



## Legislative Groups Withhold Action on Refund Payments in California Land Law Cases

SACRAMENTO—A decision on a \$486,170 appropriation for refunds to Americans of Japanese ancestry who settled Alien Land law suits with the state during and shortly after World War II was delayed by a subcommittee of the assembly's ways and means committee this week after the legislative group had received information one of the claimants sold machinery to Manchuria prior to Pearl Harbor.

The charge was made against the State Farming Company of Merced County, operated by William and Edward Koda. The firm has a claim for \$127,383, the largest single claim involved.

These claims arise out of enforcement of the Alien Land law against property owners of Japanese ancestry. In many cases the owners paid the state in compromise settlements in order to retain lands which the state sought to escheat under the law. The prosecutions under the Alien Land Act stopped after the U.S. Supreme Court's 1948 decision in the Oyama test case which upheld the right of Nisei to receive gifts of property from alien parents.

James Hanley, Jr., of San Francisco, representing the Kodas, admitted they sold used farm machinery to rice growers in Manchuria but denied they violated any law. He said they were investigated by the Federal government and cleared. Testimony regarding the sale was presented to the committee by Fred Links, deputy director of the State Finance Department.

Assemblyman A. Munnell, D., Los Angeles, opposed granting the refund to the company, if it committed a moral wrong, even if no law was violated.

The subcommittee reported it received "several telegrams" protesting the farming company's claim. It was decided to take all claims under advisement and to investigate the charges against the farming company.

Joe Grant Masaoka of San Francisco represented most of the other 19 claimants at the hearing. The Sacramento Bee reported Masaoka said he wanted his clients disassociated from the State Farming Company case.

Hanley later charged, the Bee reported, that Masaoka's group had warned his clients that unless they joined and let Masaoka handle the matter the claims might not be paid. Masaoka is the director of the California Committee for Justice to Japanese Americans, a group which has represented claimants in the Alien Land law refund campaign.

Legislation authorizing the refund of the settlement monies was passed by the California legislature last year and signed by Governor Warren.

A senate finance subcommittee on March 24 decided to take no action on the appropriation, following the lead of the assembly group and Deputy Finance Director Links declared the claimants may have to go to court to obtain settlement.

## Utah Doctor Passes After Brief Illness

OGDEN, Utah—Only six years ago Dr. Hideo Henle Kato, 38, only Nisei officer with the famous 82nd Airborne, marched down New York's Fifth Avenue with the GI veterans of the paratroop outfit.

Dr. Kato, who participated in D-Day landings in France with the paratroop unit and also served in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central European campaigns, died suddenly in an Ogden hospital on March 27 after a brief illness.

The Nisei doctor has practiced medicine and psychiatry in Ogden since 1946 and has served as consulting psychiatrist at the Utah State Industrial School for several years.

He was born in Ogden on Aug. 10, 1913, the son of Toshio and Ise Sakai Kato and attended Ogden city schools and was graduated from Weber College and the University of Utah. He received his degree in medicine at the University of Louisville School of Medicine.

Dr. Kato entered military service in 1942 and was discharged in May, 1946 with the rank of major.

He is survived by his parents, three brothers and three sisters, Toyse, George and Yoshito Kato, Mrs. Noboru Iwamoto, Mrs. Joe Yamani and Mrs. Eddie Enomoto, all of Ogden.

Funeral rites will be held on April 2 at the Ogden Buddhist Church. Burial will be in Ogden City Cemetery where military honors will be accorded by the Regular Veterans Association of Ogden.

## State Assembly Asks Officials to Act Against Race Violence

LOS ANGELES—The California State Assembly has asked the President and attorneys general of the United States and of California and Florida to adopt measures to curb mob violence and destruction of life and property, it was reported to the JACL regional office by Assemblyman Edward E. Elliot (D., Los Angeles), one of the 20 co-authors of the resolution.

Another resolution, sponsored by 22 assemblymen, most of them from Southern California, asked the state's attorney general to investigate alleged police brutality in Los Angeles.

## California Nisei Named to County Grand Jury Panel

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Roy Kobayashi of Santa Ana, one of 12 men and seven women impaneled in Superior Court last week as a member of the 1952 Orange County Grand Jury, is believed to be the first Nisei to serve on the body.

The jurors will meet April 2 at which time committee assignments will be made.

## U. S. Official Asks Removal Of Entry Bars

NEW YORK—A State Department official declared here on March 21 that the United States will impair the beneficial effect of the prompt ratification of the Japanese peace treaty if it continues to bar immigration and naturalization of Asians.

Herve J. L'Heureux, chief of the visa section, urged adoption of the pending Walter-McCarran omnibus immigration and naturalization bill in order to abolish race as a qualification of entry, permanent residence or citizenship in the United States.

L'Heureux's statement was made to the National Naturalization and Citizenship Council. The official said the State Department is worried about the fact that "our laws still bar Japanese and other Orientals on account of race."

## NISEI STUDENT WINS HIGH POST AT RADCLIFFE

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Gracia Taketa of Washington, D.C., is the vice-president of the student body at Radcliffe College.

Miss Taketa won the National JACL's Ben Masaoka memorial scholarship in 1950.

## Report California Nisei Officer Is "Most Decorated" Korea Vet

CAMP ROBERTS, Calif.—A 31-year old California Nisei Army officer is believed to be the "most decorated" American soldier of the Korean war.

Capt. Kanemitsu Ito of Walnut Grove, Calif., a veteran of the famous 442nd Combat Team, has been awarded three Silver Stars, the Army's third highest combat award, for action in Korea.

Camp Roberts officials cannot recall another GI who has ever won three Silver Stars in a single campaign.

The Nisei officer already has received official citations for two of the Silver Stars but the citation for the third is en route from Korea and until it arrives Capt. Ito will not know how he won it.

Capt. Ito doesn't remember because the bullet wound he received in the action also erased his memory of the incident.

The Defense Department has informed him that the citation is on its way, together with the third Silver Star medal.

In addition to the Silver Stars, Captain Ito has received a Purple Heart with five oak leaf clusters, marking five wounds in combat, with the 442nd Combat Team and later the 102nd Division in World War II and 3rd Division in Korea.

Captain Ito also has another distinction.

During the time he led his company in the 3rd Division not a man was lost nor killed in the unit, although many of them were wounded as they participated in such assignments as the capture of Armistice Ridge.

Captain Ito received the first Silver Star for valor in combat

near Taejon-ni on April 15, 1951. His Company E was attacked by a large enemy force. When word was received that a forward mortar observer was seriously wounded and lying in an exposed position, Captain Ito (then lieutenant) "unhesitatingly moved forward to the stricken soldier's side, where he efficiently administered first aid."

While carrying the wounded observer back to friendly lines, Ito was ambushed by two enemy soldiers. In the desperate struggle which followed Ito shot one enemy soldier and bayoneted the other. He then picked up the wounded infantryman and evacuated him to safety.

Returning to his company area, he learned that his troops had been driven back to the command post area. Lieut. Ito immediately resumed command and "through his aggressive leadership, the platoon repulsed repeated attacks and inflicted approximately 400 casualties upon the enemy."

The second citation was awarded for valor near Soksa-ri.

The citation said in part:

"Capt. Ito, weapons platoon leader, with complete disregard for safety, left his covered position and organized a covering force, allowing the main body to withdraw. From his exposed position between the withdrawing platoon and the enemy, he vigorously engaged hostile soldiers with hand grenades and accurate fire from his weapon, killing five."

Capt. Ito's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Kazutoshi Ito of Walnut Grove.

Since his return from Korea Captain Ito has been an instructor in the leaders course at Camp Roberts.

## Justice Department Agrees To Receive Compromise Offers On Claims for Time Being

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Because over 14,000 compromise offers to evacuation claims were received by the March 22 administrative deadline, thereby creating a backlog of almost 2000 unassigned claims, the Department of Justice has agreed to continue to accept such compromise offers for the time being, the Washington office of the Anti-Discrimination Committee was informed this week.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC director, announced that the government will continue to accept all compromise offers until the Department of Justice has processed every compromise offer submitted before the present backlog of cases is cleaned up.

Since the JACL ADC endorsed compromise settlement law does not contain a statutory deadline for the submission of claims, the Department of Justice must continue to accept all compromise claims regardless of when they are sent in to Washington. At the same time, the Department by regulation can and did establish administrative deadlines for the submission of these claims in order to expedite the program. And, in order to make the final deadline effective, the Department intended to postpone consideration of all compromise offers submitted after its March 22 administrative deadline until all other claims had been adjudicated.

By agreement, however, it will accept and process all compromise offers received as long as a backlog exists. After that, reviewing attorneys will be assigned to other duties, possibly adjudicating other claims, and late compromise offers will have to wait their turn to be processed.

"The sooner the remaining claims that are to be compromised and settled are sent in to Washington, the better," Masaoka said.

He pointed out that if administrative deadlines, first for March 15 and later extended one week until March 22, had not been announced, most evacuees with claims under \$3500 for individuals and \$7000 for family couples would probably have not sent in their

claims to be compromised by this time.

As it is, Masaoka said that an estimated three to four thousand claims which qualify for the compromise procedure still have not been sent in to the Department of Justice.

With the Senate soon to consider the House approved sum of \$14,800,000 for the payment of these compromise settlements, it is most important that those who desire government checks this year submit their compromise offers immediately, Masaoka explained.

The Washington JACL ADC office has, however, discontinued its service of securing photostatic copies of lost claims. It feels that sufficient time was devoted to this public service project for all interested parties to have utilized it.

