



Father Receives Medal for Hero Son



LOS ANGELES—The father of a Nisei war hero who was killed in Korea last year recently accepted the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest military decoration, which was presented posthumously to his son.

Rokusuke Otomo of Los Angeles accepted the medal for his son, Lieut. Bill Masayoshi Otomo, from Major Gen. William B. Kean, commanding general of the III Corps.

In a brief ceremony at Fort MacArthur Gen. Kean also presented Mr. Otomo with a Bronze Star medal with the "V" device for heroic achievement which also was presented to Lieut. Otomo.

Witnessing the presentation were (front) Mrs.

Yoneko Enro, sister of the Nisei hero, and her daughter, Joanne; Mr. Otomo; Gen. Kean and, (rear) Mr. and Mrs. Jitsuo Teruya (nee Mary Otomo).

The Distinguished Service Cross citation for Lieut. Otomo declared, in part:

"Although Lieut. Otomo was hit in the back by grenade fragments, he refused medical attention. Moving from position to position in the platoon area he continued to inspire and encourage his men. Lieut. Otomo's courage, outstanding leadership and cool judgment were an example to all concerned and prevented an enemy breakthrough at a critical point."—Rafu Shimpo photo from Toyo Miyatake Studio, Los Angeles.

Report 10 Nisei Soldiers Killed, Wounded in Korea

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Ten Nisei casualties in the Korean area were reported for the last two weeks of 1951 by the Department of Defense to the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

KILLED IN ACTION—

Pvt. Togo Okamura, son of Mr. and Mrs. Suyeichi Okamura, 1602 Geary Street, San Francisco, California (Previously reported missing in action).

PFC. Hisao Okimoto, son of Jinzuchi Okimoto, 1719 Hau Street, Honolulu, Oahu, Territory of Oahu.

Sgt. 1st Cl. Nobuji Yamagata, son of Mr. and Mrs. Haji Yamagata, Box 98, Kealahou, Hawaii, Territory of Hawaii.

Corporal Hitoshi Fujita, son of Mrs. Yurino Fujita, Box 203, Makaweli, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii.

PFC. Calvin T. Shimata, cousin of Arthur Izumizaki, 1718 Buchanan Street, San Francisco,

California (Previously reported missing in action).

DIED OF WOUNDS—

Pvt. Ralph S. Masatsugi, brother of Herbert S. Masatsugi, House 30, Ranch Camp, Waiialua, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.

WOUNDED—

Pvt. Yoshikazu Nakamura, brother of Tora Nakamura, Box 24, Spreckelsville, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

Cpl. Kenneth K. Nishihara, brother of Mrs. Thelma Fukui, 4940 Young Lee Village, Puunene, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

Sgt. 1st Class Stanley T. Miyahara, son of Kama Miyahara, Lahaina, Maui, Territory of Hawaii.

PFC. Kingo Teranishi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kunsuke Teranishi, 1201 South Van Buren, Stockton, California.

Nisei Student Killed in Crash Of Air Liner

ELIZABETH, N. J.—A Nisei graduate student at Harvard University, en route home to Florida for the Christmas holidays, was one of the 56 persons killed instantly in the crash of a commercial airliner here Dec. 13.

He was Frank Noro, a native of St. Petersburg, Fla., who boarded the ill-fated nonscheduled transport at Newark and died some seven minutes after the takeoff when the plane crashed in Elizabeth.

A cousin, Thomas Tanaka, a student at Columbia University, was among those who attended the funeral services last week in St. Petersburg.

The crash was the nation's second worst commercial air lines disaster.

Three Northern California Nisei Gls Killed in Korea

SAN FRANCISCO — Three San Francisco Bay area Nisei soldiers were reported killed in action with United Nations forces in Korea, according to information received by next of kin from the Defense Department last week.

They are Pfc. Togo Okamura and Pfc. Calvin T. Shimata, San Francisco, and Cpl. Jackson Tsuboi, Oakland.

Pfc. Okamura, 19, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Suyeichi Okamura, San Francisco, died on Nov. 23 in Korea.

Pfc. Shimata, 20, died on Oct.

800 During 1951

LOS ANGELES—Approximately 800 babies were born in Los Angeles to parents of Japanese or part-Japanese ancestry during 1951, the Rafu Shimpo estimated.

Total births in the City of Los Angeles were approximately 39,000.

26, according to information sent his cousin, Arthur Izumizaki, 1718 Buchanan St. Pfc. Shimata previously was reported missing in action.

Shimata's parents are in Yamaguchi prefecture, Japan. Born in the United States, he was taken to Japan by his parents when he was six years of age and returned to America after V-J day. He was attending high school in San Francisco when he was drafted in Jan., 1951.

Cpl. Tsuboi was killed in action on Dec. 13, according to a notice received by his widow, Mrs. Fumi Nagata Tsuboi, 5540 Crittenden St., Oakland. He was inducted about a year ago.

Pfc. Okamura was inducted only six months before his death in June, 1951, and was sent to Japan in October after basic training at Fort Ord. He managed the San Francisco Cardinals basketball team last year.

Supreme Court Sets Aside Ruling Restoring Citizenship To Two Wartime Strandeers

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Supreme Court on Jan. 2 set aside a Federal district court ruling in Hawaii which held that a section of the 1940 Nationality Act was unconstitutional in a case involving requests for restoration of United States citizenship by two Nisei who were stranded during World War II in Japan.

The high court, with Justices William O. Douglas and Hugo L. Black dissenting, told the district court to take another look at the citizenship cases of Kiyokuro Okimura and Hisao Murata who served in the Japanese army during World War II.

Judge J. Frank McLaughlin had ruled in Honolulu that Okimura and Murata could not be deprived of their citizenship, acquired by birth, unless they became naturalized in a foreign country.

The majority verdict also affected Judge McLaughlin's holding that a section of the 1940 Nationality Act, providing for the revocation of citizenship for U. S. nationals who serve in foreign armed forces, acquire nationality in a foreign country and participate in its elections, was unconstitutional.

The Supreme Court told the Honolulu court to hold a new hearing and make "specific findings" regarding the circumstances of the Nisei's military service for Japan.

The tribunal indicated it wanted more information about claims made by Okimura and Murata that they were forced, against their will, to bear arms for Japan.

The court order noted that Justice Douglas believed that Okimura and Murata went into the Japa-

nese army "under the compulsion of military sanctions, evidenced in some instances by physical beatings."

Okimura was teaching school in Japan when in 1942 he was ordered to report for Japanese army service. Murata went to Japan in 1940 and was taken into the Japanese army in 1943.

In his ruling on Sept. 12, 1951, Judge McLaughlin ruled Congress has no right to make laws divesting American-born citizens of their citizenship and ordered Okimura and Murata restored to United States citizenship.

The State Department had ruled the two Hawaii-born men had forfeited their citizenship when they applied for a passport to return to the United States after V-J day.

The Supreme Court's ruling also may affect the status of some 5,000 Nisei in Japan who are seeking to return to the United States.

Judge McLaughlin's ruling was appealed to the Supreme Court by the State Department.

Duress Cannot Be Assumed In Japanese Army Service Of Strandeers, Says Court

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The United States Supreme Court has ruled duress cannot be assumed in cases where American citizenship is restored to war-stranded Nisei who served in the Japanese army in World War II, the Washington office of JACL ADC declared this week following a study of the high court's opinion on Jan. 2 in the Okimura and Murata cases.

Mike Masaoka, JACL ADC legislative director, noted that in these two Hawaii cases, which were part of more than 50 appeals and miscellaneous matters acted on by the Supreme Court, the tribunal did not rule directly on the basic question whether the Nisei petitioners had lost their American citizenship or not by serving in the Japanese army.

Under the Nationality Act of 1940 an American citizen who serves in the army or armed forces of a foreign government loses his United States nationality, although in precedent-setting cases the judiciary has made exceptions where duress or physical compulsion has been proved.

Mr. Masaoka noted that, while vacating the lower court decision, the Supreme Court ordered the district court to obtain more information about the circumstances under which the men were inducted and served in the Japanese army.

Justice Black's dissenting opinion contended the lower court decision should have been affirmed and Justice Douglas argued the court in Honolulu already had sufficient information to show that services of the two Nisei to Japan were "rendered under compulsion of military and other sanctions, evidenced in some instances by physical beatings."

The single paragraph memorandum opinions on the Okimura and Murata cases were identical. They read:

"Judgment is vacated and case is remanded to district court for specific findings as to circumstances attending appellee's service in Japanese army and voting in Japanese elections and reasonable inferences to be drawn therefrom. Justice Black is of the opinion judgment should be affirmed. Jus-

tice Douglas, being of the view that findings are adequate to that services of the appellee to Japan were rendered under the compulsion of military and other sanctions, evidenced in some instances by physical beatings, dissents to vacation and remand."

The JACL ADC official said the tribunal's decision also is expected to affect several similar cases which have been decided by Federal courts on the mainland.

The decisions also are expected to settle procedures for future cases involving Nisei who served in the Japanese army and allegedly lost United States citizenship because of such service.

Strandeers Must Take Individual Action, Is View

LOS ANGELES — Every Nisei strandeer who lost and seeks to regain his American citizenship must continue to do so through individual court cases as a result of the Supreme Court ruling last Thursday in the Murata and Okimura cases, A. L. Wirin, attorney for the two Nisei, said this week.

Hope that further court cases to regain American citizenship for many Nisei strandeers would be ended by a sweeping favorable ruling from the court was broken when the high court reversed U. S. District Court Judge J. Frank McLaughlin in the Murata and Okimura cases, Wirin said.

The Supreme Court sent the cases back to Judge McLaughlin with instructions to make findings as to whether the acts under which they lost their citizenship were voluntary.

Both Hisao Murata and Kiyokuro Okimura were conscripted and served in the Japanese Army, thereby losing their American citizenship.

Judge McLaughlin, ruling for the Nisei, declared the U. S. Nationality Act unconstitutional.

In addition to Wirin, Fred Okrand of Los Angeles and Katsuro Miho of Honolulu represented the Nisei.

New Mexico Wife Learns Husband Is War Prisoner

GALLUP, N.M. — Mrs. Tsuruko Terry Miyamura learned recently that her husband, Cpl. Hiroshi Miyamura, was on the prisoner of war list turned over to the United Nations representatives on Dec. 18 by the Chinese Communists.

Cpl. Miyamura was previously reported missing in action.

Nisei Veterans Return from Korea

SEATTLE — Three Nisei veterans of the Korean war were among 21 Northern California servicemen who arrived in Seattle on Dec. 31 aboard the transport Gen. Simon B. Buckner.

They are Sgt. Takashi Otsuka, Oakland; Master Sgt. Charles H. Kawata, Hayward, and Sgt. 1st Cl. George Sakoi, Lodi.

CAPITAL MINISTER

Part of The Rev. Kuroda's War Story Is Still Secret

By HERB GORDON

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Rev. Andrew Y. Kuroda is an assistant minister at the First Evangelical and Reformed Church in Washington. He also is chief cataloguer and assistant chief of the Japanese section in the Library of Congress.

At first glance, he seems ideally suited to such calm, ministerial or scholarly pursuits.

He is a small man, although not necessarily so by Japanese standards, but he appears somewhat smaller than he actually is, and this may be due to his quiet, studious manner.

His face has a gentle, almost childlike quality. And his slender build becomes a man much given to books. A chronic sufferer of laryngitis, his voice has a delicate, husky tone. Because of this he dislikes speaking before large audiences. Yet, there probably is no Issei in the United States called upon more frequently to talk before groups, except a possible teacher or two, than the Rev. Kuroda.

He not only frequently delivers the major Sunday sermon at the First Evangelical and Reform church, before an audience composed almost exclusively of Caucasians; but also speaks in Japanese to the Issei congregation of the church, and, as the assistant minister in charge of youth for his congregation, is constantly speaking to younger audiences, as well as to a weekly Sunday school.

Nor do his speaking activities end at the church vestibule.

Whenever the Japanese community of Washington has occasion to meet in an activity where a religious touch is appropriate, the Rev. Kuroda is on hand.

He it is who inevitably is sought to eulogize war dead buried at Arlington National Cemetery, or to officiate at memorial observances in the park-like burial grounds.

He delivers benedictions at public gatherings, and he delivers the blessings.

Indeed, his is a voice well known to thousands, and he dislikes public speaking so very much.

