be disappointed at the value the government will place upon the value of property, such as automobiles, refrigerators and washing machines. The government will allow what the articles actually cost, not their replacement value.

The Justice Department estimated about 120,000 persons were relocated and that about one in five filed a claim.

Noted Xylophonist to Make U. S. Comeback in Concert

LOS ANGELES—Yoichi Hiraoka, called the "world's greatest xylophonist" when he played with American symphony orchestras before Pearl Harbor, will make his first concert appearance since his arrival in the United States two months ago at the Wilshire-Ebell theater on Oct. 7.

Hiraoka, a native of Japan, was a musical staff artist with the National Broadcasting Company for ten years until Pearl Harbor. In addition to his regular appearances on NBC programs, he also performed as a guest on many variety shows, including the Fred Allen and Kate Smith programs. He was also a Decca recording artist, his releases being an album, "Japanese Folk Songs."

Hiraoka, married to a Nisei girl, the former Shizue Yamaguchi of New York, and with two American-born children, was living on Long Island at the time of the outbreak of war. He was dropped by NBC on Pearl Harbor day because of his "enemy alien" status.

Because of the war situation Hiraoka was unable to continue as a musical artist and finally decided to return to Japan, taking his Am-

erican-born wife and children with him. He arranged to board the exchange ship Gripsholm which left New York in June, 1942.

Shortly before his departure Mayor Fiorello La Guardia heard of Hiraoka's predicament and arranged to have the artist appear on his radio program over WNYC. Hiraoka made his final U.S. appearance in May, 1942.

After V-J day Hiraoka was one of the first Japanese musical artists to volunteer to entertain American forces in Japan. He played for GI audiences for more than five years. This spring Al Richardson, an Oakland, Calif., sports promoter arrived in Japan to recruit four Japanese sumo men for an American tour. Richardson heard Hiraoka playing for a GI audience and offered Hiraoka a trip to the United States.

Hiraoka, who hopes to return to the United States for permanent residence with his wife and family, has played only once since leaving Japan. He appeared briefly in Honolulu. He has volunteered his services for the "patio party" at the Hollywood YWCA-USO on Sept. 23.

Noted Poet Addresses Convention



DETROIT, Mich.—Edgar A. Guest, noted poet, addressed the JACL Midwest district council convention which met Labor Day weekend at the Book Cadillac Hotel.

The poet talked to delegates and guests at the convention banquet Sept. 1. Shown with the speaker are, left to right: Noboru Honda, former

chairman, Midwest district council; Dr. T. T. Yatabe, past national president; Ted Kokubo, convention chairman; Mr. Guest; Masao W. Satow, JACL director; the Rev. Shigeo Tanabe; and Dick Akagi, regional director, JACL Midwest office.

Alien Land Law Test Case Inspires House Resolution for U.S. Constitutional Amendment

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A California court case, testing the constitutionality of the State's Alien Land law, is believed to have inspired a House resolution proposed by Rep. Gordon McDonough, R., Calif., this week which proposes a constitutional amendment guaranteeing that any treaties to which the United States is a signatory shall not violate the individual right of American citizens.

The California state appellate court, in its decision on the Fujii case, ruled the Alien Land law unconstitutional and in violation of the United States Charter.

Use of the UN Charter to invalidate a state law aroused considerable interest in judicial and legal circles in Washington and at the United Nations. Justices Minor Moore, Emmet H. Wilson and Marshall F. McComb declared in their decision in the Fujii case that the UN Charter guarantees universal respect for human rights and fundamental freedom for all persons.

The California appellate justices said the State's Alien Land law discriminated against persons of Japanese ancestry and was in violation of the UN Charter, to which the United States was a signatory.

Counsel for the California State Department of Justice appealed the decision of the appellate court to the State Supreme Court which heard arguments in January, 1951. No decision has been handed down as yet by the State Supreme Court on the Fujii case or on the Masao case which also challenges the validity of the Alien Land Act. In the latter case Judge Thurmond Clarke, in a Superior Court decision, ruled the California statute to be in violation of the 14th Amendment's guarantee of equal treatment.

News of the California appellate court's verdict which declared that the UN Charter superceded state laws and had the effect of a treaty dropped like a veritable bombshell on the State Department last year. Department officials expressed fear that future UN agreements would have a difficult time in the Senate from states which practice racial segregation and might consider such UN agreements to challenge state's rights.

The State Department has not entered the Fujii case in Califor-

nia, awaiting the decision of the State Supreme Court, but probably would enter the case if the latter court upholds the lower tribunal.

The McDonough proposal is interpreted here as an effort to skirt the dilemma posed by the California decision in the Fujii case. It is noted here that the McDonough resolution is aimed at international agreements which "might place limitations on the basic freedoms of the American people."

ATTORNEYS MAY OBTAIN FORMS FROM JACL

As a special service to lawyer members of the JACL, national headquarters of the organization will supply attorneys with extra forms and Japanese translations of the evacuation claims compromise settlement program.

Attorneys desiring this service may write to National Director Masao W. Satow, 413 Beason Building, Salt Lake City and stipulate the exact number of forms needed. A nominal charge will be made for the service. Forms and translations are being reproduced by the JACL as a service to its members and chapters.

Ex-GI Movie Actor Plans Study of Music in Germany

HONOLULU—A Nisei veteran of the 442nd Combat Team who has appeared in four recent Hollywood pictures has left for Germany to study music.

Harry H. Hamada, who appeared as the 100th Battalion veteran in MGM's "Go for Broke!" will study at Frei University and the Hochschule school of music in Germany. His ambition is to win a doctor's degree in music and to teach in a mainland college.

Hamada had no formal training in music until he attended the University of Hawaii shortly before the war. After overseas service with the famous 442nd Regiment, Hamada studied at Chicago Music

Tokyo Mayor Gives Film to National JACL

A 16 mm. documentary sound film on post-war Japan was received by the National JACL this week as a gift from Mayor Seichi Yasui of Tokyo.

The presentation was made to Tats Kushida, Pacific Southwest JACL regional director, by Jack Iwata, Los Angeles photographer who helped cover the recent Japanese Treaty Conference in San Francisco. Iwata received the film from Tsuyoshi Kimura, noted Japanese writer and adviser to Mayor Yasui.

National President Dr. Randolph Sakada this week sent Mayor Yasui a letter of appreciation for the film.

The documentary, which has an English language commentary, may be shown for the first time at the Pacific Southwest District Council convention in Orange County, Calif., on Nov. 17.

Engagement Told

LOS ANGELES—The engagement of Frances Sue Takimoto, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Takimoto, to Tomigo Joe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sataro Joe of Long Beach, was revealed Sept. 15 at a dinner party at the Man Jen Low restaurant.

Making the announcement to more than forty family members and relatives was Asajiro Nishimoto, Los Angeles realtor.

Only 40 Weeks 'Til the 12th Biennial JACL NAT'L CONVENTION at the ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, San Francisco, June 26 - 29, 1952!

Seek Return Of Properties Seized in War

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Representative Frazier Reams (Dem., Ohio) introduced a bill to authorize the return of certain vested property to the estate of deceased persons, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee was informed last week.

Explaining his bill on the floor of the House, the Ohio Democrat declared that there are marked inequities in the Trading with the Enemy Act that work a hardship on certain American citizens. These inequities permit this government to vest from the estate of a citizen decedent in this country property which, if the decedent had been advised of the law, would have gone to other American citizens.

Typical of the situation, Congressman Reams said, is the case of a citizen of the United States who by will or under the statutes of descent and distribution left money or property to residents of Germany, Japan, Bulgaria, or Rumania while a state of war existed between this country and any one of those nations. He forfeits the part of his estate which he sought to leave to these people who are classified as enemy aliens.

"This is clearly an unjust seizing of property by the Federal Government," he charged.

He claims that his bill authorizing the return of such property to the estate of the decedent will correct this inequity.

The Washington Office of the JACL ADC thought that several cases involving Nisei and Issei might be affected by the bill, especially those instances in which Nisei and Issei named relatives in Japan as beneficiaries of their insurance policies.

Chicago College Club Announces Winner Of \$200 Scholarship

CHICAGO—Thomas Tanabe, a June, 1951, graduate of Oak Park High School, Oak Park, Ill., was announced winner this week of the Chicago Nisei Inter-Collegiate Club's \$200 scholarship.

Tanabe plans to take a pre-med course at the Chicago branch of the University of Illinois. He was active in debating and honorary societies in high school.

The scholarship was made possible by a donation from Dr. T. K. Lawless, noted Negro physician, and from funds raised by the Inter-Collegiate Club.

Serving on the scholarship committee were Dorothy Tahara, Kako Okamoto, Miwako Nakachi, Frank Watanabe, Sherrie Nakagawa, Grace Yoshida, Sadao Itano, Yoji Ozaki, James Tajiri, Thomas Tajiri and Dr. George Kittaka.

Judges were Dr. Edward Sparling, Elmer Shirrell and the Rev. Joseph Kitagawa.

Masaoka Interview

BERKELEY, Calif.—A discussion of the omnibus immigration and naturalization bill in Congress by Mike M. Masaoka, national legislative director of JACL ADC, will be broadcast on Sept. 30 at 8 p.m. by the FM station, KPFA.

The interview was tape-recorded during Masaoka's visit as an observer at the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference recently.

San Francisco May Restore Japanese Tea Garden's Name

SAN FRANCISCO—A recommendation that the name "Japanese Tea Garden" be restored to the Oriental Tea Garden in Golden Gate Park was taken under advisement this week by the city's Park Recreation Commission.

The internationally-famous park attraction, built in 1894 by Makoto Hagiwara, was known as the Japanese Tea Garden until the time of the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast in the spring of 1942. The park was leased by the city after the departure of the Hagiwara family who had lived continuously on the property for nearly 50 years and the name was changed to the "Oriental Tea Garden."

During recent years efforts have been made by individual San Franciscans to have the property returned to the Hagiwara family and

Denver Chamber Affirms Support of Hawaii Statehood

Cite Army Officer For Work During War Crimes Trials

SENDAI, Japan—The work of a Nisei Army officer as a war crimes investigator in Japan shortly after the end of World War II was acclaimed here recently when Captain Fred F. Suzukawa of Compton, Calif., received a citation from Brig. Gen. Homer O. Easton, assistant commander of the 40th Infantry Division.

Suzukawa, a veteran of World War II who returned from Japan as a lieutenant in 1948 with his Japanese war bride, was stationed at Letterman General Hospital in San Francisco before returning to the Orient to serve in Korea last year.