## Nisei Teacher Seeks Election To Party Post

LOS ANGELES — The first Nisei to file for a political post in Los Angeles County since the war, Joseph Wakamatsu has entered his name as a candidate from the 63rd Assembly District for one of seven seats on the Democratic Central Committee of Los Angeles County.

Wakamatsu, 27, a teacher of social living and English at Samuel Gompers Junior High School, is running on a slate sponsored by the California Democratic Guild. He is treasurer of the guild, a liberal organization whose membership is composed primarily of college students from USC, UCLA and other schools.

Wakamatsu, a graduate of the University of Southern California, was named to Phi Beta Kappa.

## Della Kono Gets Tournery Queen Crown

Della Kono was crowned queen of the 17th annual JACL invitational basketball tournament at a pre-tourney dance March 19.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Kono of Salt Lake City.

## ARMY REPORTS NISEI SOLDIER HURT IN KOREA

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Department of Defense informed the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee that only one Nisei casualty has been reported in the Korean fighting during the past two weeks.

He is Pvt. First Class George Yoshida, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nobuji Yoshida, 1371 West 38th St., Los Angeles, Calif., reported as wounded in action.

## House Indefinitely Postpones Action on Walter Proposal

WASHINGTON D.C.—House action on the Walter omnibus immigration and naturalization bill has been indefinitely postponed in order that the body may be able to act on the appropriations bill prior to the traditional Easter recess, the Washington office of JACL ADC reported on March 28.

Floor action on the Walter bill which includes a provision for equality in immigration and naturalization originally was scheduled by Majority Leader John W. McCormack, D., Mass to be considered this week following House action on two appropriations bills.

Mike Masaoka, legislative director of JACL ADC, said opponents of the Walter bill have forced Rep. McCormack to postpone consideration of the legislation by threatening to propose so many amendments to the omnibus measure that it would take five or more days to complete debate, thereby either causing the appropriations bills to go over until after the Easter recess or forcing cancellation of the

annual recess.

Masaoka noted that although the Rules Committee provided for only three hours of debate on the Walter bill, there is no provision limiting the number of amendments which may be proposed and considered under the five-minute rule of the House which allows five minutes of discussion on each amendment.

Masaoka said opponents of the bill have threatened to submit possibly one hundred or more amendments and since each amendment may be subject to a roll call vote which takes approximately 45 minutes, the threat of amendments constitutes a "real danger" to consideration of any bill. Masaoka said the opposition was resorting to "filibuster tactics" since "they know a vote will probably result in overwhelming endorsement of the Walter bill."

The JACL ADC official expressed the hope the House would be able to consider the Walter bill next week but admitted that such a possibility is remote.



## Churchmen Join in Decrying Protests Against Home Sale

DES MOINES, Ia.—Churchmen in Des Moines and West Des Moines joined in decrying anonymous phone calls protesting against the sale of a home to a Japanese American couple as "un-Christian."

The Rev. J. Henry Teele, pastor of the West Des Moines Methodist church, told his congregation on March 16 that "on general principles, it is wrong to discriminate in that way."

He urged his people to "follow the teachings of Christ" in their treatment of neighbors.

The high school Sunday school class at the church decided to send a letter to the Nishimuras telling them that the class thought such discrimination was wrong.

In Des Moines, the Rev. Ben C. Bobbitt of the Central Christian Church said:

"I think it's a sad comment that such a thing could be done anywhere in our neighborhood. I think it's a shame that it had to happen."

"We've always had good relations with the Japanese. They are such good American citizens. This young man especially is one of our finest citizens."

The Rev. Mr. Bobbitt said he knew the people of West Des Moines must "feel very strongly" opposed to the discrimination.

At the First Lutheran Church in West Des Moines, the Rev. John K. Shirck said the anonymous calls were "very discourteous, let alone un-Christian."

## Japanese American Couple Assured of Welcome by Neighbors in Iowa Community

WEST DES MOINES, Ia.—James and Pearl Nishimura are planning to move into their new home in West Des Moines and are convinced the great majority of the people of the suburban community want them as neighbors.

The Hawaiian-born couple was assured by phone calls and a personal visit by a future neighbor last week that they were wanted and they signed an agreement on March 16 to buy the house.

The Nisei Army veteran and his wife almost didn't get the house.

Meanwhile, West Des Moines residents had been prepared to circulate petitions and send letters to the couple asking them to reconsider.

Actually their purchase agreement on March 16 was the second time the Nishimuras had bought the house.

The first tentative sale was balked by anonymous phone calls, some to Chamberlain, Kirk & Co., agents for the house.

Because of these objections, the real estate company advised the Nishimuras not to move into the neighborhood and returned the \$500 the couple had posted as "earnest money." That was on the morning of March 15. That same afternoon the house was sold to someone else.

The next day, however, the new purchasers gave up their rights to the home and the Nishimuras, with the blessing of all concerned, went ahead with their original plans to buy the house.

All during the morning of March 16, the Nishimuras and everyone else concerned had received a flood of telephone calls protesting the circumstances that had forced the cancellation of the original purchase contract.

"The people of West Des Moines seemed to be pretty unhappy at the injustice done to the Nishimuras and the town's name by a few anonymous phone callers," Mary Butler said in a story in the Des Moines Register.

A 24-year old Army veteran, Bill Paulding, whose home is on the same block as the house purchased by the Nishimuras, decided to circulate a petition asking the couple to come back.

Paulding checked first with the Nishimuras, however, to see if they had any objections, and discovered that the house already had been sold to someone else.

Paulding, who said he was "very unhappy" about "any discrimination," dropped the original petition but said there might be another one giving the couple a "vote of confidence."

Joseph Chamberlain of the real estate company said he had sold the house on March 15 after the agreement was broken with the Nishimuras. The next day, however, Chamberlain visited the Nishimuras to try to arrange getting the house back from the new buyer for them.

Don Wissler, who lives next door to the house at 636 Linnwill Place, was also visiting the Nishimuras. He was there to tell the couple the neighborhood wanted them.

"There is quite an uprising in the neighborhood," Wissler said. "Frankly we would like to have them occupy the house."

Wissler said he didn't know any-

one who said they objected to the Nishimuras.

The "in-between" buyer of the house, Rollin M. Dick, agreed to let the Hawaiian-born couple have it, saying:

"It's a nice place. We'd be glad to have it, but we're glad to let them have it after what they've been through."

Dick, 20, said Chamberlain promised to find another home for him. The Nishimuras seemed to be happy about the arrangement.

"I think it will work out much nicer now," Nishimura, a Hawaii-born Nisei who volunteered for the 442nd Combat Team, said. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and is a Federal internal revenue agent in Des Moines.

Mrs. Nishimura is one-fourth Chinese, one-fourth Hawaiian, one-fourth Scotch and one-fourth Irish. She is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and is employed as a clerk-typist in the armed forces induction center in Des Moines.

Nishimura said that from all the calls they have received, "we know they want us out there."

Mrs. Nishimura added they had received five offers of houses for sale, none in West Des Moines.

"We had just lots and lots of phone calls," she said. "Most of them to give us their sympathy, I guess. They wanted us to be sure we didn't feel bitter and badly about it."

She said she and her husband had "hashed it out" and weren't bitter, but that they "wanted to be sure that people really wanted us."

"We didn't want to move into a place that didn't want us," she said.

Robert Naert, owner of the house which was sold to the Nishimuras, said he was "in favor of" the Nishimuras. He said he had been disappointed when it seemed "the people we wanted to have it didn't get it."

"It's a shame," Naert said, "that whoever's guilty of those anonymous phone calls gave everyone a black eye."

"The neighborhood as a whole has really come through," he said. "The Nishimuras seem to be very happy. It's very evident that it was the fault of a very small minority, I guess."

Naert, like Nishimura, is a veteran of World War II.

### Address Sought

The present address of Roy (or Loy) Nakagawa, who previously worked at the King Joy Cafe, Salt Lake City, and the China City Cafe, Provo, Ut., is sought by Chester Oliver, P.O. Box 656, Provo.

Mr. Oliver is anxious to contact Mr. Nakagawa on a matter of insurance and would appreciate any information as to his whereabouts.

## Plan Social Events for GIs



NEW YORK CITY—Sparkplugging activities of the new Nisei Service Organization are (left to right, seated) Mich Teramoto, historian-reporter; Conrad Kurahara, director; Pat Iwamoto, secretary; and Georgiana Sawahata, social chairman; and (standing) Sadie Kuratomi, Hostess Club president; Sumi Young, secretary; Florence Kozuma, treasurer; and Frances Kadowaki, vice-president.

The NSO, including more than 75 Chinese, Hawaiian and Japanese American servicemen, were guests of Tom Lee, proprietor of the Bamboo Garden in Union City, N.J.

The NSO sponsors dances and open house "get-togethers."

keeps up a continuing flow of correspondence with GIs in Korea, Japan, Europe and the United States, and published "NSO FE-MAIL," which is sent out every other month to more than 400 servicemen, hostesses and supporting friends.

—Photo by Gene Herbert.

## Opposition in Subcommittee Temporarily Stalls Funds for Compromise Claims Payment

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Department of Justice informed the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee that, in hearings held before the Senate Subcommittee on State, Justice and Commerce, Holmes Baldrige, assistant attorney general, and S. A. Andretta, administrative assistant attorney general, testified in support of the third supplemental appropriations bill, which includes the \$14,800,000 for payment of compromise claims, as passed by the House on March 13.

In earlier House hearings Baldrige revealed that from July 1, 1951 to Feb. 15, 1952 the department had awarded a total of \$6,307,744 for compromise and adjudicated claims and that he expected the number of adjudications to reach 17,000 by June 30 of this year.