In a sense, The Rev. Kuroda is a link in the American scene, the binder between the Issei and the Nisei, the bridge gulping the Japanese community and the general public. And, if Washington could boast no other Japanese of note—but indeed it can—the Japanese community could be thankful to this quiet, unostentatious Japanese—who would prefer the sanctuary of the Library of Congress to the public pulpit for bringing the Japanese and Washington a little closer together.

The Rev. Kuroda was born under an auspicious set of circumstances for the twin jobs he now has. He is the son of a Christian minister, and a man with an intense love of literature.

Born in Yokosuka, in 1910, he was quick to learn that Christianity was unpopular among the Japanese. One of his earliest school-day memories is the taunt of his classmates, deriding him for being a "Jesus."

In a more Christianized country he would probably have found himself subject to even more brutal treatment than a few jeers. Yet it is probable that even the touch of hostility he did encounter drove him into the world of literature.

After being graduated from secondary school at Yokosuka he attended a Presbyterian University in Tokyo, majored in literature, and ended his non-secular education summa cum laude and as class valedictorian.

For several years The Rev. Kuroda was possessed with a growing desire to come to the United States. After graduation, he returned home to talk over his plans with his father.

"My father told me that, while he had never said anything about it, he always wanted me to become a minister. He said if I wanted to, he probably could get me a scholarship to an American seminary. But he warned me that he didn't want me going to a seminary just to get to the United States," the Rev. Kuro-

da said, talking gently over a cup of coffee about his past.

That was in 1934, the dying year of liberalism in Japan. So without any great heart for a ministerial career but with a profound conviction that he had to visit the United States the Rev. Kuroda left to become a student at the Auburn Theological seminary in Auburn, N. Y.

During his three years at the seminary, the Rev. Kuroda underwent a slow, but significant change. Here he suddenly found that religion had social as well as philosophical implications.

"In Japan, our approach to Christianity was less concerned with its ethical obligations than with a delicate, philosophical study. A Christian felt no more obligation to fight against unjust labor practices or totalitarianism in government than did anyone else," the Rev. Kuroda said.

"But now I began to see religion in a new role. It had social implications. It could fight for the right of others. This was so new, and yet so wonderful to me."

And then, the Rev. Kuroda made a choice that would influence his whole life. He became convinced that he could and should become a minister.

In 1937 he took two years' additional work in a biblical seminary, then left the shelter of schools, seminaries and colleges, which he had attended for the previous 12 years almost invariably on scholarships, for active work in religion.

"I decided then that there was a need for missionary work in the United States," the Rev. Kuroda recalled. "It seemed that the Issei here needed help quite as much as the non-Christians in Japan."

So the Rev. Kuroda reversed the westward trend of the missionaries, and settled down in America, dedicated to working with the Issei who somehow seemed to him rather lost and helpless and ingrown when confronted with the western culture.

His first church was the modest Japanese Methodist church at Wapato, Wash., where, at the none too beneficent salary of \$55 a month, he remained until 1941, when he took over as pastor of the Salem, Ore., Japanese Community Church.

The Rev. Kuroda was uprooted by the mass evacuation of 1942 with his entire congregation and found himself in the nightmare of the Tule Lake WRA camp.

The early weeks at camp were ones of constant trouble, real and imagined; the compounded confusion and fright. And then the government began seeking volunteers for the armed forces.

At a block meeting one evening, the residents of the tar paper shacks were going to vote en masse whether to answer a government questionnaire and whether the Nisei should volunteer.

Although suffering an attack of laryngitis, the Rev. Kuroda was incensed at the arrogant efforts of a few to ride rough shod over the mixed emotions of the many. And he stood up to speak. His voice may have squeaked, but his words were cool and solemn:

"This," he said, "is not a matter for a block to decide. These questions are matters of individual conscience. You cannot be bound by a block meeting. That is limiting your right of action by mass fear."

"We are suffering injustices, yes. But it is better to light a candle than go forth in darkness. And it is good if we make some-



The Rev. Andrew Kuroda of Washington, D. C., is shown here with his wife, Julia, and their two sons, Francis, 10, and Shubert, 8½. The bird on Francis' right shoulder is the family pet, Patty.

thing out of our suffering, than continue in rebellion."

He urged the younger people in the camp to volunteer. The families at the block meet refused to vote, but decided to let each man act for himself.

The Rev. Kuroda paid a stiff penalty for this appeal. Two nights later five masked men broke into his tiny cubicle. His wife, pregnant, was lying on a couch. He recalls how one man held her to prevent her from crying out.

Four others threw him to the ground, and smashed at his right side brutally with clubs and wooden daggers, then fled.

But now, the hostile elements in the camp had gone too far.

"If they beat a minister, what will they do next?" man asked man, and wife muttered to wife.

Almost the entire camp registered without complaint, and the first of the volunteers began signing up shortly thereafter for army service.

In mid 1943 the Rev. Kuroda followed his own advice, and applied to teach Japanese at the University of Michigan army language school. He remained there until May, 1944, then joined the famed OSS.

He was with the OSS from June, 1944, until Sept. 1945. And some say he parachuted behind enemy lines. And others whisper dramatically of great deeds this slight man performed.

But the Rev. Kuroda will only laugh at these stories, and shake his head and say: "I was in India for quite a while. My work was in psychological warfare."

What did he do? "I am sorry," he continues smilingly. "I cannot tell you. It is still classified."

So that leaves much to the imagination. One then can look at this slim bespectacled Issei and wonder.

In October, 1945, he wound up in Nagasaki as a member of the Strategic Bomb Survey teams of the U. S. Army, and spent four months studying the morale of the survivors of the devastating, thunderous atom bomb attack on the Japanese port city.

Later, in 1946, he returned to Washington, still a civilian, still an Issei, still an alien with only a piece of paper to testify to his long months of service with the U. S. forces.

Because of his background, the Rev. Kuroda quickly found a position with the First Evangelical and Reformed Church, the second largest such church in Washington, in charge of the Japanese members.

But non-segregation is a matter of principle with the Rev. Kuroda, and quite quickly he convinced the church that there should be no segregation except as the Issei might, because of language difficulties, want to hold their own services in Japanese.

So they do. But the Nisei and the Sansei are part and parcel of the church. And the Rev. Kuroda, as youth director, presides over all the younger members.

Meanwhile he also has a job with

the Japanese section, division of Orientalia, at the Library of Congress, where he spends most of his days completely surrounded by Japanese books forming one of the largest collections outside Japan.

So immersed is he in his two tasks that he seldom has time, and indeed would shrug the suggestion off if it were made, to note that he is slowly becoming one of the foremost students of Japanese literature in America today. An enviable and scholarly reputation.

He is hopeful his work may sometime help him to become a citizen. Someday, too, the Rev. Kuroda hopes to find time to write a book about the life of Christ, uncluttered by generations of what he feels sincerely are misinterpretations piled over the founder of Christianity.

His work now keeps him terribly busy. And though his laryngitis is troublesome—some say he partially lost his voice during a cloak and dagger mission for the OSS inside Japan—he undoubtedly has a speaking engagement, or a sermon to preach, in the next day or two.

Legal Showdown Nears Over Government Subversives List

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A showdown over legality of the Attorney General's "subversive list" was demanded by two groups which have been fighting the issue through the courts for more than three years, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported this week.

Although the JACL ADC is not involved in either case, Mike Masao, national legislative director, announced that the organization would follow the litigation very closely since final determination of the validity of the Attorney General's listing may have far-reaching implications for persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States. What develops may provide JACL ADC with a clue to future action.

Among the several hundred alleged subversive organization are 21 prewar and now defunct Japanese organizations.

Pending on appeal before the Board of Immigration Appeals are two cases involving the deportation of three alien Japanese on the grounds of former membership in two of these proscribed organizations.

Requesting the legal showdown are the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, Inc., and the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee which have asked the District Court to order their names removed from the Attorney General's published list or prevent the Department of Justice from carrying them on the list until the issue is finally decided.

To grant that would endanger the entire listing of subversive organizations, which is a daily point of reference in the operation of the whole Federal Loyalty Program

Arizona Nisei Form Committee For McFarland

PHOENIX, Ariz.—John T. Tadano, well known businessman of this city, this week announced formation of the Nisei Committee for the Re-election of Ernest W. McFarland to the United States Senate in 1952.

Tadano, president of the Showa Shoyu Brewing Corporation, declared that prominent Nisei leaders in Arizona are joining him, in endorsing the return of Senator McFarland to the United States Senate because "of his outstanding record in that body, his representation of the interests of the State of Arizona and his sympathetic understanding of the problems of Japanese Americans."

It is recalled that Senator McFarland pledged his full support of the legislative objectives of the JACL-ADC to the Arizona JACL Chapter delegation calling on him at his ranch in Florence early this month.

Tadano explained that while the primary purpose of his committee is to work for Senator McFarland's re-election, it also intends to carry on an active campaign in urging every qualified Nisei and other American citizens to register and vote in the 1952 election.

"Because of this committee's makeup, we will concentrate on the Nisei voting citizenry but we are not confining our activities to our own group," Tadano said. "We intend to encourage our friends, business associates and others regardless of their race or creed, to vote for the re-election of Senator McFarland. We are confident of community wide support for Senator McFarland who is personally known to many Nisei in this State."

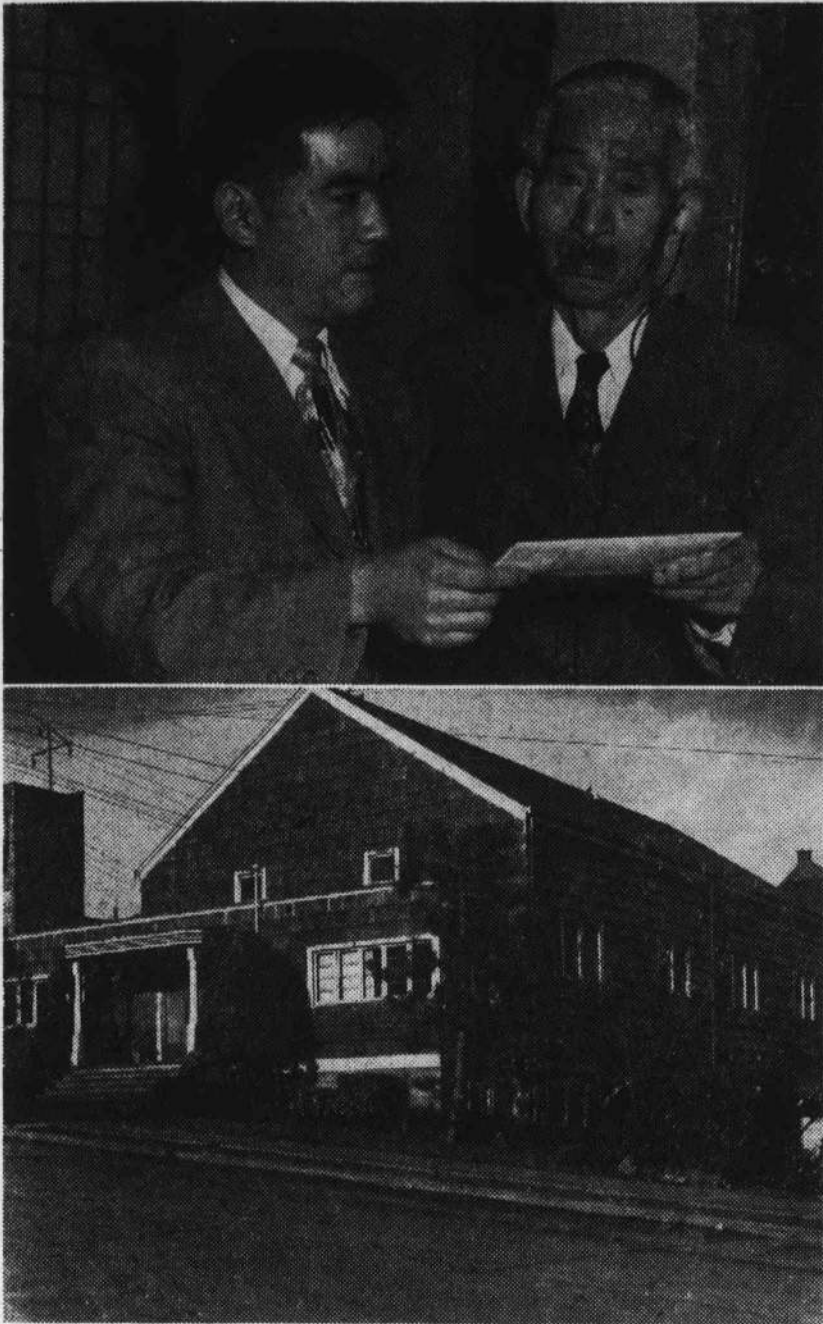
Assisting Tadano on this committee will be Tsutomu Ikeda and John Hirohata of Mesa. Masao Tsutsumida, Masatsuke Yamamoto, Lindy Okabayashi, Tom Tanita, Ken Yoshioka and Tom Kadamoto of Glendale; and Giichi Nakatsu of Tempe.

