

Hundreds of Nisei Eligible For U.S. Income Tax Refunds; Disclose Denver Office List

Hundreds of persons of Japanese ancestry are among the American taxpayers due for federal income tax refunds, according to lists issued last week by local offices of the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

More than 100 names of Issei and Nisei eligible for tax refunds were among the 18,000 released by the Collector of Internal Revenue at Denver.

The lists cover refunds due from 1943 through 1948 and the Denver list is believed to include the names of many evacuees who worked in Colorado during the war years and have since relocated in the east or have returned to homes on the Pacific coast.

(In many cases the names on the list are misspelled or the first and last names transposed. Addresses also are believed to be wrong in many of these cases. It was for these reasons that refund payments were not delivered to the taxpayers.)

(The Denver list was published in full this week by the Denver Post and similar lists for their respective local areas are being published by the Salt Lake, Seattle and Portland newspapers. California papers have not, as yet, started publication of local lists.)

DENVER

The following names are among those listed in Denver, Colo. Those on the list may claim their refunds through letters to the Collector of Internal Revenue at Denver. All street addresses are of Denver residents. All are for sums under \$50, except as noted.

1943-1946
Ayako Adachi, 3039 Larimer St.
Yasuharu Aochi, 2019 Lawrence.
Frank Asaka, Gladstone Hotel, Casper, Wyo.
Ruth Enomoto, Stockyard Station.
Hideo Fukuda, 2450 West Fourth Ave.
Harry M. Furukawa, 1110 Nineteenth St.
Thomas K. Hada, 2720 Champa St.
Hanaya Hama, 2142 Arapahoe St.
Kojiro Hanada, 1705 Lawrence.
Tautomu Hane, 1914 Pearl St.
Kajura Hasegawa, 20th and Curtis St.
Sachiye Tonie Hata, 1582 Steele St.
Hayashi Hidekazu, 3137 West 35th St.
Gizu Higa, 1936 Larimer St.
Harry T. Horimoto, 2163 Larimer St.
Masae Igasaki, Boulder, Colo., over \$50.
Tarokichi Ikehara, 1227 19th St.
John K. Ikimoto, Sink, Colo.
Tom and Nobuko Imamura, Rt. 1, Box 30-B, Denver.
K. Inasaka, 2224 Larimer St.
Janeuke Inouye, 1122 Larimer St., over \$50.
Sutaro Inouye, 1955 Larimer.
D. Y. Ishida, Dalton, Neb.
Koji Isobe, 1120 Eighteenth St.
Ochiye Mikami Iwamoto, 2226 Larimer.
James Kageyama, Boulder.
Harry Kai, 326 E. Castilla St.
Ted T. Kamesake, 883 20th St.
Michio Nakamura, 1928 Lawrence St., over \$50.
Yanezo Kaniko, Heart Mountain, Wyo., over \$50.
Frank Kasamura, 1223 Twentieth St.
James T. Kashiwase, 507 18th St.
Kyoichi Kawahara, 2415 Champa.
Elsie M. Kawakami, 1257 Fillmore.
Masuy M. Kawasaki, 1324 20th St.
Yoshiyuki Kawate, 1943 Larimer.
Missa Kawazoye, Chicago, Ill.
Jitsuo Kikunaga, 1920 Lawrence.
George Kimoto, Colorado Springs.
James and Yuki Kitabayashi, 2143 Arapahoe.
Harry T. Kiyoi, Boulder.
Henry Kiyomura, Colorado Springs.
Dix Kaeru Koga, Granada, Colo.
Masuko K. Kondo, 769 Birch St.
Akiyama Kosaburo, 2204 Larimer.
Henry H. Kunibe, 1254 11th St.
Ben Kuniber, 2415 Champa, (probably Kunibe).
T. and Helen Kurakusu, 1761 Champa.
Albert Kurihara, Grand Junction, Colo.
Hiko Mamiya, 1629 Tremont Pl.
Henry T. and Hisee Matsumoto, 720 31st St.
Fred N. Matsumoto, 1810 Arapahoe.
Tokuo Matsura, 1920 Lawrence.
Lee Miyamoto, 1233 20th St.
Harding Miyaya, 1910 Curtis, St.
Unosaku Miyasaki, Amache, Colo.
Marie C. Mizutani, 4720 West 35th St.
Emiko Mizutani, 4720 West 35th St.
Betty Morimoto, 2415 Champa St.
Lincoln S. Munemitsu, 2226 1/2 Larimer, over \$50.
Jane Nagai, 2544 Champa.
Roy T. Nagai, Boulder.
Nabuo Nagasaka, 1944 Larimer.
Harry H. Nagata, 1810 Arapahoe.
Hitoshi E. Nagata, P.O. Box 2723, Denver.
Roy T. Nagata, 580 Gilpin.
Tom J. Nakamichi, 1110 19th St.
Irene U. Nakamura, San Acacio, Colo.
Toki Nakamura, 1155 20th St.
Kioichi Nakano, 1233 20th Ave.
Any Nakayam (probably Amy Nakayama), Pueblo, Colo.
Shigeshi Nishikawa, 1254 11th St.
Betty Nitta, Ann Arbor, Mich.
Taikow Y. Nomura, 1916 Larimer, over \$50.
Ralph Nukai, 415 17th St.
Noboru Oda, 1227 19th St., over \$50.

Hitoshi Ogata, 2025 Elati St., over \$50.
May Ogata, 2025 South Elati St.
Charles R. Ogawa, 1928 Lawrence, over \$50.
Takao Ogawa, 2230 Champa, over \$50.
Hisao Oka, 2737 Champa.
Kenji Okimoto, 1954 Champa, over \$50.
Makoh F. Omori, 1725 Tremont Pl.
Otokichi Ono, Los Angeles.
Molly Ota, 1434 Washington St.
Sukehiko Ota, 1945 Leyden St.
Kunio Sanurai, Pierce, Colo.
Bill Mitsugi Sato, 1620 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.
George Tako Sato, 1856 Washington St.
John M. Sato, Luna Hotel, Denver, over \$100.
Ben S. Sekishire, 2422 Champa.
George Shiba, Adams Hotel, Denver.
Kichi and Irene Shiga, Lafayette, Colo.
George Shioya and Rose Shioya, Boulder, over \$50.
T. Shiraishi, Heart Mountain, Wyo.
Harry Shiramizu, 1458 Court Pl.
Chuck Yoro Shishido, Rocky Ford, Colo.
Sam Suekama, Keenesburg, Colo., over \$100.
Yoshifumi Sugita, La Jara, Colo.
Dale Sumata, Brighton, Colo., over \$50.
Seifuku P. Taba, 1125 19th St.
Buntaro Tabuchi, Lemont, Ill.
Helen Tada, 2036 Larimer.
Kazue Tada, 2925 Williams.
Edward S. Takahashi, Cody, Wyo.
Henry T. Takahashi, Denson, Ark.
Norman H. Takaki, 116 East 13th Ave., over \$50.
Yasuo Takemoto, 1923 Larimer St.
Betty M. Takemura, 934 21st St.
William K. Takimoto, 2017 Champa.
Walter Tamura, 3305 Franklin.
George and Olive Tanaka, 1576 Federal Blvd., over \$50.
Joe Terakado, Oak Creek, Colo.
Wesley Taikamoto, 1928 Lawrence.
Paul T. Tsumori, 99 South Downing St.
Charles H. Uji, Camp Shelby, Miss.
George V. Umeda, 1929 Larimer.
Yusaku Watanabe, 1934 Larimer.
Masuru J. Wada, 2724 Champa.
Chitsuko Yagami, 1928 Lawrence.
George Yaga, Arvada, Colo.
Pvt. Frank K. Yama, Camp Planding (Blanding) Fla.
Kuniye Yamamoto, 3436 Quivas St., over \$100.
Yosataro Yamamoto, 2008 Larimer.
Rikio and Minnie Yamamura, 161 Gaylord St.
Ted Yamanaka, 1928 Lawrence St., over \$50.
Takahashi Yamasaki, Chicago, Ill.
Hamayo Yamashita, 2056 Champa, over \$50.
Roy T. Yamashita, 1956 Larimer.
Barney Yasuda, 2647 Stout, over \$50.
John Yukio Yasuhira, 1700 Larimer.
Tosh Yoshimura, Milwaukee, Wis., over \$100.

1947
Kanichi Higaki, 1225 20th St.
Mamiya Hiko, 1629 Tremont Pl.
Rose Hiraga, Ward G, Colorado General Hospital.
George Hirayama and Yoshi Hirayama, 835 22nd St.
Jitsuo Kikunaga, 1920 Lawrence St.
Yoshi Matsui, 1930 Arapahoe.
Ida Sadako, 3132 West 28th Ave.
George Shioya, San Francisco, over \$50.
William Tanaka, 1254 11th St., over \$50.
Joe Terakado, Routt, Colo., over \$50.
Nobuy Frank Tushima, 2426 Lawrence.
Tetsu Ueba, 2016 Larimer.
Aiko Watanabe, 1944 Larimer St.
1948
George Watanabe, 2905 Curtis St.
1950
Sam Nakamura, 1233 23rd St.

PORTLAND

The following persons have federal income tax refund checks waiting for them at the internal revenue collector's office in Portland, Ore. Additional names will be published at a later date.
Richard T. Ichimura, 3408 N. Cottonwood, Portland, 1948.
Kumae Ingaki, 62 S.W. 2nd, Portland, 1948.
Frank Ginzo Nakamura, Vale, Ore., 1945.
Walter Sakai, 7604 N. Johnsonwood, 1946.
Bette Umehara, 810 N.E. Couch, 1950.
Uchisada Unraku, Gen. Del., Portland, 1947.
Roy K. Yamaguchi, Minneapolis, Minn., 1945.
Seichi Itano, Burns, Ore., 1945.
George Bunyoshi Katayama, Payette, Ida., 1949.
Kathleen Hisako Sasaki, 1225 S.W. 1st., Portland, 1949.
Masu Yonekura, 301 N.W. 4th, Portland, 1949.

NISEI RECEIVES LARGE BEQUEST IN WIDOW'S WILL

LOS ANGELES—A Nisei who worked in the home of Mrs. Ida I. Bellows, late widow of Edward C. Bellows, was named as a beneficiary last week in the \$100,000 estate of her employer.

Mrs. Matsu Matsumoto will receive \$10,000, as well as personal belongings and articles of artistic value.

The will of Mrs. Bellows which was filed for probate in Superior Court cited Mrs. Matsumoto's care as "such as would be expected only from a devoted, loving daughter."

Government Sets Deadline For Compromise Claims

Remains of Two Nisei War Dead Home for Burial

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Department of Defense last week informed the JACL-ADC of the return of the bodies of two Nisei war dead who lost their lives as a result of the fighting in Korea. They were returned aboard the Marquette Victory which arrived at the San Francisco Port of Embarkation. They are as follows:

Sergeant Jimmie Mayemura, son of Jack Mayemura, 3626 West Compton Boulevard, Lawndale, California.
Private First Class Tadashi Obana, son of Y. Obana, P. O. Box 147, Chatsworth, California.

Three Nisei GIs Listed as War Casualties

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The names of three more Nisei casualties in the Korean area were reported to the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee by the Department of Defense this week.

The list included one killed in action and two wounded.

KILLED IN ACTION:

Pfc. Aranari Hiraga, brother of Tom Hiraga, 637 North State Street, Los Angeles.

WOUNDED IN ACTION:

Pfc. Yoshiro Nakamura, husband of Mrs. Shuyo Nakamura, Box 716, Kahuku, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii.
Sgt. James S. Sekigawa, son of Mrs. Yoshiko Sekigawa, Box 148, Wahiawa, Oahu.

Nisei Trainee Dies at Navy Base Of Heart Attack

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — The death of Bill Kizuka, 20-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kizuka, was reported here this week from San Diego Navy Base where the youth had been stationed.

He died of a heart attack on Jan. 15.

He graduated from Hartnell College last June and volunteered for the Navy.

Funeral rites were held at Westview Presbyterian church in Watsonville on Jan. 18.

Kurokis Sell Newspaper in Nebraska City

YORK, Neb. — Ben and Shige Kuroki, editors and publishers of the York Republican, announced the sale of their newspaper last week to Jack D. Tarr.

Tarr assumed ownership with the Jan. 17 issue.

Don Gillan, staff writer for the Lincoln Star, will take over editorial duties for the new publisher.

The Kurokis bought the Republican in May, 1950 from John G. Alden.

When the Kurokis took over the paper in June, 1950, 40 editors, newswriters, business department employees and composers came to York to help the Nisei war veteran and his wife launch their publishing enterprise. The result was a 48-page special edition, largest in the history of the 76-year old newspaper.

Ben Kuroki, veteran of 58 heavy combat bombing missions in Africa, Europe and the Pacific, attended the University of Nebraska and graduated only a month before he took over the newspaper. Mrs. Kuroki is the former Shige Tanabe of Pocatello, Ida.

Justice Department Moves To Speed Up Submission of Offers Under New Setup

WASHINGTON, D. C.—March 15 has been set as the administrative deadline for submission of wartime evacuation claims under the compromise plan authorized by Congress last year, the Justice Department informed the Washington office of JACL ADC on Jan. 24.

It was indicated the deadline was set in order to speed up submission of compromise claims in order that the Justice Department would be able to complete the compromise settlement program by the end of the current fiscal year on June 30.

Mike Masaoka, legislative director of JACL ADC, was informed that to the present time only 7,000 of an estimated more than 19,000 claims eligible for compromise settlements have been submitted.