During the Senate hearings Sen. Pat McCarran, (Dem., Nev.) chairman of the Subcommittee, paid tribute to the Department of Justice for expediting a difficult and complex program and the excellent progress made to date.

Sen. Homer Ferguson (Rep., Mich.), however, charged the Department of Justice with moving too fast to do an adequate job of processing and adjudication, and questioned the wisdom of the entire settlement program. Ferguson led the Republican opposition on the committee against granting the requested supplemental appropriations for evacuation claims filed under the compromise settlement formula.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL

ADC legislative director, announced that a statement had been submitted to the Senate Subcommittee, answering the objections raised by Ferguson and others.

"I am reasonably optimistic," Masaoka said, "that despite this somewhat unexpected opposition in the Senate Subcommittee the supplemental appropriations of \$14,800,000 for the compromise settlement program requested by the Department of Justice, will be approved shortly."

Members of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Justice and Commerce are Senators Pat McCarran (Dem., Nev.), chairman; Kenneth McKellar (Dem., Tenn.); Allen J. Ellender (Dem., La.); Lister Hill, (Dem., Ala.); Harley Kilgore (Dem., W. Va.); John L. McClellan (Dem., Ark.); Homer Ferguson (Rep., Mich.); Styles Bridges (Rep., N.H.); Leverett Saltonstall, (Rep., Mass.); and Joseph McCarthy, (Rep., Wis.).

## Nisei Woman Scientist Risks Life Below Ocean's Surface

NEW YORK — Dr. Eugenie Clark thrives on danger beneath the surface of the sea.

The young Japanese American scientist has risked her life a dozen times as an ichthyologist, a student of fishes, but she thinks crossing a New York street more dangerous than life under water.

Dr. Clark is the daughter of a Japan-born mother and an American-born father, who died when she was quite young. Her stepfather operates the Chidori restaurant in New York City.

Dr. Clark, formerly active in Nisei circles, returned to the United States recently from a year's stay at the Ghardaqa Biological Station on the Red Sea where, using nets, spears, poison and dynamite, she collected 300 species of fish, 40 of them poisonous.

She made about a thousand dives with face mask and spear-gun and any number of dives with

a diving helmet and aqualung.

In her first dive off the California coast her air lines fouled and she almost lost consciousness. Off Hawaii she killed a deadly moray eel.

Although only 29 years of age, she holds three college degrees and was the first ichthyologist in America to discover a method of artificial insemination of fishes and has done research for the Office of Naval Research and the Atomic Energy Commission and is at present a research associate at the Museum of Natural History in New York.

She has recently received an Eugene F. Saxton fellowship of \$2,000 to write a book about her fish-diving activities.

She lives in Buffalo at present with her husband, Dr. Ilias Konstantinu, an orthopedic surgeon who was born in Greece but is now an American citizen.

## Issei Inmate Kills Self at San Quentin

SAN QUENTIN, Calif. — Suicide by strangulation of Takani, 51, on March 20 was reported by Warden Harley Teets.

Takani, serving a sentence for a manslaughter conviction, took his life by fashioning a noose from a towel and fastening it to the foot of his bed in the prison hospital.

Takani, convicted of the slaying of a fellow employee in the kitchen of a Los Angeles hospital, made several suicide attempts in prison in Los Angeles and was transferred to San Quentin recently for psychiatric treatment.

## Placer County JACL Plans Fourth Annual Community Picnic

PENRYN, Calif. — The fourth annual Placer County community picnic under JACL sponsorship will be held Sunday, April 6, at the JACL recreation park, Tahoma.

Yego, chairman of the special events committee, said this year the gala outdoor festival, which attracts visitors from all over Northern California, will start at 10 a.m. with George Hiramaki, program chairman, in charge of the day's activities.

A large array of merchandise awards has been donated by merchants and businessmen, according to Kay Takemoto, finance and prize committee chairman.

Two concessions will be opened, bingo directed by Bob Kuroku, and a refreshment stand in charge of Joe Kageeta and his "good humor girls."

Two big prizes to be given away are a television set and a dining set, which are being offered in conjunction with a picnic queen contest, according to Frank Hiroaki. The dinette was donated by Nakamura Company, Sacramento.

An oval track for running novelty events will be roped off in the infield area of the ball diamond by James Uyeda and grounds committee. All available picnicking sites have been cleared of brush and low-hanging limbs.

A first aid station will be maintained under Cosma Sakamoto supervision, while traffic and parking will be handled by the Penryn Boy Scout troop.

A picnic ball closing the day will be held at the Loomis Legion Memorial Hall from 9 p.m. till midnight. The "Nisei Combo," featuring Bel Sugiya, pianist and Blanche Maeda, drummer, will play. Nobuo Nimura is dance chairman.

## Speaker Recalls ACLU's Defense of Rights of Nisei

PASADENA, Calif. — Mrs. Abe was one of the speakers at a recent meeting of the Pasadena Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union which honored Patrick Murphy Malin, national director.

Mrs. Abe, wife of a local dentist, spoke from the platform and praised the work of the ACLU in defense of civil liberties. She recalled the work of the ACLU since Pearl Harbor in defense of the civil rights of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Another speaker was Stephen Reyes, a member of the former committee, Friends of the American Way, which worked to prove the social climate in the Pasadena area at the time of the return of the first evacuees to the West Coast 1945.

Hugh H. Anderson, former chairman and treasurer of the Friends of the American Way, presided over the meeting. Mr. Anderson was host in 1945 to Etsi Takei, first Nisei student to enter a Pacific Coast school after the exclusion ban was lifted by the Army in 1945.

Mr. Malin was the main speaker, discussing the state of civil liberties in the United States. He also touched on the effect of present defense preparations on civil rights.

# Convention Time Is Drawing Near, San Francisco, June 26-30, 1952





Matsuo Takabuki, president of the 442nd Veterans Club, cuts a birthday cake in celebration of the ninth anniversary of the formation of the 442nd combat team at the group's annual dinner March 22. Watching the cake-cutting are wives of club officers, (left to right) Mrs. Wallace S. Kawaoka, Mrs. Akira Fujiki, Mrs. Takabuki, Mrs. Masato Doi and Mrs. Ben G. Takayasu.  
—Photo courtesy of Hawaii Times.

## Women's Clubs Back Walter's Omnibus Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A national women's organization, the General Federation of Women's Clubs, went on record supporting the Walter Omnibus Immigration and Naturalization Bill, now pending in the House, which codifies and revises the present immigration and naturalization laws to erase, among other things, the existing race bar in naturalization and to assign immigration quotas to Asian nations still excluded, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported this week.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs, one of the largest women's groups in the country, numbers in its ranks various professional and business organizations.

In taking a stand for the Walter Omnibus Bill, Mrs. Ernest W. Howard, legislation chairman, declared: "Our national security demands passage of this bill."

Indicating that a strong well-organized opposition is attempting to "sabotage" passage of this legislation, Mrs. Howard called on the club women to back up the Federation's action by sending postcards to their representatives in Congress.

Already the Federation has issued notices to its state presidents, legislative chairmen, and citizenship and government chairmen across the country, urging that "a postal card should go from every club woman in your state to her Senators and Representative."

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, commented, "It is encouraging to note this rising tide of opinion favoring the passage of the omnibus legislation, which seeks to correct long standing inequities. However,

## Urge 442nd Veterans Take Active Role in Communities

### NISEI VETERAN WINS MEMORIAL AWARD AT USC

LOS ANGELES—A Nisei army veteran was named the winner of the 1952 Peter Fluor memorial scholarship last week at the University of Southern California.

The \$500 award was presented to Henry S. Sanematsu, 25, Riverside, Calif., a graduate student in mechanical engineering, for outstanding work in mechanical and chemical engineering.

Sanematsu is at present engaged in research work on low-grade oils for diesel engines.

### Swerving Truck Spills Eggs on Coast Highway

SAN RAFAEL, Calif.—Highway patrolmen here had the job of cleaning up a big and expensive omelet on March 20 when a truck, driven by Shizuo Tsujihara, 31, of Petaluma, spilled a total of 155,160 eggs on the pavement.

Tsujihara, driving the truckload of hen fruit to San Francisco, swerved to avoid hitting a car on the highway, dislodging his cargo.

According to patrolmen, each of the 155,160 eggs was broken.

despite this sentiment for immediate enactment of the Walter Omnibus Immigration and Naturalization Bill, we are now faced with the problem of fighting the delaying tactics of the opposition, who by use of parliamentary maneuvers are trying to circumvent the general House consideration of this legislation, contrary to the democratic practice of open debate and vote."

## Father to Rejoin Spokane Family Via Act of Congress

SPOKANE, Wash.—A Spokane mother who feared she would be forced to choose between being with her husband or bringing up her children as American citizens is rejoicing this week because an act of Congress has made both possible.

Mrs. Roy Y. Shiomi received word recently that President Truman has signed a bill permitting her husband, who was born in Japan but lived most of his life in the United States, to return home.

The tangled situation began when Shiomi, a graduate of the University of Washington, married a Nisei girl, Fumi Jean Takayasu, in Seattle in 1932. They went to Japan for their honeymoon and let his passport expire there.

The couple was living in Manchuria when their third child was born and when Shiomi was drafted into the Japanese army, one month before the end of the war in 1945.

In 1950 Mrs. Shiomi brought their three children to the United States so the oldest, now 17, could establish five years residence before she reached 21 and thus become an American citizen. Shiomi was not permitted to accompany his family to America.