Pick Jury Panel

HONOLULU — Eight Japanese Americans are among 75 persons whose names have been drawn for the territorial grand jury.

Twenty-three grand jurors will be selected from the panel to serve for the year beginning Jan. 14, 1952.

"San Francisco Invites You to 'Homecoming' June 26-30, 1952"



Family Learns Son Held by Chinese Reds

SACRAMENTO — Little Susie Hatano, 12, was the most excited member of her family when news was received recently that Pvt. Billy K. Hatano, 21, previously reported missing in action, was on the prisoner of war list reported by the Chinese Communists.

Although Pvt. Hatano's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yoshimasa Hatano of Sacramento, greeted the news that their son was alive with relative calm, Susie could not contain her excitement when she talked with newsmen.

Pvt. Hatano volunteered in Nov., 1949, shortly after his graduation from the Roseville, Calif., Union high school.

At the time of his enlistment the family resided in Loomis, Placer County.

Hatano was sent overseas in July, 1950 and the following October was the last time his family received a letter from him. He was reported missing in action in Korea on Nov. 4, 1950.

Besides his parents and Susie, Hatano has a married sister, Mrs. Gerry Goisha of Sacramento and a brother, Sgt. Mas Hatano who is in the Army, stationed in Germany.

Listed as Prisoner

TACOMA, Wash.—Pfc. Takeshi Mukai of Tacoma is the only Northwest Nisei on the list of American prisoners of war which was released last month by the Chinese Communists.

Attorneys to Take "Tokyo Rose" Plea To Highest Court

SAN FRANCISCO—Counsel for Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino, convicted of treason in the "Tokyo Rose" case, declared here recently an appeal will be taken on her behalf to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Ninth District Circuit Court of Appeals recently rejected without comment Mrs. d'Aquino's petition for a rehearing on an appeal of her conviction.

William Mine Named New President by Watsonville JACL

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — William Mine will head the 1952 officers of the Watsonville JACL.

Other cabinet posts will be filled by Kenzo Yoshida, 1st vice-pres.; Thomas Yagi, 2nd vice-pres.; Minoru Hamada, 3rd vice-pres.; Chiyeiko Shikuma, sec. sec.; Ruth Eto, corr. sec.; Bob Manabe, treas.; Bill Fukuba, official del.; June Sugidono, historian; Bill Fukuba, reporter; and Tom Tao, alternate official delegate.

Board of Officers Replaces Cabinet Of Ogden JACL

OGDEN, Ut.—The Ogden JACL will institute a board of officers in place of its cabinet during 1952.

All previous office designations have been dispensed with and a board of officials will be elected from a list of nominees submitted by the chapter's nomination committee.

Nominees have been announced as follows: Min Miya, Tom Yamada and Jack Oda of Davis County, of whom one will be elected to the board; Jiro Yagi and Tosh Takatari, Box Elder County, one to be elected; Roy Nakatani, Toshi Yano, Penny Watanabe and Susie Oka of Ogden, two to be elected; and Jake Koga, Jim Oda, Mary Aoki, Kaz Sato, Toddy Sameshima, Harry Sugihara, Ken Miya, Shig Hamada, Roy Nakatani, Roy Kano and Kersh Miya, three to be elected.

The nomination committee was headed by Tats Koga. Serving with him were George Yoshida, Jiro Tsukamoto, Ken Uchida and Toyse Kato.

have an important bearing on many other cases which are still pending for trial.

A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand of Los Angeles represent Miss Kuniyuki.

JACL Joins 21 Groups in Suit Over Restaurant Segregation

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee joined 21 local and national organizations, many with nationwide membership, in the legal fight now before the United States Court of Appeals to end racial segregation in Washington restaurants.

In this action, the JACL ADC signed the same legal brief as "friends of the court" as 21 other organizations which include not only minority racial groups and civil rights associations but also religious sects and the nation's two leading labor unions.

Oldest Issei Dies In Los Angeles At Age of 99

LOS ANGELES — Yahichi Yahiro of Hawthorne, Calif., believed to be the oldest Issei in the United States, died Christmas Eve at the age of 99.

Mr. Yahiro arrived in Hawaii in 1886 from Fukuoka, Japan. He was 33 years of age at the time.

He moved to Southern California in 1906.

He is survived by six children, 25 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. His eldest son is the Rev. George Yahiro of San Diego.

N. Y. Chapter Studies Bias In Insurance

NEW YORK — A committee to study "a number of cases of apparent racial discrimination by insurance companies" has been set up by the New York City chapter of the JACL.

The committee, appointed by Frank Okazaki, president of the chapter last year, was asked to look into reports by chapter members of race discrimination.

Reports of discrimination have been made by members who have applied for "accident, health and hospitalization insurance," Aki Hayashi, chairman of the committee declared.

"If you feel that you have been discriminated against in your insurance application because of race, we would appreciate your notifying us so that we may look further into the matter and take it up with the proper authorities, if necessary," he added in a message to chapter members.

Moto Asakawa Heads San Diego Chapter

SAN DIEGO, Calif.—Moto Asakawa was elected president of the San Diego JACL chapter at the election meeting on Dec. 14.

Other new officers are Hiomi Nakamura, public relations, 1st vice-pres.; Dr. Tad Imoto and Henry Koide, social co-chairmen, 2nd vice-pres.; Art Kaihatsu, athletics, 3rd vice-pres.; Mariko Iwashita, rec. sec.; Alice Hatakeda, corres. sec.; Paul Hoshi, treas.; and Fred Katsumata, publicity.

First activity of the chapter for the year was the annual New Year's dance which was held on Jan. 1 at the Vasa Club. Music was furnished by the Nisei Serenaders with Lane Nakano as vocalist.

Los Angeles JACL to Help Issei to Report Addresses

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Free registration service for Issei who are required to report their current addresses annually between Jan. 1 and 11 under provisions of the McCarran Internal Security Act of 1950 will be provided again by the JACL regional office and local chapter, regional director Tats Kushiada stated.

While Issei may obtain the Address Report Card (Form I-53) at any post office, these forms are expected to be available to the JACL. For Issei unable to obtain their forms during the day because of employment, the regional office in the Miyako Hotel will accommodate such persons during evenings between 7 p.m. to 8:30

The joint brief backs the decision of the Municipal Court of Appeals upholding the validity of a congressional act of 1873 forbidding proprietors of restaurants in the District of Columbia to refuse service to any well-behaved and respectable person.

To go along with the appeal of the John R. Thompson, Inc., the restaurant involved in the litigation, would be "unworthy of American law and tradition," according to the legal document submitted on behalf of the organizations.

The 22 organizations said they spoke as representatives of many creeds and many races who are committed to the democratic way of life and who reject, as inimical to the welfare and progress of our country artificial barriers, based on racial or credal differences, to the free and natural association of peoples.

Oral arguments are expected to be heard soon by the full nine-judge bench of the appellate court, which normally assigns only three judges to each case.

"Our participation in this case is only another expression of JACL ADC's belief that only by fighting for the rights of others do we fight for our own," Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, declared. "The joint brief exemplifies the cooperation which now exists among the like-minded people of goodwill in this country to join in the common fight against racial and religious discrimination and is an extension of JACL's twin slogans 'Security through Unity and 'For Better Americans in a Greater America'."

Organizations listed as friends of the court, in addition to the JACL ADC, are:

American Civil Liberties Union, Inc., American Council of Human Rights, American Federation of Labor, American Jewish Committee (Washington Chapter), American Jewish Congress Commission on Law and Social Action (D. C. chapter), Americans for Democratic Action (Washington branch), American Veterans Committee (Chapter one, Washington), Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (Washington regional office),

Association on American Indian Affairs, Inc., Catholic Interracial Council of Washington, Congress of Industrial Organization, Federation of Civic Associations, Inc., Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (Washington branch),

National Congress of American Indians, National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Pilgrim Pastors Union, Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice (Washington chapter), Washington Bar Association, Washington Ethical Society, Washington Fellowship.

(Top) H. H. Okuda, pioneer Seattle Issei and president of the now inactive Seattle Kendo Association, is shown presenting the deed to the club's building to Commander Kaun Onodera of the Nisei Veterans Committee of Seattle.

The building (lower photo) will be remodeled and dedicated next spring as the Nisei Veterans Memorial Hall in memory of 55 Seattle area Nisei soldiers who were killed in World War II. The deed was transferred at a meeting of officers of the two organizations.

The building will be used by the Nisei Veterans Committee for the benefit of Seattle's Japanese American community.

—Photos by Elmer Ogawa.

Former Seattle Kendo Group Gives Hall to Nisei Veterans

SEATTLE — Deed to the local Kendo hall was formally transferred by the Hokubei Butokukai, Inc. of Seattle to the Nisei Veterans Committee, Inc. at a dinner held last week at the Maneki Cafe.

H. H. Okuda, oldest Japanese resident of Seattle and president of the Butokukai, hoped that NVC will use the building wisely and for the general good of the Seattle Japanese American community.

Receiving the statutory warranty deed from Okuda, Commander Kaun Onodera of NVC stated that they will hold the Butokukai's trust and will use the building as they want it to be used.

The transfer was negotiated "for and in consideration of \$1,000 and other lawful considerations."

"It seems like our own child going away," began Okuda in perfect English, adding that fathers and sons and mothers and daughters of the Association pitched in for two years to build the hall.

"Still," the pioneer continued, "it was built for the purpose of the second generation . . . and it's going to the second generation. . ."

Onodera, in reply, said: "We feel greatly honored that we have been selected to acquire the building . . . to put it to use with the same purpose you had in mind . . . We will make this place a center of the community . . . for recreation and for education . . . We'll try to 'adopt' it and be the best foster parents . . . respectful of the transfer and to use it in the way you want it to be used."

Representing the Hokubei Butokukai, besides Okuda, were: Sam Taniguchi, secretary-treasurer, and Shigeo and Tad Fukuhara, both trustees. (Only these four officials now reside in Seattle. The others have scattered since the evacuation and subsequent relocation.)

Representing the NVC were its officers and members of the clubhouse committee, headed by that committee's chairman, John S. Ogishima. After improvements, the clubhouse will be dedicated to 55 Seattle vets killed in W.W. II.

NVC's advisory board also announced that \$3,000 have been earmarked for improvements to the meeting room and office. Other improvements to follow as funds become available.

File Petition for High Court Hearing in Citizenship Case

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The first case to reach the United States Supreme Court involving loss of American citizenship because of voting in the post-war elections in Japan, was filed last week by Mariko Kuniyuki, of Seattle, Washington.

Miss Kuniyuki petitioned the high court to reverse the judgment of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, which had held that she lost her citizenship by so voting. This is the only case in the country in which a Court has ruled loss of citizenship under these circumstances. Both prior and since the Court of Appeals ruling, all the other courts had restored

citizenship to those who had voted in the elections.

Judge Pierson Hall in the trial of the case in Seattle had ruled that Miss Kuniyuki should not lose her citizenship for the reason that she had not acted voluntarily when she voted and also because Japan was not a foreign state and the elections were not political elections within the meaning of the loss of citizenship statute.

The Court of Appeals reversed Judge Hall and Miss Kuniyuki is now asking the Supreme Court to reverse the Court of Appeals and restore Judge Hall's ruling.

The decision of the case may

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Plight of the Stranded

The Supreme Court decisions of the past week, vacating the Federal district court rulings restoring United States nationality to two Hawaii-born Nisei who were stranded in Japan by war and were drafted into the Japanese army, point up the plight of some 5,000 war-stranded Nisei in Japan. Most of these stranded have been unable to obtain State Department recognition of their American citizenship. Some served in the Japanese army while others voted in the Japanese general elections held under the occupation.

At the present time all of these stranded, most of whom were of minor age at the time of the outbreak of war, must file individual petitions in an United States court to obtain recognition of their American citizenship status. Unless some judicial method is evolved to expedite the handling of these cases, the dockets of the Federal courts on the Pacific Coast and Hawaii may be filled for some time with the petitions of the war-stranded Nisei.