He was promoted to the rank of captain last year while attached to the 24th Division in Korea.

Denver Editor Blasts Attack On Hawaii State

DENVER, Colo.—Gene Cervi, editor and publisher of the Rocky Mountain Journal, on Sept. 6 blasted E. W. Fishburn, Denver Chamber of Commerce official, for opposing Hawaiian statehood because it would give the Japanese political domination.

Fishburn, who vacationed in Hawaii, expressed his views in a letter to Rep. Wayne N. Aspinall (D., Colo.), and alleged that statehood for Hawaii would serve the "Japanese" interest "to the detriment of all other interests, Americans included."

Cervi pointed out that the Denver Chamber is officially on record as favoring statehood for both Hawaii and Alaska.

"Some of Fishburn's pleadings against Hawaiian statehood were about on a par with old time Ku Klux Klan logic," Cervi commented.

L. A. School District Drops Fight to Keep Hollywood Building

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles City School District recently announced its voluntary withdrawal of its petition for a preliminary injunction to prevent the return of the former Hollywood Japanese language school building to its owners.

Since the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the area in 1942, the school district has been using the building as a nursing and child care center under a lease which specified that the property could be used by the city during the "national emergency."

In its original action in refusing to vacate the premises, the school district contended that the "national emergency" still existed.

The building is expected to be used as a community center for Japanese Americans.

the original name restored. Columnist Herb Caen of the San Francisco Examiner has published several items supporting the restoration of the original name and reported recently that Mayor Elmer Robinson would initiate the change after the ratification of the Japanese peace treaty.

Although the Hagiwaras returned to San Francisco from wartime relocation five years ago, they have heretofore been unsuccessful in efforts to regain the property.

The San Francisco office of the Justice Department's section which is processing and adjudicating the claims of wartime evacuees has reported that the Hagiwara family has submitted a claim for approximately \$200,000 for losses sustained as a result of their forced abandonment of the property in 1942.

DENVER—The Denver Chamber of Commerce official who recently raised the "Japanese question" in urging a Colorado congressman to oppose statehood for Hawaii was speaking for himself and not for the Denver organization.

E. W. Fishburn, director of public relations for the Denver chamber, recently was censured by Rep. Wayne N. Aspinall, D., Colo., when he wrote the congressman to oppose the statehood bill because he said Hawaii as a state would have a Japanese governor and two Japanese senators.

Rep. Aspinall sent Fishburn copies of House committee hearings in Hawaii on the statehood question to refute the charge of domination in politics by persons of Japanese ancestry and also included a copy of Admiral Chester Nimitz' testimony regarding the loyalty of the Japanese American population.

George Collison, secretary-manager of the Denver Chamber of Commerce, last week said the organization has gone on record in favor of Hawaiian and Alaskan statehood.

Collison opined that the views expressed by Fishburn were not those of the Denver organization.

Chairmen Named For Committees At PSDC Confab

SANTA ANA, Calif.—Ken Uyesugi, chairman of the second biennial convention of the Pacific Southwest District Council, hosted by the Orange County JACL, this week announced the appointment of committee chairmen for the numerous convention activities.

Assisting Uyesugi will be Mits Nitta and Lincoln Munemitsu, general arrangements; George Osumi, registration; Mrs. Ruth Matsuda and Kazuko Aoyama, hospitality; Harry Matsukane, finance; Stephen Tamhara, banquet; Min Nitta, drawing; Dr. and Mrs. Frank Taniguchi, luncheon; Mary Nitta, invitations and housing; Tommy Enomoto, publicity and souvenir; Edna Osumi, social; Henry Kane-gae, sightseeing tour and beach party; George Inagaki, Thousand Club; Yoshiaki Yoshida, bridge tournament; Dr. Tad Ochiai, golf tournament; Elden Kanegae and Bill Kobayashi, bowling tournament; Roy Kobayashi, photography; Kaz Sato, transportation; Mr. and Mrs. John Ogata, Mike Kusuda, and Mrs. Rose Yoshida, flowers.

The Orange County Junior Martrons and other local clubs will assist in preparations for the convention, it was revealed.

San Diego Chapter Fetes Issei Leaders

SAN DIEGO—Issei ADC leaders were feted at a dinner meeting with the local JACL chapter on September 15, the San Diego chapter reported.

Recognition certificates with names individually inscribed by national director Masao Satow were presented to the Issei present. Regional director Tats Kushi-da thanked the JACL ADC supporters on behalf of the national organization. Responding for the Issei were Takezo Taniguchi, San Diego, and Taisuke Yasukochi, San Luis Rey. Kushi-da also reported on recent developments in the JACL ADC program and the Pacific Southwest District Council convention to be held in Santa Ana on November 17-18.

Dr. George Hara, chapter president since its reactivation in 1948, was presented the traditional pearl-studded past president's gold JACL pin. Speaking for the chapter, president Mas Honda, the evening's chairman, paid tribute to Hara's untiring services to the Japanese community as well as the organization.

Honda announced that a cabinet meeting would be held this month to map plans to conduct a public meeting on the new compromise settlement plan on evacuation claims.

Rescues Fishermen

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—A Nisei-manned fishing boat, the Lucky Star, went to the rescue of a flaming boat, the West West, 45 miles south of here on Sept. 14 and took off the latter boat's two-man crew.

Guatemala Ambassador Tells JACL Country Does Not Ban Travel by Nisei Americans

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The ambassador from Guatemala this week informed the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-discrimination Committee that his country does not discriminate against American citizens of Japanese ancestry.

Replying to a protest that a Nisei applicant in Los Angeles had been denied a tourist visa to visit the Central American Republic, the Guatemalan Ambassador wrote Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, that his country's constitution prohibits racial discrimination of any kind.

Californian Dies In Battle North Of Parallel 38

SACRAMENTO — The death in action in Korea of Pfc. Ben Mitsuru Takamoto, 23, was reported by the Defense Department last week to the soldier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Takamoto of the Mayhew district.

The Defense Department report said that Pfc. Takamoto died in the fighting north of the 38th parallel on the central front on July 29, less than a month after he returned to action after being wounded in action in a previous battle.

Pfc. Takamoto entered the army last year on Sept. 21 and was sent to Korea in March. He was wounded in action on May 25 and convalesced at a hospital in Kobe, Japan before returning to the front lines.

Pfc. Takamoto is survived by his parents and two younger brothers, Jack Yoshiyuki and Jimmy Kazuto, both in the Army.

Texans Contribute \$585 to JACL

DENVER, Colo.—Japanese Americans in the Rio Grande Valley, Tex., have contributed \$585 for the JACL-ADC.

A check in that amount has been received by the Denver JACL regional office from Satoru Domei, secretary of the Kika Kisei Domei in Rio Grande Valley. G. R. Kitamura is treasurer.

The contribution boosts the regional JACL-ADC fund to \$6,566, according to Min Yasui, regional representative. The drive still lacks almost \$1500 of its quota.

Contributors from the Rio Grande area were as follows:

K. Tanamachi, U. Shiomotsu, T. Oyama and Henry Kawahata, \$50 each; N. Kitayama and Izumikawa, \$30; T. Kawamura, T. Miyachi, I. Taniguchi, G. Furukawa, C. Tachibana, S. Noguchi, S. Date, T. Tanamachi and M. Suyeyasu, \$25; Y. Sakai and S. Hanawa, \$20; H. T. Nagatori, S. Kitamura, Frank Otsuki and Dick Terasaki, \$15; T. Muro and Frank Okubo, \$10; and Kenmotsu and Fred D. Molsbury, \$5.

Recall Fresno High Prophecy As Japan Official Returns

FRESNO, Calif.—A prophecy in the Fresno High School yearbook of 1920 was recalled this week when a graduate of the Class of 1920 returned to the school on Sept. 18 to address a general assembly.

Frank Takizo Matsumoto, 49, a member of the Japanese House of Representatives, returned to the land in which he received his formal education recently as one of Japan's delegates to the Peace Treaty Conference in San Francisco.

Matsumoto was one of the outstanding students in Fresno High's Class of 1920, starring in football, baseball and track.

Principal George Holstein, who invited members of the Class of 1920 living in the Fresno area to attend the general assembly to hear Matsumoto, said the 1920 yearbook predicted that Matsumoto would become an ambassador.

Matsumoto, who was known during his boyhood days in Fresno by the surname of his stepfather, Narushima, went to Japan after finishing college in the United States.

He was a teacher and an athletic coach at Tokyo's Meiji University and was one of the earliest boosters of collegiate baseball in Japan, serving as president of the Big Six University League. He also was chairman of the Japanese Olympic Committee.

Admitting that some discriminatory provisions were embodied in the "Alien Law" enacted fifteen years ago, the Ambassador declared that these provisions became obsolete when the 1945 Constitution came into force.

"Article 21 of this Constitution in effect provides that 'any discrimination whatsoever, based on birth, sex, race, color, worship or ideology, is unlawful and punishable,'" the Guatemalan official informed Masaoka.

"Due to the fact that a new draft of this 'Alien Law' is still awaiting approval by the National Congress, consular officers sometimes resort by involuntary error to the now obsolete discriminatory provisions in the old 'Alien Law.' But, mistakes of this sort will be promptly corrected when brought to the attention of higher authorities, i.e. the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Guatemala," the Ambassador explained.

He reported that he is communicating with the Guatemalan Consulate in Los Angeles to correct the injustice.

The Ambassador's letter was in reply to one sent him by the Washington Office of the JACL ADC following information forwarded by Frank Chuman, attorney and national JACL vice president, that the Los Angeles Consul had denied a visitor's visa to a Nisei girl on the grounds that a Guatemalan law prohibited the issuance of such travel documents to members of the Negroid and Mongoloid races.

Two Nisei Register For First Class of UCLA's Med School

LOS ANGELES—Two Nisei are among the 28 young doctors-to-be who comprise the first student body of the new School of Medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles.

They are Akira Nishizawa, Los Angeles, and Robert Watanabe, Santa Maria.

Watanabe was a sprint star on UCLA's track and field team for the past two years and competed in the 100 and 200 yard dashes and the relay.

Since his entry into politics in recent years Matsumoto is able to teach only one day a week at Meiji.

He was elected to the lower house of the Japanese Diet from his family's home district in Hiroshima. The family home, he said this week in Fresno, was destroyed in the atom-bombing of the city.

Matsumoto is now serving his sixth term in the Diet.