Under the compromise plan claimants may receive up to three-fourths of the value of their original claim with a maximum figure of \$2,500.

Unless some of the remaining 12,000 claims are submitted, an official of the Justice Department's evacuation claims division declared the government will conclude that claimants are not interested in taking advantage of the special procedure which was made possible through legislation endorsed by JACL ADC last year as a means of accelerating the adjudication of claims.

It is reported government attorneys will catch up with a backlog of all claims submitted to date by Feb. 15.

JACL ADC was informed that after that date, unless enough claims come in to keep them busy, the attorneys may be reassigned and the entire compromise claims machinery may be dismantled.

The department will then go back to its old adjudication method which at one time threatened to take "almost a century" to complete the program, Masaoka noted. "When the government was taking so much time adjudicating claims, we protested and Congress amended the law to allow compromise settlements," Masaoka added. "Now, the government is moving much faster than the claimants are sending in compromise offers. Unless more than 10,000 claims are submitted for compromise in the next six weeks, attorneys who have finally been oriented to the compromise method

and who are turning out compromise settlements at the rate of more than ten per day may be reassigned.

"Slow adjudications will replace the present speedy compromise procedure. Smaller claimants themselves will lose, not only in time but in percentage of recovery because the record to date shows that compromise cases, even after deducting the 25 per cent required by law, are netting more than comparable claims under the old method of adjudication."

Masaoka urged claimants with claims of less than \$3,500 to send in their compromise offers before the March 15 deadline because "these claims will be processed faster and paid more."

Husband and wife claims up to \$7,000 should also be submitted for compromise before the March 15 deadline, the JACL ADC official said.

At the same time Masaoka cautioned claimants with large claims, for example those with more than \$10,000 in compensable items, from compromising their claims.

Legitimate large claims, he said, should not be compromised at this time for the \$2,500 individual maximum award or the \$5,000 which may be received by husband and wife.

"Don't throw away your money," Masaoka declared. "The government will get around to adjudicating larger claims as soon as they complete the present compromise program."

Those desiring forms on which to file compromise settlement offers and who have not yet received them from the government are urged to write: The Justice Department, Japanese Claims Section, Washington, D.C., or the JACL ADC office, 300 5th St., N.E., Washington 2, D.C.

Early Ratification of Japan Peace Treaty Urged by JACL

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Japanese American Citizens League on Jan. 23 in a statement presented to Senator Tom Connally (Dem., Texas), chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the United States Senate urged early ratification of the Japanese Peace Treaty.

Submitted by Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, the statement declared "As Americans—and all of our members are American citizens—we are primarily interested in the specific benefits which will accrue to the United States as a result of the prompt ratification of the Peace Treaty."

"At the same time, because most of our members are of Japanese ancestry, we are especially interested in promoting lasting friendship between the United States and Japan, believing that in such amicable international relationships lie our best hope for peace and security in Asia."

"It is our conviction that the best interests of our country are served by making and keeping Japan a friendly and willing partner in the new Pacific era which this Treaty inaugurates."

The JACL statement went on to say that "Japan, by every conceivable yardstick, is our natural ally in the Far East, for she has a traditional animosity towards the common enemy, Soviet Russia, and the productive capacity to be a helpful partner in the common defense against world communism."

Moreover, Japan has the best orientation of all the Asian countries to democracy and to the so-called western way of life. And, her strategic position off the Asia mainland cannot be overlooked.

"We are told," the statement said, "that Japan is anxious to work out her own salvation and to become as self-sufficient as possible. We suggest that it is to our own self-interest that she be encouraged to do so, for a strong and friendly Japan will not only be our greatest defense against aggression from the East but also less of a drain upon our national treasury. But, in the interim, we must be realistic; we must continue economic and other aid until Japan once again has easy access to needed resources and the industries and the trained manpower to make her own way in the world of nations (Continued on page 2)

House Judiciary Committee Urges Favorable Action on Equality in Naturalization

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The House Judiciary Committee this week favorably reported the Walter omnibus immigration and naturalization bill to the House for consideration, JACL ADC was informed.

Controversy over an immigrant contract labor section prevented the bill from being reported out last week.

Approximately 40 amendments, mostly minor and of a technical nature, were accepted by the committee during the two it had the bill under study.

None of the amendments affect the provisions for equality in immigration and naturalization endorsed by JACL ADC, Mike Masaoka, legislative director of the JACL ADC, announced.

Masaoka believed it would take ten days to two weeks for the committee staff to prepare the necessary reports and informational data for submission to the House membership.

Reports from State and Justice departments have not yet been submitted for inclusion in the report and these may delay House action, Masaoka said.

The JACL ADC official expressed hope the House will debate and pass the measure before the end of February.

At the same time, he reported the Senate Judiciary Committee was not able to act on the McCarran Omnibus measure, the companion bill to the Walter proposal, when it met on Jan. 21.

Masaoka said he hopes the Senate group will be able to begin consideration of the 300-page document when it meets on Jan. 28.

Los Angeles Group Holds Installation of '52 Cabinet

LOS ANGELES—Edison Uno, president of the East Los Angeles JACL, and his cabinet were installed in office at a general meeting Thursday, Jan. 24, at the International Institute.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national officer, led the installation service.

Community singing, special entertainment and dancing were scheduled for the evening, with refreshments to be served by members of the outgoing cabinet headed by George Akasaka.

Installed in office with Pres. Uno were Anson Fujioka, first vice-president; Frances Tashiro, second vice-president; Sam Furuta, third vice-president; Walter Tsutsui, treasurer; Terry Akasaka, recording secretary; Eiko Watanabe, corresponding secretary; and Marvel Miyata, publicity chairman.

Members of the cabinet met Jan. 18 at the JACL office to lay plans for the coming year.

They reviewed the proposed chapter constitution and recommended it be presented to the membership at an early date for ratification.

Also under discussion were the ADC, chapter program, membership, a chapter news bulletin and social activities.

Polio Benefit

DENVER—The Denver JACL held a bridge polio benefit Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Buddhist Church with Taki Domoto, Jr., as chairman.

Nine Children Join Parents' Golden Wedding Celebration

NEW YORK—A septuagenarian Issei couple, who came to the United States in 1903 and sent all nine of their children through college, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary here last week.

The nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Matsujiro Asai were on hand at their parents' Riverside Drive home for the celebration. They drove, flew and came by train. Two of them, Captain Sim Asai and Captain George Asai, veterans of the conflict in Korea, had returned just recently on rotation from the war.

Mr. Asai is now 77 years of age

Eden Township Holds Installation Service For New Cabinet

SAN LEANDRO, Calif.—Dr. Keichi Shimizu and his cabinet were installed in office by the Eden Township JACL at a dinner-dance held Jan. 11 at Onstead's.

Haruo Ishimaru, regional director, installed Pres. Shimizu and George Minami, first vice-president; Tak Shiba, second vice-president; Toichi Domoto, treasurer; Kay Niede, corresponding secretary; Kimi Fujii, recording secretary; Hamako Nishida, Sam Kawahara, Ben Tanizawa, Henry Wada and Dr. George Yamamoto, board of governors.

A plaque was awarded to Mrs. Kazue Sakai for her work in the JACL blood drive. A JACL President's pin was given to Min Shinoda, outgoing president.

Carl Ekoos, principal of San Lorenzo High School, gave an informal talk on "Our Heritage."

Ekoos told his audience many anecdotes about his family's trip to their homeland, Norway, and told of the part his relatives played in the Norwegian underground for the Allies.

He showed, by implication, that the JACL is one of the taproots which lead into the tree which branches out into all aspects of community life.

Many members of the audience were former students of Mr. Ekoos when he was a biology teacher.

Guests of honor included Mr. and Mrs. Ekoos, Mr. and Mrs. Haruo Ishimaru and Kiyo Kato, past president of the Southern Alameda JACL.

Beautiful camellia corsages were presented to each feminine guest through the courtesy of the Domoto Nursery. Tom Kitayama, historian, gave a resume of the Year's activities of the local chapter.

Kenji Fujii was chairman for the event, with Kazue Okada and Kimi Fujii as assistants.

Sacramento Chapter Assists Issei on Address Reports

SACRAMENTO—The local JACL chapter recently assisted approximately 250 local Issei residents to report their addresses to the Justice Department, as required annually under the McCarran Act.

Plans are now being made for an Easter sport dance and a community-wide picnic to be held in May.

The membership committee, headed by Emi Kamikawa, Dubby Tsugawa and Bill Matsumoto, is striving to top last year's membership total of 275.

and Mrs. Asai is 75. They were married in Japan in 1902. A year later they came to America and settled in Houston, Tex., where their nine children, five boys and four girls, were born.

The Asai family moved from Houston to Ithaca, N.Y., because the parents wanted their children educated at an eastern college. As a result all nine of the Asai children were graduated from Cornell University.

Attending the celebration was the youngest of the Asais, Woodrow, 1952 president of the New York JACL chapter.

Denver JACLers Give Blood for Red Cross Drive

DENVER—Denver JACLers made their first group contribution of blood to the Red Cross on Monday, Jan. 14, under direction of Mrs. Tsuyako Takata, chairman of the chapter's blood donor campaign.

Members of the group were Tod Okita, Al Uji, and Mr. and Mrs. Mas Takata.

Fourteen others are scheduled to donate blood, but more volunteers are requested to meet the urgent need, Mrs. Takata said. Blood donations are made at either the Denver General or Colorado General hospitals. Arrangements should be made through Mrs. Takata's committee, consisting of Chiye Horiuchi, Muriel Kubo, Chiz Sensaki, Rui Taniguchi, Jean Fujimoto, Dorothy Okita and Hana Takamine.

Mrs. Takata can be reached at GR 2986.

Sumiko Kato Given Nurse Teaching Post

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Sumiko Kato of Warm Springs was recently appointed clinical instructor of nursing education by the director of the San Jose hospital.

Prior to this appointment she was head nurse.

Miss Kato is a graduate of St. Marks Hospital School of Nursing in Salt Lake City and received her bachelor of science degree from the University of Utah. Her sister Kiyome is assistant director of nursing at San Jose Hospital.

Urge Ratification

(Continued from page 1) with honor. We believe that the Japanese are too proud a people to allow needed aid to deteriorate into international charity.

"We are not suggesting here that the ratification of the Peace Treaty will solve all of Japan's problems, nor ours in the Far East. But, national sovereignty will enable Japan to take the initial steps to put into actual practice the new concepts and perspectives which we, as the occupying power, have presented her. American responsibilities too should be correspondingly decreased," the statement continued.

Decrying the suggestion of some that Japan should be built up as a military bastion for this country as unworthy of our ideals and traditions, the JACL document declared that it subscribed to the "long range view that a strong, independent, and friendly Japan can be the most formidable deterrent to the ambitions of the communists."

"Looking at the matter even more positively, we envision a Japan that will be helpful not only in maintaining the peace but also economically and socially in 'westernizing' in the best sense of the word, the undeveloped areas of Asia and the Pacific. We see a great new era of civilization, if you will, being created around the so-called Pacific basin in which the United States and Japan, partners in a heroic enterprise, will work together for the greater good of mankind."

Urging ratification by the Senate, the statement said: "Delay plays into the hands of the Communists, especially those in Japan. Delay prevents Japan from instituting her difficult program to prove her right to sovereignty. Delay means more in occupational costs and supplemental aid and weakens American prestige."

Arguing that recognition of Japan as a nation is not enough and that federal immigration and naturalization laws discriminating against the Japanese raise questions as to our sincerity, the JACL urged "the speedy enactment of legislation that will extend to the Japanese immigration and naturalization privileges at least equal to those granted other Asian countries."

The statement concluded, "We Americans of Japanese ancestry hope and trust that in the spirit of mutual cooperation the United States and Japan will blaze a new path in international fellowship in the coming Pacific era which holds so much promise for both nations."

Washington Chapter Issues Membership Drive Challenge

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Every chapter in the Eastern District Council will be engaged in a membership contest if the challenges of the Washington, D.C. JACL chapter are accepted.

Ben Nakao, membership committee chairman, and Rikio Kumagai, chapter president, announced that letters had been sent to the Philadelphia and Seabrook chapters challenging them to membership contests. These letters also suggested that the Philadelphia, Seabrook, and Washington chapters join in challenging New York in another membership contest.

Although Washington has the smallest Nisei population of the east coast chapter areas, Nakao and Kumagai were confident that their chapter would win any prize that could be agreed upon. And, on a percentage basis, they would be willing to challenge Chicago too, the Washington JACLers said.

Philadelphia, Seabrook, and Washington have a total membership potential almost equal to that of New York.

This is a crucial year in JACL and Nisei history, "so we're determined that as many eligible Nisei as possible be solicited for JACL membership," that nation's capital chapter proclaimed, "in order that our national slogan 'Security through Unity' may be more nearly achieved."

Cage Group Seeks Queen for 17th Annual Tournament

The Salt Lake JACL Basketball Association will sponsor a queen contest in conjunction with its 17th annual Salt Lake Nisei basketball tournament.

The contest is open to all single girls of senior high school age or over. Entries must be submitted to Fumio Kasai, president, 69½ West 1st South Street, Salt Lake City, by Feb. 3.

Interested organizations may submit the name of their candidates and should include the address, telephone, business phone,

More JACL Chapters Name Cabinets for 1952 Terms

Cabinet officers for a number of JACL local chapters were announced this week by Masao Sawtow, national director.

Orange County

Hitoshi Nitta was re-elected to the presidency of the Orange County JACL, with George Kanno, Stephen Tamura and Mrs. Ruth Matsuda as first, second and third vice-presidents, respectively.