The identical Supreme Court decisions in the Okimura and Murata cases implied that duress cannot be merely implied in cases involving Japanese army service and consequent loss of U. S. citizenship under the 1940 Nationality Act and an individual examination of facts must be made in each instance. The cases were remanded to the U. S. district court in Honolulu.

It should be noted, however, that Justices Douglas and Black, the remaining remnants of a once-vigorous liberal wing of the high court, both dissented. Justice Douglas thought that evidence of compulsion existed while Justice Black was satisfied with the lower court ruling.

A Reminder on the Issei

Thousands of Japanese aliens are reporting their current addresses at their local postoffices this week in accordance with the law which requires annual registration of addresses by aliens in the United States.

With this law we have no real quarrel, save that perhaps it requires an enormous expenditure of time and funds by the government, ties up federal workers who might be otherwise employed, and does not seem to serve any real purpose, insofar as law-abiding aliens are concerned. Those who wish to bypass the law will not be deterred by a small regulation.

In a state of crisis, the alien in our midst is subjected to numerous restrictions and limitations not visited upon him in normal periods. And persons who remain aliens by choice perhaps do not resent this annual registration, save for the monetary bother it entails.

For aliens of Japanese ancestry, however, the registration is something else again. They are the only large group who cannot, by law, become citizens of these United States. They are not aliens by choice. So long as this is true, their annual registration of address with the government is another reminder of their statelessness. So long and so removed from Japan, they are spiritual citizens of these United States.

As the Issei line up again this year to report their home addresses, the country is again reminded that citizenship for this group is long overdue.

End Result of Racism

A Negro woman died this week in Florida, latest victim in a series of monstrous attacks upon the persons and property of minority groups.

It is close to a reign of terror that rules Florida these days. In recent weeks these acts have included outright murder of Negroes, the dynamiting of a Jewish synagogue and school, an attempt to dynamite a Catholic church, and the bombing of a Negro housing project.

On Christmas night an explosion in the home of Harry T. Moore, state coordinator of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, killed Mr. Moore and injured his wife so severely that her death followed this week.

These can no longer be called isolated instances of prejudice and discrimination. For the Negroes, the Jews and the Catholics this is a reign of terror.

Today's terrorists in Florida are like the terrorists of the mid-forties in California, who attacked the Japanese Americans as they returned home from the relocation centers. Those terrorists, too, attacked in the night. They laid explosives at the homes of the Nisei, they shot into windows darkened for the night. Then as now, there was no punishment.

The law enforcement agencies in the state of Florida have failed to apprehend those responsible for these latest attacks. It is this failure on the part of the law that makes possible and encourages further outrages upon Florida's citizens of minority, racial and religious groups.

Nisei USA

Kabuki and Main Street

Americans are going to get a liberal helping of Japanese culture in the year to come if some plans now on the boards materialize. Most interesting is the project of Joshua Logan, Broadway producer of "Mr. Roberts" and other hit shows, to move the famous Kabuki Theater of Tokyo to New York City for a three months stay, to be followed by a two-month tour of other cities.

Mr. Logan, just returned from a world tour, hopes to realize his plan with the assistance of Governor Thomas Dewey and John Foster Dulles, James Michener, the author of the stories which inspired the tremendously successful "South Pacific," and the Rockefeller Foundation, as well as the United States and Japanese government. Messrs. Logan, Dewey, Dulles and Michener all were in Japan recently.

It is to be a goodwill project with a touch of showmanship thrown in and Mr. Logan also is to have the cooperation of another of Broadway's fabulous entrepreneurs, Leland Hayward.

A troupe of fifty, including Japan's outstanding Kabuki players, will be brought from Tokyo and one of New York's biggest theaters will be converted into a Kabuki playhouse, complete with a "hanamichi," the runway which will take up one side of the orchestra floor and which allows for impressive exits and entrances. In keeping with the Japanese theme, concessions will be set up in the lobby, in the manner of the Kabuki-za in Tokyo, and Oriental foods, delicacies and souvenirs will be sold.

Costumes and masks, some centuries old, will be a feature of the performance.

The only change, according to Sam Zolotow's account recently in the New York Times, will be that the New York performance will not be of the traditional Japanese length. In Tokyo the Kabuki performance takes some ten hours. The show starts at 11 a.m. and the final curtain does not fall until 9 p.m. The New York presentation will probably start at about 8:30 p.m. with the audience rushing for the taxis, the subways and the interurban trains by 11.

We recall, incidentally, that nine of the first eleven hours of our trip to Japan before the war were spent in the Kabuki theater in Tokyo. Goro Murata, now business manager of the Nippon Times, met us at the dock in Yokohama, hustled us aboard a train for Tokyo. Two hours later, after a brisk lunch, we were in our seats at the Kabuki-za. It was past 9 p.m. and the Ginza was colorful with the sidewalk stalls of the night peddlers before we emerged from the theater and got our first real view of the Japanese capital.

The Kabuki is stylized and static, in that it has not changed materially in the past 250 years. Classical in its pageantry, it is still kin to the modern Broadway musical like "South Pacific" and "The King and I" in that employs all of the arts and magic of the theater to tell its story. There are songs, dances and heavy drama. There are delicate vignettes, tales of great loves and the sagas of the warring clans of old Japan.

Two representative Kabuki plays are to be performed on the American tour. One is a light play called "Revenge" and the other will be a serious drama titled "The House of Precious Dishes on Ban Street."

The major musical accompaniment for the Kabuki dramas are provided by the three-stringed samisen, the koto and by various percussion instruments.

The forthcoming tour by the Kabuki players and the current success of the Japanese film, "Rashomon," in New York represent something of a renaissance in American interest in the Japanese theater. There was a period during World War I and shortly afterwards when there was considerable interest, particularly among the avant-garde theatrical groups, in the Japanese drama. This was the period in which the Provincetown Playhouse and the Washington Square Players of New York's Greenwich Village presented such plays as Rita Weiman's "String of

the Samisen" and a drama called "Bushido" in which a young actress from Buffalo, name of Katherine Cornell, made her New York debut. "Samisen," incidentally, featured a young dancer named Michio Ito whose use of traditional Japanese dance forms was to have considerable impact on the modern dance.

During this period, a generation ago, the emphasis was upon English-language adaptations of Japanese dramas, such as a free translation of "Chushingura," the Japanese samurai classic, and Lady Mura's "Tale of the Genji," as well as on original plays inspired by Japanese and Oriental themes. There is no evidence that any of these productions were great popular successes but the fact that they were presented indicates that the Japanese theater intrigued the dramatists and players of the era.

This year, of course, Broadway in the persons of Mr. Logan and Mr. Hayward propose to bring the original Kabuki theater of Tokyo to the United States. The presentations will be in the Japanese language and only a fractional minority of the expected audiences will understand the dialogue. Like other famous companies before them, the Abbey Players of Dublin and London's Old Vic, Tokyo's theater will enrich American dramatic forms.

Another recent visitor to Japan, the noted American dramatist Paul Green, recently expressed the opinion in Tokyo that the Kabuki Theater was the greatest living theater in the world today. Mr. Green will incorporate ideas from the Japanese stage into his pageants and plays.

Conversely, the experimental theater in Tokyo has been introducing Japanese audiences to the latest in Western drama. The Tsukiji Little Theater in Tokyo has presented the plays of such Americans as Clifford Odets, John Steinbeck, the late Sidney Howard and others who write in the American idiom. These American plays have in turn influenced the output of contemporary Japanese dramatists who write for the modern stage, rather than for the traditional theater of the Kabuki.

America's first introduction to Japanese drama forms occurred a half-century ago when a famous Japanese actor named Kawakami came to the United States with his wife, Sada Yacco, once a famous Tokyo geisha. They brought the kabuki, shimpa and kengeki to America and the dances performed by Mrs. Kawakami were the first authentic Japanese dances seen by most American audiences. The Kawakamis went on to Paris after touring the United States and Mrs. Kawakami became an international celebrity with her dances at the Paris international exposition. Her performances inspired a number of operatic and dramatic works by European dramatists.

Back in 1933 the Little Tokyo Players of Los Angeles presented an English language adaptation of Japanese myths and legends called "The Age of the Gods" before an audience of several thousand at the Occidental Greek Theater. Two casts were involved in the outdoor production, one wearing masks designed by Hideo Date performed in pantomime while the other read the lines backstage. "The Age of the Gods" was written and directed by Joe Hirakawa, then of the Pasadena Playhouse and now famous as Radio Tokyo's teacher of English to Japan's millions.

Last month the Nisei Experimental Group in Los Angeles journeyed to San Francisco and Berkeley to present their short Kyogen plays and Hiroshi Kashiwagi's Nisei-Issei drama, "The Plums Can Wait," which won critical plaudits in the San Francisco metropolitan press.

The latest revival of interest in Japanese art and dramatic forms undoubtedly is spurred by the international situation, as well as by the fact that hundreds of thousands of Americans have visited Japan in recent years as GIs and civilians.

In the period between the two World Wars the ascendancy of the

MINORITY WEEK

Quick Quote

"...in appraising the Negro future at this juncture, I am undismayed. I know, for example, that my 3-year-old son has potentially a greater opportunity than I had at his age. I know that thousands of his racial counterparts—in the North and the South—have better opportunities than their parents for an equitable share of good jobs, better education, decent housing, the right to vote and a fuller enjoyment of other civil rights.

"Many elements of the so-called race problem will persist, perhaps for generations. But on the racial horizon I can see no turning back the clock. The hand is pointing forward."—William Brower, Toledo Blade staff writer.

Miami Blues

It's a blue moon over Miami these days. In that vacation city the past six months have seen ten dynamitings or attempted dynamitings against racial and religious groups, the latest occurring the day before Christmas.

It might be said that in his perverse way, the dynamiter is non-discriminatory. He'll attack anybody. A Jewish school and synagogue has been dynamited six times. Three explosions have occurred at a Negro housing project. The tenth case was an attempt to dynamite the Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

Umpire

A good man is hard to find, but we venture to state that a good umpire is even rarer.

So Emmett Ashford, only Negro umpire in organized baseball, deserves a medal of some sort. It was only this last season he broke in with the Southwest International league, a Class D outfit.

After he'd worked a few games, prejudice against him was practically nil, an accolade for any umpire.

Ashford is so happy about the whole thing he looks forward to getting into a AA league next season.

Oh Well . . .

The Sacramento Housing Authority is going to take under consideration protests against racial segregation in Sacramento public housing projects.

Albert H. Becker, executive director, said the authority's policy has been one of segregation, but denied there has been any discrimination.

Ho hum.

Memo to Stone Throwers

Churches have to do a little housecleaning (or churchcleaning) before they can consider themselves truly Christian, says Dr. Liston P. Cope, dean of the Yale Divinity School.

Dr. Cope, referring specifically to racial discrimination at home, said: "In a world struggle, what we do to our neighbors at home has become as important for the outcome as what we do to our enemies abroad."

The CGCC

While a number of Dixiecrat congressmen boiled over in indignation over President Truman's new executive order for fair employment practices in war industry, Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, expressed his disappointment "in that it makes the minimum provision for enforcement of fair employment practices."

Incidentally, the newly-created group is called the Committee on Government Contract Compliance.

warlords to power in Japan and their acts of aggression on the Asian continent undoubtedly served as a deterrent to any large-scale American appreciation of Japanese culture.

Now that the rattling sabers of the warlords have been stilled, the twang of the samisen can be heard.

Box-Score on Race Relations: MINORITIES AND CRIME

Opponents of Cultural Diversity
Present a Distorted Picture

By ELMER SMITH

Two opponents of cultural pluralism or cultural diversity in American life present two objections of considerable importance. One of these objections maintains that cultural diversity and ultimately cultural conflicts leads to individual and group maladjustment. The supporters of this position further insist that cultural homogeneity is an absolute necessity for individual and group mental health. This position must be given some recognition because there is evidence that in some instances a conflict of cultures within an individual may be a factor in bringing about some types of mental disturbances.

Psychologists have found that many second generation persons, especially those living in large cities, break down in the process of attempting to adjust to two cultures simultaneously. However, this statement does not tell all of the story, and it is in the leaving out of the other part of the story which gives an incorrect impression of the total situation.