Upon his arrival in Fresno this week he laid a wreath of flowers on the grave of Z. S. Leymel, former mayor of Fresno who was cadet instructor when Matsumoto was attending Fresno High.

The lawmaker declared that the "only opposition" expected to the ratification of the peace treaty which was signed in San Francisco would come from "some of the Communist and left-wing members of the Diet."

"The treaty, in my opinion, is most magnanimous and is unprecedented in history," Matsumoto said. "Six years ago when the Japanese surrendered unconditionally many of our people expected harsh treatment and restricted economy and political life," he said.

Matsumoto left by plane for Japan following his appearance at Fresno High. During his Fresno visit he stayed at the home of Dr. and Mrs. K. H. Taira.

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EDITORIALS:

The U. S. Nationality Act

A ruling which may have far-reaching effect upon numerous Americans, and not only the Nisei plaintiff in the case under consideration, was handed down by United States District Judge J. Frank McLaughlin on Sept. 12.

Judge McLaughlin ruled, in effect, that the entire U. S. Nationality Act is unconstitutional.

This act and later amendments set down a number of actions through which a native-born citizen of this country may be considered to have surrendered his citizenship, including service in the armed forces of a foreign state, voting in a political election of another country and through working for a foreign government.

Upon the basis of this act, the State Department has divested several thousand former Japanese Americans of their citizenship. A number of them have regained their American status through court action. In all of these instances, however, the court so ruling has dwelt upon the coercion brought upon the Nisei to commit these acts. The courts have said that the Nisei were forced to serve in the Japanese Army or voted in Japanese general elections through fear or misunderstanding.

Judge McLaughlin, however, disregards these points as unnecessary to his findings. The Nisei, Kiyokuro Okimura, did, as a matter of fact, serve in the Japanese armed forces, worked for the government as a teacher and voted in Japan.

Judge McLaughlin, however, bases his findings upon the basic contention that Congress has no right to make any laws divesting an American-born citizen of citizenship.

Congress, he says, has only the right to create citizenship by naturalization and to specify procedures for this naturalization. It cannot, however, destroy citizenship gained through birth in this country, a basic right set down by the Constitution: "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside."

The only manner in which an American-born citizen can lose his citizenship, Judge McLaughlin ruled, is through formal naturalization as a citizen of another country.

The Judge quotes as the leading case on this subject the case of the United States v. Wong Kim Ark, in which the Supreme Court said:

"The Fourteenth Amendment, while it leaves the power where it was before, in Congress, to regulate naturalization, has conferred no authority upon Congress to restrict the effect of birth, declared by the Constitution to constitute a sufficient and complete right to citizenship."

"Congress may not thus declare that by performing such and such an act, in or out of the United States, a citizen will become expatriated. Congress has been given control over only one means of creating United States citizenship, namely by naturalization. It has the power to create and to condition that grant of citizenship; but it is wholly devoid of any power to destroy citizenship by birth..."

"The contention that Congress may wipe out one's status as a United States citizen by declaring that the performance of such and such an act will result in expatriation can be reduced to an absurdity. Suppose, for example, that Congress instead of legislating as it has in Section 801 (c) and (e), had simply declared that owning a gun, or voting in a school or bond election in a foreign state was sufficient to effect a forfeiture of United States citizenship. Or, going a step further, suppose Congress were to say that attending a military parade, or a political rally in a foreign country would do the trick. Can United States citizenship be frittered away so easily?"

Judge McLaughlin also points out that American citizens accused of treason have quoted the Nationality Act and its provisions in their defense, attempting to show that by certain actions they had lost their citizenship and could not therefore be tried as traitors to this country.

The war atmosphere of the late 1930s engendered the Nationality Act and its amendments. Though these days of 1951 seem to be conducive to much the same sort of restrictive legislation, it may well be that the McLaughlin decision will stand up on appeal. The government, of course, is expected to seek relief from the ruling.

Thousands of Americans, including many of Japanese ancestry, would be directly affected by any final decision on this case. It is the most sweeping, unprecedented ruling on the Nationality Act.

Nisei USA

On Nisei Newspapers

One of the editors who was instrumental in the development of the Nisei press from a few columns of club news and social chit-chat grudgingly published in the back of a Japanese vernacular newspaper to the status of full-fledged English section with its own identity and a full-time staff, was in Salt Lake City last week on the final legs of a round-the-world tour. He is Goro Murata, now business manager of the Nippon Times, Tokyo's English language daily.

Back in the days of breadlines, prohibition and the prosperity which was always around the next corner, Goro and Toshiro (Henry) Shimanouchi were running the English section of the Japanese American News in Los Angeles. The Nichi-Bei papers in San Francisco and Los Angeles and the Rafu Shimpō (Los Angeles Daily News) pioneered in English sections for the Nisei on the mainland—the Hawaiian papers, the Honolulu Times (Nippu Jiji) and the Hawaii Herald (Hochi) probably were a decade ahead. Kimpei Sheba, Kay Nishida, Miya Sannomiya and Yasuo Abiko were among the first editors and writers for the Nichi-Bei in San Francisco while Louise Suski ran the Rafu Shimpō. Ken Tashiro in the Rafu and Haruo Imura and Franklyn Sugiyama in the San Francisco Nichi-Bei were among the early sports editors.

It was in the early 1930s, in a period coinciding with the growth of maturity of the first large number of Nisei, that the English sections of the Japanese vernacular newspapers began to broaden their editorial interest to embrace community and international relations and to publish such literary matter as short stories, vignettes, essays and poetry. The expansion and development of the English sections continued until the mass evacuation in 1942 when all of the bilingual Japanese American newspapers on the Pacific coast were forced to suspend publication. At that time there were six such daily newspapers in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle, as well as other Japanese American papers in Portland, Sacramento, Salt Lake City, Denver, Fresno, Stockton and New York City.

It is Goro Murata's view that the English sections achieved the zenith of their influence in the years shortly before Pearl Harbor when most Nisei lived in the Little Tokyos of the west coast and their group consciousness was sharpened by economic and social discrimination. Today many Nisei have achieved a large degree of assimilation, largely through the widening of occupational opportunities, outside the Japanese racial group. The dwindling Issei population and the lessening of interest among Nisei in racial group news and activities presage an eventual decline in the Japanese American newspapers.

Goro Murata's comments on the capitals of the world are appearing during the period of his four month round-the-world trip under the title "It's a Small World" in the Nippon Times. This newspaper, incidentally, was once the mouthpiece of the Foreign Office in Tokyo but is now independent and is owned by the people who work for it. The president of the corporation is George Togasaki, an American-born veteran of the U.S. Army in World War I who was Japan's commissioner to the New York World's Fair in 1939.

Since he left Tokyo some weeks ago Goro has met with leaders of the new India in New Delhi, with Egyptian officials in Cairo and with Ingrid Bergman at a villa in Italy. He toured England and interviewed Mrs. Douglas MacArthur in the General's suite at the Waldorf in New York, a privilege not usually accorded to members of the fourth estate. While in the Eastern United States he was flown about as the guest of the Gannett newspapers. He arrived in San Francisco in time for the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference, at which Henry Shimanouchi also turned up as press liaison officer for Premier Yoshida.

Speaking of the Nisei press in 1930s here are some notes about some of its personalities: Togo Tanaka (editor, Rafu Shimpō) is senior editor of the American Technical Society in Chicago, one of the nation's largest publishers of school texts . . . Bill Hosokawa (Japanese American Courier, Seattle) edits the Empire magazine of the Denver Post . . . Herb Ogawa (North American Times) is in charge of the distribution of Curtis magazines in the Dallas, Tex., area . . . Tosuke Yamasaki (New World Sun, San Francisco) is operating a letter service in Washington, D.C., after returning from some hush-hush work for the State Department in the Far East . . . Eddie Shimano (New World Sun) is in editorial work in New York City and has ghost-written the autobiography of an ex-Army officer . . . Louise Suski has been doing statistical research for the City of Chicago and helps edit the Chicago Shimpō . . . Eiji Tanabe (California Daily News, L.A.) manages the Miyako Hotel in Los Angeles . . . Dick Takeuchi (Great Northern Daily, Seattle) is on the copy desk of the Chicago Sun-Times and is one of the editors of Scene . . . Ken Tashiro, a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, was recalled to active duty last year. Ken, whose son has been in combat in Korea, is a language specialist with knowledge of Spanish, Malay and Japanese.

Aiko Tashiro (L.A. Nichi-Bei), now Mrs. Shig Hiratsuka, is teaching piano in New York City . . . Haruo Imura sells insurance in Alameda, Calif., while Franklyn Sugiyama is employed at a coal mine in Carbon County, Utah . . . Carl Kondo has a typewriter shop in Los Angeles and writes a weekly column for the Rafu Shimpō . . . Tomomasa Yamasaki (New World Sun), a linguist with the U. S. Army, was killed in a plane crash in Japan in 1945 . . . Tooru Kanazawa (New Japanese American News, L.A.) served with the 442nd and is now writing a book in New York . . . Welly Shibata (Shin Sekai, S.F.) has been a member of the staff of the English Mainichi in Osaka, Japan for the past 17 years and writes a daily column titled "Salmagundi" . . . Roy Takano (California Daily News) is employed by the State Department of Employment in Denver . . . George Somekawa of Portland is now on the Nippon Times staff in Tokyo and recently covered the war in Korea.

Roku Sugahara who served with the Army in Europe is now in business in New York City after several years as a real estate appraiser in New Orleans . . . John Fujii was editor of the Daily Singapore Herald at the time of Pearl Harbor and was interned by the British. He is now on the staff of the Associated Press in Tokyo . . . George Furiya (S.F. Nichi-Bei) who was stranded in Argentina by the outbreak of World War II is now in New York . . . Yasuo Sasaki (editor, Reimei) now has a large medical practice in Covington, Ky. . . Rube Hosokawa is on the copy desk of the Minneapolis Tribune . . . Norio Toyota and Taddy Kimura (J-A Courier) are in Japan . . . Howard Imazeki (New World Sun) was a linguist for the govt. in WW II . . . James Omura (Shin Sekai) has a landscape gardening business in Denver . . . Roy Kawamoto, the caricaturist, is farming near Los Angeles.