A letter to Sen. Warren Magnuson, D., Wash., was followed by the introduction of the bill by the Washington legislator. The bill passed both the House and the Senate and was signed recently by the President.

The father is expected to arrive in Spokane by about May 1.

HONOLULU, T.H.—Former members of the 442nd combat team must now apply themselves to working for the future of their community and state, Matsuo Takabuki, president of the 442nd Veterans Club, said March 22 as his organization met to celebrate the ninth anniversary of the combat team's formation.

Speaking to 500 members and guests, Takabuki said, "Our fighting days are over, at least for a time, but the obligation rests on us to apply ourselves to a greater effort to realize the promise of Hawaii."

Takabuki warned against apathy and indifference to problems and affairs of the community.

"We have reached a stage of development when we can participate effectively with the vital issues of today," he told his audience. "Our increasing awareness and understanding of the forces within our community struggling for recognition and dominance compel us to do our part to indicate our stand on matters which concern us."

"We served as soldiers with valor, and we must not now falter in our convictions. The torch that we once carried with such distinction in battle must now shine as brightly in the battlefield of competing ideas and forces. For we are the living with a trust. We carry a name with a proud and purposeful heritage. Let us keep faith with that heritage."

Akira Fukunaga was master of ceremonies. Akira Fujiki, executive secretary, pronounced the invocation.

In addition to Takabuki's address, the program included the presentation of athletic trophies in softball, golfing and bowling.

### Four Candidates Will Compete for Placer Queen Title

PENRYN, Calif.—Four pulchritudinous candidates will vie for this year's Placer County JACL picnic queen title on Sunday, April 6, at the JACL recreation park, according to Howard Nakae, contest chairman.

Unlike the custom in previous years, 1952 contestants will run independently rather than under specific club sponsorship.

The candidates are Martha Iwasaki, 19, of Roseville, graduate of Roseville High and a typist with the State Department of Public Works; Amy Maeda, 21, of Penryn, student at Placer High; Grace Sunada, 20, Newcastle, secretary for a Sacramento insurance firm; and Miwako Yoshikawa, 23, of Auburn-Lincoln, graduate of Placer College and employed by the State Department of Employment.

The coronation ceremony will be held at the picnic with Sakaye Tenma, 1951 queen, placing the crown on her successor's head.

## U. S. Citizenship Relinquished, Attorneys for Kawakita Will Argue Before Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The case of Tomoya Kawakita, sentenced to death as a traitor, will go to the Supreme Court on April 2.

Attorneys for the U.S.-born Kawakita indicated in a brief filed here that his defense would be based on the premise that he had relinquished his American citizenship in 1943 and could not therefore be charged as a traitor to the United States for acts committed after that time.

The brief, filed by A. L. Wirin, Morris Lavine and Fred Okrand, argued that Kawakita lost his citizenship when he caused his name to be entered in his uncle's register in Japan and had his status changed in police records in Japan from that of an enemy alien to Japanese national.

Kawakita, 30, was convicted in 1948 on charges of brutality to American prisoners of war held in a Japanese camp where he was employed during the war. He was arrested in Los Angeles when he returned to this country after the war. He was recognized by a former POW and convicted on the testimony of numerous POWs.

The Kawakita brief holds that even if he did not lose his United States nationality, he was nevertheless also a citizen of Japan and subject to laws of Japan, under which he was then working, and did not owe allegiance to the United States but to Japan.

The brief also holds that even if Kawakita committed the acts alleged, that these were not such as to constitute treason.

At most, his attorneys said, the acts amount to assault and battery and were a violation of local Japanese law and not of treason as defined in the U.S. Constitution.

### Arizona Chapter Starts Campaign For Building Fund

GLENDAL, Ariz.—The Arizona JACL opened a fund-raising campaign March 18 to raise \$6,000 for remodeling of the Japanese Community Hall.

Improvements will include a new heating and cooling system, acoustical ceilings, new lavatory and shower rooms and lighting fixtures to permit use of the hall for basketball games this year.

The drive will continue until April 15, at which time construction will begin. The work is slated to be finished by May 10, when a gala open house will be held.

Satoshi Tanita and a committee of Issei, T. Okabayashi, T. Tomoka, H. O. Yamamoto, Tadashi Tadano and K. Matsuda, were named to head the drive.

The fund raising group in Mesa and Tempe will be headed by Mrs. Nakatsu, Mr. Sugino, Paul Ishikawa, Carl Sato and Tsutomu Ikeda. K. Kishiyama heads the Phoenix drive. Masao Tsutsumida, Lindy Okabayashi, Mas Inoshita, Hiro Nomura, Tad Fujii, G. Kobashigawa and S. T. Yamamoto will direct the campaign in the Glendale area.

## Oregon Solon Pays Tribute To Nisei GIs

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Homer D. Angell, (Rep., Ore.) paid tribute to persons of Japanese ancestry in Multnomah County, Oregon, calling special attention to their war record and specifically mentioning the heroic services of Sgt. Frank Hachiya, who was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, announced the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee on March 25.

Under "extension of remarks" in the Congressional Record, Rep. Angell observed that more than 380 Japanese Americans from his congressional district had served in the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team. He also estimated that at present there are about 23 persons of Japanese ancestry from his area now fighting with the Armed Forces in Korea.

In highlighting the story of Sgt. Frank Hachiya, Rep. Angell stated that Hachiya who served in Combat Intelligence in the Pacific, volunteered for a mission behind Japanese lines on the island of Leyte, in the Philippines, several months before the Allied invasion.

"When the invasion began," said Rep. Angell, "Sgt. Hachiya was mortally wounded by American troops as he tried to make his way back to the American lines. Before his death, however, he was able to deliver to the commanding officer the complete details of the Japanese defenses on the island."

"His heroic services," added Rep. Angell, "are credited with saving the lives of thousands of American soldiers."

### Chicago Group Gauges Progress Of Nisei Americans

CHICAGO—The community relations committee of the Chicago Resettlers met March 24 at the Ellis Community Center to determine the progress made by Japanese Americans in participation in community affairs and in their attitudes on intergroup relations.

William Gremley spoke on the work of the Oakland-Kenwood Planning Association and the degree of participation by residents of Japanese ancestry. Abe Hagiwara of Olivet Institute informed the group on the use of recreational facilities by Japanese Americans.

The group, headed by Mrs. Chizu Iiyama, meets quarterly.

## Select California School Girl For Freedom Award Junket

MENLO PARK, Calif.—A 14-year old student of Japanese ancestry at Menlo-Atherton High School will leave for Valley Forge, Pa., with her teacher last year at Central Elementary School, Mrs. Yvonne Taylor Weinberg, on an all-expenses-paid tour sponsored by the Freedom Foundation award.

The trip for Lucille, who has been outside of California only when she and her parents were evacuated from their home and relocated at the Central Utah relocation center at Topaz, Utah during the war, came about when last year's eighth grade class at Central was named one of the 50 winners of the annual Freedom Foundation awards.

The eastern tour for one student from the winning class and their teacher is the top award, although the school also will receive a library of books and film and a gold medal.

Lucille, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Kaneko, was chosen at a

special meeting at Central after Don Hurst, principal, was notified of the award. Mr. Kaneko is a gardener while Mrs. Kaneko is a dressmaker.

"It is interesting that everyone had Lucille in mind as soon as the award was announced," Mrs. Weinberg said. "All recognized her as an outstanding student and personality."

Mrs. Weinberg and Lucille will leave for Valley Forge by train during the last week of April. They are scheduled to appear on at least one radio program and also will be guests at a television show.

The eighth grade class project at Central was one of 116,000 entries in the national contest.

The winning project, the construction of a gigantic "tree of liberty," was cited by the Freedom Foundation as an "outstanding effort toward emphasizing and preserving the fundamental freedoms of our American way of life."



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## EDITORIALS:

### Money for Claims Payments

It is to be hoped that the opposition in the Senate subcommittee, which is holding up action on the supplemental appropriation to pay claims under the Justice Department's compromise program, will dissipate as soon as the solons who are now questioning the \$14,800,000 appropriation are apprised of the whole evacuation claims story.

As Rep. Clarence Cannon, D., Mo., chairman of the House Appropriations Committee declared before the House voted to approve the supplemental appropriation, the item is a matter over which Congress has no control since legislation was approved in 1948 to compensate Japanese American evacuees for accountable business and property losses growing out of the mass evacuation of 1942. Rep. Cannon said the House, in voting the appropriation, was merely fulfilling a commitment which it had previously authorized.

Sen. Homer Ferguson, R., Mich., whose objections forestalled subcommittee action on the appropriation this week expressed concern that the Justice Department was moving too fast to do an adequate job of processing and adjudicating claims. Sen. Ferguson also questioned the wisdom of the entire compromise settlement program under which the Justice Department has removed the bottleneck which threatened to prolong the indemnification program for 20 years and more.

Assistant Attorney General Holmes Baldrige told the subcommittee that the department already had awarded a total of more than \$6,000,000 in compromised and adjudicated claims and expected the number of settled claims to reach 17,000 by the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

The Justice Department's evacuation claims section is to be congratulated on the earnestness of its endeavor to complete a difficult and complex program within the foreseeable future. Illustrative of the department's attitude was the announcement this week that it will continue to accept compromise claims offers although the administrative deadline of March 22 has passed.

The large number of claims submitted before the deadline has resulted in a backlog of compromise offers which will permit the department to maintain its present adjudicative staff for some weeks to come.

Rapid processing of claims is a heartening demonstration of the sincerity of the Justice Department's present effort to complete the evacuation claims program. It also points up the need for early Senate action to pass the supplemental appropriation so that claimants may receive the money to which they are entitled.