The rest of the story is that the difficulties faced by the second generation person are derived principally from the fact that the attitudes of others toward himself and his dual culture makes for confusion, suspicion, hatred and a feeling of being unable to live in a cooperative manner with others. As Dr. Otto Klineberg has said: "We justify the prejudice (against the person living in a bicultural world) on the ground that these groups are maladjusted; the fact is that if they are maladjusted it is mainly because of our prejudice."

Closely related to the argument presented above, and included here as the second objection to cultural pluralism, is the criticism that cultural diversity leads to crime. This is supposedly part of the process of maladjustment mentioned previously. A few honest statistics will show the belief in the greater criminality of persons living and "brought up" in a bicultural environment to be a myth. Statistics of felony prisoners from courts by race and nativity for the U. S. in 1945 shows that of "whites" the native born made up 64.3 per cent and the non-native born numbered 4 per cent of the total. Chinese, Japanese, Filipino, Indian and others made up but 1.2 per cent of the total. Even these figures on crime and others that might be used are not reliable because upon closer analysis they will be found to err in such a way as to make minorities seem to have more crime than they actually have in comparison with other groups.

A very important factor involved in crime is the social environment in which a person lives. Many studies have shown that certain areas of the city always have high crime and juvenile delinquency rates. Any group living in these areas ranks higher in criminality than those outside the areas. Most of the minority groups live in such areas. The minority group lives in the slums because of discrimination in employment, housing and recreation which tend to keep the minority groups poor and restricted in movement and participation within the over-all society. Discrimination thus produces situations conducive to criminality as well as to those which lead to personality disorders. It is in the last analysis not so much the fact of cultural diversity that breeds crime and other types of social and personal disorders as the fact of discrimination which leads to various other forces creating these types of maladjustments.

The two principal arguments against cultural diversity seem upon close analysis to have little basis in real fact. The forces most potent in the creating of the conditions used by the anti-cultural pluralists are found to rest in other than pure differences in the cultural heritage. They rest instead upon the basis of discrimination and the fact that the American city allows, and in some instances even stimulates, the development of slum areas.

Heads Architects

HONOLULU—Kenji Onodera recently was elected president of the Hawaii chapter, American Institute of Architects.
He is the first Nisei to be so honored by that organization.

Vagaries

On Broadway . . .

"Messer Marco Polo," the big musical extravaganza in which Shirley Yamaguchi was to have had the femme lead before the Broadway production was indefinitely postponed, may be revived and chances are that Miss Yamaguchi, who attains stardom in her first Hollywood film, may be offered the role of the Oriental princess for which she rehearsed last winter. The producers, who hold an option on the property until June, are meeting to decide whether to go on with the show. The big success of "The King and I," which has an Asian setting, and the possibility of a truce in Korea may be factors which will help bring Donn Byrne's novel of one of the world's first great travelers to Broadway.

Father Joe . . .

The Rev. Joseph ("Father Joe") Kitagawa, subject of an article in the Holiday issue of the PC, was one of the panelists in a discussion of religion on the University of Chicago Roundtable program over the NBC network on Dec. 23. . . . MGM's three-man team which made "Battleground" and "Go for Broke!" successful films will put "Mr. Congressman" in the works early this year. Dore Schary will produce the film from a script by Robert Pirosh while Van Johnson has the lead. Pirosh who also was director on the 442nd picture will handle the megaphone again on the new project. . . . After San Francisco-Oakland critics applauded the Nisei Experimental Group's presentation of Hiroshi Kashiwagi's "The Plums Can Wait" and a number of short Kyogen plays, the NEG received a bid for a five-night stand at the Lester Horton studio in Hollywood.

Tokyo File . . .

Mel Belli, San Francisco attorney who was one of the financial angels for Breakston-Macgowan's "Tokyo File 212" which was released last year by RKO, has filed suit against the studio for \$500,000. Belli charges that RKO did not give the picture enough exploitation. "Tokyo File" which introduced such Nisei performers as Katsuhiko Haida and Reiko Otani was premiered by RKO in Washington, D.C. with a troupe of Nisei girls from Los Angeles, advertised as "geisha girls," making a personal appearance.

Ten Best . . .

MGM's stirring record of the 442nd Combat Team, "Go for Broke!" was named last week as one of Hollywood's "ten best films of 1951" by William Hogan, movie critic of the San Francisco Chronicle. Said Hogan: "A rousing tribute to the extremely efficient 442nd Regimental Combat Team, made up of Japanese American soldiers, who had to fight racial prejudice in the Army as much as they did the Wehrmacht in the Apennines. Nisei veterans helped make up one of the most attractive (and humorous) groups of performers to hit the screen during the year. A very satisfying job." Three other MGM films made Mr. Hogan's list, American in Paris, Red Badge of Courage and Teresa, together with Place in the Sun, Streetcar, Detective Story, Bright Victory, People Will Talk and Brave Bulls.

Art Director . . .

Eddie Imazu is currently busy as art director on MGM's "Carbine Williams," a super-western starring James Stewart. . . . The man

Bill Hosokawa:

FROM THE FRYING PAN

A National Midwinter Holiday

Denver, Colo.

And now that the great annual spending binge is but a less-than-sweet memory, what are we going to use for money? Read in the paper where a group of Frenchmen hanged Santa Claus in effigy, in protest against over-commercialization of what was intended to be a religious holiday. I can't say I agree with their action, but I sympathize with them in part.

Sometime I'd like to get a psychologist's explanation for America's annual year-end gift-giving spree. Why do we do it? Why have we allowed it to become a commercial orgy? Why have we made gift-giving a social obligation rather than an expression of friendship and affection?

If there is something within us that demands all this I'm in favor of going whole-hog and declaring the last week of the year a national midwinter holiday, a holiday on the Roman scale. All business would come to a halt, and everyone would exchange gifts to his heart's content, feast, drink, worship, visit, relax, dissipate, or just plain sleep. Then, with our systems properly purged of whatever we'd been bothered with the previous 51 weeks, we'd all enter the new year with hope and ambition.

Nothing much gets done between Dec. 23 and Jan. 2 in our office anyway.

No Change for the Kids

Of course the above would apply to adults only. For kids, Christmas ought never to change. The warm glow of S. Claus' visit still hangs over our house, even though some of the toys are busted and others are forgotten already.

Our Pete, the one that's 3½ years old, got a bigger boot out of Christmas this year than anybody. That's a wonderful age to celebrate Christ-

mas. Pete has no yesterdays or tomorrows. He lives simply in the todays. Thus he wasn't torn by the anguish of expectation, as Mike and Susan were. He just got up Christmas morning, and lo and behold there was a stack of gaily wrapped gifts to be torn open.

One by one he got into them, and each revelation brought him new ecstasy. And what is as heart-warming as the smile on a small boy's face?

Of all the toys, Pete's favorite is a big blue power shovel that makes the most satisfying noises when a crank is turned. It's designed to be pushed up a ramp onto the back of an orange-colored truck. Our parlor is filled from morning to night with the boy-made sounds of truck and shovel moving ton on ton of imaginary dirt.

Within the first half hour of Christmas morning the rubber tracks were taken off the power shovel. A couple of braces came loose a day or two later, and the paint is beginning to nick off. But the shovel and truck are still dear to Pete's heart, and his joy will be complete when it becomes warm enough to go out to the sandbox so he can work on the real stuff.

What Happened to the Ties?

It would take too much space to list all that the other kids got. But they got plenty to make them happy, so let me tell you about my loot.

Mike got me a king-sized coffee cup that says "Pop" on it. It'll hold three times as much as a regular cup, and ought to be right useful. The other three kids got me a pair of socks each. That was mighty thoughtful of their mother since I was just about out of socks. Mom also got me a pound of nuts, a pinup girl calendar, and a nut bowl. That's about par for the course, except that there weren't any ties this year. I wonder what happened to them?

Smog-Lites:

Nisei Experimental Group

We Were Up at Hiro Okubo's,
Drinking Beer, Having Visions

By HIROSHI KASHIWAGI

It's too bad Smoglite couldn't make the trip to Frisco with the Nisei Experimental Group. Then she could do this right in her own good fashion. But she had this bout with Mr. X and she's still a bit punchy so here goes. . . .

It all started when Jobo Nakamura happened to catch our Kyogen show last August. We were playing in the Miyako Conference room right under the noses of the Nisei Week Committee who were busy dreaming up stunts for their annual extravaganza. Jobo liked us. He liked us a lot. He came backstage to our makeshift dressing room and pumped our hands. "How about doing the show in San Francisco?" he said while we were taking off the lords' hakamas and pouring ourselves into Levis. "All expenses paid, of course." "Gees that's great!" we said. "Nothing official but it's just an idea. . . ."

We were up in Hiro Okubo's apartment drinking beer, and already we were having visions. Frisco, what a town! We knew it from one big night there (ten to two a.m.) and the rest from Herb Caen and his Bagdad by the Bay. We were back in Pearyn (that's near Loomis) listening in the dark to this human interest purveyor of gossip through a "tall glass of Regal Pale" or some kind. But

that was Herb Caen when he was with the Chronicle.

I hear Jobo's still in town. Yeah, I met him today. Don't tell me he loves ellay and he's gonna stay. Aw give him time, after all he's on his vacation. Just tell me one thing, what's he doing here? He's covering the Nisei Week, you know the queen and all that. Well I wish he'd stop chasing after the queen and get the hell back. Shut up and have some more beer.

Jobo had a mission to perform and he stayed a whole week but god how we wanted him to hurry back and report to this Y Community Forum, some big cultural group in Frisco.

We were up in Hiro's apartment. Sometimes we took up the beer but mostly he bought it. He's generous that way. We were waiting. The NEG in San Francisco. Wow! "That means we gotta keep our Kyogens hot." That's not exactly what Hiro said. He doesn't talk that way but he meant the same. "The hell with you dreamers," Hiro's wife said. She could be mean sometimes but she was right so we went to work.

This time we picked a place in the mountains, a place called "Mt. Baldy" a little ways beyond LA City Limits, just forty miles. "You're a good pearl-diver," the cook told us. "I'm a Chosen-jin. I feel sorry, very sorry for Japanese. Before I like kill 'em." He was that kind of a man and he had a mean scar to prove it. Every morning the boss greeted him, "A-Number-One Cook." He scrambled four eggs for our breakfast but some mornings when he kept muttering under his breath he popped five and six eggs in the pan. This made quite a heap on the platter but it was scrambled and who can tell. "Eat," he commanded and he was feeling better already.

But it was a long month up there. We took a couple of hikes up four thousand feet and we took dips in the pool when the guests weren't around or when the boss was in there knocking himself out dog-fashion. We read "Seven Storey Mountain." It was a long month. Meanwhile Hiro had received a nice encouraging letter from Frank Itaya of the Community Forum. We were eager to get back. We were even beginning to love ellay.

Wins Promotion

GRANADA, Colo. — Lieut. Haru Hiram, a member of the Women's Medical Corps, recently was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, according to word received here.

CBS Prepares Broadcast on Seattle Council

SEATTLE — The Columbia Broadcasting System is preparing a half-hour national network broadcast on the activities of the interracial Jackson Street Community Council in Seattle, in which local Nisei have played an active part.

The documentary program, which will be transcribed in Seattle, will be presented by CBS as part of a series called "The People Act" which will present stories of community action on race relations and against crime and juvenile delinquency.

A CBS writer is now in Seattle to do research for the program.

Memorial Concert Proceeds Will Go For Korean Relief

NEW YORK—Proceeds from the 10th annual Izumi Kawamata memorial concert, scheduled for Jan. 18, at Pilgrim Hall will go to civilian war victims in Korea.

The concert has been held annually since the death of the musically talented daughter of the Rev. Giichi Kawamata, senior pastor of the Japanese American Church of Christ (Reformed).

The memorial concert will present Lily Miki, pianist, and Cha Kyung Kim, Korean soprano.

Nisei Will Join Discussion on Chicago Problems

CHICAGO—A special committee to study the problems of the Kenwood area between 43rd to 47th streets from Drexel Avenue to Oakenwald was set up by the Oakland-Kenwood planning Association on Dec. 11th.

Invited to discuss the concerns of neighborhood people before the Executive Board meeting were Mrs. Chizu Iiyama, Associate Director of the Chicago Resettlers Committee; Mrs. Mas Hasegawa, Mr. Wait, stell Sharp, Chicago Council Against Racial and Religious Discrimination, Corneff Taylor, Commission on Human Relations; and Mrs. Martin Cohen.