Kazuko Aoyama was named secretary. Fred Mizusawa was elected treasurer and George Ogata will be auditor. Iwao Aoki, Frank Nakashima, James Kobayashi and Joe Akiyama will be members-at-large.

Eden Township

Dr. Keichi Shimizu will head the Eden Township chapter during 1952, with George Minami and Tak Shiba as first and second vice-presidents. Toichi Domoto will be treasurer and Kay Niede will be corresponding secretary. Kimi Fujii was elected recording secretary.

On the board of governors will be Sam Kawahara, Ben Tanizawa, Henry Wada, Dr. George Yamamoto and Hamako Nishida.

Selma

The Selma JACL named George Baba its new president. Masato Morishima will be first vice-president with George Okazaki as second vice-president.

Sadako Yamamoto and Herky Yamamoto will fill the positions of recording and corresponding secretaries, respectively. Kenny Yamamoto will be treasurer. Other offices will be filled by George Abe, official delegate; Fudge Tara, historian; and Kane Umamoto, alternate delegate.

New York

Woodrow Asai heads the New York chapter with Sumi Hiramoto as vice-president.

Mass Nisei Choir To Be Organized For JACL Confab

SAN FRANCISCO—A Nisei mass choir composed of the combined voices of Bay Region choral groups, will be a feature of the 12th biennial National JACL convention in San Francisco June 26 to 30, according to Fred Hoshiyama, chairman of the special events committee.

The choir will perform in the opening ceremonies and will also present its own program of choral music.

Frank Ono, director of the San Francisco Pine Methodist Church, will be general chairman and will direct the combined group.

Ono has begun organization of the choir, which will be built around existing choir groups of various churches and non-sectarian organizations in the Bay cities. Over a hundred voices will be used.

First call for practice will be made about the middle of February. Choir directors of the separate choir groups are now being contacted for planning and organization.

All individuals interested in participating are asked to contact Ono by mail at 1554 O'Farrell St., San Francisco 15, or by phone at Jordan 7-0525.

Name Utah Student To Honor Society

Joe Amano, a senior at the University of Utah, was one of three students selected for membership in Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic society, it was reported last week.

Amano, a veteran of World War II, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Masa Amano of Helper, Utah.

He majored in basic biological sciences and is now enrolled in the College of Medicine.

age, weight and height of their entry.

Named to other offices were Rieki Suzuki, recording secretary; Yoshiko Mori, corresponding secretary; Gerald Kubo, treasurer; Jean Ito, historian; Sachi Tanaka, publicity director; Chiz Ikeda, membership director; Hisayo Asai, program director; and Clara Clayman, financial director.

Placer County

Homer Takahashi will direct the Placer County JACL, with five vice-presidents, as follows: Ed Yamane, Loomis; Tadashi Yego, Penryn; Ben Matsumoto, Newcastle; Charley Oseto, Auburn; and Eugene Nodohara, Lincoln.

Ellen Kubo will be recording secretary, while Barbara Nakashima will serve as corresponding secretary. Roy Yoshida will be treasurer, Hugo Nishimoto will be athletic director, while Nobuya Nimura will be social chairman. Ben Matsumoto heads the membership committee.

Salinas Valley

The Salinas Valley JACL elected Tom Miyana as president and George Higashi as vice-president for the coming term.

Other officers are Mary Hibino, recording secretary; Mickey Miyana, corresponding secretary; John Terakawa, treasurer; Henry Tanada, official delegate; Craig Yama, alternate delegate; and Doris Yamamoto, reporter.

Tulare County

Edward Nagata heads the cabinet of the Tulare County JACL. Four district representatives were elected as follows: Takashi Ishizue, Dinuba; Tom Mori, Visalia; Tom Tsuboi, Lindsay; and Ted Hiramoto, Orosi.

Don Kurhara will fill the post of secretary, while Masata Hanada will be treasurer. Ko Hirabayashi will be in charge of publicity.

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Homes of Nisei Affected by Denver Project

DENVER — Twenty-seven families of Japanese ancestry are among 286 who will be forced to move if the new Curtis Park project is built by the Denver Housing Authority between Arapahoe and Lawrence Streets from 26th and 34th streets.

Approximately 100 persons, including a dozen Nisei and Issei, attended a meeting on Jan. 21 at Epworth Center at which Housing Authority Director Walter Gail explained plans for the project.

Gail said the area was selected on the basis of exhaustive surveys, including the Carmichael study in 1940 which showed 70 per cent of the dwellings in the area to be substandard.

Speaking for the Housing Authority, Gail said not a tenant in the area would be evicted until and unless satisfactory substitute housing has been found.

He said the deadline of March 2, 1952 for vacating premises affected by the project was the authority's goal but would not be necessarily imposed.

The meeting was called by Mrs. Helen Peterson of the Mayor's Commission on Human Relations with the objective of clarifying many of the misunderstandings inspired by the situation. Bernard Valdez, the Rev. Butimio Duran and Min Yasui, regional representative of JACL ADC, were appointed to a committee which will make recommendations to the Denver Housing Authority in regard to further steps to keep the public informed and to protect site occupants in connection with the proposed project.

Families in the affected area also include 211 Spanish Americans, 20 Negroes and 43 of other ancestries.

Make Plans for District Meeting

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The largest and most elaborate Young Buddhists conference of recent years will be held Feb. 22 to 24 in San Jose, where the Coast District YBA will play host to the 1952 Western Young Buddhist League convention.

Lord Abbot Koshio Ohtani, spiritual leader of 7,000,000 Buddhists in Japan, will be present for two days. Abbot Ohtani recently completed a two month tour of the United States.

A Double A basketball tournament will be an added attraction, starting Friday night, with the finals scheduled for Saturday afternoon.

Five district contestants will compete for the title of 1952 WYBL queen.

The entire convention, except for the opening and memorial services, will be held in the spacious San Jose Civic Auditorium, which has a seating capacity of 3,000. Five conference rooms and a theater adjoining the main auditorium will be available for conventioners. Events already scheduled for the main auditorium include basketball, a banquet and queen coronation.

Mass Evacuation Should Not Happen Again, Says Paper

The mass evacuation of Japanese Americans from the West Coast in 1942 should be remembered because "it should not happen again," the Oregon Statesman (Salem, Ore.) said in an editorial Jan. 21.

The editorial was occasioned by a current Portland court case, in which a Nisei renunciant, Yoshio Murakami, seeks to recover his American citizenship.

"We don't pretend to know the circumstances surrounding Murakami's renunciation, which he claims was forced by other internees," the Statesman said. "Nor are we warranted in going into this specific case while decision is pending."

"But it can be said that one of the surprising factors in the overall relocation was that so few actually renounced their citizenship under circumstances which could not have aroused other than bitterness."

The Statesman said the Nisei and Issei were "yanked from their property and their jobs with no assurance whatever as to what would happen to the material things they had gathered in many years of work." It added that

Jackie Robinson to Speak at New York JACL Installation

NEW YORK CITY—At the Japan Desk of the Voice of America, New York JACL's Veep Mitsu Yasuda had been lamenting bitterly to Editor Hank Gosh, ex-president of the Washington Chapter, that she was having quite a time getting a crowd-drawing speaker for the Installation Dinner of the 1952 officers. She had written to this and that person, but.

The other day the phone rang. Editor Hank picked it up wearily.

"May I speak to Miss Mitsu Yasuda?" the caller said, "Yas, Yosh, Ya..." The last name was mutilated.

"You must mean Miss Yasuda," Hank said. "No, she's not in. No,

I'm sorry I don't know where she went... Nope, don't know when she'll be back... no..." This went on for two or three minutes.

Finally the resigned caller said, "Oh well. Please tell her then, that Jackie Robinson called."

Stricken silence from the VOA, and then "WHO?"

It took only 30 seconds to locate Mitsu after that. "Never mind... drop everything!" was the order "Call back immediately!"

Jackie Robinson of Brooklyn Dodger fame, will be batting 1.000 at Howard Johnson's 57th Street Restaurant Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. Reservations are now being taken.

Tule Lake Renunciant Asks For Restoration of Rights Forfeited in Segregee Camp

Peninsula Group Forms Newest Chapter of JACL

REDWOOD CITY, Calif.—Residents of South San Mateo County last week formally organized the Sequoia JACL, newest of the chapters in the national organization.

The new group will serve an area comprised of Redwood City; Menlo Park and East Palo Alto.

Harry Higaki of Redwood City was elected to head the chapter for its initial year. Assisting him will be John Enomoto, first vice-president; Tom Yamane, second vice-president; Alice Yamane, recording secretary; Lorraine Inouye, corresponding secretary; George Tsurumoto, treasurer; Nobuko Okamura, historian; and Eiko Honda, publicity chairman.

The new officers were scheduled to be installed in office at a joint installation dinner dance with the San Mateo JACL on Jan. 19 at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel in San Mateo.

Valentine Dance To Climax Meeting Of District Council

HAYWARD, Calif.—The Eden Township and Southern Alameda County JACL chapters will co-host the next meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada district council on Feb. 10.

A Valentine dance will climax the meeting.

It will be held at the IDES Hall, First and C Streets, Hayward, beginning at 8 p.m.

Admission will be \$1 per person, and the public will be invited. All Nisei servicemen stationed or visiting in the Bay Area will be admitted without charge.

Giichi Yoshioka and Yutaka Handa will be co-chairmen.

PORTLAND, Ore. — Yoshio Murakami, 31, who renounced his American citizenship while at the Tule Lake WRA camp, asked for restoration of his citizenship status in Federal Court on Jan. 19.

Murakami, speaking through an interpreter, said he had given up U.S. citizenship because he was afraid he might be beaten or even killed by pro-Japanese at the relocation center.

His is the first such case to be heard in the local Federal Court.

The Nisei was born in Seattle March 9, 1920, but spent his childhood and adolescence in Japan, where his father took the family after Yoshio's birth.

He told the court that in 1939, with the Japanese government seeking more and more men for its war in Asia, he realized he might be drafted into the Japanese army unless he left for the United States.

He arrived here in 1940, coming to California where an older brother had settled a few years earlier. He found work in a nursery.

Two years later the Army issued its evacuation order for all persons of Japanese ancestry. He was rounded up and locked behind barbed wire. He went first to a camp at Salinas, Calif., then to the Tule Lake center near Newell, Calif., where persons designated as "poor risks" were segregated in the later stage of the WRA program.

Murakami, it was revealed during cross examination before U.S. District Judge James Alger Fee, had at that time refused to pledge full allegiance to the United States.

In court, Murakami said he did not refuse to swear fealty to this country but had not understood what the question was about.

He said that after he was sent to Tule Lake, he found the camp was in control of pro-Japanese elements.

In a similar citizenship case concerning a Nisei woman, a circuit court of appeals restored the American citizenship of the Nisei, recognizing the coercive atmosphere of the Tule Lake camp. That court decision pointed out the crowded, inadequate conditions of the camp and said that a pro-Japanese underground gained control. Critics and "stool pigeons" were beaten by strong-arm squads to enforce allegiance to the Japanese government.

Murakami said that in this situation he signed the petition for renunciation of his American citizenship. He was told constantly by his fellow inmates that the Americans did not want him.

The renunciant said that a month before his deportation after the war he married a girl he met at Tule Lake. She is now in Tokyo and has filed a similar suit to regain her American citizenship.

Of 7,000 adults at the Tule Lake camp, 5,000 renounced their American status. Many of them have since sought restoration of their citizenship.

No decision is expected in the Murakami case for several weeks, and additional evidence will be offered by Fred Okrand, Murakami's attorney, and Victor E. Harr, assistant U.S. attorney.

Murakami will stay in the United States pending a ruling from the court.

Max M. Sakamoto, Portland Nisei who served as an Army investigator for two years during World War II, is acting as interpreter for Murakami.

Million and Half Dollars Authorized for Payment of Evacuation Claims in 1951

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A total of \$1,585,711.81 was authorized for payment of evacuation claims in 1951, the Department of Justice reported to the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

An analysis of the more than 2,200 pages of single report sheets submitted to Congress by the Justice Department in accordance with the law by the Washington JACL ADC office revealed that of this total amount \$1,402,619.45 was for compromise settlements and \$183,092.36 was for adjudications.

Compromise settlements authorized numbered 1813 and 311 adjudications made in 1951. Thirty-three claims were dismissed for various reasons.

Actually, \$504,418.80 was paid to the claimants up to Jan. 3, 1952, although the 1951 congressional appropriations authorized only half a million dollars for the payment of all awards. The remaining \$1,081,293.01 will be paid within a few weeks, after this Congress approves a deficiency appropriation for this amount. Since the JACL sponsored the basic law of 1948, recognizing evacuation claims, authorizes Congress to appropriate such sums of money as may be needed to pay the claims, the deficiency request is expected to be a formality.

The JACL ADC breakdowns show that a total of \$3,260,096.25 was claimed, with \$2,725,550.53 originally claimed by those who submitted compromise offers under the JACL endorsement of August, 1951, authorizing the Attorney General to compromise and settle claims.

The compensable items claimed by those who compromised and settled their claims was \$2,274,939.08.

Of the compromise settlements, almost 52 per cent of the total amount claimed was paid or payment was authorized. Of the com-

pensable items claimed, almost 62 per cent was paid or authorized for payment.

Of the total amount claimed by adjudicated claims, without counting the dismissed claims, 39 per cent was paid.

The total amount claimed for the 33 dismissed claims was \$63,569.20. These claims were dismissed because they were filed after the deadline or because they involved such non-compensable items as personal injury (loss of an eye), evacuation preparation expenses, travel, anticipated earnings, contraband articles, acts of God, and internment losses.