### A Number of "Firsts"

A number of unique "firsts" for Japanese Americans dot the news this week—the first to head a school district, several firsts running for public office in California communities, and on the lighter side, the first Nisei to bring home a winning horse on a Florida track.

These stories are indicative of the remarkable progress of the Japanese Americans, who have demanded, since the war, that their re-entry into American life be on the basis of equality. The Nisei's new sense of citizen rights, acquired at the painful cost of evacuation, has bolstered his desire to participate in the life of his community and country to the fullest possible extent, with no racial restrictions upon his right to employment, housing or use of public facilities.

It is obvious, of course, that the Nisei will not have acquired that blessed plane of equality so long as such "first Nisei" stories continue to constitute news. When the election to office of Japanese American citizens no longer is considered unique, then the Nisei will at last have arrived.

Meanwhile, it is encouraging to note that Nisei "firsters" become more frequent each day and that less importance attaches to these stories as time goes by. Which is as it should be.

## Outing at JACL Convention Planned for Peninsula Ranch

SAN FRANCISCO — The Pink Horse Ranch has been secured as the site for the 12th Biennial National JACL Convention Outing on Sunday, June 29, according to Bob Sugishita and Harry Higaki, co-chairmen for the event.

The Pink Horse Ranch, situated just west of Los Altos, is a 160-acre resort with facilities for swimming, trout fishing, picnicking, dancing and a large ground area for sports. The huge barn at the Pink Horse Ranch has been reserved for the occasion, and a band will

provide music for the dance to be held there during the evening.

Tentative plans for the outing include games during the afternoon, followed by dinner and a talent show. The dance following the talent show will climax the day's activities. Time will be set aside during the outing for the presentation of awards to the winners of the various special events scheduled for Friday and Saturday, June 27 and 28. Shig Takahashi has been named as the master of ceremonies for the outing.

# Nisei USA

by LARRY TAJIRI

## Race Bigots in Housing

Any Nisei who has looked for a house or an apartment in any of the larger West Coast cities need not be told that the subject of discrimination in housing is more than an academic matter. In other parts of the country denials of rentals or refusals in the sales of homes to Nisei are not uncommon, though generally the incidence of prejudice is less where the Nisei are concerned although it may be greater in relation to racial and religious minorities as a whole.

In recent weeks three families of minority ancestry have had housing difficulties which have touched the headlines. The Sing Shengs of San Francisco, the Garys of the Oakland, Calif., suburb of San Pablo and the Nishimuras of West Des Moines, Ia., were just average Americans from the standpoint of economic circumstances. Each family wanted a home of their own in decent surroundings and none brooked any quarrel with their fellow man. Their difficulties came about because they were not of Caucasian ancestry and there are bigots abroad in this land who think that a good home and all that goes with it should be restricted arbitrarily on the basis of race, creed and ancestry.

The Sing Sheng, Gary and Nishimura incidents strike home with considerable impact because every Nisei and every other American who is not of Caucasian ancestry is aware that it could happen to him if he goes shopping for a home in a new real estate development.

In Minneapolis several years ago a Nisei veteran named Jon Matsuo, then a student at the University of Minnesota, was denied the right to purchase a plot of land for a home in a private housing project for veterans, because race restrictions were written into the deed for the property. Since 1948, of course, when the Supreme Court wrote its historic decision ruling that the courts could not be used to enforce racially restrictive covenants, these restrictions have been outside the pale of the law. But this does not mean that such restrictive covenants no longer exist.

In many areas restrictive covenants still are written into property deeds and these restrictions are enforced by covert and under-cover means as if the Supreme Court had never acted.

Probably the only exception among the nation's big cities is Minneapolis where, under the lash of the Matsuo case, the city administration under Mayor Hubert Humphrey, now United States senator from Minnesota, passed an ordinance prohibiting restrictive housing covenants within the corporate limits of the metropolis.

The covert methods used to insure racial segregation in housing may take the form of pressure upon individual realtors. In many cities members of local real estate boards are given to understand that they cannot handle sales of housing in certain areas to non-Caucasians. Any realtor who ignores this unwritten law is considered to have violated his code of ethics as a member of the realtor organization and may be punished by expulsion or denial of multiple listing privileges.

Non-Caucasians who wish to buy homes in so-called "desirable" areas are often forced to engage in subterfuge to gain what is their right. Because recognized firms may not handle such a deal the buyer is forced to utilize an intermediary who happens to be of the proper ancestry or creed.

The post war home-building boom has seen the wide expansion of housing in suburban areas. In most cases the new housing communities are financed by private building corporations who view potential home-owners of non-Caucasian descent as a threat to their investments. In many cases it is not the immediate neighbors of the non-Caucasian family who are concerned but the real estate agent and the subdivider who have organized the opposition.

This short-sighted concentration on property values extends to the

national level where a powerful real estate lobby is engaged in a campaign against government participation in housing. Until such a time that private housing interests welcome them, it will be difficult to convince a member of a minority group that government-sponsored housing, under which they have equal access to a roof and four walls in most areas outside the Deep South, is an unAmerican example of creeping socialism.

The spokesman for the bigots in the Southwood tract in San Francisco who voted against the purchase of a home there by the Sing Sheng family was George Williams, the subdivider who developed the tract. Mr. Williams advanced the argument that property values inevitably decline when members of minority races move into all-white neighborhoods. This is the classic argument of the housing bigots and one which has been proved counterfeit in the one scientific study made of the effect on property values by the entry of a non-white family into an all-white neighborhood.

Luigi Laurenti, while a research assistant at the University of California, gathered statistics on home sales in various San Francisco neighborhoods and his main conclusion was that the entry of a non-white family into a "good" neighborhood did not depress property values. Mr. Laurenti's figures were quoted on March 17 by Edward Howden, executive director of the Council for Civic Unity in San Francisco, in a letter to the San Francisco Chronicle.

Of 121 sales to Caucasian families in nine San Francisco neighborhoods, after the entry of non-whites into these areas, only five were at prices lower than the average and these five were "panic" sellers who unnecessarily accepted lower prices.

With the aid of real estate brokers acquainted with the areas, the Laurenti study compared real estate prices in San Francisco districts which began to be racially "mixed" since 1945 with those in comparable all-white sections and there was no evidence, apart from negligible "panic" sales, that race was a factor affecting home prices. It appears that only the bigoted who sold and fled at the sight of a non-white neighbor suffered any financial losses.

Mr. Howden is of the opinion that the general public reaction to the Sing Sheng incident, for example, indicates that discrimination in housing is doomed.

"The trend is inevitable and irreversible," says Mr. Howden. "And, ironically, if six or eight of the Bay Area's big homebuilders and property managers were to relax their remaining racial restrictions, allowing more normal factors of economic selection of buyers and tenants to operate freely in the market, all this mumbo-jumbo about property values would lose overnight what little plausi-

## MINORITY WEEK

### Good Will, Ltd.

Marine Sgt. Jesse Teverbaugh had a Silver Star for gallantry in Korea. Back home at Quantico Marine Base, he got a complimentary "good will" pass to a Washington, D. C. theater.

But when Sgt. Teverbaugh tried to use it, he found that "good will" was a restricted sort of good will—restricted because of ancestry. Sgt. Teverbaugh, a Negro, was denied admission.

A conference later with the theater management brought forth an apology and a seat for Sgt. Teverbaugh.

Upshot of the incident is that the NAACP is urging the Department of Defense to get District of Columbia theaters to agree to admission of all servicemen, regardless of race or ancestry.

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"Racial misunderstanding is true democracy's biggest barrier. One should not expect to find democracy in the laws of statute books but in the relationship that people have among themselves."—Lester B. Granger, executive director, National Urban League.

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There's been a real drive in New Mexico in recent months to gain civil rights for Negroes and Mexican Americans, who have been the victims of prejudice for generations.

Albuquerque passed a civil rights ordinance, and in other cities throughout the state there has been a breakdown in discriminatory practices of long standing.

But this new movement isn't entirely due to altruistic motives, according to Nathan Perlmutter in the New Leader. Much of it comes as a result of outright resentment against the influx of Texans and Texas money. The New Mexican Perlmutter says, resent the moneyed Texans so much that, in expression of their hostility, they lash out at the Dixie myth of racial superiority.

bility still attaches to it."

The development of huge new home communities, the great majority of which have managed to bar families of minority ancestry, has given new meaning to racial segregation. Until the Sing Sheng and other incidents spotlighted the anti-democratic practice and helped reverse its direction, the trend in housing ran counter to the gradual abolishment of racial discrimination in employment, sports and community activities.

Housing segregation and the creation of restricted communities extends a "whites only" pattern to the schools, churches and community life. It is hoped that the patent anti-democracy demonstrated by the residents of Southwood has sufficiently pricked the conscience of a nation's people to arrest the development of an American counterpart of the white supremacist doctrine of "apartheid" advocated by South Africa's Prime Minister Malan.

Race prejudice in housing is the major problem facing racial minority groups in the United States today.

## A MERRY CARROUSEL

The ardent sun sunning my hood overhead...  
The red tiles the green shutters.  
The gutters glistening cleanly  
Scutter along in the wind  
Along the dry harsh curb.

The strident architecture silent  
In the sun leveling mist  
Is laced against the wind and rain  
But porous with people who pace  
A hundred steps.  
The spirit generous that amalgamates  
Water with oil  
Throws out obfuscation down the  
Gargoyle's mouth, into the gutter  
Along the dry harsh curb,  
Along the feet of time's  
Decay parched in the sun's  
Ray, reflected and mesmerized in the maze  
Of distorted faces cast in a design  
With the full bloom of contentment.