Poet's corner: Toyo Suyemoto is a librarian in Cincinnati . . . Chiye Mori (Mrs. Harry Oshima) is in editorial work in New York . . . Iwao Kawakami is a linotypist at the Japanese American Times in San Francisco . . . George Shimanouchi (S.F. Nichi-Bei), now with the Japan Foreign Office, held the important post of secretary to the cabinet in the short-lived Ashida govt. in post-war Japan . . . George Nakamoto (Rafu Shimpō) is the wealthy operator of a truck gardening business near Tokyo which has been supplying U.S. occupation forces with fresh vegetables . . . Ruth Kurata Yamasaki (editor, Pacific Weekly) is living in the Los Angeles area . . . Vince Tajiri (S.F. Nichi-Bei) is a commercial photographer in Chicago . . . Hisaye Yamamoto (California Daily News) received a Whitney Fellowship in 1950 and is working on a novel . . . Mary Oyama (Mrs. Fred Mittler) is raising a family

MINORITY WEEK

Fraternity

A college fraternity that has lived up to its name, fraternity, pops up at the University of Texas. There Phi Delta Kappa, professional education fraternity, has initiated C. Roy McGowan, graduate student and first Negro taken into frat membership in the school's history.

It's an indication of the new wind rising in the South.

Price Tag

There's nothing cheap about segregation, however cheap its practices may be.

The United Press, surveying 11 southern states, finds that it will cost at least \$400,000,000 to equalize white and Negro schools, which the courts are demanding today as the price of segregation.

The inequalities in facilities afforded white and Negro children are indicated by the fact that while Negroes account for 30% of the schoolchildren in these states, the schools allotted to them are valued at only 15% of the total school property evaluation.

Editorial Quote

"The 16th of September cannot possibly mean the same to us—Americans of Mexican descent—as it does to a citizen of Mexico. As a matter of fact, to us of the younger generation it means little or nothing.

"True, it should not be important to a citizen of America as a date commemorating the independence of Mexico. But as a symbol of challenge, it should mean much. . . .

"Instead of looking upon this date as a part of the past to be ignored, we must recognize its true significance. We must recognize that this same spirit must become strong in us if America is ever to attain its goal of true democracy. . . .

"It is not an easy task. It involves much more than removing the American of Mexican descent from the 'minority group' status in America. We are not seeking only to improve our own position as a group. We are seeking to increase the understanding of all Americans to the end that there will be no 'minority groups' in the United States, there will be only Americans. The same spirit which made the 16th of September a memorable date to all Mexicans can make democracy a living, growing reality to all Americans." —The CSO Reporter.

Quickie

"I will definitely move into Chicago. It is a matter of principle now. Fourteen million Negroes in America are depending on it." —Harvey E. Clark, Jr., whose apartment in Cicero, Ill., was demolished by rioters protesting the entry of a Negro family into the "all-white" town of Cicero.

and is active in civic and interracial groups in Los Angeles . . . Tamotsu Murayama (S.F. Nichi-Bei) is on the staff of the Nippon Times in Tokyo and is active in Boy Scout work.

Taro Katayama, who served with the 442nd overseas, is now an employe of a national children's magazine published in Cleveland.

Victor Yamakawa (photographer, S.F. Nichi-Bei) is in commercial photography in Chicago . . . Joe Oyama is the proprietor of the Oriental Food Shop in New York . . . Jimmy Sakamoto, editor and publisher of the Seattle Japanese American Courier and former national prexy of the JACL, works for a Catholic welfare organizations in Seattle.

Among the editors of the English sections today are: Henry Mori, Rafu Shimpō; Mas Imoto, New Japanese American News, Los Angeles; Yasuo Abiko, Nichi-Bei Times, San Francisco; Michi Onuma, Hokubei Mainichi, San Francisco; Bea Kaihara and Frank Tanaka, Colorado Times; Emi Kimura Fujii and Louise Suski, Chicago Shimpō, and Dyke Miyagawa, Hokubei Shimpō, New York. Jack Matsuzaki is listed as general manager of the Crossroads in Los Angeles and Budd Fukei is editor and publisher of the Northwest Times in Seattle. Editing the Utah Nippo is Kazuko Terazawa.



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

Nisei in Foreign Trade

Now that the Peace Treaty is all sealed and signed, hopeful Nisei in the foreign trade game are wistfully looking over the waters to Tokyo.

What next, little man?

Most everyone and his brother, so it seems, is dabbling and toying around with some foreign trade deal. Most of the hopefuls are importing merchandise from the Island Empire, everything from canned eels to tons of mahogany lumber. A few of the wise boys have exporting ideas, sending "exclusive" products to the old country, from orange juice to plastic zippers.

All this sounds very good. Nisei foreign traders are lining the main thoroughfare of Japanese communities from Los Angeles to Chicago and then all the way over to Manhattan. The real test of their business acumen, or the \$64 question, is "are they making any money?"

I don't think so. Pickings are very slim.

If the product is okay, the price is out of line. If the Japan price is competitive, then the item has some flaw or crack in it. High Customs duties, increasing shipping costs, temperamental shipping schedules, rising domestic freight charges, and a dozen other elements pop up to harass the hopeful world trader.

It's no bed of roses to be sure. The morality and ulcer rate among the Nisei foreign traders must be very high.

Scene in Manhattan

I'll give you a few instances here in New York.

I know at least 25 Nisei firms who have opened up in New York in the last five years. They all had fancy stationery printed, coughed up a bankroll of from \$5,000 to \$25,000, rented some obscure office space "near and around Wall Street," and had a couple of phones installed.

Seems that all of the lads have an uncle or a relative who is some bigwig in Japanese manufacturing circles. Else, these Nisei hopefuls have a "friend" or an associate in SCAP. Anyway, they have made the necessary contacts and are ready to count the prospective profits as they flow in.

Inside of six months, they have scads of orders on paper. They have spent a small fortune in cables, long distance telephone calls, and assembling a wide sample line of their products.

A shipment, a trial order of course, comes in. Then the trouble starts. There is something defective with the merchandise or else the real McCoy does not look anywhere near as good as the sample. Else, the shipment comes in too late for the "season." Total costs are added and the net result is a neat loss on the deal.

By this time the moolah is running low. It's all expense and not a dime in income. So these boys, like the Arabs, fold their tents and scurry back to the West Coast in search of a steady job or a new bankroll.

I said I knew at least 25 offices started up in the last five years. I think a bare five of them are still operating, or should I say still gasping.

This same sad story can be repeated in Chicago and Los Angeles.

What's Behind It All?

How come? These are very abnormal times.

Right now, or up to now, the economy of Japan has been topsy-turvy. It has been artificially stimulated and superficially influenced. The black market boys and the carpet-baggers have thrown a monkey wrench into the whole economy. The old rules and regulations were forgotten and a new set of business standards was initiated.

There have been revolutionary changes in the yen exchange as well as the wage schedules of the Japanese workers. The economic life underwent the rigors of an occupied country and normalcy was tossed out of the windows.

Everyone was out to make a buck for himself. It was a quick and easy dollar with no regard for the future.

This made it all very tough for those in foreign trade on this side. The end result was that many an ambitious Nisei took a bath, financially speaking, and was squeezed out of the import-export game.

What's Ahead for the Boys?

Now that the difficult years are over, the coming years should be happier. They may and they may not be. If Japanese prices remain as high as they have in the last few months, then American buyers will look to other sources. Costs in Japan seem to have skyrocketed with an inflationary surge.

Next, there is the matter of competition from the Japanese Kaishas. These old hands at the importing game are coming back into the picture. Right now there are nearly 30 such branch offices in New York. In another year there may be about 200. Japanese dealers have decided to follow the old pattern: send their own Japanese men to open up and develop branches in this country.

So, the Nisei foreign trader is being gradually eased out of the picture. He may wind up, like his pre-war counterpart, as being a typist or an office boy for some giant corporation like Mitsui, NYK, or Mitsubishi.

Is the honeymoon over or are the real vintage years ahead?

I think it will be a little of both. The smart, shrewd, cagey Nisei operators will stay in the game and somehow stay ahead of the Kaisha crowd. They have the advantage of knowing the lay of the land and a good command of the language and customs. Two can play at the game of being the expert foreign trader. There is room and a place for the Nisei in this field. It's just a matter of sticking to it and making the most of his background, and opportunities, and contacts.

Stockton Newspaper Recalls Million Dollar Comeback by Shima, Issei "Potato King"

STOCKTON, Calif.—The story of how an Issei potato farm operator made a million dollar comeback in 100 days was recalled here recently in an article on George Shima, an immigrant Japanese who became the potato king of California.

Shima's story was told in one of a series of articles by William J. Rogers in the Stockton Record on reclamation in the San Joaquin delta country.

Shima got to the top by bringing more innovations into potato growing and marketing than any other man who ever operated in the Delta. He was the pioneer in quality product marketing, in giving more than he had contracted to give (he ordered his men to pack 122 to 125 pounds per sack, instead of the usual 116), and in turning to science to produce a good potato and letting the world know about it.

In 1916 the potato king was operating on Bacon Island. The entire 5600 acres was planted in potatoes and he had a number of tenants farming the land.

That year the spring planting had gone well, the war in Europe was draining surplus food stuffs from America and prices promised to be high. The potatoes were well up and forming in fine shape.

Then the bottom fell out of everything. In June there was a killing frost and every potato on Bacon Island was killed.

The story, as recounted by Rogers, continues:

"Shima was ruined, everyone said. He had gotten it at last. He was a dead duck. So were his tenants. Some of them were about ready to pack up their belongings, come to town and move in with relatives.

"Shima a dead duck? Sure he had lost about \$1,000,000. Certainly he didn't have a nickel. He had something that was better than cash, though. He had an A-1 credit rating and a reputation that his word was better than the bond of a lot of people. He had a reputation, too, as a shrewd and lucky operator.

"Shima went to San Francisco. He called on Dubar-Hansen, and

on George A. Webster. He saw William R. Lazlier and Jacobs, Malcom & Burt. He hustled around. Everyone knew about the frost, but they knew about Shima, too.

"The plantings in the Delta in those days were Oregon Burbank potatoes. Shima came back to Stockton with commitments from the commission merchants he had called on. He could have the seed potatoes he needed, on his own terms.

"The planting started and continued day and night. Tenants were reassured. Workmen were hired. Farming rigs were obtained and put to work.

"Within 100 days after the planting a bumper crop was harvested. The war in Europe was warming up. Prices were high. Shima is reputed to have cleared \$1,000,000 on his operations. His tenants made almost as much.

"Everyone was happy except the prophets of doom who had orated so loudly that 'Shima is washed up.'

Later Shima went into larger operations. He rotated his crops, he took a terrific gamble on celery with a first planting of 2500 acres, bringing in L. B. Hadley, one of the state's celery experts, into the deal as a share tenant.