In two previous years, 1949 and 1950, the Department of Justice adjudicated only 231 claims, of which 75 were dismissed. In those two previous years, only \$154,397.82 was paid.

The Washington JACL-ADC again urged all claimants with evacuation claims that qualify for compromise settlements to submit their compromise offers immediately.

"With the program functioning so smoothly and with compromise settlements actually paying off better and much more quickly than adjudicated claims, every claimant should carefully consider the advantages of compromising and settling their claims immediately," Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director said.

Disclose Names of Initial Recipients of Claims Awards

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The names of the first 105 evacuee claimants to receive compromise settlements of their claims in 1951 were released by the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

All are recorded as having been paid by the Treasury Department.

Those listed who have not yet received their checks are requested to advise the Washington JACL ADC office, 300 Fifth Street, N.E., Washington 2, D. C.

Takashi Sata, and William Itsu-bo Morita, Chicago; Takuji Kobayashi, Salt Lake City, Utah; Dr. Charles M. Ishizu, and Paul Yamada, Oakland, Calif.; Fusao Tanaka, Chicago; Moichiro Sano, Rochester, N.Y.; Suketaro Kabumoto, Chicago; Sotaro Kodama, Los Angeles; Seiji Baba, Seattle;

Busuke Saito, Fresno; Kazuo Harry Kuroda, Visalia, Calif.; Richard Toshio Komatsu, Los Angeles; Kango Izumi, New Orleans, La.; Susumu Fred Sakamoto, Gridley, Calif.; Ikuichi Yoshida, Los Angeles; Gisuke Saito, Fresno; Kametaro Uyeda, Ripon, Calif.; Thomas S. Kadamoto, Glendale, Ariz.; Atsuno Yamaguchi, Chicago;

Yoneo Sakai, Washington, D.C.; Kuytaro Fujinami, Salt Lake City; Takashi Shima, Senichiro Kusaka, Takao Shintani and Kiichi Yamasaki, Los Angeles; Kameo Sakai, Long Beach, Calif.; Harumasa Harry Yamada, Los Angeles; Robert Tsuneo Endo, Washington, D.C.; Susumu Kobayashi, Philadelphia; Jean S. Toda, Chicago; Jiro Oyama, Salt Lake City; George H. Ono, Los Angeles; George Goro Yoshioka, Chicago; Harry W. Uchida, West Los Angeles;

Sadami Sakai, Burley, Ida.; Takenori Kodama, Los Angeles; Otomiji Shoji, Seattle. Frank M. Furukawa, Cincinnati; Shinichiro Shimotori, St. Paul, Minn.; Toshio Ando, Denver; Zenzo Fukuda, Salt Lake City; Masajiro Sakamoto, Los Angeles; Sadakichi Fujita, Tacoma, Wash.; Sue Miyahara Noriyuki, Los Angeles; Berry S. Suzuki, Evanston, Ill.; Show Taitai, Salt Lake City; Mitsushige Hata, Seattle; Hotori Kazahaya, Los Angeles; Tatsuyo Nakaji, Chicago;

Giichi Oishi, Los Angeles; Shigeru Yamatoda, San Mateo, Calif.;

Mitsuo Kita, Denver; Tad T. Kamidori, Davison, Mich.; Rio S. Yamane, Portland, Ore.; Minoru Yasui, Denver; Kameyo Yoshida and Riyoichi Yoshida, Los Angeles; Seiki Yamamoto, Chicago; Toyoyiro Yamada, Stockton; Kisa Takemoto, San Francisco; Kenichi Takemoto, Detroit; Iwao Tanaka, Chicago; Shoichi Kume, Salt Lake City; Shigetoshi Horiuchi, Seattle; Harry Kansoda Mayeda, Burley, Ida.; Fujiro Matsushima, Cleveland; Iku Uchida, Oakland; Nobu Isaki, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Jack Ishto Fujinaka, Chicago;

Tommy Ichiro Yamamoto and Matsuhei Okumura, Salt Lake; Kashihiro Kunisuye, Los Angeles; Tomiichi Minemoto, Redondo Beach, Calif.; Shigeji Kawaguchi, Los Angeles; Yohei Kishiyama, Torrance, Calif.; Takeo Murata, Santa Monica, Calif.; Ichitaro Matsuoka, Los Angeles; Tom Tozo Nakamoto and Jentaro Naito, Seattle; Takeno Itano, Chicago; Toyohara Shimizu, Ft. Defiance, Ariz.; George Joji Kinoshita, Keokuk, Iowa; Nobushige Uyehara and Seizo Takashi, Chicago; Joseph Isamu Fuchita, Compton, Calif.; Tomeko Helen Kakita, Venice, Calif.; Iwao Jack Minamida, Sacramento; Hisazo Mimura, Orosi, Calif.; Chiseo Shoji, Chicago;

Eiji Fujitomi, Seattle; Frank F. Chuman, Los Angeles; Yaeno Yokogawa, Seaside, Calif.; Lilly Yuriko Ishihara, Glendale, Calif.; Isamu Hironaka, Sacramento; Hayaji Matsuo, Chicago; James Kiyao Yagyu, Los Angeles; Hatsuko Nasu, New Orleans; Aiji Kondo, Seattle; Kenjiro Saito, Minneapolis; Asaichi Yamauchi, Oakland, Calif.; Kiichiro Otoshi, Sun Valley, Calif.; Charles H. Araki, Richmond, Calif.; Yasuke Oishi, San Jose, Calif.; and Kumata Arai, Los Angeles.

Hosokawa Talks To Lions Club

DENVER—Bill Hosokawa, Sunday Magazine editor of the Denver Post, spoke to the Platteville, Colo., Lions club last week on his experiences in Korea as a war correspondent. He commented also upon possibilities of future developments in Asia.

Hosokawa spoke at the invitation of John Kiota, program chairman for the Platteville Lions.

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EDITORIALS:

Deadline for Compromise Offers

Setting of March 15 as the deadline for submission of evacuation claims under the compromise settlement plan makes it imperative that all Nisei and Issei wishing to take advantage of the revised procedure submit their compromise claims immediately.

The remarkable speed-up in claims payments can be seen in figures released this week by the Department of Justice, which is administering the claims.

In 1951 the department approved more than one and a half million dollars in evacuee claims. Of this amount more than one million, four hundred thousand dollars was for compromise claims. And yet the compromise measure was not passed until August of that year. First settlements under this revised measure were made in September. All compromise settlements, therefore, were made in the last quarter of 1951.

The department now announces that all compromise claims (which total some 7,000 in all) will be settled by February 15. Unless a new, large body of claims is submitted by that date, the department will then abandon its present compromise machinery.

The department has estimated that some 12,000 claims might be settled under the compromise act. Doubtless many claimants have had good and sufficient reason for withholding their claims, foremost being the fact that the claimant must be willing to settle for a sum at least twenty-five percent less than that recognized as the total value of the claim. Doubtless numerous claimants have adopted a "wait and see" policy to determine whether the compromise act would work in a fair and satisfactory manner, and if, indeed, the plan would make for speedier payments.

It now appears that to all intents and purposes the department is settling the compromise claims with fairness and certainly with dispatch. Within the limitations of the act, the Department of Justice appears to be settling claims with fairness and justice. Generally speaking, the claims are netting a larger percentage of returns than under the regular method of adjudication, doubtless due to the fact that detailed documentary evidence of loss is required under the latter procedure.

It must be emphasized that persons with large claims should not ask for compromise settlements, which are limited to \$2500 per individual. It should also be emphasized that no individual has to accept a compromise settlement that appears unfair to him. If no satisfactory figure can be arrived at, the compromise claim can be dropped and the individual's claim can be adjudicated in the regular manner.

The compromise act was devised as an emergency measure to speed up payments under a claims payment which bogged down almost completely under a welter of regulations, red tape and administrative detail. As an emergency measure it appears to be working satisfactorily.

It is imperative, therefore, that persons who have not submitted compromise settlements and plan to do so send their amended claims immediately to the Department of Justice, while funds and personnel delegated for the current fiscal period are still available.

MINORITY WEEK

The Champ

Joe Louis won the biggest fight of his career this week when the Professional Golfer's Association agreed with him that PGA-sponsored tournaments should not be closed to Negroes.

Louis showed his old form when he swung into action against the PGA. And came up still champion.

Emancipation

There's a new emancipation move on foot, this time on behalf of the American Indians, who have been isolated wards of the government.

As America's stepchildren, the Indians had restricted civil rights, ranging from restrictions on such major rights as voting to the right to buy a drink.

The Indian Service recently proposed that 43 Oregon coast tribes be given independence for the first time. It will place them for the first time on their own feet, with the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

It's a terrific step forward in America's treatment of this minority group.

Bad Habit

Kansas City officials admitted in

court last week that it was only because of "habit," not by sanction of law, that Negroes are banned from use of the city's "white" swimming pools.

The city provides two pools for whites and one for Negroes.

Last summer three Negroes seeking admittance to the Swope Park pool, reserved for "whites," were turned down because of race. The NAACP took up the case, which went to the U.S. district court.

Under cross examination, the superintendent of parks and a member of the park commission admitted there were no ordinances, rules or regulations requiring separation of the races.

Just habit, they said.

Up Front

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey, who was the first governor to sign a fair employment practices measure, has asked his legislature to extend the anti-discrimination law to extend to places of public accommodation.

The proposal would give the State Commission Against Discrimination the power to act in cases regarding admission to hotels, restaurants, night clubs, theaters, bars, recreation and resort facilities and other places open to the "public."

Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

Wrestlers and Public Relations

The Nisei as individuals have a considerable sense of group responsibility, a fact which undoubtedly has impressed social scientists who have come in contact with this segment of American society.

Circumstances, of wartime hysteria and a history of race prejudice on the Pacific Coast, have contributed to this awareness that the actions of an individual Nisei, should they provoke an unfavorable public reaction, may have a deleterious effect on the Nisei group as a whole. The war situation did much to intensify this feeling, particularly during the early months of outside resettlement when Nisei evacuees felt they were guinea pigs testing public attitudes.

It is probable that so long as the Nisei as a group are subjected to social or economic discrimination, this sense of group responsibility will remain. Few racial groups, for instance, have an organization as representative or as active on a per capita basis than the JACL. Probably no other single racial group in the United States is as well informed on social problems directly affecting it. The JACL, for example, in its 83 chapters has a paid membership representing approximately 15 per cent of all Americans of Japanese ancestry on the mainland and probably 40 per cent of the adult Nisei.

A strong sense of group responsibility probably accounts in part for the low crime rate of the Nisei group—according to police officials in most areas with large Japanese American populations, it is the lowest by ratio of any racial group. This feeling also helps account for the fact that Nisei students as a group have a high rating for scholarship.

It is also because of a feeling of group responsibility that Nisei individuals, and the JACL as an organization, have been working for the elimination of racial stereotypes in entertainment and for the abandonment in the public press of the derogatory term "Jap," which has connotations of prejudice and too often is used not only by the ignorant and the bigoted but appears in the daily press. Both the racial caricatures in the movies, radio and television and the constant use of the word "Jap" help perpetuate racial discrimination.

Persons of Japanese ancestry too long have been pictured as simpering schoolboys, hissing through their teeth, or as menials pattering quietly and efficiently about their domestic tasks. Neither is representative to any degree of the Japanese American population.

There is still another stereotype and that is the one of the treacherous Japanese which was popularized by the Hearst press in the days of the Yellow Peril and in the work of such political cartoonists as Gale, Bruce Russell and the ink-slingers of the pre-war Hearst stable. The attack on Pearl Harbor served to give this stereotype of the sneaky, back-stabbing Japanese a degree of stature but its perpetrators never learned to distinguish between the Japanese enemy abroad and persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

All of this is a prelude to the business at hand which concerns the problem precipitated by the activities of some, by no means all, professional wrestlers of Japanese ancestry who have exploited the stereotype of the treacherous, vicious Japanese as a boxoffice lure.

Although the JACL has been aware that the activities of some of these wrestlers have provoked near race riots on several occasions, the organization has been hesitant regarding taking any action, even that of censure, against these wrestlers. There has been a feeling that the wrestlers have a right to make a living in the only way they know how and that, after all, the spectators at a wrestling match are sophisticated enough to realize that the mean stuff is make believe.

Most of the dozen or so wrestlers involved also are clean-cut and usually soft-spoken young men outside the arena and the feeling has been that they were submitting to the wishes of the wrestling promoters in presenting themselves as the embodiment of Oriental-style treachery in the ring.

The JACL has in the past year received a number of letters, most-

ly from persons not of Japanese ancestry, expressing concern over the antics of the matmen. Several of these persons who were active in fighting the bigots in their community in order to assure a favorable reception for returning evacuees have expressed fear that continued mayhem on the part of these wrestlers may tip the balance of public opinion to favor the prejudiced.

So long as the wrestling matches were confined to the arenas themselves the problem was localized. Now that television has taken over, however, a wrestling match which is seen by a thousand spectators at the arena also is viewed by millions of TV viewers at home, including many people who would not be caught dead in an arena where the air is redolent with cigar smoke, liniment and sweat. Probably the most profound effect of these exhibitions is that on the child mind and children are among the most avid of TV wrestling fans.

It would be inconsistent, indeed, if the JACL or any similar organization protested strongly against racial stereotypes in motion pictures and failed to take note of the projection of similar stereotypes in TV wrestling programs which reach an audience every bit as large as that of the motion picture. The matches at Hollywood Legion Stadium or at Long Beach, which often have featured Mr. Moto or the Great Togo, are kinescoped and are shown on TV stations throughout the United States.