Reflects the sun this spinning panoply.

—Helen Aoki.



# Smog-Lites: One World in Hollywood

By MARY OYAMA  
Los Angeles

## U.S. ONE WORLD

Charming Mrs. Loren Miller, wife of the noted Negro attorney-publisher, tells us that her children attend the Nisei Church school of the Hollywood (Japanese) independent church. Seems that it was the nearest and most convenient house of worship where everyone was welcomed regardless of race, creed, or color.

"The children's best friends are Japanese Americans and these Nisei went to this Presbyterian church, so mine started going there too."

Thirteen-year-old Virginia Fucate, our young Mexican American neighbor had a Nisei chum of the same age who taught her Japanese, first just for fun, then later with more serious intent after Virgie displayed a facility for "Nihon-go." Noting this ability in his daughter, Frank Fuerte allowed Virgie to attend the Gakuen classes with her Nisei friend. Frank willingly pays out the monthly fee for her tuition. Now, Virgie can read, write, and speak better Japanese than our own Sansei offspring.

## CALLING K.K.

This is for Kats Kunitugu, bless her heart, who used to worry about the fate of "Mory" the P.N. case yet who was sent off to a sanatorium after his health broke down; the tragic character who formerly haunted the ups-and-downs of our hillside roads—

Well, we used to worry about Mory too after his departure, wondering how he was and what he was doing. But here's a cheerful note: our son recently told us that his crony "Fano" (Stephen Vassia, the Italian American boy) visited

Mory at the t.b. sanatorium, finding the smiling vet well and in good spirits.

"The first thing he asked was, 'How are my Japanese friends? Richard and all those other chun-gitos? (little monkeys). Full of the diablo (devil), no?' He asked about all the kids in the neighborhood."

With our usual wont, we received this news with mingled feelings of gladness at being remembered, and guilt at not having treated him more kindly when he was around. Poor old Mory, shuffling around in his beat-up Army coat, and some less charitable oldsters referring to him as "Ano baka no yatsu"—"that dumb one"—then pointing to their heads indicating a circular motion.

"Sic transit gloria" we thought; before the war a man, after "la guerra," an object of faint derision. Too many forgot too soon. AH SPRING!

With pink mists of peach, white billows of almond and apricot in bloom, Spring is at its peak in sunny Southern Cal. Beyond the green neighboring hills the blue mountains are covered more than half-way down with dark-dappled white snow. They're highly reminiscent of the impressive Rockies around Denver, our 1943-44 home.

This is no season for brooding but nevertheless we sit glumly listening to cricket chirps while bemoaning the fact that we missed out on a wonderful Mexican feed at Councilman Ed Roybal's home, a farewell affair to Fred Ross, spark-plug of the CSO. (Not quite well enough for social gadding, we had to forego a personal farewell to Fred as well as our favorite form of food. Too bad for us—damn it!)

# Masaoka's Letter on Claims Situation Read Into Record

WASHINGTON, D.C.—For the information of his colleagues on the compromise settlement evacuation claims program, Congressman Henry M. Jackson (Dem., Wash.), placed into the body of the "Congressional Record" a letter written to him by Mike Masaoka, national legislative director of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

Stating that "The Japanese American Citizens League has been most helpful in presenting this problem to Congress," the Washington member of the House Appropriations Committee declared that he believed that the members of Congress would find the JACL ADC letter most informative.

In his letter, Masaoka said that he now feels the Department of Justice "should be commended for doing a remarkably able job with this difficult subject and . . . for its efforts to liquidate its responsibility in this regard at the earliest opportunity."

Pointing out the slowness and administrative costliness of the adjudications program, Masaoka said that the Department of Justice really began to move on this program after Congress passed the amendment authorizing the Attorney General to compromise and settle claims up to three-fourths the amount of compensable items or \$2500, whichever is less, on the basis of available records and affidavits.

"In the past several months," the JACL ADC official went on, "the Department of Justice has adopted what we consider a more humane and realistic approach to this whole problem. At the same time, it has perfected its machinery for processing claims to the point where it threatens to outstrip the speed of the claimants in submitting compromise offers of their evacuation claims. Indeed, we feel that Holmes Baldrige, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the claims division, and his colleagues in this special section are to be praised for the manner in which they have developed this compromise settlement procedure which saves the government substantial sums in administrative costs while providing claimants with expeditious authorizations of awards on as generous a basis as the Department believes possible under existing law."

Masaoka called for immediate approval of the \$14,800,000 sup-

plemental appropriations request in order that those whose claims were compromised and settled since the first of last December might finally be paid.

The JACL ADC letter closed with the following paragraphs:

"Although this may not be the appropriate place or time to suggest what we consider to be serious deficiencies in the basic legislation, at least as interpreted by the Department of Justice, we feel obliged to call at least a few of the more important ones to your attention. The Department of Justice, for example, has ruled that expenses involved in preparation for that wartime movement from long-established homes to desert wilderness camps are not 'loss to real or personal property,' and, therefore, not compensable. Another is the denial of transportation expenses incurred in returning from relocation centers to prewar homes. A few others illustrative of the Department's restricted interpretations include rejection of losses of rental, at least in certain cases; expenses of management of properties and businesses during the period of exclusion; and losses incurred by heads of families who were interned and later released or paroled and sent to evacuation centers.

"We do not intend to press for any legislative amendments at this time because we realize that the program is far from being completed. After the compromise settlements of \$2,500 and less are processed and paid, there are several thousand larger claims remaining to be adjudicated.

"When a substantial number of claims has been paid and we are able to review the program in the light of the actual record, we again may request Congress to amend this measure to bring within the meaning of the statute some items which we sincerely believe should be included in this remedial legislation."

## Heads P-TA Group

LOS ANGELES — Mrs. George K. Watanabe recently was elected president of the Sixth Avenue Parent-Teachers Association, succeeding Mrs. Arthur Kawabe.

Mrs. Watanabe, the former Helen Kojo of Seattle, won the Northwest JACL oratorical contest in 1936. More recently she has been a registered nurse at the Methodist Hospital in Los Angeles.

## Bill Hosokawa:

# FROM THE FRYING PAN

## Magazine Features Nakashima

Denver, Colo.

George Nakashima, the Nisei architect turned furniture designer, is featured in the March issue of "House & Home," Time Incorporated's slick, ad-fat new magazine of building. The unsigned story, lavishly illustrated, spreads out over ten pages and tells about George Nakashima, his furniture, house and way of life.

Nakashima, who grew up in Seattle, is described as a "second generation American anachronism of Japanese warrior ancestry." The article calls him "a craftsman who makes modern furniture," and "the first man . . . to pick up the art of earlier American furniture makers and advance it another step in design, producing a real second generation American craftsmanship."

The story points out that Nakashima has three architectural degrees "and he gave the modern industrial world a considerable trial run before he made his personal decision that the industrial revolution was past its peak, headed downhill and that he was not going with it."

Much of the story and many of the photos are devoted to the home that Nakashima built for himself, his wife Marion and daughter Mira at New Hope, Pa., where he relocated after the evacuation. Of unusual design, showing a strong Japanese influence, the house cost an estimated \$4,500 to \$5,000. House & Home says it may be "the most finely finished house ever built for that price in the U. S." with wide plank floors of oil-rubbed walnut, birch, beech and ash that causes most visitors to reverently remove their shoes.

# Vagaries

## Singer . . .

Karie Shindo, whose voice was heard singing "These Foolish Things" in the Columbia film, "Tokyo Joe," is the mother of a girl born March 2. Her husband is Henry Aihara, the former USC broad jumper who not only has leaped farther than any Nisei in history but also is the only Japanese American to represent the United States in international track and field competition. Aihara also won the Big Ten, Pacific Coast Conference and NCAA broad jump titles.

## War Brides . . .

Japanese war brides in the U.S. who have seen the Shirley Yamaguchi's "Japanese War Bride" see only one major discrepancy in the film. In the picture Miss Yamaguchi is shown arriving in the United States wearing a Japanese kimono. The very great majority of the thousands of Japanese war brides who have arrived in the U.S. during the past year wore European clothes, high heels and their legs were sheathed in 51-15 nylons. . . . The film's locale is Salinas, Calif., and when the picture opened in that city the local theater offered free admissions to all Japanese war brides. None showed up and a check showed that, although thousands of Japanese brides have come to the U.S., none has come to Salinas. . . . Incidentally, Shirley Yamaguchi is expected to return to the United States from Japan in April to begin work on her second film for Anson Bond.

## Paris-Bound . . .

Sachi Tanaka who has been doing publicity for the New York chapter will take a boat for France next month to spend May and June in Paris. . . . The Nisei dance team of Don (Takeuchi) and Reiko (Sato) is now appearing in the Midwest. . . . The amazing success of "Rashomon," acclaimed the outstanding foreign film of the year by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in Hollywood, is inspiring Japanese film producers to look toward the U.S. in making films. "Rashomon" started its fifth month at the Little Carnegie Theater in New York and is still playing to capacity houses, while the film also is embarked on long runs in other U.S. cities, including Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles. . . . Sessue Hayakawa, one of the greats of Hollywood's silent film days, is now planning to start a new film company in Tokyo to be called the Century Cinema Corporation to make films for Japanese and world release. The first Hayakawa film for his new company probably will be "Ii Tairo," the story of Lord Ii, the man who opened Japan to foreign commerce. Hayakawa, who will play the title role, will visit the U.S. after completion of the film this spring to arrange for release dates in America.