Nor have oldtimers forgotten Shima's packing of potatoes.

His word was, "Pack 'em heavy," and his sacks were heavier than the minimum.

"Crazy like a fox," they said of Shima.

Vagaries

Breakfast Club . . .

Joe E. Brown, subbing for Don McNeill on the Breakfast Club show for ABC out of Chicago, recently interviewed a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team from Hawaii and recalled the wartime exploits of the famous Japanese American Combat Team. The famous comic performed for the men of the 442nd during the war and was one of the first entertainers to blast West Coast hoodlumism against returning evacuees of Japanese ancestry back in 1945.

TV Program . . .

Yoshiko Yamaguchi, tentatively scheduled to make her TV debut in a dramatic role in the hour-long television feature, "Your Stake in Japan," which was presented over CBS-TV by Life and Time magazines at the time of the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference, didn't appear after all. The role she was scheduled to take, that of a Japanese housewife, was played by Margaret Phillips, one of Broadway's top actresses . . . The Hokubei Mainichi reports that four San Franciscans, including two Nisei—Aki Omoto and Lily Seto—helped write the English titles for the Japanese film, "Kanashiki Kuchibue," which was presented on a double bill at the Bridge Theater for two weeks, starting at the time of the treaty conference. The other half of the bill was a feature-length documentary on postwar Japan. "Kanashiki Kuchibue" is the first Japanese feature to be shown to a non-Japanese theater-going public since before Pearl Harbor when a number of art film theaters screened a feature called "Kimiko." . . . It's reported that Yoshiko Yamaguchi's "Akatsuki No Dasso," filmed in Japan, may also be presented soon with English titles in San Francisco.

News World . . .

Printer's ink: Koh Tatai, a recent graduate of the University of Utah with a master's degree in journalism, joined the editorial staff of the Oakland, Calif., Tribune two weeks ago . . . Ken Adachi is the new editor of the New Canadian of Toronto, Ont., succeeding Toyo Takata . . . Jack Iwata, Nisei cameraman from Los Angeles, impressed the San Francisco office of RCA with his enterprise, according to the Nichi-Bei Times. Iwata and his camera covered the Japanese Treaty Conference for Kyodo, the Japanese news agency. He was competing with cameramen for other Japanese newspapers and services, one element of competition being to get the prints first to RCA where radiophotos were sent to Tokyo. On one set of prints Iwata and a rival cameraman reached the RCA building together. While the other photog waited for an elevator, Iwata ran up the seven flights of stairs and got in the office first with the films.

The Denver Post last Sunday devoted eight columns and a half page to the reproduction of a "documented map of forced labor camps in Soviet Russia" which Rep. O. K. Armstrong, R., Mo., handed Russia Andrei Gromyko at the Japanese Peace Treaty Conference in San Francisco. Gromyko looked at the map and then tossed it down in the aisle of the San Francisco Opera House. It was retrieved by Bill Hosokawa, the Denver Post's correspondent at the conference.

Truly Lulu . . .

"Shina No Yoru," probably the most popular Japanese ballad in the past decade, is now being played on U.S. disc jockey shows and probably will show up in the nation's juke boxes shortly. The song, composed by Nobuyuki Takeoka, is called "Truly Lulu" in the new American version, although a translation of its Japanese title would be "China Night." Because of the war in Korea the word "China" was dropped by the U.S. publishers, Clare Music. The new version has lyrics written by Mrs. J. F. Brunka. It has been recorded by the Buddy Morrow orchestra for RCA Victor. If "Truly Lulu" makes the Hit Parade, it will be the second tune of Oriental origin to do so in recent months. The first was "Rose, Rose, I Love You," written by a Chinese songsmith in Hongkong . . . Japanese recordings of "Shina No Yoru" already are being played on juke boxes in some Army camps.

Box-Score on Race Relations: Marginal Group Morale

By ELMER R. SMITH

A fourth and very important factor in the psychological study of morale has been found to be the conviction that members of a given group can do something to improve their conditions as a group. Accomplishments of the group in terms of goals play a very important part in this respect. This involves two specific things—the statement of a clear program, and the activities which revolve around the program. These things rest largely upon the ability of national and local leaders to show

the persons concerned how they can help, and to carry to them the conviction that if they work hard enough they may win out. The defects of certain aspects of a given program should not be covered up, but the leaders should make these defects be seen in the perspective of the whole program. In this connection, a certainty that plans have been drawn, and a general understanding of the progress being made in the working out of the plans should be the obligation of the leaders within the group.

There is another obligation of leaders to the members of the group if high morale is to be maintained. This involves the education of the members of the group as to their individual contributions to the success of the movement. Many times morale breaks down and the group dissolves because the individuals are not clear as to what they themselves can contribute to the overall picture. This very often demands that the goals should be presented to the members in broader terms than the specific plans call for. This makes possible a more general type of activity upon the part of the individuals in the group, and thus tends to make them feel that they are doing something for the "cause."

Finally, morale is dependent upon a sense of advance, as was suggested earlier in this discussion. It is not enough to know that there is a goal and that techniques have been set up for its attainment. Persons actually have to feel themselves moving. "Nothing succeeds like success." The various

steps made in the advancement toward the goal need to be kept constantly before the eyes of the members and by so doing a general tendency toward success is established, and this acts as a stimulant for still more achievement. "Success" in this sense must always be defined in relation to the goals which the individuals or the group have set for themselves.

In the study of minority and racial groups it is a basic assumption that the great majority of the members of such groups have basically common experiences within the "greater society." For example it would be assumed that all persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States have to a more or less greater degree common experiences and problems because they are classed by the greater community as persons belonging to the group identified as "Japanese." This hypothesis may be carried even further and become more specific. We may say in general that the total atmosphere enveloping all Nisei also envelop the members of the Japanese American Citizens League or the Nisei members in a given community. This proposition takes us even further in our analysis where one is able to state in a categorical manner that all Nisei find themselves in a similar position because they are "marginal men and women." On the basis of our analysis of morale, all marginal people have marginal morale, thus, a study or an analysis of Nisei groups and Nisei group identification

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PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

Tsugawa Sees Action as Pioneers Lose

First Nisei college gridders to see action in a regularly scheduled game on the mainland this season is Jimmy Tsugawa, little halfback for Lewis and Clark College of Portland. The Pioneers, unbeaten during the 1950 season, lost their opener this year to San Francisco State by a 34 to 40 score last Saturday. Tsugawa, a freshman, saw considerable action... Joe Komada, Loyola University's big tackle, is of Swedish ancestry. Once interviewed by a Nisei reporter, Komada said that his family had once received a Japanese newspaper apparently for free... The college team which annually has the largest number of Nisei players (last year its roster included eleven) is the University of Hawaii's Rainbows who are now on the mainland for games against Tulsa, Brigham Young at Provo, Utah, and Cincinnati. Hawaii opened its season last week with an 8 to 2 victory over the Honolulu Town team... Wait Takeda, regular guard for Sacramento high last year, now is on the Sacramento JC team. Ken Kimura, Hawaiian interscholastic star, probably will start the season in the backfield for the Red Raiders of Southern Oregon.

Report Red Sox, Cubs Bid for Nishita

In Japanese sports circles, impressed by the pitching ability of the University of California's Bill Nishita, there's talk that the Chicago Cubs and the Boston Red Sox are the two teams forming the advance echelon of baseball clubs which are interested in the Nisei portside... Nishita pitched the Nisei club from Wahiawa on Oahu to two victories over Waseda, champions of the Big Six University League, and also a triumph over Japan's non-professional all-stars... Shun Yogi, one of Hawaii's better infielders, is now in the Army and recently played third base and batted leadoff for the GI team which won the territorial service baseball championship.

Hirayama Rambles on Return to Gridiron

Flober Hirayama highlighted a special Sunday scrum of the Fresno State Bulldogs with a sparkling 70-yard ramble to a touchdown. Nearly every player on the opposing team had a shot at Hirayama during his jaunt to the goal. Fresno's Coach Duke Jacobs is counting on the speedy Nisei back, who stole some 40 bases for the Fresno State baseball team during the past season, to be the "Mr. Outside" of the Bulldog offense... Dick Karasawa will be in the backfield again for Caltech's Engineers in the Southern California Conference. Karasawa was Caltech's best running back last season... The College of Idaho has lost its star quarterback, Herb Imanaka, through graduation but has a 165-pound guard named Rich Takara.

Nisei Stars Play for High School Teams

With the preps: Ben Makashima, 130-pound quarterback for Grant Union of Sacramento, saw action as his team defeated Red Bluff, 13 to 0, in their opening game... Maynard Nomura is a backfield hope for Queen Anne of Seattle... Seven of the ten Hawaiian high school stars who enrolled at Compton College in California recently, bypassing the University of Hawaii where most of them were believed headed, were members of Iolani's Red Raiders, Honolulu football champions, last year. The group includes Noboru Yonamine, Wally's younger brother and a 160-pound halfback... Smoky Sakurada notes from Chicago that Dave Nakaya, right guard for Hyde Park High, saved his team from a whitewash when he tackled an Englewood ball carrier behind the goal line for a safety. Englewood won the traditional battle 25 to 2. Nakaya is a younger brother of Ruth and Martha Nakaya of the Chicago JACL chapter... Coach Jim Muir of Campbell, Calif., Union High is beaming over his new halfback, Jim Namba, a transfer from Lodi, Calif., where he starred last year in the backfield for the Flames. Namba, 155 pounds and 5 feet 7, has been powering his way through the opposition in scrimmages and is expected to carry the mail for Campbell during the Santa Clara Athletic League season. Namba also will be used as a linebacker.

Fresno, San Jose Schedule "Rubber" Game

The "rubber" game of the hottest baseball rivalry between mainland Nisei teams will be played off on Sept. 22 when the Fresno Nisei All-Stars entertain the San Jose Zebras at State College park. George Abo, the former Fresno State College batting star, pitched the Zebras to a victory over Fresno in the first game, while the Raisin City team retaliated two weeks ago when George Fujioka hurled them to a 7 to 4 win in San Jose. A victory for Fresno may clarify their claim to the national Nisei baseball championship, although a number of other teams, in addition to the Zebra, probably would contest it. Among the teams are Nisei Trading of Los Angeles, the Lodi AC, Placer JACL, the Seattle Savoy and the Harbor Skippers of San Pedro, Calif., who won the Nisei Week Festival game against the Los Angeles YBA.