During the past year there also have been spectator demonstrations against at least two of these Nisei

wrestlers in arenas in California, New York and in the Midwest and these examples of negative audience response have been projected in racial terms.

Only on one occasion has a JACL group taken actual cognizance of the negative effect of the ring behavior of a Nisei wrestler. This occurred last month in Minneapolis when the Rev. Daisuke Kitagawa and Attorney Charles Tatsuda, acting in the name of the Twin Cities chapter, protested to Promoter Tony Stecher regarding the ring deportment of The Great Togo. The protest was carried to the promoter since he was the major beneficiary of the villainous performance staged by Togo. The latter undoubtedly would prefer not to be cast as the villain of the piece if he were able to obtain matches any other way.

At least one Nisei newspaper writer in Los Angeles took a dim view of the Twin Cities JACL action and inferred that the personalities involved should find a more constructive way of spending their energy. The point is, however, that there no longer is any question that the antics of these wrestlers who specialize in villainy are damaging the favorable public relations now enjoyed by persons of Japanese descent. So long as the Nisei remain a group sensitive to race discrimination any activity which threatens to create a negative public attitude will be a matter of concern.

Not all of the Nisei wrestlers now active as professionals are cast as villains. Those who are not manage to make a living in their chosen field, though perhaps not as lucrative a one as those who have become TV attractions for their ability to arouse the emotions of their audience.

It is to be hoped that the Nisei wrestlers involved develop a sense of group responsibility. They may not make as much money but they will have more fun and they will enjoy the goodwill of their fellow Nisei.

Take the Bus, See the World: KYOGEN ON TOUR

(Hiroshi Kashiwagi concludes his chronicle of the Nisei Experimental Group's junket from Los Angeles to San Francisco to present a program of short Kyogen plays and the author's one-act drama, "The Plums Can Wait.")

By HIROSHI KASHIWAGI

Hiro the perfectionist insisted on ordering an authentic Kyogen mask from Japan. He had ordered early enough but come the week before departure and no devil's mask. Luckily Miki Fujimoto who still likes to play with clay had one started. When Hiro heard about this he begged her on bended knees to finish it—but quick. It wasn't completed for dress rehearsal. It needed some paint but how to paint on wet clay. There was no chance for the clay to dry. Somebody thought of shellac, so shellac it was and paint. Later some well-meaning friend gave us detailed instructions on mask-making but by then ours was carefully wrapped in this Van deKamp carton and we were saying bye-bye to elly.

"We better get some sleep," Hiro kept telling us but he was the only one that really slept. He had a big day at the market. We couldn't sleep. We never do on the Greyhound. We knew we should have taken that little nip but no. We had our orders. No stimulants, no acids, no tobacco, no cold drinks and no greasy food. This last one was to back fire on our director. But most of us good trouperes stuck to the rule except for cigarettes. That one was tough.

We must have dozed off past Salinas. We swear the kids got off at every stop. They came back with coffee, hamburgers, doughnuts and sundries. Well as long as they got back. At the next stop Mas popped up and announced to all, "Folks this is San Jose, my home-town."

We got off to stretch and look around. It was a clean, quiet town at eight o'clock in the morning. Soon we were off again but where were the others? "Hey driver there's five more back there!" He was deaf and he wouldn't even let us get off. And he hadn't announced or checked the passengers. What the hell? But we were helpless and we could only mutter innumerable curses and try to think of all the reasons why this driver, this man had suddenly turned against humanity. Maybe he was tired, maybe he lost his union card, maybe his mother died,

maybe he had a miserable childhood, maybe he had hernia, maybe his wife ran off. Being a night bus driver all these things were possible. But the least he... Mas kept diverting our thoughts. There was the pear orchard when he had worked the summer before there Moffet Field and the giant hangar; and there the Farm (notice the Spanish-type architecture put on your glasses, kid). Over here Cow Palace and now Seal Stadium and finally—ah Frisco.

We thoroughly enjoyed San Francisco. Of course, this was after we were re-joined by the five who were stranded in San Jose. We especially remember the lunch at the Minakin. Fred Hoshiyama being a good host suggested tempura and one of our conscientious actresses said, "But that's greasy." This did it for our Hiro. Greasy or not he was drooling for the famous San Francisco tempura. We can't recall the names of the other places in Chinatown and Latin Quarter but we do remember the atmosphere and the excellent food.

After lunch Saturday most of us rested at the hotel. This was hard to believe. Here we were privileged characters. We were put up in a hotel, taxied around and taken to lunch, etc., while in elly we were nothing.

It was six o'clock when Florence called us down, and we were worried about our rehearsal. Florence suggested supper, but we said our rehearsal was more important. But you must have something to eat. No, we haven't got time for that. My god, these people.

At the Gyosei we were greeted by Ted and Lee Samuel. Ted had helped us last year in elly, and he and his wife were helping us again. They seemed more excited about the show than we were, and we knew everything would be okay.

There's a couple of things about the performance that we can tell. The rest can go on unnoticed. We were on stage for the first Kyogen, our backs to the audience. Ted and Hiro had wished us a good show. But the light was dim, and we wondered if that was all the light we had. Luckily Mas had foresight enough to start on cue, but he was acting in semi-darkness, and this was no twilight scene. But when we got up to slide the door, (gare-gara-gara) the stage was suddenly

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Bill Hosokawa: FROM THE FRYING PAN

Valley of the South Platte

Denver, Colo.

Head north out of Denver on U. S. Highway 85. Twenty miles out is prosperous little Brighton. Seven miles up the road is Fort Lupton, and nine miles farther on is Platteville. This is the valley of the South Platte river. Platteville itself is hardly more than a wide place in the road, with but a single drug store and a handful of other business houses. But it is a homey and friendly town, and the farmers in the surrounding area have done well the last few years.

The east side of the road is dry land, devoted largely to small grains and pasture. But to the west of Highway 85, the ditches bring snow water to the thirsting fields, and all that area between the road and the Rocky mountains, hazy-blue in the distance, is a lush green during the growing season.

We visited Platteville this week. John Kiota met us in front of the lone drug store, and then we went over to the Lions club meeting. John farms outside Platteville, and in numbered among its substantial citizens. Among other things, he's program chairman of the Lions, a livewire group that roars with the best of them.

Another member is Harry Konishi who, with his father, runs a dairy farm just west of town. Harry is a tiny fellow who used to thrill the folks with the way he'd thread goalward down the football field. A couple of years ago, when Harry was a second lieutenant with U.S. troops in Trieste, the Yugoslavs threatened to come through a roadblock under his jurisdiction. Harry told off Tito's boys in the finest American tradition and, properly impressed, they turned around and went home. The

story went out over the press wires, and Harry was an overnight sensation.

Harry is something of a favorite with the Lions, too. He was fixin' to drive down to Cliff, in eastern Colorado, and get married to one of the Nakamura girls this coming Sunday. When word got around, one of the Lions got up and gave Harry a mock bawling out for losing his good sense and yielding his freedom. When a fellow gets ribbed that way, it's a sure sign his friends think a lot of him.

Tall, lanky George Nishimoto is Platteville's third Nisei Lion, proof enough that Platteville's more active individuals consider Japanese Americans part and parcel of community life.

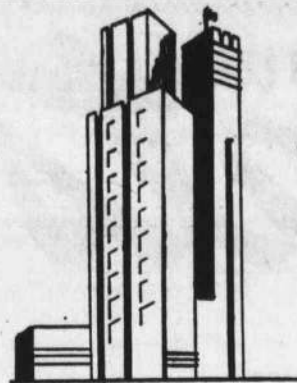
The Way It Ought to Be

A week earlier, we had another semi-agricultural experience when Kish Otsuka took us to the Colorado Pure Seed Growers annual Spud Banquet.

Kish farms nearly a section of land near Sedgwick, in the northeastern corner of the state. A Rotarian, Kish grows four or five kinds of potatoes, sugar beets, grain and feed crops, and runs some beef cattle in the winter. He also grows fine certified seed potatoes, most of which goes down to supply Texas farmers.

Kish seemed to know about half the people at the banquet, and there were a couple of hundred there from all over Colorado.

Some of us still write and talk about Nisei assimilation, but shucks, it doesn't seem to be too much of an issue in parts of rural Colorado. Fellows like John Kiota and Harry Konishi and Kish Otsuka have taken their rightful places in their communities. And where they live, no one thinks twice about it. That's the way it ought to be.



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

Nisei and the Drama

The great Nisei Novel is coming along. A dozen or so hopefuls, from the orchards of Sacramento Valley to the sidewalks of New York, have something on the fire. We should be hearing of publication in the near future.

I have several plots and stories in mind, but so far they are only in the blueprint stage and I am afraid they will never see the light of the printed page. I leave that great novel to the more agile and imaginative minds.

What about the Great Nisei Play? A few hopeful attempts have been made in the last couple of decades. Somehow we never did have a suitable showcase to display such wares. You need cast, theater, background, props, stage hands, electricians and plenty of money. Nisei seem to have confined more of their creative cultural activity to writing fiction instead of turning to the lure of dramatic arts. I note, with much satisfaction, the resurgence of an experimental Nisei theater group on the West Coast.

There is ample material for a good play of our times and our people. The audience would be limited largely to the various Japanese communities but the attempt should be worthwhile. Nisei playwrights are few and far between.

There is good reason for this reluctance of Nisei writers to tackle the field of drama. The odds against you are terrific. There are tens of thousands of plays that are submitted to New York producers but not over a hundred new plays are actually produced on Broadway. Then out of the hundred or so new plays each season, not over a skimpy dozen make money for the playwright.

Therefore, those with a dramatic flare, turn rapidly to writing TV scripts or else concentrate on radio plays.

The Playwriting Field

I am told, according to New York dramatic critics, that there are over one million hopeful playwrights in this country. They each have a germ of an idea for a play. Most of these million persons never get the play down on paper; if they do, most of them are not in the proper form and shape for production.

The drama has more of an impact, brings out more human emotion than the fiction medium. The characters are alive, they move about, they speak lines, and they fall or die right before your eyes. You actually hear the thud, see the beads of perspiration on the brow of the hero, smell the coffee brewing on the stove, and get a third dimensional quality that only the stage transmits. You don't get all of these sensory qualities on the printed page.

There is a live dynamic quality that is conspicuously absent in other media of dramatic presentation.

Though thousands of scripts pass across their desks every month, Broadway producers still are looking for new plays. They are looking for new playwrights with different ideas. Most of the present crop of plays submitted fall along conventional lines and are weak copies of something that has been done before.

Who can tell if there may be a Nisei Tennessee Williams within our midst?

Some Rules of the Game

If you want to write a play or hope to, here are a few fundamentals you must consider in writing the great opus.

The prime consideration is for the theater-goer. You have to analyze why the person goes to the theater. The play must be interesting enough to draw him into the tent and must present the kind of entertainment he is looking for. Any successful play develops its story lines while thinking in terms of the audience.

Then you have to consider your cast of characters. The playwright should know each person intimately, how they walk, talk, feel and react. There must be an authenticity and believability about the characters. Therefore, most playwrights are limited to the sphere of their own experiences or fields of their research. It is sheer foolishness to try to develop a character that you have never met or studied. The artificiality will force the play to fall flat on its face.

There must be a plot line. That is the essence of drama. There must be an antagonist who starts the action or around whom the story revolves.

The successful play will establish the locale, the mood, and the possibility of a conflict early in the play. Interest must be aroused for the audience to keep watching.

The play must have a resolution. It should be dramatized and not merely stated by one of your characters. The play should end shortly after the climax. The audience should leave the theater with the feeling that some contribution has been made to his knowledge or enjoyment.

The proper stage directions are important. Consideration must be given to such elements as time, movement of the characters, and background so that there will be logical sequence of movement.

A Few Potentials

I have been toying around with a few ideas. They are still in the experimental stage.

There is a little one-act sketch called, "Surrender of a Samurai," which is sort of a "Journey's End" scene dealing with the surrender of Japanese soldiers on a Pacific Island. The play attempts to reflect the impact of defeat on the minds of three soldiers who live and die by different codes of honor.

"Autumn Leaves" is one of those conflict affairs between the Issei and the Nisei. The father, who is a farmer, wants his son to continue the farm. The Nisei, a college graduate, feels that he should go into something of his own choosing, get away from the rural scene, but still wishes to respect his father's hopes. Another tragedy.

Then there is a period play, the feudal era, titled "The Lord and the Retainer," which carries out the idea of revenge.

I also have a little murder mystery entitled, "Death in the Bank." The leading man attempts the perfect crime by poisoning the entire bank personnel, steals the contents of the bank vault, and nearly gets away with it.

Perhaps, like thousands of others, these scripts may eventually wind up in the discarded heap of a producer's wastebasket.

spirit of understanding among various interests in the social, economic and political spheres.

8. "To bring recognition of the essential humaneness of each group to all others by cooperative enterprises.

9. "To increase the prestige of the groups and their leaders so that added confidence may be gained, looking toward a free, competent, and able participation in all civic and cultural interests."

Vagaries

Art Director . . .

Al Nozaki was named art director of Paramount's latest science-fiction thriller, "War of the Worlds." The Technicolor film is the latest to be produced by George Pal who also did "Destination Moon" and "When World Collide."