# Box-Score on Race Relations: A "Thing" Called Prejudice

By ELMER R. SMITH

Our discussion of race and race relations during the last eleven months in this column has in many instances either directly or indirectly implied the existence of a "thing" called prejudice. The discussions within the last few weeks have finally worked to the point where a presentation of attacks on racism focus upon this "thing." It is not the same as discrimination, since in many instances a prejudiced person may not have a chance or is unable to practice discrimination. However, discrimination is made possible through the existence of prejudice against race and/or cultural groups. Someone has suggested that "discrimination is the manifestation in action of peoples' prejudices."

Prejudice is commonly defined as "a prejudgment." It is this and something more. Prejudice is more adequately described as a mixture of "ready-made ideas and pictures in our heads about things." A prejudice becomes a group label or symbol of a thing, a person or group of persons for the purpose of classifying the object or objects into a set form.

Knowledge about the thing or things so classified is not necessary for this type of classification. A definition of prejudice useful for our purpose has been given by Dr. C. F. Marden in his recent book, "Minorities in American Society." His definition maintains that "prejudice may be defined as an attitude unfavorable to or disparaging of a whole group and all the individual members of it based upon some element of irrationality."

Prejudice is recognized to be an important factor in race relations but there is still little real understanding of the causes of prejudice. A number of recent social and psychological studies have been made attempting to throw some light upon this problem.

A three year study conducted by the Research Center for Group Dynamics in cooperation with the Bureau of Intercultural Education of New York and other educational research groups found some interesting and disturbing facts about prejudice. This study was carried on in the Philadelphia public schools. The principal findings are summarized in the following paragraphs.

The tests showed that only seven per cent of the children investigated could be classed as free of racial prejudices. A common type of statement is found in the remark by one of the students: "White people don't want to play with colored boys because they know they cheat and are too tough."

Prejudice toward the Negro was the most outstanding. Sixty-eight per cent of the thousands of children tested rejected the Negroes and NONE wholly accepted them!

A few years ago Dr. Gordon Allport and B. M. Kramer made a study of 437 college undergraduates for the purpose of trying to discover how one acquires anti-

Little by little, Nakashima is winning recognition for originality and creative genius in a field littered with charlatans. It is recognition that certainly is well deserved and long overdue, for George it has been a rough and devious road.

Few Nisei know George, although his two younger brothers and younger sister were popular members of Seattle's Nisei community. He distinguished himself as a pole vaulter in high school, but quickly turned to more serious pursuits. His father was a pioneer newspaper editor, long a familiar sight along Seattle's lower Main street.

George's studies took him from the University of Washington to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to Paris. He worked in New York, Tokyo, and in the later 'thirties spent two years in Pondichery, French India, where he built a dormitory for followers of Sri Aurobindo, an Indian mystic. Shy and retiring, George became deeply interested in Indian mysticism.

From mysticism to the evacuation was an awesome leap, but George made it. He and his family wound up at the Minidoka relocation center where, during the long hours, he learned the Japanese art of wood working from an elderly Issei carpenter. From Minidoka, it was just another step to New Hope.

The advance guard among furniture designers know Nakashima's work well. His designs are featured in an exclusive New York furniture house and have been displayed at a number of shows. Now the recognition accorded him in House & Home will spread his fame even more widely with, perhaps, parallel economic benefits. As we said before, it couldn't happen to a more deserving fellow.

osity and prejudice against racial and cultural groups. This research team found out that a person with strong negative feelings toward any one group not his own usually is antagonistic to all racial and cultural groups to which he is not a member. This supports the position presented in an earlier column concerning the all weather illiberal.

The Allport and Kramer study further supported the idea that prejudices against racial and cultural groups are usually well developed before the 18th year of age is reached. This is of significance for the development of anti-racial programs since most of our programs for the development of better racial understandings are leveled at adults when the emphasis should be put on the younger groups.

Most prejudices are obtained from parents. Out of the 537 college students studied, 69 per cent could trace their prejudices to their parents. Further, only about eight per cent of this group could recall ever having facts about race presented to them in school.

Contrary to popular opinion, the student with religious training was as prejudiced as those with little or no religious background. A religious person is no less prejudiced than a non-religious one. This is of significance to the church leaders in the developing of a program for "human brotherhood."

Contact between persons of different races and cultures has not been proved to be conducive to positive attitudes. As a matter of fact it is well known that riots tend to break out where different racial groups are crowded most closely together. However, other factors may be involved in such riot areas but to date no real evidence can be used to support this position. Allport and Kramer found some evidence to suggest that meeting persons as equals tended to decrease prejudice, but where the meetings were on a superior-inferior basis the persons were generally highly prejudiced.

## Election Group

SAN FRANCISCO—Yori Wada, social worker and active in California Young Democrats activity, is one of 20 persons listed as incorporators of the new Democratic Council which will support "good Democratic candidates" in this year's elections.



# PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

## Nisei Entries Lose in Boxing Tourney

Victor Kobe, the Idaho State boxing star who won the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate flyweight title at the tournament last week in Sacramento, has been identified in some Coast Nisei papers as a Nisei. He isn't. . . . The three Nisei pugilists in the tourney all lost their first round matches. Kobe TKO'd Harry Fujimoto of Cal Poly in the 2nd round, while Gil Inaba of Washington State dropped a decision to Chuck Adkins, the champion, in the 139-pound bracket. Ed Sato, the University of California star, dropped a decision in a close 119-pound fight to Sammy Moreno, of UCLA in a contest in which Sato was the aggressor throughout. . . . Harry Yamamoto of the Oakland Army Base lost by a TKO in the 2nd to Raul Villareal in the senior division, 119-pound class of the Pacific AAU tournament in San Francisco last week. Shiro Shiozawa won his first round bout in the novice class at 132 pounds. . . . Ubuki Miki, halfback on the state championship football team of Jordan High of Sandy, Utah, two years ago is now fighting as a welter-weight in amateur competition for the West Jordan Athletic Club where such pugilistic stars as Rex Layne, Jay Lambert (former National AAU heavyweight champion) and Jack Nelson were developed. Miki won his first match this week in the Intermountain AAU tournament with a TKO over Joe Sedillo of Twin Falls, Ida., in 48 seconds of the 3rd round in Salt Lake City. In the 118-pound class Jonathan Shirota of Provo, Utah defeated Leo Duran of Salt Lake.

## Tuxedo Cafe Wins Salt Lake Pin Title

The Tuxedo Cafe team won the Salt Lake JACL men's bowling league championship Tuesday night at Pal-D-Mar by taking four points from Utah Wholesale who in turn tied for second place with Pacific Citizen and Okada Insurance. Only "600" of the night was turned in by Shig Miya for the New Sunrise team with a 614. The Tuxedo squad, consisting of Jim Ichijui, Ben Mayeda, Tak Kojima, Bill Oike and Tosh Igata, also are in first place in the Wasatch League at the Temple alleys. . . . The Hironaka brothers took high average honors this season in Ontario, Ore., bowling. George Hironaka topped the Nisei Classic league with 178 while Shig, National JACL all-events champion in 1947, headed the Commercial League with 173. Hank Matsubu, outstanding Nisei athlete who played two seasons of pro ball with the Modesto Reds of the California League and with the Yuma, Ariz., team of the Sunset league in 1950, had a 169 average in Ontario bowling. Matsubu apparently has given up his play-for-pay career in baseball although he has had a number of offers from U.S. teams and probably could write his own ticket in Japanese pro ball where good catchers of the young Idaho Nisei's caliber are rare. Last season Matsubu played semi-pro ball in the Snake River Valley.

## Coach Lists Oyakawa as Olympic Prospect

Matt Mann of the University of Michigan, coach of the 1952 Olympic swimming team, is counting on Ford Konno of Ohio State to lead U.S. entries in the middle distances against such competition as that provided by Japan's Hironoshin Furuhashi and Australia's John Marshall. Mann last week declared Japan would be the "team to beat" at Helsinki and that the Soviet Union was a leading dark-horse. Mann also rated Yoshi Oyakawa, another Nisei from Hawaii at Ohio State, as one of the nation's leading backstrokers. The composition of the Olympic team won't be known until the trials are held early this summer but Mann expects it will be better than the team which went to London in 1948.

## Visitors from Japan Make Sports Headlines

A number of athletes from Japan have been doing well in the United States in recent weeks. In the spotlight, of course, has been Masako Katsura, who won four and lost five matches against the nine top billiard artists in the world. The Japanese war bride (she is Mrs. Vernon Greenleaf, wife of a U.S. Army sergeant in private life) is embarking soon on a nationwide tour. As a San Francisco sports writer commented, Miss Katsura is the first woman in the history of competitive sports who has been able to compete on an equal footing with men in a world's championship tournament, playing under men's rules and men's conditions. Even the great Babe Didrikson Zaharias hasn't been able to do that. . . . Kinrey Matsuyama, one of the top billiard players in the United States in the 1930s, returned to America for the first time in more than a decade and tied for second place in the world's billiards tourney in San Francisco, losing to the great Willie Hoppe on the final day. The 4 foot 11 inch Matsuyama split the combined \$1750 second and third place money with Jay Bozeman. . . . In Oakland, Calif., last week five members of the visiting Japanese amateur wrestling team and their two officials trooped down to the Red Cross blood bank and each donated a pint of blood in appreciation for the hospitality they have received in the United States. On their American tour the team won more than half their matches against the best U.S. college and amateur competition. . . . Two members of the Japanese Olympic ski team competed in the U.S. open downhill competition last week at Stowe, Vt. Hisashi Mizugami placed 14th while Chiharu Igaya was 28th.