The Committee will be headed by Carl Anderson and will include Mr. Harry Mayeda, Mrs. Iiyama, Mrs. Hasegawa, and other interested people. The group will make recommendations for action, and will look into the possibility of block organization.

Lieutenant Returns

SAN FRANCISCO—First Lieut. Robert S. Tsutsui of Santa Cruz, Calif., returned here this week from Army duty in Korea.

PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

Ford Konno Honored Among 1951 Headliners

Ford Hiroshi Konno, America's middle-distance swimming champion and prime candidate for the U. S. Olympic team, will be making sports headlines soon with the Ohio State swimming team. Konno was honored on Dec. 27 by the Los Angeles Times as the outstanding male swimmer of 1951 at the newspaper's annual National Sports Awards Dinner. Meanwhile, the man who developed Konno, Yoshito Segawa, Honolulu Nisei coach, recently was named swimming coach at Kamehameha school in the territorial capital. Under Segawa the Warriors will return to interscholastic aquatic competition for the first time in 14 years. In addition to Konno, Segawa developed a number of other top Nisei swimmers at the Nuuanu YMCA in Honolulu, including Herb Kobayashi, captain of the Ohio State swimming team for the second straight year. James Shimizu paced the Honolulu Power Boat Association's final regatta of 1951 recently, winning three first places with his Class B stock hydroplane and utility boats.

Kimura Aids Southern Oregon Victory

Guard Ken Kimura's 12 points helped Southern Oregon College to a 52 to 45 victory over Oregon Tech on Dec. 22. Versatile Ray Fukui, one of the greatest athletes in the history of Wheatland, Calif., High School is a starter on the basketball squad after winning all-star recognition as the backfield ace of Wheatland's six-man football team. Fukui also is a letter-winner in baseball. Coach Bill Kajikawa's Arizona State College basketball team dropped a 75 to 65 decision to Bucknell in the consolation round finals of the Boston Invitational tournament. Guard Vic Nakamoto tanked six points as his Placer College Spartans took a 56 to 32 drubbing from Stockton JC. Placer High of Auburn, Calif., sparked to conference championships in recent years by Jimmy Yokota and Vic Nakamoto, have a Nisei forward this year named Nishimoto.

Iwanaga Played on Yuba College Eleven

Akio Iwanaga was a member of the Yuba College football team of Marysville, Calif., which enjoyed the most successful season in the school's history, winning its conference title and playing in the annual Gold Dust bowl game at Vallejo, Calif. Incidentally, there were Nisei players on four of the nation's top ten junior college teams, as selected recently. Halfback Lefty Kikkawa was a defensive standout for Pasadena City College, rated No. 1 in the U. S. and winner of the recent Junior Rose Bowl contest. Ralph Kubota was one of the scoring threats for Compton College, rated No. 3, and Dave Yamashiro from Hawaii was one of his understudies, while Halfback Noboru Yonamine, brother of Wally Yonamine, was also on the squad. Scatback Benny Aoki scored 100 points for Long Beach City College, while Iwanaga won on the Yuba team. Aoki is reported to be headed for Denver University, along with several other players from the Viking squad, and may be seen in Skyline Eight conference play next season. The Pacific Coast Conference is initiating an investigation of the circumstances under which some 25 Hawaiian football players, including several Nisei, enrolled at Pasadena and Compton colleges last fall.

Half-Pint Stars Play in Santa Claus Bowl

Little Kent Ikeda, star halfback for the champion Conway-Culligan team, was the big star of the annual Santa Claus Bowl boys' all-star game on Dec. 14 in San Mateo, Calif. Playing for the South eleven, Ikeda ran 70 yards to the North 3-yard line but the play was called back because of a penalty. Wayne Fujito and George Fujita, two linemen who are Ikeda's teammates with Conway-Culligan, also played in the all-star contest. The San Francisco YBA Juniors girls' basketball team chalked up a sports oddity when they held Oakland Junior YBA team to three points on a field goal and free throw, winning 29 to 3.

Entry Forms Sent Teams for JACL Tourney

Entry forms are now being forwarded to Nisei leagues and teams for the 6th annual National JACL bowling tournament which will be held on Feb. 29, March 1 and 2 at the brand-new Ellitch's Gardens lanes which will open shortly before the tournament in Denver. At least 60 men's and women's teams are expected to enter the tourney with heavy entries expected from Utah, Idaho and Colorado, as well as from the coastal areas. Sequoia Nursery of Redwood City, Calif., 1951 team champions, will be on hand to defend their title, while an all-star team from the San Francisco Nisei Majors is being picked for the tourney. Teams are expected from Los Angeles, Seattle, Salt Lake City, San Jose, Coachella Valley, Sacramento, Fresno, Boise Valley, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Hardin, Mont., Chicago and Ogden, Utah. Entrants in the men's and women's events will be assigned to squads on the basis of their averages and low-average bowlers will get a break as a result of the National JACL tournament rules which specify that 60 per cent of the prize pot will go to place winners and 40 per cent to squad prizes. John Noguchi and Rosa Mayeda are the chairmen of the men's and women's tournaments which will be under the sanction of the ABC and WIBC.

Oyama Rolls 685 in Seattle League

Kenny Oyama turned in the highest series recorded in Nisei bowling competition in Seattle when he rolled 685 on Dec. 18 on games of 210, 220 and 255. Oyama's big series overshadowed Pruney Tsuji's 663 on games of 184, 243 and 236. Tsuji is currently the top-average Nisei bowler in Seattle. Sachi Ikeda's 580 series, including a 212 game, is the highest of the year in the Nisei Ladies Foursome at Valley Bowl in San Jose, Calif. Fuzzy Shimada finished in the money with a six-game total of 1215 in the Northern California Singles bowling tournament held recently in San Carlos, Calif. Tak's 442nd Cafe is tied for first place with Jaekel & Rogers in the Classic League in Ontario, Calif. S. Uyekubo's 596 paced the Stockton JACL league at El Dorado Bowl on Dec. 26.

Nisei Boxes in Sugar Bowl Tourney

Although the tickets to the annual Sugar Bowl activities in New Orleans are restricted to "Caucasians only," a Nisei boxer participated in the annual Sugar Bowl boxing tournament last week. He is Dave Miyagawa, the University of Wisconsin's representative in the 132-pound division. Gene Matsuo of San Francisco is ranked sixth in the boys singles division in the annual ranking released by the Northern California Tennis Association. Some of Hawaii's top Nisei bowlers are represented in the Varsity Bowling Center's team which won the fast Waikiki 920 Bowling League championship recently.

STEVE YANO HITS 701 SERIES IN CLEVELAND PLAY

CLEVELAND, O.—Steve Yano bowled the first "700" series in the history of the Cleveland Nisei bowling league when he came up with a 254-234-213—701 for the Empire Dinette team recently.

Yano's 670, registered earlier this season, was the previous high. Tosh Tosaya of the Diamond Storm Window squad rolled a 642 on games of 211, 206 and 225.

The Chester 30th Lanes team still leads the league. Others in the first division are West End Garage, New China Restaurant and Empire Dinette.

Three New China Restaurant bowlers lead the league in individual averages. Jim Kishida heads the list, followed by Wally Takekoto and Moose Furukawa. Kay Nakatsuka of Empire Dinette is in fourth place.

Plan Miss Nisei Contest in Hawaii

HONOLULU — A Mr. and Miss Nisei contest, open to all amateur gymnasts and weightlifters of Japanese ancestry, will be held in connection with the Hawaii-Japan weightlifting tournament which will be held March 14 and 15 at the Civic Auditorium.

All profits from the two-day meet will go into the Olympic fund to send Hawaii's weightlifters, including George Yoshioka, National A U champion, to the Olympic team tryouts.

Sacramento Schedules Annual Bowling Meet in February

SACRAMENTO — The annual Sacramento JACL bowling tournament will be held on Dec. 9 and 10.

More than 30 teams are expected to enter the event which will be cosponsored by the Sacramento Valley Nisei bowling league at Sacramento Bowl.

All entrants must be members of a JACL chapter.

Plan Tournament

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — The San Mateo and Redwood City JACL chapters have scheduled a joint bowling tournament on Feb. 9 and 10 at Redwood City Bowl.

Watsonville JACL Backs Cage Teams

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — The local JACL will use its profit of \$200 from its first bazaar on Dec. 21 at Veterans Memorial hall to sponsor two basketball teams, one in the city league and the other in the Nisei league.

Miyagawa Loses Sugar Bowl Bout

NEW ORLEANS — Dave Miyagawa, University of Wisconsin lightweight, was outpointed by Calvin Clary of Louisiana State in the annual Sugar Bowl boxing tournament between the Wisconsin and LSU teams on Dec. 27. Wisconsin won the team title.

They are Chick Sarae, Walter Tamura, Spike Nakayama, Masa Watasaki, Larry Mekata and Harry Masuda.

Wrestling Star Marries in Japan

Harold Sakata, Honolulu strongman who is the first Nisei to wrestle professionally in Japan, writes that he was married recently to a Japanese girl. Sakata, expected to return to Honolulu this month, appeared in most of the big cities of Japan and reports that American-style wrestling went over big in Nippon. Sakata, a member of the U. S. Olympic weightlifting team in 1948 and a place-winner at the Games in London, probably will return to the mainland in the spring for another wrestling tour. Sakata, incidentally, was well received last year when he toured the Rocky Mountain and Midwest states. He was billed as a Nisei and not as a "Japanese villain." Sessue Oyama, latest of the Nisei wrestlers in the pro game, is now appearing in main events in Salt Lake City and other Intermountain centers. Yoshio Shirai, rated as the "logical contender" for the world's flyweight title held by Dado Marino, is the first Japanese boxer to be recognized by the National Boxing Association. The Tokyo ring stylist established himself by his seventh round knockout of Marino in a non-title fight in Honolulu recently.

Joe Matsukawa has been the leading passer for the University of Hawaii Rainbows during the past year. The Rainbows closed their season New Year's Day by losing to undefeated San Diego in the Pineapple Bowl. Jimmy Asato, one of the best Nisei running backs in recent years, was one of a number of Hawaii players who closed their collegiate careers in the game. George Oda, former Honolulu prep tackle, has been invited to join the College All-Stars for their game in the Hula Bowl against an all-star Hawaiian team.

Nishita May Sign Pro Ball Contract With N. Y. Yankees After End of College Year

BERKELEY, Calif.—Bill Nishita, star hurler for the University of California Bears, plans to sign a professional baseball contract, probably with the New York Yankees, after the end of the California Intercollegiate Baseball Association season next summer.

The Yankees are one of several major league clubs which have offered bonuses to the 20-year old Nisei star from Honolulu ever since he pitched the Santa Rosa Junior College Bear Cubs to the Northern California championship in 1951, winning 15 games and losing two.

Hasegawa Takes Second Place in Bowling Tourney

Warren Hasegawa, averaging a scratch 206 for five games, took second place in the first annual Ritz New Years bowling classic in Salt Lake City.

Hasegawa had a 1091 in the handicap event, eleven pins less than the winner, Ralph Astorga.

Hasegawa also helped himself to \$15 for a 239 for the highest game bowled on alleys 7 and 8 during the tourney, a 239.

Choppy Umamoto, another bowler from the JACL league, took \$15 for a 238, the highest game rolled on alleys 1 and 2.

Seiko Kasai finished in the money with 1028 for 13th place.

Nekota Will Coach Swimming Team at Honolulu School

HONOLULU — Tom Nekota, coach of the freshman swimming team at the University of Oregon in 1951, was named to coach the St. Louis College swimming team for the coming season.

Nekota, who also was a freestyler on the Oregon varsity, replaces Yoshito Segawa who recently was named swimming coach at Kamehameha school.

Wyoming Team Enter Tournament

PAVILLION, Wyo.—A Wyoming team may be entered in the National JACL bowling tournament for the first time this year.

The Northern Wyoming JACL's team, headed by Kaz Uriu, is now considering entering the tournament which gets under way Feb. 29 in Denver.

Reedley Chapter Holds Membership Roundup Social

REEDLEY, Calif.—The Reedley JACL held their annual membership roundup social on Dec. 14 at Reedley hall under the chairmanship of Jack Shimono and his committee.

Carnation corsages were presented to all ladies attending.

The members enjoyed refreshments, including a box of home-made candies prepared by Mrs. Howard L. Warren of Reedley.

Candidates for chapter offices were nominated. Election will be by mail ballot.

Installation of new officers will be held sometime in January.