Shirley Yamaguchi's first film, "Japanese War Bride" was well received at its world premiere week in Seattle where it did \$11,000 at the Coliseum. The picture also was a box-office success in Kansas City. One reason for the financial success of the Seattle run was the support the picture received from the Japanese American community. Critics for the two Seattle dailies liked the film and the new Japanese star. . . . Dan Riss, who played Captain Solari in "Go for Broke!" is now working in Robert Pirosh's latest, "Mr. Congressman." . . . RKO's "The Korean Story," in which Bill Hosokawa and about 30 other Colorado Nisei and Issei appear, may receive its world premiere in New York City under the sponsorship of the United Nations films and visual information division. The studio is now studying the UN offer.

Waiter . . .

Jackpot: James Saiki, a waiter at Chicago's Conrad Hilton Hotel (former the Stevens) testified in court last week that he received \$850 in tips during the 50 days he was assigned to the suite where Leonard Monaco, prosecution witness in the Moretti case involving the shooting of two youths by a police officer, was held in protective custody.

U. S. Voice . . .

Voice: The State Department's Voice of America gave Japanese listeners a chance to hear Japanese Americans celebrating the Christmas season in New York in a series of holiday season broadcasts. The voice of Nisei singing Christmas carols was broadcast to Japan by VOA on Dec. 21 from the Japanese Methodist Church. The VOA also aired a Christmas day message by the Rev. Alfred Akamatsu of New York and sent out a New Year's broadcast by Nobel Prize winner Dr. Hideki Yukawa, now of Columbia U.

Child Star . . .

Nine-year old Richard Toma, son of a Colorado Springs floral designer, was flown to Hollywood for studio scenes with Ann Blyth in RKO's Korean story. Young Leslie, a fourth-grade student, was born on Maui. He played a Korean refugee in location scenes filmed near Camp Carson, Colo. When Director Tay Garnett and Producer Edmund Grainger looked at the rushes in Hollywood Leslie was found to be so appealing that it was decided to write in a role for him. While in Hollywood Leslie continued his schooling at the RKO studio school and even got help on homework from Miss Blyth.

Box-Score on Race Relations: Cultural Pluralists Stress Unity Within Diversity Idea

By ELMER R. SMITH

The cultural pluralist has a definite type of program to submit to local, state and national, or even to international planners for more integrated social relations. The basis of the program rests upon the concept of unity within diversity. In order to understand the meaning of this concept one must revise his thinking about social order. So long as one continues to think about social order as being something external or outside of people, that person will tend to think only of how individuals must be fitted into or made to adjust to an existing scheme of things as expressed in ideal social, economic, political organizations and practices.

It is true that some social orders are bound by this type of thinking. The Fascist philosophy predominant in Europe a few years ago was such a social order. Today the communist order as exemplified by the U.S.S.R. is another one of these types of social orders.

However, the approach taught us by the philosophy of democracy rests basically upon the cultural pluralist's principles previously outlined. The achievement of social order is essentially that of "achieving order by orchestrating the widest diversity of individuality" and cultures on the common theme of human needs and values.

Some opponents of cultural pluralism will object that this type of unity is impossible. Let us remind such critics that women and children occupy different cultural statuses from that of adult men. Opponents of the equal rights for these two aforementioned groups held that such equality was impossible. Yet, within recent years positive movements have established not only equality for these groups but also recognition of diverse interests and statuses within unity has been and is being worked out for these "minorities." The same basic principles are able to function in other realms as in this one in establishing unity within diversity.

It is easier to state the problem involved in the practical application of cultural pluralism than to chart a specific course. Some implications can be given for more complete consideration by social planners, educational and activity groups of various types. It is to the listing of some of these implications of cultural pluralism (unity within diversity) that we will now turn our attention.

The majority group or culture may establish certain practices for the general welfare of which all persons within the United States should have in common. Furthermore, the majority may require minorities to accept certain ways of living and to isolate themselves from others in terms of the common welfare. However, the majority has "the obligation to distinguish carefully between beliefs and practices which are undemocratic and those which are only different from the dominant culture pattern. The latter the ma-

jority is required to honor, though not necessarily to adopt. Nor can the majority justly make total conformity to the dominant culture pattern or membership in the dominant race a requirement for full and equal participation in the political, social and economic advantages of American democracy."

The implications in the above statement also includes the right of individuals who belong by birth to religious and ethnic minority groups to be free either to practice and perpetuate such as their group's traditional values, folklore and customs as do not conflict with essential democratic principles or to repudiate their ancestral ways of living. Cultural democracy or cultural pluralism has no meaning apart from cultural variation, "just as a functioning democracy requires at least one 'loyal opposition.'"

Cultural pluralism does not presuppose a static or unchanging culture. It anticipates a free and fluid interchange of cultural traits making possible richer and more cooperative societies not only in a state or nation, but upon an international scale as well.

Activities of various kinds sponsored by educational, ethnic and public service groups can make cultural pluralism a dynamic principle by participating in projects with the following points in mind, as outlined by the Cincinnati Department of Public Recreation:

1. "To bring to a more general community consciousness the many diversified talents in our national groups.
2. "To bring a definite recognition of the remarkable work being done within the groups for the cultural advancement of each group.
3. "To give opportunity before greater audiences . . . for the many excellent works of the groups. . . .
4. "To encourage the younger generations to take added pride in their own racial origin, traditions, culture, and history.
5. "To strengthen the spirit of each group to contribute their arts, skills, lore, traditions, and the sterling qualities of their character to American life.
6. "To lend color to American life through the perpetuation in American life of their own arts and skills.
7. "To build a cooperative

PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

Nishita Still Prospect for Majors

Although Bill Nishita has turned his back on U.S. baseball for the present at least, he is believed to consider Japanese baseball a springboard for an eventual crack at the U.S. majors. Nishita lost his big chance to hit the jackpot in U.S. pro baseball because of his loyalty to the U. of California's Coach Clint Evans in 1950. That year, Nishita was the talk of the Pacific Coast, winning 15 games and losing one and pitching the Santa Rosa College Bear Cubs to the Northern California jaycee championship. That year, also, Nishita pitched a sparkling six-hit, ten-inning game against Yakima of the Western International League, impressing hardened baseball scouts with his professional potential. Nishita probably could have commanded a big bonus if he had taken one of several major league club offers in 1950. However, since Coach Evans had helped him to come to the mainland, Nishita played last season with the University of California. Although he was named to the California Intercollegiate Baseball Association's all-star team, Nishita was working with a relatively weak Bear varsity and had an indifferent record.

No reason has been given publicly by the Nisei pitcher for his decision to quit California, where Coach Evans considered him the bulwark of the Bear varsity for 1952. It may be, however, that the 20-year old righthander wanted to get a crack at pro baseball before eventual military service. It's believed that Teijiro Kurosaki, manager of the Mainichi Orions, made Nishita an offer which topped those which he received from U.S. clubs. With the current rapprochement between U.S. and Japanese pro baseball Nishita still stands a good chance to move up to either the Coast League or the majors if he has a good season in 1952 in Japan. U.S. baseball ivory-hunters, including Bill Veeck of the St. Louis Browns and Lefty O'Doul, now managing the San Diego Padres, are looking toward Japan for baseball talent.

Nishita's take-home pay for playing in Japanese pro baseball probably will be several times that which he would have received in the lower U.S. minors—and he can still get a fat bonus if he has a good season and decides to sign with a U.S. club.

Honolulu Tourney Draws L. A. Entries

It's too bad that the Honolulu invitational bowling tournament is being held on the same weekend as the National JACL meet in Denver, since at least a dozen top Nisei bowlers who usually enter the JACL tourney will be in Hawaii. For the average bowler who signs up for the JACL tourney just to support the annual event, the situation probably means there will be more prize money to go around since such keglars as George Kobo, Tok Ishizawa, Taki Takekuma and Eddie Tsuruta, all of whom will be going to Honolulu, usually take home a good share of the prize awards. Two teams, Ich Fukunaga's H & F Company outfit and the Atlas Vegetable Exchange squad have accepted Eddie Matsueda's invitation to come to hula-land. Los Angeles' Nisei Majors will send at least two teams, however, to Denver and the entries will be among the prime favorites for top honors, along with the defending champions, Sequoia Nursery of the San Francisco Nisei Majors. The absence of the Hawaiian All-Star team will be a matter of regret, but here again the lower average bowlers from the mainland will have a chance to cut in on the prize pot. As for the conflict in dates, it probably was unavoidable. The JACL tournament committee in Denver announced its dates last September. As for the Hawaiian tourney, it could not have been held at a later date since that would conflict with the trips the Hawaiian entries are planning to the American Bowling Congress tournament in Milwaukee.

The Denver tournament will attract many bowlers who have not participated in previous JACL tourneys which have been held in Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Los Angeles. The Denver committee made a smart move in selecting the spanking new Ellitch's Gardens lanes which have not been opened as yet. The 24-lane house will permit the men's and women's tournaments to be held simultaneously.

San Jose Girl Bowls on Leading Team

Sachi Ikeda, one of the top distaff keglars in Santa Clara County, is a member of the Burger House team which is now leading the women's city tournament in San Jose. She had a 455 series as her team hit a 2,391 series. A number of Nisei teams also were entered in the tourney. Kaz Maseba's All-Stars participated in the March of Dimes bowling show at El Dorado Bowl in Stockton, Calif., last week. The Inamasu Jewelers are currently holding a 12-game lead over second-place Pyramid Market in the Stockton JACL bowling league. Tuxedo Cafe now holds a one-game margin over Utah Wholesale in the 14-team Salt Lake JACL league. Tom Nakamura, anchor man for Utah Wholesale and member of the Okada Insurance team in the Salt Lake Majors, is now in the "top ten" among major bowlers with a 187 average for the season. Two JACL-sponsored bowling tournaments will be held on Feb. 9 and 10 at Sacramento and at Redwood City. The latter tourney is being co-sponsored by the San Mateo and Sequoia JACL chapters. Nearly 100 Sacramento Nisei bowlers entered the Northern California Nisei tournament last week in San Francisco.

Nancy Ito Plays for Top Femme Cagers

According to Jack Carberry, sports editor of the Denver Post, 18-year old Nancy Ito is "one of the top girl athletes in the Rocky Mountain area." Miss Ito, shortstop and a .400 hitter in softball, also has played in the National AAU women's basketball tourney. She is currently a member of the Rock Mountain Tilers of Denver, one of the top women's basketball teams in the west. The Tilers have just about run out of women's competition, with the exception of their rivals, the Viner Chevrolets of Denver, and have been forced to play men's teams. Last week the Tilers lost a 64 to 62 game to the Parker men's team with Miss Ito one of the game's stars. Miss Ito will be on view when the Tilers meet the Viners in a proposed March of Dimes benefit game in the Mile-High city.

Hamada Plays for Chicago's Hyde Park

Yukio Hamada is playing as first string guard for Hyde Park High School in Chicago. Ed Nozawa and Gene Yoshida are two regulars on the school's junior cage team. Coach Yash Uchida probably watched the judo exhibition on Jan. 19 between the San Jose State judoists and the San Jose Buddhist gym team with mixed emotions. Uchida mentors both teams. The Buddhists won the match. Hamamoto, regular center for Santa Rosa, Calif., High's basketball varsity is a star pitcher on the baseball team. Hamamoto had five points as his team defeated Napa, 46 to 43, last week. Hooch Okumura had a 640 series and John Noguchi, director of the coming JACL national tourney, a 246 game in the March of Dimes benefit bowling meet last Sunday in Denver. Johnny Oshida, a star on (Continued on page 7)

Strong Cleveland Team Enters JACL Tourney

DENVER—A Cleveland Nisei team will bowl in the 6th annual National JACL bowling tournament for the first time in the history of the tourney.

The Cleveland squad, captained by Francis Nihei, will become the easternmost team to enter the tournament.

Notice that the Ohioans have entered the annual tourney was announced this week by James Kozuma of Chicago, Midwest district JACL bowling advisory board member.

Topped by Jim Kishida's 186, the Cleveland squad will have a team average of 885. Others on the team are Moose Furukawa 181, Wally Takemoto 181, Isa Matsumura 180, Bob Iwata 171 and Nihei 166.

Kozuma also reported that Chicago probably will send three teams to the Denver classic.

Cleveland Team Hits 2926 in League Play

CLEVELAND, O. — The New China Restaurant team, preparing for the 6th annual National JACL bowling tournament in Denver, hit a 2926 scratch series and a 3047 with handicaps in the Cleveland Nisei League last week.

Four members of the team now top the league in averages. They are Jim Kishida, Moose Furukawa, Wally Takemoto and Isam Matsukawa. Francis Nihei, captain of the team, and Bob Iwata are the two other members of the team.

Furukawa with 629 (180, 225, 224) and Kishida with 627 (195, 233, 199) topped the record-breaking performance of the New China quintet on Jan. 20.

Mas Funo of Chester 30th Lanes team also turned in a "600" with a 609 on games of 274, 161 and 174.

Furukawa also had a 633 series on Jan. 13 on games of 203, 232 and 198.

Nisei Wrestler Loses Texas Title for Judo Chop Exhibition

DALLAS, Tex. — Duke Keomuka's judo-chop attack on TV Announcer Charlie Boland, in full view of thousands of television fans, was still reverberating here this week.

Keomuka, ring name of Hisao Tanaka of Los Angeles and Houston, knocked Boland to the canvas while the TV announcer was interviewing him before the start of the main event at the Sportatorium on Jan. 15.

Local newspapers and offices of law officials were reportedly flooded with phone calls from angry TV viewers over the incident.

Keomuka, holder of the Texas heavyweight wrestling crown, also will be stripped of the title, according to a ruling handed down by M. B. Morgan, commissioner of wrestling and boxing in Texas.