Okada Insurance Leads Salt Lake Majors

As of last week Okada Insurance, former National JACL champions, were in first place in the Salt Lake Majors with 9 wins and 3 losses. The Okadas, now in their second year in the Salt Lake circuit, are believed to be the first Nisei team to be given a franchise in a major league on the mainland since the lifting of the ABC's ban on non-Caucasians in 1950. Members of the Okadas are Dr. Jun Kurumada (slated to be a member of the Salt Lake City team in an Intermountain inter-city tourney soon), Ken Takeno, Maki Kaizumi, Wat Masaka and George Kishida. The latter's 627 series was tops in major league play last week... The West Los Angeles JACL's 10-team league got under way last week at El Rancho Bowl... The Fresno Nisei bowling league will sponsor the 3rd annual Mid-State Nisei championship at Playdium Bowl in Fresno on Dec. 1 and 2... Mr. and Mrs. Fuzzy Shimada recently won the mixed doubles tourney at Marina Bowl in San Francisco, taking home \$200 and a trophy... The team of Paul Yasui and Bud Louie of Sacramento are currently leading the doubles division of the annual State Fair Classic at Sacramento Bowl with a 1305 score... With a trip to Chicago to the National Match Game championships as the prize, some 40 of the territory's top bowlers have entered the Territorial Match Game championships which open on Sept. 22 at the Honolulu Bowling Center. The tourney consists of 40 games, rolled in series of five games on eight consecutive Saturdays. Total pinfall will determine the winner. Among the early entries are such Hawaiian Nisei stars as Tad Nagasawa and Gene Akamine who became the first Nisei to compete in the ABC national tourney this year at St. Paul and Hal

Five Nisei Boxers Leave On Japan Tour

HONOLULU—A squad of ten of Hawaii's best amateur boxers, including five Nisei, left here on Sept. 17 by plane for a series of bouts in Japan.

The junket by the Hawaiian leather-pushers marks the second half of the "home and home" series of bouts with the Japanese amateur champions. The Japanese team left here recently after winning a majority of their bouts against leading territorial amateurs.

Members of the Hawaiian team are:

Flyweights: Mitsu Okuda and George Nii.

Bantams: Ronald Shimabukuro and Walter Sawamura.

Feathers: Cyril Akamoto and Sherman Dudoit.

Lightweights: Aladino Gusman and Johnny Kaheaku.

Welterweight: Dickie Wong.

Middleweight: Dalfus Brown.

Accompanying the team were Jack Bothelmo, manager; Henry Oshiro, coach, and Timo Phillips, trainer.

California Nisei Golf Tourney Set For Pebble Beach

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The California Nisei championship golf tournament will be held on the famous Pebble Beach golf course at Del Monte, Frank Shimada, secretary of the Garden City Club of San Jose, sponsors of the event, announced this week.

National JACL Bowling Meet To Start Feb. 29 in Denver

DENVER—The 6th annual National JACL bowling tournament will be held at the Bowl-Mor Lanes and Recreation Alleys in Denver on Feb. 29, March 1 and 2, the Denver Nisei Bowling Association announced this week.

Plans for the national tourney, held last year in Los Angeles, were discussed by officials of the Denver league and Masao W. Satow, national director of the JACL, during the latter's recent visit to Denver.

Ogata, Wilbur Fujii, Sats Inouye, Dick Nishizawa, Paul Aoto, Larry Mekata (1949 National JACL singles champion), Chick Sarae and Spike Nakayama... Ogata and Akamine are members of the Honolulu Bowling Center team which won the fifth annual Hawaii invitational bowling tournament over the Labor Day weekend at the Honolulu Center. Akamine also finished fourth in all-events in the tourney while five other Nisei were in the top ten. They were Ogata, Fujii, Masa Watasaki, Hisa Hisamoto and Taro Miyasato.

Placer JACL Team Invited Back Next Year

The Placer JACL team received a special commendation last week from the directors of the Placer-Nevada League, one of the strongest non-professional circuits in Northern California, and an invitation to enter the team again next year. There was some doubt, at the time the Nisei club was entered in the league last spring whether they could measure up to league strength. The JACL club proceeded to prove themselves one of the league's top teams, finishing in the first division of the eight-club organization. The other seven teams are town teams from Auburn, Roseville, Lincoln, Grass Valley, Nevada City, Colfax and Placerville. The JACL entry was listed as the Penryn team although it included players from Loomis and Newcastle... Jim Hideo Sato, probably the top Nisei tennis player in tournament play this year, reached the finals of the doubles in the junior veterans division of the annual Pacific Southwest tournament in Los Angeles last week. He and Major Thomas Bonner lost to John E. Woodall and Willis A. Anderson, 3-6, 6-3, 0-6. The Sato-Bonner pair upset the No. 1 seeded team of Frank Shields and John Kelleher in the quarter-finals. Sato also was seeded 5th in the junior veterans singles and reached the quarter finals... Paul Hashimoto pitched Nisei Trading of Los Angeles to a 7 to 4 win over the L.A. Times team to keep the Nisei club in the running for the Municipal League championship.

Guard Frank Kawamura was a defensive standout as Elk Grove, Calif., High defeated the Grant Union jayvees of Sacramento, 18 to 10, last week... Togo Yoshioka is one of four expected to play a major role in the football fortunes of Lincoln High of San Jose... Yukio Shimamura is on the roster at Ogden, Utah High... Pete Kondo, former star third baseman of the old L.A. Nippons, is back in Los Angeles for a visit. Kondo was seriously injured 18 years ago in an auto accident while returning from a baseball game in the Imperial Valley. Although prompt medical care saved his life, Kondo's legs were paralyzed and he has not walked since the day of the crash. He has been living in Louisiana in recent years. While in Los Angeles his address is Room 601, Miyako Hotel... Late word from the State Fair Bowling Classic in Los Angeles is that Wat Tsugawa and Yas Matsui are now in second place in the doubles with 1156-146—1302. Larry Ishisaka of Sacramento is third in the singles with a score of 593-90—683.

Rafu Shimpo's Maestro reports that Don Nariki, star back for Gardental College's Tigers who have lost speedster Joe Maruyama to the Army. Maruyama, incidentally, is reported to be playing for a GI eleven in Maryland... Nob Kitada, halfback for Santa Ana College, is one of the lightest Nisei in jaycee competition. He hits the Fowler, Calif., High varsity this year while the B team includes Itaru Tokubo and John Nakamura.

Ohio State Eyes NCAA Swim Crown as Nisei Star Enrolls

COLUMBUS, O.—Ford Hiroshi Konno of Honolulu, one of the most publicized athletes to enroll at Ohio State University in recent years, was scheduled to arrive here this week from Hawaii by plane to enter the university as a freshman.

The 18-year old Konno won the national 800 and 1500-meter freestyle titles at Detroit in July and is considered the leading United States hope for the two events in the Olympic Games.

Konno's registration at Ohio State will mark the end of months of speculation during which the young Nisei swimming star was

Evelyn Kawamoto Enrolls at Hawaii U.

HONOLULU — Evelyn Kawamoto, three-time national women's champion in the 300-meter individual medley and one of the nation's outstanding women swimmers, is enrolling at the University of Hawaii this month.

A June graduate of McKinley High School in Honolulu, in the same class with Ford Konno, the 17-year old Nisei girl is Hawaii's outstanding woman swimmer at the present time. She and Thelma Kalama, former national free-style champion, returned last month from a trip to Japan where they competed in the Japanese national championships. Miss Kawamoto also set new international records in Japan for the 200-meter breast-style events.

reported considering enrollment at various mainland institutions, including Michigan State and Stanford University. Actually, Konno is said to have made up his mind early this summer when Herb Kobayashi, captain of the 1950-51 Ohio State swimming team, met him with the advantages of the Buckeye school.

With the addition of Konno and another Nisei star from Hawaii, Yoshinobu Oyakawa, this year, Coach Mike Peppe's Buckeyes are now considered a "shoo-in" for the Big Ten championship against Michigan's strong team and also may rate as favorites in the NCAA against defending champion Yale.

Because of the NCAA's action this year making freshmen eligible for varsity athletic competition, both Konno and Oyakawa are expected to perform for the Ohio State varsity. Oyakawa, territorial backstroke champion, finished fourth in the National AAU 100-meter backstroke at Detroit.

In addition to Konno and Oyakawa, Coach Peppe also has a national champion in the sprints in Richard Cleveland of Honolulu, as well as Herb Kobayashi and most of last year's strong team.

It is believed here that Kobayashi may have been influential in making up Konno's mind since both are proteges of Coach Yushito Segawa of the Nishimura YMCA in Honolulu. In addition, such former Ohio State stars in Hawaii as Keo Nakama, Takashi (Halo) Hirose and Bill Smith, Jr., also extolled Ohio State's advantages to Konno.

Konno's national duels against Yale's John Marshall which started at Seattle in the National AAU championships in 1950 probably will be continued in the NCAA meet this year. Konno lost his first three races against Marshall in Seattle in the 400, 800 and 1500-meter events but has not been defeated by Marshall since that time. Konno has defeated Marshall in the ten times the pair have met since then, in Japan in 1950 and at the National AAU meet in Detroit.

Following the Detroit meet late in July, Konno made an extensive tour of the United States, appearing in exhibition races in Florida and Los Angeles before returning to Honolulu on Aug. 31.

The Nisei swimming star left Honolulu by plane on Sept. 18 for the mainland.

Trial Date Set for Two Holdup Suspects

LOS ANGELES — Two men charged with the holdup of a Los Angeles tailor will go on trial on Oct. 1 in Superior Court.

Josei Kanagusuku, 27, and Godofredo Lagaret, 20, partly of Japanese ancestry, were indicted last week for the robbery of Jintaro Nakashima on July 9.

They pleaded not guilty to the charges of robbery and carrying a deadly weapon.

Wins Bronze Star

WITH THE 5TH ARMY IN KOREA—Master Sgt. Masao Ishimaru, Mountain View, Hawaii, was awarded a Bronze Star recently for "outstanding performance of duty."

Elmer Smith: Marginal Group Morale

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cation will tend to be a study of Nisei morale in general. The above statement may be to a certain extent, offensive to some Nisei. However, a serious study of recent published material will tend to bear out this hypothesis. The published material supporting this proposition might be listed as follows: Carey McWilliams, "Prejudice, Japanese Americans," E. E. Mears, "Resident Orientals on the American Pacific Coast," E. K. Strong, "The Second-Generation Japanese Problem," Forest E. LaViolette, "Americans of Japanese Ancestry," A. W. Lind, "Hawaii's Japanese," John A. Rademaker, "These Are Americans," Morton Grodzin, "Americans Betrayed," Bradford Smith, "Americans From Japan," E. R. Smith, "The Japanese in Utah," Bloom and Riemer, "Removal and Return."