Idaho Falls JACL Elects Nukaya as 1952 President

IDAHO FALLS, Ida. — Hisao Speed Nukaya will serve the Idaho Falls JACL as its 1952 president, assisted by Sam Yamasaki, vice-president.

Mrs. Margaret Yamasaki was named recording secretary, while Emmy Yamasaki was named corresponding secretary.

Also named to office were Masayuki Honda, treas.; Joe Nishioka and Katsuki Yamasaki, official delegates; Sam Sakaguchi and Mrs. Amy Nii, social chairmen; Mary Kato, Mrs. Misao Haga, Fred Ochi, reporters; and Takeo Haga, Shigeru and Kay Tokita, sergeants-at-arms.

French Camp Gives Results of Voting

FRENCH CAMP, Calif.—George Ogino will be the next president of the French Camp JACL as the result of elections held here recently.

Bob S. Ota and Sue Maruyama were named first and second vice-presidents, respectively.

Other offices will be filled by Yoshiko Takahashi, rec. sec.; Emi Hayashi, corr. sec.; Tosh Hotta, treas.; Bob Takahashi, official del.; John Fujiki, historian; Aya Fujimoto, correspondent; Pete Takahashi, athletic chairman; and Ben Hatanaka, alternate del.

Home from Orient

SAN FRANCISCO—Cpl. Yoshinori Shintani of Los Angeles returned from Far East duty on Dec. 22 aboard the transport Gen. A. W. Brewster.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Washito Iwamoto a girl on Dec. 28 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. I. Woo Hirano a girl on Dec. 28 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Taro Kawa a girl, Margaret Fumi, on Nov. 24 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Kikawa, Long Beach, Calif., a girl, Janice Shizue, on Dec. 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Parsons (nee Jane Setsuko Watanabe) a boy on Dec. 16 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Henry Hidekawa a girl, Joy Mariko, on Dec. 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Robert Kato, Pasadena, Calif., a girl, Charlotte May, on Dec. 9.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Shiro Miyasaki a girl on Dec. 17 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Nobuo Yamamoto a girl, Susan Nobuko, on Dec. 16 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ruichiro Yoshio a girl, Judy Emiko, on Dec. 14 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jun Kojaku a boy, Jon Shaw, on Dec. 18 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takumi Kurimoto a girl, Christine Sue, on Dec. 15 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Minoru O. a boy, Kenneth Minoru, on Dec. 13 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hitoshi Shinomoto, Wilmington, Calif., a boy, Dick Akira, on Dec. 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masaru Usui, Venice, Calif., a girl, Carol Ann, on Dec. 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi F. Hi-yama a girl on Dec. 14 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fred K. Kuni-saki a boy on Dec. 14 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kameo Noguchi a girl, Jean Kiyomi, on Dec. 11 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Teruo Sato a girl, Lynn Masami, on Dec. 10 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Yamashita, Pasadena, Calif., a girl, Margaret Toshiko, on Dec. 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nobuichi Tanaka a boy on Dec. 24 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Narihiko N. Noguchi a girl on Dec. 18 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Shigeru Ishiyama a girl, Patricia Joan, on Nov. 28 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Komatsu a girl, Carol Ann, on Dec. 8 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tsuyoshi Okura, Wilmington, Calif., a boy, Albert Ryo, on Dec. 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Junji Ozaki a boy, Robert Masaru, on Dec. 4 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Teruo Takemoto a boy, Ronald Mikio, on Dec. 10 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mamoru Toji a boy, Robert Kazunobu, on Nov. 30 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masami Fukai a boy, Ricky Matsuo, on Dec. 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Saburo Iwana

a boy, David Kenji, on Dec. 7 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoharu Matsushita, North Hollywood, Calif., a boy, Gene Susumu, on Dec. 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Junji Nomachi a boy, Bruce Jeffrey, on Dec. 10 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kazuto Otamura, Jr., a girl, Judith Kim, on Dec. 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Luis Aihara a girl, Wendy Ann, on Dec. 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tokio Katayama a girl, Vickie Kimiko, on Dec. 9 in San Jose, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Haruo Itatani a boy, Laurence Haruo, on Dec. 18 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kato, Santa Clara, Calif., a girl, Ruby Mitsuko, on Dec. 13.

To Mr. and Mrs. Nobutoshi Hata-shita a girl, Christine, on Dec. 1 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Taira Bill Hata-shita a boy, Michael Bruce, on Nov. 27 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Toshio Hiraoka, Encino, Calif., a girl, Nancy Ann Ayako, on Nov. 26 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Kubotsu a boy, Steven Akira, on Nov. 25 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Milton Noboru Kondo a girl, Cynthia Lea, on Nov. 26 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Enomoto, Venice, Calif., a girl, Amy Emiko, on Nov. 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yoshiaru Hashimura a girl, Margo Deanna, on Dec. 4 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Katsumi Shimane, Gardena, Calif., a boy, Robert, on Nov. 25.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kosaku Fred Endo a boy, Howard Wayne Yukio, on Dec. 4 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Royford Verden George (nee Sue Sueko Inabu) a girl, Leighlonni, on Dec. 6 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Matsunori Kozawa, Long Beach, Calif., a girl, Susan Rose, on Dec. 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Togo Aiso, Gardena, Calif., a girl, Katherine Yoshiko, on Nov. 28.

To Mr. and Mrs. Peter Toshiyuki Akahoshi a girl, Susan Jane, on Nov. 5 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Saichi Higashi a boy, Francis Ken, on Dec. 3 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Kato a girl on Dec. 11 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sakamoto a girl on Dec. 17 in Auburn, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Taira Fukushima a boy on Dec. 30 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Katayama a girl on Dec. 17 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fukuji Tanji a boy in Berkeley, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroichi Hishida a girl in Berkeley.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Usui a girl on Nov. 27 in Stockton, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yasuharu Koike a boy in Alameda, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. William T. Hirano a girl in Oakland, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Itsuo Sakata a girl on Dec. 14 in Lodi, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Harada a girl on Dec. 14 in Lodi.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack K. Hata a girl in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mike Noguchi a girl on Dec. 18 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mizono a boy on Dec. 11 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roger Obata a girl, Susan, in Toronto, Ont.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Matsuo, Berkeley, Calif., a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sokume Yoshihata, Berkeley, a girl.

To Mr. and Mrs. John I. Nozaki a boy, Nicky N., on Dec. 20 in Portland, Ore.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Mihara a girl on Dec. 26 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kay Nakamura a boy on Dec. 26 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. James K.

Adachi a girl on Dec. 2 in Oakland, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tokuji Nakamoto a boy on Dec. 21 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Yasuo Toshiyuki a boy on Dec. 2 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Makoto Oda a boy on Dec. 6 in Reddy, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hori, Walnut Grove, Calif., a girl on Dec. 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. Noboru Ito a girl in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bill Yanagida a girl in North Platte, Neb.

DEATHS

Christine Kanno, 13-day old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kanno, Layton, Utah, on Dec. 29 in Ogden.

Masaji Ito, 72, on Dec. 19 in New York City.

Uhei Aizawa, 72, on Dec. 21 in New York City.

Mrs. Tsuya Miyake Fujimoto, 74, on Dec. 29 in Salt Lake City.

Dr. Minoru Wada, 26, Tokyo, Japan, on Dec. 25 in Detroit, Mich.

The Rev. Kihachi Hirakawa, 87, Winslow, Wash., on Dec. 16 in Seattle.

Yoneko Hisayasu (Mrs. Frank M. Hisayasu) on Dec. 17 in Spokane, Wash.

Yahichi Yahiro, 99, on Dec. 24 in Los Angeles.

Yoshitaro Kawata, 63, on Dec. 21 in Delano, Calif.

Alice Hiroko Kanbe (Mrs. Victor Masaru Kanbe), 32, on Dec. 22 in Los Angeles.

Miya Hamamoto (Mrs. Shigeto Hamamoto) on Dec. 22 in Sun Valley, Calif.

Suye Koyama (Mrs. Mikitaro Koyama) on Dec. 23 in Pasadena, Calif.

Saburo Morooka, 79, on Dec. 18 in Long Beach, Calif.

Mynagoro Tashima, 71, Sanger, Calif., on Dec. 21 in Fresno.

Fujito Nakasaki, 66, on Dec. 25 in Los Angeles.

Tatsue Kosaka (Mrs. Samosuke Kosaka), 46, on Dec. 21 in Ocean-side, Calif.

Shoko Tanaka, 63, on Dec. 12 in Los Angeles.

Tsunetaro Fukushima, 75, on Jan. 31 in Fresno.

MARRIAGES

Kimiko Nao to George Matsuo on Dec. 15 in Chicago.

Rose Arima to Jack Iseri, Clarksburg, Calif., in Chicago.

Chizuko Toguchida, Venice, Calif., to Harumitsu Takii, West Los Angeles, on Dec. 22 in Los Angeles.

Fumiko Hamaguchi to Frank Uyesaka, Fresno, on Dec. 9 in Fowler, Calif.

Kaythern Kuwashige, Compton, Calif., and George Y. Hanafusa on Dec. 16 in Los Angeles.

Marguerite Doizaki to Ray Ryo-suke Sakaguchi, both of Brighton, Colo., on Dec. 28 in Denver.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Frances Y. Tsuruda, 20, and Tadashi Funakoshi, 22, Fort Ord, Calif., in Sacramento.

Meredith Kusunoki, 38, and Clarence Kusunoki, 41, both of Honolulu, in San Francisco.

Sumiko Nojiri, 39, and Timothy Joyner, 29, New York City, in San Francisco.

Jean A. Omachi, 21, and Henry R. Urashima, 26, both of Penryn, Calif., in Auburn.

Helen Y. Sugiyama, 21, and Norman Yasui, 24, Florin, Calif., in Sacramento.

Ellen S. Takamura, 21, Greeley, Colo., and Raymond S. Maneki, 21, U.S. Army, in Seattle.

Jeanne Nakamura, 21, and Clark Tokunaga, 22, in Marysville, Calif.

Jean T. Ouye, Berkeley, and Pete K. Hironaka, Del Paso Heights, Calif., in Sacramento.

Military Clearance No Longer Needed by Japan-Bound Issei

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Resident Japanese nationals desiring to visit Japan for temporary purposes no longer are required to secure military clearances, the State Department informed the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this week.

This relaxation of a requirement which was imposed by the Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers (SCAP) following the surrender and opening of Japan to non-military visitors is another indication of the transition period preparatory to the restoration of complete sovereignty to Japan upon the formal ratification of the peace treaty.

Japanese nationals with pre-war Japanese passports are eligible to visit Japan for temporary purposes without additional documents, the

State Department advised the JACL ADC. The Japanese Government Overseas Agency confirmed this statement.

All aliens, including Japanese, who leave the United States must, however, under the laws receive income tax clearances from the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

In addition, Issei (permanent resident Japanese) should secure re-entry permits from the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice before leaving the United States, Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, warned if they desire to return to the United States, if they fail to secure re-entry permits, they will be denied readmittance into this country under the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924, Masaoka said.

Eighteen Hawaii Nisei GIs Named on War Prisoner List

HONOLULU — Eighteen of the 26 names of American soldiers of Japanese ancestry who have been listed as prisoners of war by the Chinese Communists in Korea are residents of Hawaii, the Hawaii Times reported last week.

The Times identified the following as Japanese Americans from Hawaii:

Cpl. Henry T. Arakaki, son of Kiyu Arakaki, 2031 Liliha street, Honolulu.

Pfc. Kazumi Arakaki, son of Mrs. Kamado Arakaki, 1650 Gulick avenue, Honolulu.

Pfc. Henry K. Higa, son of Mrs. Ushi Tokuda, 3252-B Monsarrat avenue, Honolulu.

Pfc. George Itagaki, son of Mrs. Juji Itagaki, 1215 N. School street, Honolulu.

Sgt. Tadashi Kaneko, son of Mrs. Yuri Kaneko, Keaumou, Kona, Hawaii.

Pfc. Sadao L. Kawamoto, son of Mrs. Umeru Kawamoto, P.O. Box 506, Puunene, Maui.

Cpl. Masao Kawana, husband of Mrs. Fukue Kawana, Kaaawa, Oahu.

Pvt. Robert Y. Kojima, brother of Toshiyuki Kojima, 347 Nohea street, Hilo.

Pfc. Hisashi Morita, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ryotaro Morita, House 65, Mill Village, Pepeekeo, Hawaii.