The Nisei grappler was arrested for assault and taken to court where he pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 and costs by Justice of Peace W. E. Richburg. He also was placed on probation for six months.

"Another attack by Keomuka on a radio or television announcer, newspaperman or news photographer will result in his suspension in Texas for life," Morgan said.

Morgan also warned Keomuka to be careful about using the "judo chop" on his opponents. "It is not illegal, but you should be careful how it is used. It could lead to harmful results, causing you more trouble."

Morgan said he would not strip Keomuka of the title until his coming match with Dizzy Davis which already has been billed as being for the Texas title. If Keomuka defeats Davis he will be stripped of the title and a tournament will be held to find a new champion, Morgan said.

Keomuka also was put under a \$1,000 peace bond upon the application of Promoter Ed McLemore to protect Boland, one of the Southwest's most popular radio and TV personalities, and Ring Announcer George Preston.

Incidents leading to Keomuka's use of the judo chop on Boland went something like this:

Many New Teams Expected To Enter JACL's Tourney

DENVER — All entries for the sixth annual National JACL bowling tournament must be in the mails by Feb. 1, Director John T. Noguchi announced this week. Play will start on Feb. 29 with the six-game sweepstakes and will continue on March 1 and 2.

Noguchi said the tournament will draw numerous new teams

Sacramentans Dominate S. F. Bowling Meet

SAN FRANCISCO—Home town entries won the men's and women's team trophies but Sacramento bowlers took most of the other honors in the Mid-Winter Nisei bowling tournament held on Jan. 19 and 20 at Downtown Bowl.

Tut's Barbers of San Francisco took the team event with a 2713 (273)—2986. Blossom Florists of Sacramento was second with 2707 (240)—2947 and Bob's Television of Berkeley was third with 2611 (333)—2944.

Forty-two men's and 18 women's teams competed in the tournament as 300 individual bowlers participated.

Mercury Realty of San Francisco won the women's team event with 2267 (156)—2423. Modern Food Products was second and General Produce of Sacramento was third.

Ken Yee of Sacramento won the men's singles and all-events honors. He had a 683 (32)—716.

Ted Moy and Michi Ando of Sacramento took the men's doubles with a 1267 handicapped total.

Aya Sato of Sacramento was the women's singles champion with 531 (52)—583, followed by Alice Koe of San Francisco with 508 (58)—566. Miss Sato came back to win the doubles with Helen Woo, adding a 541 scratch for a 996 (80)—1076 total.

Miss Sato then completed her grand slam by winning the all-events with 1542 (156)—1698.

The mixed doubles trophy went to Meri Kawamura and George Inai with 1144 (138)—1282.

from Montana, Wyoming, Nebraska, New Mexico and Colorado.

A Twin Cities JACL team from Minnesota is expected to enter the tournament, while Salt Lake City may send six or seven teams, including the Okada Insurance squad from the city's major league.

One of the features of the tournament will be the awards dinner which will be sponsored by the Denver JACL in the Cathedral room of the Albany Hotel on the night of March 2.

The dinner dance will cost \$5 per person.

Trophies and cash awards exceeding \$4,000 in value will be awarded at the dinner. George Matsumonji's Stardusters will play for the dance which will last until 1 a.m. Bids will be available \$3 per person for those wishing to attend the dance only.

Joe Mizukami, chairman of the tournament housing committee, closed this week that detailed plans are being made to assure the comfort of visiting bowlers and the adequate housing has been obtained.

Tournament headquarters will be located at the Albany Hotel, 12 and Stout St. in downtown Denver and a block of 20 double rooms have been reserved. Other hotel reservations also will be available. Reservations for hotel or motel accommodations should be made directly by mail to the Denver Convention and Visitors Bureau, 2 West Colfax Ave., Mizukami said. Motels convenient to Ellitch Gardens, locale of the tournament also will be available.

Reference maps of Denver, pointing out the new Ellitch's Lane located about three miles from the downtown area, will be mailed upon request by the Mountain Plain JACL office, 1917 Lawrence St. Denver 2.

In addition to a transportation committee which will endeavor to meet visitors arriving by train, plane, bus transportation Ellitch's Lanes will be supplied from downtown Denver through courtesy of the Mountain State Athletic Wear Co. The bus will leave downtown Denver every hour on the hour for the bowling alley.

Mizukami advised that hotel and motel reservations should be placed at the earliest possible date.

Shun Nakayama, chairman of the tournament program book committee, announced that a deadline for ads or greetings in the 30-page souvenir booklet has been extended until Jan. 31.

Tournament Director Noguchi said an impressive amount of trophies, prize money and merchandise awards will be given at the tournament.

Three perpetual trophies, awarded by the National JACL, will be given to the winners of the men's and women's team events at championships in doubles, singles at all-events in both men's and women's tournaments.

The estimated cash awards will total \$4,000 and will be divided with 60 per cent going to place winners and 40 per cent for square prizes, assuring the widest possible distribution of the prize money.

Two gold medals will be awarded to the winners of the all-events competition.

Stressing the Feb. 1 deadline for entries, Director Noguchi expressed confidence the tournament will be the biggest held to date.

He declared entries should be mailed to the Mountain Plain JACL office, 1917 Lawrence St. Denver 2 and checks or money orders should be made out to John Noguchi, Tournament Director.

ABC Official Sends Greetings To Tournament

DENVER—Cordial greetings to the 6th annual National JACL bowling tournament, scheduled for Feb. 29, March 1 and 2 in Denver have been extended by the American Bowling Congress through Frank K. Baker, executive secretary.

In a letter from the Milwaukee, Wis., national headquarters of the ABC, Baker said the national bowling group would be happy to extend every possible service to ensure the success of the national tournament.

The JACL tournament is sanctioned by the ABC and by the Women's International Bowling Congress.

Football Star Wins Top Student Body Post in Berkeley

BERKELEY, Calif.—Yosh Katsura, 17-year old senior, was elected over six other candidates for president of the student body at Berkeley High on Jan. 4.

Katsura, one of the outstanding athletes in the school, starred at fullback for the Yellowjacket varsity last fall. He also has won a block letter as a diver on the swimming team.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. George Tani-gawa a boy, Lawrence Guy, on Dec. 11 in Minneapolis, Minn.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Heiji Kitahara, Parlier, Calif., a boy on Dec. 30.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Nishi-yama a girl in Oakland, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ogasa-wara a girl on Jan. 4 in Davis, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Michio Nishida, Clarksburg, Calif., a girl on Jan. 5.

To Mr. and Mrs. Akio J. Mochi-zuki a girl on Jan. 9 in San Fran-cisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Ukito Yamaguma, Gilroy, Calif., a boy, Timmy Torao, on Jan. 7 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsugi Kawa-guchi, Madrone, Calif., a boy, Patrick Mitchell, on Dec. 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kikuro J. Hiroshima a boy on Jan. 9 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tad Hirota, Berkeley, Calif., a girl, Ellen Mi-yoko, on Dec. 27.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Buddy Mamiya a boy, Ralph Yoshio, on Dec. 26 in Berkeley.

To Mr. and Mrs. Taira Fuku-shima a boy on Dec. 30 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shima a girl on Jan. 6 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Kata-yamagi, Sacramento, Calif., a girl on Jan. 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Ochi-kuho a girl on Jan. 12 in Sacra-mento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shinpei Miyake a boy, Robert Ray, on Jan. 14 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Jones Lyou (nee Nobuko Watanabe) a boy, John Christian, on Jan. 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Susumu Nakasaki a girl, Judy Mitsue, on Dec. 4 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sakae Katsuki a girl, Marilyn Hatsune, on Jan. 6 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hiroshi Jim Kawakami a girl, Julie Dee, on Jan. 4 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kauock Wah Lee (nee Hannah Kawamori) a boy, Allen Shel Nan, on Jan. 7 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shoshiro Saiki a girl on Jan. 6 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tetsuo Suzu-moto, West Los Angeles, a boy, Bruce Kazuo, on Jan. 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takao Imamura a girl, Laura Judy, on Jan. 4 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Teruo Kamoto a boy, Gary William, on Jan. 3 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Hama-nishi a boy, Dennis Akira, on Jan. 5 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Miya-gishima a boy, Richard Masaya, on Jan. 8 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hajime Naka-mura, Gilroy, Calif., a girl, Saeko Susan, on Dec. 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Stan Lee (nee Florence Yamada) a boy on Jan. 11 in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. James Kiyokazu Sakamoto, San Martin, Calif., a girl, Janice Lynn, on Jan. 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. June J. Oya a boy in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hagiwara a girl, Patricia Gale, on Jan. 14 in Chicago.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Goto a boy, Steven Michael, on Jan. 3 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Arita a girl on Jan. 6 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Hishi-numa a girl in Brighton, Colo.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuyoshi Mo-tobo, Torrance, Calif., a boy, Henry Susumu, on Jan. 9.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sumiyuki Haya-shigawa a boy, Lawrence, on Jan. 2 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ichiro Naka-jima a girl, Janice Yukie, on Jan. 5 in Los Angeles.

DEATHS

Jisaburo Nishihara on Jan. 18 in Los Angeles.

Kusujiro Kojimoto, 75, on Jan. 18 in San Francisco.

Mrs. Shizuko Mary Kuwabara, 40, on Jan. 15 in Lodi, Calif.

Chochiro Shirakawa, 73, on Jan. 17 in Los Angeles.

Zenmatsu Seko, 78, on Jan. 14 in Seattle.

Florence Tanaka on Jan. 12 in Chicago.

Bill Kizuka, 20, of Watsonville, Calif., on Jan. 15 at San Diego Calif., Naval Base.

Zenshiro Tsujisaka, 76, on Jan. 11 in San Francisco.

Kenta Tamura, 58, on Jan. 17 in Salt Lake City.

Matajiro Fujibayashi, 62, on Jan. 16 in Salt Lake City.

Kengo Nakadaira, 65, on Jan. 18 in San Fernando, Calif.

MARRIAGES

Yoshika Doi to Ted Uemoto on Jan. 12 in Seattle.

Aiko Yoshida to Fred Morimoto on Jan. 20 in San Francisco.

Takako Suzuki to Koichi Ishi-zaki on Jan. 21 in San Francisco.

Yoshiko May Tashiro, Mesilla, N.M., to Tadao Shintani, Los An-ges, on Jan. 20 in Las Cruces, N.M.

Sako Uchikoshi to Thomas Amano on Dec. 28 in Salt Lake City.

Bucky Mitsunaga to Speedy Shiba on Dec. 25 in Salt Lake City.

Mitsuko Yakura to Sho Naka-shima on Jan. 20 in Los Angeles.

Iyoko Sasaki to Yukio Hamada on Dec. 29 in Fresno.

Yuri Yamaguchi, Howard Beach, N.Y., to Hoover Matsuo on Jan. 12 in New York City.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Eiko Higaki, Honolulu, and Herb-ert Sexton in San Francisco.

Anne F. Kubo, 31, Copertino, Calif., and Richard T. Kubo, 32, Sacramento, in Sacramento.

Yoshiko Wakamoto and Noboru Kubota in Denver.

Fumiko Umino, 21, and James M. Momii, 29, Los Angeles, in Se-attle.

Peggy Omori, 23, Campbell, Calif., and Bill W. Furukawa, 25 in San Jose.

Tomiko B. Sakata, 25, Clarks-burg, Calif., and Takeo R. Shimada, 29, West Sacramento, in Sacra-mento.

Fujiko Sorakubo, 29, Niles, Calif., and Masao Taketa, 31, Sacramento, in San Jose.

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Nishita Will Play Pro Ball
With Japan's Mainichi Orions

HONOLULU—Bill Nishita, star hurler for the University of Cali-fornia last season, picked a career in Japanese pro baseball this week, in preference over tentative offers from several United States major league clubs.

Nishita accepted an offer from the Mainichi Orions of the Japa-nese Pacific League.

The Nisei hurler declined to dis-close terms of the contract but it was believed to be the best offer-ed any non-Japanese player to date.

Meanwhile, another Nisei sports star, Jyun Hirota, former football and baseball athlete at the Univer-sity of Hawaii, also accepted a contract to play in Japan. Hirota will join Wally Yonamine of Ha-waii on the Tokyo Yomiuri Giants of the Central League, champions of Japanese pro baseball. Hirota was a catcher on the U. of Hawaii team and also played behind the plate for the Honolulu Athletics and for the Hawaiian All-Star team which toured the United States with the Harlem Globetrotters baseball team several years ago.

A third Hawaiian player, Ray Kaneshiro, will go to Tokyo with Yonamine and Hirota shortly on a tryout basis. Kaneshiro is a pitch-er.

Nishita's decision to play in Japan caused considerable com-ment in Honolulu sports circles, since the Nisei player who was ac-claimed as the outstanding player in Honolulu interscholastic base-ball three years ago had been sought by scouts of several major league clubs, including the Yankees, Dodgers and White Sox as well as by the San Francisco Seals.

Toshio Sakaguchi, Honolulu rep-resentative of the Mainichi Orions, also declined to reveal terms of the financial settlement made to Nishita.

"It is believed that Bill now commands the best contract ever proffered by Japanese pro clubs to isle baseballers," the Hawaii Times commented.

Nishita, who is scheduled to re-port to the Orions late in Febru-ary in Japan for spring training, reported himself in good condition. He has been in intensive training for the past month.

PC SPORTS ROUNDUP

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the Berkeley Nisei cage squad, is also a first-string forward for the unbeaten Shell Company team in the Oakland, Calif., Industrial League. Oshida has scored 87 points in six games for a 14.5 average.