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ishikawa a girl, Rona, on Aug. 9 in Salinas, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sakase-gawa a girl, Kathleen Keiko, on Sept. 5 in Salinas.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Hiroshi Otono a boy on Aug. 24 in Selma, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mosse M. Chida, Oroville, Calif., a boy on Aug. 24.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takayoshi Yagawa a girl, Patricia Lynn, on Aug. 27 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Teruo Masuda, Inglewood, Calif., a girl, Charlene Hisae, on Aug. 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Knewbow (nee Chiyo Asawa) a girl, Susan Eiko, on Aug. 27 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Tomimama a boy, Tim Saburo, on Aug. 26 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mareo Henry Masunaka, Pasadena, Calif., a girl, Carrie Minoli, on Aug. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Iwao Nakamoto a boy, Ted Alan, on Aug. 27 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Shioji a girl, Patricia Lynn, on Sept. 1 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Kawamura a boy, James Brian, on Sept. 1 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tokumitsu Matsumoto, Wilmington, Calif., a girl, Aileen Tsuruko, on Sept. 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mochiu Ishida, Hawthorne, Calif., a girl, Carolyn Mae, on Sept. 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Eichi Ugu a boy, David Sakae, on Aug. 29 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Konomoto a boy, Richard Mitsuo, on Aug. 31 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masaru Umemoto a boy, Robert Neil, on Aug. 20 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yasuo Shinzaki, San Diego, Calif., a boy on Aug. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frederick M. Fukushima, San Diego, Calif., a girl on Aug. 31.

To Mr. and Mrs. Satoshi Kido a boy on Aug. 17 in San Diego.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kay Fujishin a girl, Marcy, on Aug. 27 in Portland, Ore.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mayeda a girl on Sept. 11 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Minato a girl on Sept. 13 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tomiichi Hirai a girl on Sept. 3 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mac Nakayama a girl on Sept. 4 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nobuyuki Kawarata a girl on Aug. 31 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Akira Saito a boy on Sept. 14 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Junie S. Tsubasa a girl on Aug. 30 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shuzo Ikegami a boy, Eugene, on Aug. 26 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tanigawa, Sacramento, Calif., a girl on Sept. 1.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Take-

uchi a girl on Sept. 6 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanjo a boy on Sept. 6 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ted Tokio Otani, Sanger, Calif., a boy on Sept. 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. George M. Miyake, Fowler, Calif., a boy on Aug. 28.

To the Rev. and Mrs. H. Izumi a boy, James Kazuo, on Sept. 9 in Oakland, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Furusho a boy, Robert, on Aug. 10 in Eugene, Ore.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tatsuo Hasegawa a girl, Carol, on Aug. 31 in New York City.

To the Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Nakadegawa a girl on Sept. 5 in Ogden, Utah.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kay K. Matsumoto a boy on Sept. 5 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. George M. Sakai a girl on Sept. 3 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Leo Ohashi a girl on Sept. 16 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jiro Okikawa a girl on Sept. 15 in Colusa, Calif.

DEATHS

Magojiro Zaiman in Omaha, Neb., on Sept. 1.

Heisaburo Hashimoto on Sept. 11 in West Covina, Calif.

Tanisaburo Urashima, 64, Copperfield, Utah, on Sept. 14.

Kinami Kondo on Aug. 26 in Chicago.

Tsune Ishida, 57, on Sept. 8 in Chicago.

Seichi T. Sanbo, 52, Bellevue, Wash., on Sept. 12.

Tsuneichi Ohama, 84, on Sept. 16 in Stockton, Calif.

Mura Yasukawa (Mrs. Fukuhei Yasukawa), 59, on Sept. 17 in Cupertino, Calif.

Yoshino Nagano, Morro Bay, Calif., on Sept. 15.

MARRIAGES

Yoshiko Sakuma to Toshio Shishido on Sept. 2 in Guadalupe, Calif.

May Takukawa to Ben Kimura on Sept. 8 in San Francisco.

Mary Kato to Kunio Ishii, San Francisco, on Sept. 16 in San Mateo, Calif.

Lillian Inouye to John Matsudaira on Sept. 8 in Seattle.

Esther Hiyama to Dr. George Kittaka on Sept. 9 in Chicago.

Fuku Mary Oizumi to Masuo Jim Shirasago, Hardin, Mont., on Sept. 7 in Ontario, Ore.

Grace Setsuko Tokuyama to Steven Hachiro Sakai on Sept. 16 in Los Angeles.

Katsuko Yamasaki to Pfc. Yoneo Yashiro, Fort Lee, Va., on Sept. 8 in Los Angeles.

Dorothy Tomiko Mochizuki to Katsumi Miyagishima on Sept. 16 in Los Angeles.

Kazuko Matsufuji to George Okazaki on Sept. 16 in Los Angeles.

Misao Takasugi to Ben Hisashi Yokotake on Sept. 16 in Los Angeles.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Ruth A. Niya, 37, San Leandro,

Nisei Farmers Win Blue Ribbons at San Jose Fair

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Entries by Japanese American farmers won blue ribbons at the Santa Clara County Fair last week.

The Sugishita Brothers took firsts in tomatoes, cantaloupes and New England field pumpkins.

The Sakauye Brothers took first places in Pearson tomato seeds, Half-long carrots and Table Suen squash. T. Kishimura's bell peppers took a blue ribbon as did the brown garlic entered by Shig Yamane of Gilroy.

Nakamura Named Athletic Chairman

WORLAND, Wyo.—Tosh Nakamura of Kirby has been appointed athletic chairman of the Northern Wyoming JACL, replacing Rick Shimogaki, who is now in the Army.

Appointment was made by Pres. Kaz Uriu.

The chapter has entered another strong team in the American League of the Worland bowling alleys, where they will meet top competition in the city. Team members are Kaz Uriu, Haruki Shimogaki, Kay Nakamura, Tsugio Nakamura, Tosh Nakamura, Warren Ujifusa, George Sumida and Bob Sumida.

The team is accredited by the American Bowling Congress and has issued a challenge to meet any other team similarly recognized by the ABC.

Any team wishing to meet the Wyoming Nisei should contact Tosh Nakamura, Kirby, Wyo.

See Joint Action For Repeal of Canadian Law

VANCOUVER, B.C.—Joint action between organized Canadian citizens of Japanese and Chinese ancestry to work for the repeal of sections of Canada's immigration laws which are considered discriminatory to persons of Asian ancestry was forecast here following the recent visit of Ted T. Aoki, national president of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association.

The New Citizen, a Chinese Canadian newspaper published in Vancouver, reported Aoki conferred with leaders of Vancouver's Chinese Canadian community to sound out their views on a proposal to send a joint brief to the Minister of Immigration.

Calif., and Martin H. Dickson, 40, in Oakland, Calif.

Anna Toshiko Hirakawa to Robert Seishi Nagata on Sept. 9 in Chicago.

Pauline Hayakawa, 23, and Floyd S. Shiosaki, 24, Spokane, in Seattle.

Ruby C. Nishiguchi, 30, and Tadamichi Sato, 28, in Seattle.

Suga Fujii, 55, and Jinichi Nakamura, 53, both of Berkeley, Calif., in Oakland.

Mary Goishi, 25, and Masato Toki, 28, in San Francisco.

Mary Teruko Oki, 27, and Yashinari Miyata, 25, both of Piedmont, Calif., in Oakland.

ADC Program Loses Backer As Texas Legislator Resigns

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The JACL ADC national legislative program lost another strong supporter when Representative Ed Gossett (D., Tex.), resigned from his seat to re-enter the private practice of law in his native state, the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported this week.

Mr. Gossett was first elected to the 76th Congress in 1938 and has served six consecutive terms. A member of the House Judiciary Committee and of its Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, he was considered one of the congressional experts in this latter field.

He was the only member of the present subcommittee who served on the Immigration Committee when it was a separate standing committee. Under the Reorganization Act of 1946, the Immigration Committee became a subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee.

Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, described his resignation as a "great loss to our general legislative program." He recalled that as a Texan, Congressman Gossett took great pride in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team of Japanese Americans and felt that "nothing was too good for the Nisei boys who rescued the Lost Texas Battalion in France in 1944." In fact, Congressman Gossett participated in the ceremonies at which the first Nisei war dead of World War II were interred at Arlington National Cemetery. One of the dead was Private First Class Saburo Tanamachi of Texas.

During the war, Rep. Gossett was among those who steered the bill extending immigration and naturalization rights to the Chinese through the House. He later sparked the bills extending these same privileges to the East Indians and Filipinos.

He was among the first to recognize the justice in extending equality in immigration and naturalization privileges to the Japanese. He sponsored a bill that passed the House to grant citizenship to the gold star parents of the Nisei veterans but the Senate refused to approve it.

He wrote the reports for the House Judiciary Committee on the Walter Bill for Naturalization for the Issei and the Judd Bill for equality in both immigration and naturalization for the Japanese and other peoples. He led the fight for both bills in the House during the 81st Congress, paying eloquent tribute to the Nisei veterans of the 442nd in speeches on the House floor during the debate on these measures.

"Rep. Gossett, like Rep. Fellows, who passed away last week, was a great friend and champion of the Japanese in America," Masaoka said. "Their departure from the halls of Congress will make it more difficult to secure passage of legislation extending immigration and naturalization privileges to all peoples and races, for they were among the foremost advocates of

Monterey Chapter Tells Plans for Autumn Dinner-Dance

MONTEREY, Calif.—The Surf Room of the famous Beach Club located on the scenic 17-Mile Drive will be the site of the Monterey Peninsula JACL's autumn dinner-dance Sunday, Oct. 14.

All facilities of the Beach Club will be available for guests, including the famous, exacting Pebble Beach golf course and the heated, salt water swimming pool. The Beach Club will be open to the Nisei from 5 p.m. till 12:30 a.m.

A limited number of guest tickets will be placed on sale in surrounding peninsula cities. Mickey Ichijui and Pet Haruo Nakasako, co-chairmen, are in charge of guest ticket sales.

Hoshito Miyamoto will handle general arrangements at the Beach Club, assisted by Henry Tanaka. Also on the committee are Jimmy Tabata and Kaz Oka.

Wins Election

CRESTON, B.C.—The owner of a Creston electrical appliance shop is the first Japanese Canadian to be elected president of a Kiwanis organization.