Cpl. Tadao Naito, son of Tadashi Naito, 1067 Lunalilo street, Honolulu.

Cpl. Tsuyoshi Nishimoto, son of Mrs. Takano Nishimoto, 374 Ku-kau street, Hilo.

Sgt. Clifford M. Sanpei, son of Mrs. Tomio Sanpei, 2517 Waolani avenue, Honolulu.

Pfc. Tomio Tadaki, son of Gunzo Tadaki, 937 3rd street, Kahului, Maui.

Pfc. Yoshio Tamaki, son of Shigeichi Tamaki, 2111 Nene street, Honolulu.

Pfc. Goichi Tamaye, son of Mrs. Sada Tamaye, 1043-B Kamehameha IV Rd., Honolulu.

Sgt. Katsuki Tanigawa, son of Mrs. Sute Tanigawa, 1320-B Liona street, Honolulu.

Cpl. Kiyomi Yonamine, son of Mrs. Margaret Yonamine, 9½ Mile Camp, Olan, Hawaii.

Pocatello Chapter Has Dinner Dance To Install Officers

POCATELLO, Ida. — Approximately 150 members and friends of the Pocatello JACL enjoyed the group's annual dinner dance at the Colonial Inn in Blackfoot.

Masa Tsukamoto, immediate past president, led the installation of newly elected officers, headed by George Sato, president.

Bill Yamauchi was master of ceremonies for the well-planned program. Charles Bilyeau, speech professor at the Idaho State College, was toastmaster. Bilyeau paid special tribute to the Nisei and their contribution toward the American way of life. Hero Shio-saki read the Japanese American creed.

The outgoing president was given a gift by the club members.

The new cabinet, in addition to Pres. Sato, includes Mike Yamada, vice-pres.; Sam Yokota, treas.; Will Kawamura, athletic co-ordinator; Natsuyo Yamada, corr. sec.; Ronnie Yokota and Miye Morimoto, co-social chmn.; Sanaye Yamalchi, publicity chmn.; Guy Yamashita and Ike Kawamura, official delegates; Suzan Taniyama, rec. sec.; and Stanley Kishiyama, photographer.

Nisei is Named State Chairman For Chamber Drive

LOVELL, Wyo. — Dr. Minol Ota was recently named Wyoming state chairman for the Junior Citizens Crusade of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Ota is a state vice-president for the Junior Chamber.

Dr. Ota is a delegate-at-large for the Northern Wyoming JACL. He is teaching an extension course in Lowell on livestock first aid and health in connection with the extension program of Northwest Junior College in Powell.

Nisei Will Teach Ohio State Courses

LOS ANGELES — Dr. Frank Inouye, a Ph. D. in history at the University of Southern California and recent recipient of a \$3,500 grant from the Ford Foundation's Fund for the Advancement of Education, has accepted a temporary appointment at Ohio State University.

He will teach courses in western civilization for the winter and spring courses.



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JACL Official Warns Nisei On Effect of Proposal To Outlaw Civil Rights Laws

Hawaii Veterans Dedicate Cemetery

HILO, Hawaii, T.H. — Marking the completion of 8,370 man hours of work by members of the 442nd Veterans Club in Hilo, the Hawaii County Veterans cemetery was dedicated on Dec. 23 by Governor Long.

The club started the project last Aug. 19 to stretch a legislative appropriation of \$20,000 to complete a pavilion, monument, roads, sidewalk, retaining walls, fencing and landscaping.

More than 500 persons, including many Issei parents of Nisei members of the 442nd Combat Team who are buried in the cemetery, attended the rites.

The Rev. Masao Yamada, chairman of the Hawaii County Cemetery Committee and former chaplain with the 442nd, was master of ceremonies.

Symbolic keys to the grounds were presented by Mitsuo Akiyama, general chairman of the 442nd Veterans Club's cemetery project, to County Chairman James Kealoha.

Family to Get Back Payment For New Home

LOS ANGELES—A judgment of \$5,500 for loss of a down payment on a house was won by the Sato family in Judge Leo Freund's Superior Court on Dec. 28.

The complaint was filed by Kiyoko, Hiroko and Sadaichiro Sato against Thurman A. DeBolt of the DeBolt Realty Co. whose firm was held responsible for the amount when one of its salesmen, Oscar J. Rachael, used the money for his own purposes.

Attorney Frank Chuman who represented the plaintiffs said the Satos contracted to purchase a home in June, 1950. They gave Rachael \$2,000 as a down payment and a month later paid another \$3,500. The amount was misappropriated by the agent and was never turned in to the realty company.

Judge Freund found Rachael guilty of conversion and fraud and sentenced him to a jail term.

The judgment of the court was the sum of \$5,500 for the Satos plus 7 per cent interest since June, 1950.

Wyoming Bussei To Attend Meet

LOVELL, Wyo. — A number of Nisei in the Worland-Lovell-Powell area will attend the Young Bussei League conference in Denver, according to Tom Marioka, reporter for the Northern Wyoming JACL.

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SAN FRANCISCO — Japanese Americans in California were warned this week by Haruo Ishimaru, Northern California JACL ADC regional director, that they may lose every right they have gained in recent years through remedial legislation if the so-called "Freedom of Choice" initiative becomes part of the state constitution.

Ishimaru described the proposed initiative, sponsored by America Plus, Inc., as a "most dangerous attempt to allow racial and other types of discrimination" in California.

Under the terms of the proposal all business houses, hotels, restaurants, real estate firms and insurance companies will have the right to bar employment and refuse services on the basis of race, creed or color.

The initiative proposal, which needs some 300,000 signatures to win a place on the state ballot this year, will legalize racially restrictive covenants in property deeds.

Ishimaru said a number of organizations, including a nucleus of race relations groups and labor unions, will spearhead a fight against this initiative.

The JACL ADC official will serve on a statewide steering committee which has been formed to lead the resistance to the proposal.

Ishimaru reported that Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of JACL ADC, already has suggested that all JACL chapters in California be alerted against "this vicious method of legalizing racial and other discrimination."

Masaoka also noted that if the initiative proposal is passed in California a nationwide campaign will be started to invalidate Federal legislation on civil rights.

Conference Planners To Hold Meeting

FRESNO, Calif. — Conference planners for the Central California YPOC will meet Sunday, Jan. 6, at the Fresno Japanese Methodist Church to make plans for the coming YPOC conference, tentatively scheduled for the second week of March.

Also under discussion will be the matter of raising funds to cover a current \$67 deficit by asking each fellowship for a donation. While deadline for this drive was set for Jan. 1, the YPOC will determine at this meeting whether the contributions were sufficient to cover the deficit or if another fund-raising project will be necessary.

Conference details to be decided include its site and theme.

Committee chairmen and advisers were announced as follows: Speakers, Ruth Ogawa, chairman, and the Rev. Ozaki, adviser; discussion, Cherry Ogawa and the Rev. Uyemura; registration, Cortez members, with the Rev. Nakamura adviser; general arrangements, Michio Takahashi; Publicity, Jane Kurakawa and Ronald Kooda; banquet, Dinuba members, the Rev. Imai; music, auline Mayeda, Barbara Toshiyuki, assistant; entertainment, Livingston group, Paul Okuye, the Rev. Goto; reception, Bakersfield, the Rev. Sakae; ushers, Hanford, the Rev. Inori.

San Francisco JACL Accepts Chicago's Member Challenge

SAN FRANCISCO — The San Francisco JACL has accepted the Chicago chapter's challenge to a membership race on the latter's terms.

The Chicago JACL, with a goal of 2,000 members in 1952, recently challenged to take on seven western chapters in a membership contest. Besides San Francisco, the other chapters are five in Los Angeles and one in Denver.

Chicago Chapter To Aid Issei in Annual Registration

CHICAGO — The Chicago JACL will help Issei in their annual registration with the federal government by making address report cards available at churches and business establishments, according to Ronald Shiozaki, president.

The registration of all aliens is required by law, Shiozaki said, adding that every alien must submit his report each year during the period from Jan. 1 to 11.

Address report cards are also available at all United States post offices.

Engagement Told

WARM SPRINGS, Calif. — Mr. and Mrs. T. Kato of Warm Springs announced the engagement of their daughter Kiyome to Ray Kitayama at an informal dinner at their home on Dec. 8.

The bride-elect is an active member of the Southern Alameda County JACL and is currently president of the organization. She is assistant director of nursing service at the San Jose Hospital.

Ray Kitayama, is the second son of Mrs. J. Kitayama of Alvarado, formerly of Bainbridge Island, Wash., and co-operator of the Kitayama Brothers Nursery.

The couple plan a late-spring wedding.

Mas Yano Heads Salt Lake Chapter

Mas Yano, Salt Lake attorney, was installed as president of the Salt Lake JACL chapter for 1952 at installation rites held on Jan. 1 at the Crystal Room of the Hotel Newhouse.

Other members taking the oath of office from National Director Masao W. Satow were: Ernie Seko, vice-pres.; Kou Hasegawa, rec. sec.; Rose Oda, corres. sec.; Dr. Shig Matsukawa, treas.; and Susie Kaneko, historian.

George Mochizuki headed the outgoing cabinet.

Tsukimura Receives All-League Honor

CHOWCHILLA, Calif. — Little Hiro Tsukimura, Fowler High's one-man gang, was an unanimous selection at a guard position on the Northern Shasta division all-star football team selected recently by coaches of the league schools.

Tsukimura's defensive play was a major reason for the successful season enjoyed by the Fowler Redcats.

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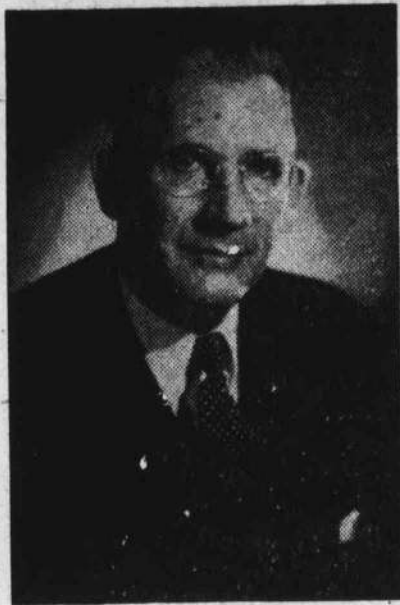
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Sen. Douglas Promises Aid For Issei Citizenship Bill



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CHICAGO—Senator Paul Douglas last week promised to do all in his power to secure for Japanese and other Asiatics equal treatment in naturalization and immigration.

"You can count on me to fight for the principal of equality in naturalization and immigration," said Douglas, (D., Ill.) to a JACL delegation headed by Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, National JACL president.

Other members of the delegation were Harold Gordon, chairman of the National JACL Legislative - Legal Committee; Mike Hagiwara, member of the JACL Veterans Committee and prominent in the 34th Division Association, and Richard Akagi, midwest regional representative.

The delegation approached the senior senator from Illinois to solicit his support for the McCarran Omnibus Naturalization and Immigration Bill. Douglas said that while he could not take a position on the McCarran Bill until he had studied the matter further, he would certainly fight for the enactment of a law granting naturalization and immigration privileges to Japanese and other disqualified Asians.

"We know of the heroism of the men of the 442nd," said Douglas, "and this country owes them a debt of gratitude. You can rest assured that I will do all I can to see that persons of Japanese ancestry are given a fair break."

Two Renunciants Return to U.S. From Japan

LOS ANGELES—Two Nisei who renounced their United States citizenship while being held at the Tule Lake segregation center in 1945, returned to the United States recently.

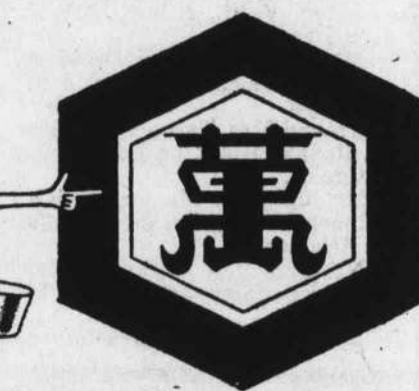
Both Yoshio Kawato and George Akira Tanaka were minors at the time of their renunciation of citizenship. They went to Japan with their families after V-J day.

They are the first to return to the United States following the recent ruling of the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that Nisei who were under 21 years of age at the time of the renunciation would not necessarily lose their citizenship.

They received U.S. passports upon application from U. S. consular representatives in Japan.

Court cases in their behalf were filed by Attorneys A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand in the U.S. district court in Los Angeles.

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