Two of California's Poly's three Nisei boxers lost their matches to strong San Jose State glovemen in a dual match on Jan. 18 in San Luis Obispo. Harry Fujimoto dropped a 112-pound decision to Al Accurso, while Graf Shintaku was TKO'd by Vic Harris in the third round of a 132-pound contest. Jim Kashiwagi, fighting in the 156-pound division, drew with San Jose's Joe DeSoto... Steve Matsu-moto, star forward, tallied 11 points to lead the Sacramento High lightweights to a 41 to 39 decision over the Grant Union Pacers last week... Despite 19 big points by Center Bob Manji the Yuba City, lightweights lost a 36 to 35 decision to the Placer Union B's of Auburn, Calif. Forward Nakagawa also scored six for Yuba. In the varsity contest Nishimoto tallied four points for the losing Placer team... Ray Fukui's eight points aided the unbeaten Wheatland, Calif. High varsity to a 34 to 32 win over Sutter... Versatile Hank Nanamura is a regular on the Porterville, Calif., College basketball varsity. He was a backfield star for the Pirate football team last fall... Dinuba High's ball-carrying football star, George Nii, is a regular guard on the varsity cake team and contributed five points as the Emperors upset the Strathmore Spartans last week... Jimmy Tsugawa, frosh football halfback at Lewis & Clark College in Port-land, Ore., is now a guard on the frosh hoop squad. He made nine points last week.

Tome Scores in Last Three Seconds

With one eye on the clock, which showed three seconds remain-ing, Harold Tome tossed a 30-footer through the hoop to give Univer-sal Motors a 61 to 9 victory over Portland University in Hnolulu last week. Tome, one of the outstanding Nisei cagers in Hawaii, has appeared against mainland Nisei teams in recent years. Others on the Universal Motors team include Wally Tome, Chico Miyashiro and John Hondo Holi... Wally Yonamine is not just marking time while await-ing the opening of the Japanese pro baseball season. He is playing in the outfield for Moiliili, the favorites in the Honolulu AJA league. Yonamine has twice led the AJA league in batting with averages in the .440 bracket... Sukeyoshi Kushi, 442nd veteran and former public links champion of Hawaii, was named head golf coach at the University of Hawaii last week... Hal Sakata, the weightlifter who has become a popular pro wrestler, is now campaigning in Hawaii after his tour of Japan and will come back for a second mainland junket in a month or so. Sakata will be accompanied on his mainland tour by his wife whom he met and married in Japan recently.



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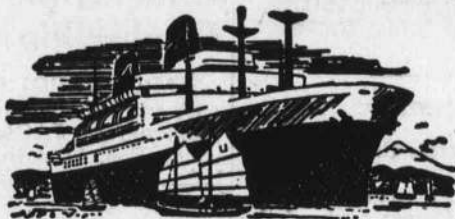
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Union President Hails Issei Redcap Who Gave Scholarship

Fresno ALL Hears Talk on Korea At Installation

FRESNO, Calif. — Captain Michael Murphy, former Air Corps officer, spoke to a large audience on the subject of Korea at the Fresno American Loyalty League's installation of officers at the Hotel Fresno.

Captain Murphy, vice-president of the Sequoia Savings and Loan Association, was formally with the FBI.

Jin Ishikawa was installed as president of the ALL, succeeding Dr. George Suda. Other officers installed by Kenji Tashiro, president of the Central California JACL district council, were Hugo Kazato, first vice-president; Toy Hoshiko, second vice-president; Ben Nakamura, treasurer; Dr. George Miyoke, assistant treasurer; Misa Asakawa, corresponding secretary; Herky Kawahara, recording secretary; Seichi Mikami, official delegate; John Kubota, alternate delegate; Hoagy Ogawa, public relations chairman; and Sally Slocum, historian.

Mayor and Mrs. Wayne Rall headed the guests of honor who were introduced to the audience. Also presented were Mr. and Mrs. O. A. McCabe of the International Institute; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tuck, March of Dimes; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lew, president of the Fay-Wah Club; Kenji Tashiro, president, CCDC; Mrs. S. G. Sakamoto, Mr. Miyamoto, Mr. Toshiyuki and Mr. Ikeda, leaders of the Fresno Issei group; and the following chapter presidents and representatives: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nakamura, Sanger JACL; Marshall Hirose, Reedley JACL; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nagata, Tulare County; and Mr. and Mrs. George Baba, Selma.

Dr. Suda, outgoing president, was given a pearl pin.

Mike Iwatsubo was toastmaster and Dr. Sumio Kubo was chairman.

Nisei Patents Cart For Berry Picking

FRESNO, Calif. — The arduous work of strawberry picking may be eased by a new invention which has been patented by Hiro Ninomiya, local berry farmer.

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CHICAGO — Takejuro Shigemura, Seattle Issei red cap who has financed a number of college scholarships in memory of his son who was killed while serving with the U.S. Army, was saluted by his union president, Willard Townsend, recently for setting an example for all Americans.

Shigemura and his wife donated money saved for their son's education to Carleton College, Minn., and to the University of Washington for establishing scholarships for students majoring in international relations.

Townsend, president of the CIO Transport Service Employees Union, paid tribute to Shigemura in a column Jan. 5 in the Chicago Defender, weekly newspaper.

Townsend recalled that in the winner of 1942 Walter Winchell "was screaming over the radio 'that the Japs had taken over the Seattle railroad station.'"

"I had grown to have a very deep affection for the Japanese people, particularly those in Seattle, Washington, whom I knew intimately because of their membership in our labor organization," Townsend said. "I had visited with them in their homes and was satisfied that there was no question relative to their loyalty to America."

"I am very proud to point out that one of the Japanese denounced by Mr. Winchell was Mr. Takajuro Shigemura, a red cap in the station in Seattle and a member of our union."

"Mr. Shigemura has proven himself a much better American than Mr. Winchell. . . ."

Installs Officers

GRESHAM, Ore. — Jack Ouchida was installed as president of the Gresham-Troutdale JACL at a banquet held at the Hung For Low, with the Rev. Sherman Burgoine administering the oath of office.

Installed with Pres. Ouchida were Kats Sunamoto, first vice-president; Sue Shirashi, second vice-president; Ruby Takashima, recording secretary; Kumiko Ono, corresponding secretary; Kaz Kinoshita, treasurer; Hawley Kato, assistant treasurer; Henry Kato, board delegate; Shiro Uyetake, alternate board delegate; and Oscar Murahashi and Henry Oguri, sergeant-at-arms.

Heads School Group

OAKLAND, Calif. — George Ochikubo, 14-year old son of Dr. and Mrs. George Ochikubo, last week was elected president of the student body at Westlake Junior High School.

Home on Rotation

SEATTLE — Sgt. Kiyoshi Take-moto, Torrance, Calif., was one of 449 Army enlisted men who returned here on Jan. 18 on rotation from Korea aboard the transport Hugh J. Gaffey.

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Open House Party Starts New Year For Philadelphians

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — The New year of 1952 was greeted by the Philadelphia JACL with a unique family gathering in the form of a January 1st open house party.

Co-chairmen Grayce Ueyehara and Mio Sakai were hostesses to more than 100 guests, including students in the Philadelphia area from the west coast and Japan. Jack Ozawa, Emiko Ishiguro and Jean Lee were in charge of general arrangements.

Typical Japanese New Year dishes, including sushi, teriyaki, chashu, kinton, kuro mame, and yokan, were served.

Henry Tani was master of ceremonies and Allen Okamoto led an hour of parlor games. Dancing and bridge concluded the evening.

Food was prepared by Michi Iwasaki, Rose Tani, Sumi Kobayashi, Marion Tamaki, Grayce Ueyehara, Mio Sakai, Alice Endo, Terry Ueyehara, Lily Inazu, Yoshi Tamaki, Yone Okamoto, Susan Sasagawa, Toshi Keyser, Yuri Moriuchi, Fanny Hirokawa, Mary Murakami, Louise Maehara, Mary Toda, Kasuye Oye, Toshi Finnegan and Mary Nakaji.

Koygen on Tour

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flooded with daylight. Later Hiro confessed that he purposely didn't warn us because he was after a "spontaneous quality." It was a cute trick but effective.

There was Lee Samuel who not only worked the lights but also acted as prompter getting so involved in the acting that she was usually three or four pages behind, and every so often she would madly flip the pages.

And there was the clacking of the wooden instruments—Hyoshigi that didn't open the curtain (perhaps for the first time in its long tradition) because Miki was still downstairs being made up. She flew upstairs but didn't quite make it. So the sound effect was repeated and this time the curtain opened with Miki properly on stage.

But the most maddening thing was the costume change after each Kyogen. We would take one off, hand it to the next player and slip on another costume, always rushing to avoid that long, amateur delay.

The performance in Berkeley was quick, smooth and easy. The audience was just as big and just as responsive as the night before. But the theatre was everything that we could dream of: large comfortable stage; a hundred lights; perfect acoustics; plush seats; indirect lighting; make-up room; and two dressing rooms complete with a clock, a full-length mirror and (very important) toilet facilities. It was some experience playing in that theatre.

So it was all over and we were coming home. We were happy. We were grateful to the people of San Francisco and Berkeley. And we were proud. We wondered how to go back to our old jobs, how to speak to people again. Fortunately we were laid up with this cold or flu and for three more precious days we lived the experience. Jobo had rushed down the clippings from the Oakland Tribune and the S.F. Chronicle and we kept reading them over and over. . . .

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Oye Installed As President of Philadelphia JACL

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — Gary Oye was installed as 1952 president by the Philadelphia JACL as its last meeting.

Also officially installed in office were Shoji Date, vice-president. Emiko Ishiguro, corresponding secretary; Alice Endo, recording secretary; William Okamoto, treasurer; Calvin Lee, historian; Allen Okamoto, publicity director; Kaz Ikeda and Dr. Tom Takami, delegates.

Programs for future meetings will include speakers from the Philadelphia area who will talk to the group on topics of current interest. Dr. Kephart, head of the speakers bureau and the marriage council bureau of Philadelphia and professor at the University of Pennsylvania, will speak on mate selection on pre-marital relationships at the February meeting.

INSTALL NEW SANTA CLARA JACL CABINET

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Akira Shimoguchi, local insurance man, and his cabinet were installed as new officers of the United Citizens League of Santa Clara County by Haruo Ishimaru, Northern California JACL regional director, at the Hawaiian Gardens in San Jose on Jan. 18.

Outgoing officers were headed by Shig Matsunaga who was aided by Sachiye Endo, Muts Furiya, Mrs. Keiko Ishikawa, Henry Hamasaki, Mrs. Robert Okamoto and Phil Matsumura.

The 1952 cabinet, besides Shimoguchi, consists of Samuel Tanase, first vice-president; William Yamamoto, second vice-president; Mrs. Joyce Furiya, secretary; Tom Mitsuyoshi, treasurer, and Phil Matsumura, historian and publicity chairman.

A surprise feature of the evening was the presentation of special gifts, one to Dr. Bob Okamoto for his continued service as chairman of the Blue Cross committee, and a gift in appreciation to Shig Matsunaga, outgoing president.

Approximately 60 members attended the installation dinner, at which time Tom Mitsuyoshi, newly elected treasurer and chairman of the membership committee, started a kickoff rally for members.

Masunaga Heads San Jose Church

SAN JOSE, Calif. — George Masunaga was elected president of the San Jose Japanese Methodist Nisei Church.

Tomo Onouye and David Sasaki were named vice-presidents. Chieko Arima will be corresponding secretary, with Regina Miyata as recording secretary. Duncan Iwagaki is treasurer and Bill Yamamoto is pledge chairman.

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HONOLULU — Two Silver Star medals, the Army's third highest combat decoration, were presented to the next of kin of Hawaiian soldiers of Japanese ancestry on Jan. 19 at Fort Shafter.

Mrs. Claire H. Tsunoda received the medal for her brother Sgt. Sueo Tsunoda, who was killed in action in Korea.

Mrs. Norma Higa received a medal for her son, Corp. Samuel S. Hiyahara, missing in action in Korea since April 23, 1951.

Senichi Nakashima also received a Bronze Star Medal, for heroic and meritorious achievement, an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star for his son, Lt. Roy T. Nakashima, killed in action in Korea.

Mrs. Peggy Komatsu received a Bronze Star for her brother Harry M. Chinen, missing in action in Korea since Jan. 3, 1951.

An Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star was also presented to Pfc. Shosaku Oyama, Hawaiian Ordnance Depot.

Wyoming Chapter Plans Family Night For Installation

WORLAND, Wyo. — New officers of the Northern Wyoming JACL will be installed at a "family night" affair Feb. 9.

The cabinet is headed by Kaz Nakamura and is comprised of Mr. Eleanor Shimogaki, first vice-president; Tom Morioka, second vice-president; Tom Ujifusa, treasurer; Mrs. Suma Nakamura, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Tom Ujifusa, recording secretary; Dr. Minol Ota, delegate-at-large; Kaz Uriu, alternate delegate; Mrs. Kaz Uriu, historian, and Mrs. Minol Ota, porter.

Elections were held Jan. 12 at a general meeting.

Kaz Uriu, retiring president, announced that a report that a Thermopolis Star Plunge discriminated against Nisei was unfounded and that he had been assured by the owner that all Nisei patrons are welcome.

Albuquerque Holds Membership Drive

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — The current membership drive of the Albuquerque JACL will be climaxed on Feb. 11 with a dinner party.

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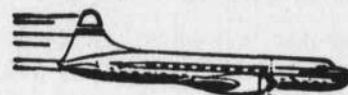
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