He is Tak Toyota, 32.

Toyota, who moved to Creston five years ago from the interior housing center for Japanese Canadian evacuees at Slocan, now operates the largest appliance shop in Creston Valley.

racial equality in federal laws for Orientals."

The death last week of Representative Frank Fellows (R., Maine) and the resignation of Rep. Gossett leaves the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization with only four members. Two new members will be added either when the House reconvenes on Sept. 12 or when the next session begins in January 1952. The attitudes of the new members may determine whether legislation for equality in immigration and naturalization will become law within the immediate future.

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Government Will Pay Evacuee For Abandoned Properties

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Evacuation losses caused by destruction, abandonment including constructive abandonment by involuntary gift, and repossession by a conditional vendor are compensable items within the meaning of the evacuation claims act, the Department of Justice notified the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this week.

The precedent-making adjudication involved a Los Angeles couple who, prior to evacuation, owned a considerable amount of household effects. Because they were not permitted to take this property along with them to the assembly center, they tried to dispose of it by sale. They were successful in part, selling all of the property except a phonograph, records, books, pictures, and a piano.

Since they could not find storage for the remaining property, they proceeded to destroy the records and books and to "give away" the phonograph. This, says the Department of Justice, was tantamount to abandonment. Also abandoned were six framed pictures.

The piano was returned to the seller from whom they had bought it under a conditional bill of sale. The return of the instrument extinguished the balance still due on the selling price of the piano.

Since the several dispositions were reasonable under the circumstances of evacuation, the Department of Justice authorized the payment of an award covering these losses.

Los Angeles Group To Hear Discussion Of Claims Procedure

LOS ANGELES—The new compromise settlement procedure in the evacuation claims program will be the subject of discussion at a luncheon meeting to be held on Sept. 27 at Chew's Cafe, it was announced by Harry Honda, president of the Downtown JACL chapter.

David McKibbin, special JACL attorney on evacuation claims, will lead the discussion and explain the new compromise settlement forms recently mailed to all claimants by the Department of Justice.

This is believed to be the first of a series of meetings to be called by JACL chapters in Southern California.

The luncheon will begin at noon. Following McKibbin's presentation, a question and answer period will begin at 1 p.m. for those who can remain. Reservations may be made with the JACL regional office in the Miyako Hotel, phone Madison 6-4471.

Mexico Independence To Be Celebrated

LOS ANGELES—A two-day celebration of Mexican Independence Day will be held Sept. 22 and 23 at the Soto-Michigan Jewish Community Center, 213 N. Soto St., in the Straus Auditorium.

Among special guests who will speak or give greetings are Salvador Duhat, consul general; Councilman Edward R. Roybal; Consuelo De Bonzo; Rabbi I. Rackovsky, president of the Rabbinical Council of Southern California; Tats Kushida, regional director of the JACL; Ralph Guzman, editor, CSO Reporter; and the Rev. William H. Stevens, Jr., Grace Methodist Church.

New York JACL Plans Symposium On Iconography

NEW YORK—An "Iconographic symposium" will follow the regular meeting of the New York Chapter JACL on Thursday, Sept. 27, at the Japanese Methodist Church, 323 West 108 Street.

The business portion of the meeting will begin at 8:30 p.m., according to Tom Enochy, chairman of the Cultural Committee.

Participating in the symposium on iconography—the art of representation by pictures or images—will be Mac Oike and Morton Strauss. Mr. Oike is a well-known painter and sculptor, a member of the Art Students League and the East-West Art Group, and has had his work exhibited in Los Angeles, Chicago, and New York. Mr. Strauss, an amateur photographer, is a member of the Inwood Camera Club and the Photographic Society of America. He is a judge, exhibitor, and lecturer in photographic circles. Both speakers will show their exhibition paintings and prints and will discuss underlying ideas and methods about their respective art mediums.

Alice Fujita Wins Oratorical Contest

HONOLULU, T.H.—Alice Fujita of the United YBA of Maui was chosen winner of the Hawaii Federation of Young Buddhist Associations oratorical contest held during the territorial convention in August at Baldwin high school auditorium, Wailuku, Maui.

Miss Fujita won from among two other contestants. Her subject was "My Religion and My Country." She said, "Let us attend church regularly, actively participate in YBA work, and willingly cooperate in order to complete each task which we may be called upon to perform. Let us make Buddhism live in Hawaii! Let us gain renewed courage in this effort by the example of the valor of the noble sons of Hawaii who have died on the battlefields for their country."

The first place winner was presented the Satsuke Yasui memorial trophy and the perpetual trophy donated by the United YBA of Hawaii.

Second place was awarded to Albert Matano of the United YBA of Honolulu. He spoke on "The YBA, a Community Force." He emphasized that "most important is the respect that a YBA unit can enjoy through its work and cooperation in a community. This will eventually prepare the way for community leadership through individual members."

"Why is community leadership so necessary? The American community is the life blood of our nation. It is the nucleus that binds our country together. Here, the American ideal originates and expresses itself beyond our own borders. Then, doesn't it follow that we should start from within the community?" continued Mr. Matano. He received the United YBA of Maui trophy.

Sachie Tamekuni of the United YBA of Hawaii won the third prize and received the M. Tanioka Photo studio trophy. She spoke on "How Buddhism Can Be Applied to Our Present Society." She said, "Buddhism is wholly in keeping with the ideals of true democracy. Buddhism provides a definite purpose in life—the greater the service we render to society the deeper our satisfaction will be. It is our aim as Buddhists to shed happiness to all corners of the earth. The principles of right and peaceful living as revealed in the teachings of Lord Buddha are completely opposed to all types of class and racial segregation."

CITY OF DENVER PLANS TO BAR RACE COVENANTS

DENVER—Restrictive covenants will be made inoperative in new areas within the Denver city limits, according to information given by Mayor Quigg Newton to the Anti-Defamation League.

The ADL Letter reported that Mayor Newton had advised the organization that rules and regulations governing the city's approval of plats will be changed so as to prevent the operation of restrictive covenants.

President Signs Private Bills For Japanese

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The President has just signed three private bills benefitting persons of Japanese ancestry, the White House informed the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee on Sept. 13.

Two of the bills were sponsored by Senator Edwin C. Johnston (Dem., Colo.). One would permit Toshiaki Ishigo and his children Kiyoko and Chiyoko, the husband and children of Mrs. Haruo Louise Ishigo, an American citizen, to enter this country for permanent residence. The other would authorize the admittance for permanent residence of Mrs. Shizu Fujii and her son, Suenori, mother and brother, respectively, into the United States.

The third bill, sponsored by Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen (Rep., Ill.), provides that Kay Adel Snedeker, a minor Japanese child born in Japan, shall be considered the alien natural-born child of Charles W. Snedeker and his wife, Amelia Mary Snedeker, both citizens of the United States. The language of this legislation confers non-quota status upon the Japanese child for purposes of entry into the United States.

Placer Chapter Makes Plans for Claimants' Aid

PENRYN, Calif.—Plans are now being made to assist local evacuee claimants in the filling out of affidavit forms under the new compromise settlement law by the Placer JACL and the Placer Evacuation Claims Committee, according to Tom Yego, executive secretary of the committee and Frank Hirakawa, JACL president.

Trial sheets are being prepared and Japanese translations will be made available. Legal help is also being sought.

Claimants receiving the new government application forms and wishing assistance in filling them should wait for announcement of the date when the chapter and committee services will be offered.

Nears Completion of Navy Pilot Training

PENSACOLA, Fla.—Naval Aviation Cadet Harvey N. Kitaoka of Los Angeles is now undergoing four-month training in combat type aircraft at Corpus Christi, Tex.

Graduation from advanced training will win Cadet Kitaoka his Navy wings.

The Nisei trainee recently took off and landed his "Texan" trainer six successive times on the U.S.S. Monterey while cruising in the Gulf of Mexico. Cadet Kitaoka completed his aircraft carrier pilot qualifications on the cruise.

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Survivor of Hiroshima A-Blast Now Serving in U. S. Army

SEATTLE, Wash.—Of all the thousands of young Americans now training for military service and the possibility of action in an atomic war, probably none knows the horrors of such warfare better than Pvt. Gene Fujita of Seattle, according to Harold F. Osborne in the Seattle Times.

Fujita, 21, is a survivor of the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945.

Fujita and his mother, Mrs. Mary Fujita of 412 21st Ave., were burned and injured in that cataclysmic explosion and his father, Joseph, was killed.

Mrs. Fujita and her son suffered from radiation sickness for some time after the explosion and both received internal afflictions which will last through their lifetimes.

Strangely, Private Fujita, who is training as an Army medical-aid man at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., might have escaped the blast had he not refused to fight for Japan against his native United States.

In 1940 the Fujitas left South Bend, where the father was an oyster farmer, for a vacation to Japan. They were held there by the war.

They tried to make the best of it, and Gene entered high school there. In 1944, when American

B-29s were blasting Japanese cities, the youth was given the choice of joining the Japanese Army or becoming a first-aid specialist to assist after bombing attacks.

He refused the Army assignment and was put to work in Hiroshima in a government factory, with additional duties as a first-aid man.

When the B-29 carrying the atom bomb appeared over Hiroshima, young Fujita and ten other youths went to an air-raid shelter. Just as Fujita closed the door, there was a tremendous blast. Gene was burned on the hand, but afterwards picked his way through the city, giving aid where he could.

The main street of Hiroshima was so littered with dead Fujitas could hardly walk.

Mrs. Fujita, a beautician, was riding a street car in another part of the city at the time of the explosion. Her husband was riding the family motorcycle in the central portion of the city, where bomb damage was greatest. His body was never found, but the wrecked motorcycle was found by Mrs. Fujita and her son a few days later.

Mrs. Fujita was blown 30 feet from the street car by the blast.

"As I looked around afterwards, I thought I must be in some other city, or maybe dreaming," she said. "People were bleeding and burned all around."

"The sky was dark—probably from the dust that was blown up—and it was difficult to see...."

"When I could, I went to find my son and tried to help others as much as I could. I offered my blouse to several women whose clothes were burned completely off, but they were so badly burned they couldn't use it."

Mrs. Fujita recalled even more grisly experiences—such as finding a trolley car completely full of passengers, all sitting in natural positions—dead.

She and her son returned to this country in 1946.

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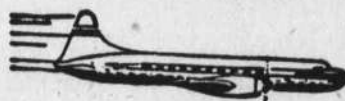
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