## Yamamoto Wins Salinas Bowling Title

All of the three Nisei keglers who entered the Salinas, Calif., city tournament finished in the money recently as Bob Yamamoto won the singles championship with his 711 score, including handicap. Charles Tanda's 650 also was in the top team. Yamamoto and Kiyo Hirano placed third in the doubles with 1282 while Yamamoto also placed second in all-events with 1995. . . . Tom Matsumori of the Terashima Studio team in the Salt Lake JACL league took second place in the singles event in the Utah State Veterans tournament sponsored by the VFW last week at Ritz alleys in Salt Lake City. Matsumori, a veteran of the 442nd Combat Team, posted a handicapped 658 score, nine pins out of first place and took home \$44 in prize money. Akira Oki was third with 654. Warren Hasegawa and Lyle Kurisaki, Jr., took seventh place in doubles with 1245. . . . Two of the outstanding Nisei bowlers in the San Francisco Bay Area did well in competitive play over the weekend. Fuzzy Shimada, first non-Caucasian keglar to be selected as one of the 16 to roll in the annual Bowling Writers invitational tournament had 1009 for his second block of five games and then turned in a 965 for his third five-game series. He is now in tenth place with 2880 for 15 games. . . . Henri Takahashi won his second round match in the 20th annual San Francisco Diamond Medal match play championships by defeating the former champion, Paul Ambarger, 599 to 593. George Inai, winner of the National JACL doubles championship at Denver recently with Kayo Hayakawa, won second round match by default. Both Takahashi and Inai are in



CHICAGO—Famed track star Jesse Owens, on behalf of the Chicago JACL, presents a check for \$50 to Johnny Okamoto, president of the Chicago Nisei Athletic Association, for the CNA's work in promoting youth work through basketball leagues. Abe Hagiwara, chapter president, looks on. Owens addressed the Chicago JACL on "Human Relations in Sports."—Photo by Ken S. Mazawa.

## Four Hawaii Nisei Girls Will Try for Olympic Games Team

HONOLULU — Four Nisei girl swimmers, members of Coach Soichi Sakamoto's 1950 Hawaii Swim Club team which won the National AAU championship, are giving notice that they will be in the running for berths on the U.S. Olympic Games team this year.

Evelyn Kawamoto, 18-year old star who is a three-time national champion in the women's individual medley, is now a freshman on Coach Sakamoto's University of Hawaii team and recently was voted the "outstanding swimmer" of the university's annual swimming meet.

Miss Kawamoto is given the best chance of all of Hawaii's feminine aquatic aces to represent the United States at Helsinki in July. She is expected to compete in the freestyle events.

Julia Murakami, Winifred Numazu and Jane Ogata, members of the Hawaiian teams which went to the nationals at Detroit last July and High Point, N.C., the year previous, won most of the blue ribbons last week in the Honolulu Interscholastic Girls swimming meet.

Misses Murakami and Numazu, along with Audrey Char who also was a member of the national champion Hawaii Swim Club team, each won two first places for Roosevelt High School.

Miss Numazu came within nine-tenths of a second of the 220-yard freestyle record in winning by 25 yards over Joyce Nakama of McKinley in 2:36.6. She later won the 50-yard freestyle by a yard over Sophie Aoki of McKinley.

Miss Murakami, who placed in the National AAU championships for the past three years urchased

Class One, for top-average bowlers. Hayakawa moved into the third round in Class Three with a 571 to 426 victory over Roy Bendetti, while Hiro Fujimoto and Frank Takahashi lost their matches in the same division.

## Chiyo Tashima Wins Los Angeles Title

Chiyo Tashima, women's all-events champion of the National JACL tournament in Denver recently, won the Class B Los Angeles city women's singles last week with a scratch 621 series. Aiko Fujimoto placed second in Class C with 570 and Mari Uyemura was third with 564. . . . A number of Nisei teams are entered in the California state bowling championships which will be staged next month in Los Angeles at Vogue Bowl.

## Nancy Ito Scores in National AAU Play

Nancy Ito's 13 points helped mightily as her Denver Tilers team won their opening round game over the Atlanta, Ga., Peaches in the National AAU basketball tournament now in progress in Wichita, Kans. . . . Frank Miyaki, the former Washington State football player who has made a reputation as an all-sports star in GI competition in Japan, has a rival in Michigan in Sgt. Ted M. Osaki, a 21-year old athlete from Sacramento. Osaki, now at Port Austin, Mich., won the base ping-pong title and has starred in basketball team which recently finished a successful season. . . . Another Nisei basketball team, the Chicago Romans, will visit Denver on April 11 and 12 to play against two of Colorado's top Nisei squads. The Denver JACL All-Stars dropped out of the Intermountain JACL tournament in Salt Lake City through an inadvertent mixup in communications. . . . The San Jose Zebras, unable to defend their 1951 championship in the Intermountain JACL tournament in Salt Lake City this week because of their involvement in a three-way tie for first place in the Northern California NAU "AA" League, won their playoff contest from the Sacramento Stags who previously had defeated the San Francisco Drakes. The Zebras will meet the Nisei Trading team in Los Angeles on March 29 and the West Los Angeles Lucky Doks, Western Buddhist titlists, on March 30 in games which should determine the California Nisei champion.

## Nisei Jockey Brings Long Shot Home in Florida

HALLANDALE, Fla.—Tommy Maeda, 17-year old Nisei, became the first Japanese American jockey to win a race in Florida when he brought home Air Pine in the third race at Gulfstream Park on March 18.

Maeda and his mount were overlooked in the betting and the horse paid one of the highest prices of the meeting, returning \$72.40 to win, \$38.80 to place and \$13.10 to show.

The victory was the first for Maeda since he left his home in Kailua, Oahu two years ago to carve a career as a jockey on the mainland.

Air Pine won the race for 2-year old maidens over the three-furlong course in :34.6. The purse was \$2,500.

## 4-Man Team Wins Tourney Overtime Tilt

Playing the overtime period with only four men, the Chicago All-Stars defeated the Idaho Falls JACL, 64 to 63, in the closest game of the opening round of the 17th annual JACL Intermountain invitational basketball tournament on March 27 at the Hellenic gym.

After trailing through the entire game Chicago caught Idaho Falls in the final minute of regulation play. Three Chicago players had fouled out in the game and the team entered the overtime period with only four men on the floor. However, Tom Morimoto sank a two-pointer to give Chicago the victory.

The San Francisco Chinese Saints, pre-tournament favorites, breezed to a 76 to 32 win over the Salt Lake Centaurs, while the Northern Utah All-Stars defeated Salt Lake Hellenics, 55 to 43.

The Salt Lake Zephyrs defeated the Seattle Savoy's, 51 to 45, as Wat Misaka, Fum Kasai and Frank Hagio all hit for 13 points.

## Seabrook Bowlers Win Intercity Handicap Meet

PHILADELPHIA — The Seabrook, N. J., "C" squad won the team championship in the first East Coast Nisei intercity bowling meet in New York City on March 16.

The Philadelphia "A" team was second and the New York Alley Cats placed third in the handicap division.

In scratch play the New York Nisei Merchants defeated the Seabrook "A" team.

Frank Kawakami of the Merchants had high series with 614 on games of 203, 266 and 145.

In handicap play the Seabrook women's team took first honors with Philadelphia second. Mary Nagao with a 521 scratch series was high.

## Hirota Homers But Tokyo Giants Lose in Twelfth

TOKYO—The Mainichi Orions of the Pacific League evened their four-game series with the Yomiuri Giants, champions of the Central League, last week despite a ninth inning home run by Jyun Hirota, new Nisei catcher for the Giants, which sent the game into extra innings.

Hirota came up in the last inning with the Giants trailing 3 to 1 and blasted a homer into the leftfield stands with one man aboard. The Orions finally won the game in the 12th.

Hirota who arrived here only last month with Wally Yonamine, star leftfielder for the Giants last year, was the hitting star of the game, getting four for five.

Yonamine, singled in the eighth inning of the game and also hit well in the first three contests.



## Vital Statistics

### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. William T. Hosokawa a girl, Ruth Kiyomi, in Mentor, Ohio.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Inouye, Knights Landing, Calif., a boy on March 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Akio Iwanaga a girl on March 14 in Marysville, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nakamura, Live Oak, Calif., a boy on March 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kageta, Loomis, Calif., a boy on March 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Matsumi Oshita a girl on Feb. 22 in San Francisco.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masato Uyeda a girl, JoAnn, on March 10 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Yuki, Los Gatos, Calif., a girl, Jo Ann Gay, on March 9.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Toshiaki Ichikawa, Los Altos, Calif., a girl, Nancy, on Feb. 23.

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hidekatsu Omori a girl, Judith Ann, on March 9 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Maki-shima a boy on March 10 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Shimose a boy on March 7 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Rick Nishimatsu a girl, Joyce Mari, on March 13 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. William M. Morita a boy, William Henry, on March 14 in San Jose.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Furukawa a boy on March 21 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sakasegawa, Salinas, Calif., a boy, Dean Roy, on March 19.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Matsutani a boy, Roy Shigeru, on March 7 in Oakland, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masao Miyamoto a girl, Janet Teruko, on March 13 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Nabara a girl, Janice Yuriko, on March 5 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yoneo Nakatani a boy, Brian Teruo, on March 13 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kazuo Okada, El Segundo, Calif., a girl, Lily Yuri, on March 14.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tok Okazaki, Venice, Calif., a boy, Steven Toll, on March 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Matao Uwate a boy, Walt Jun, on March 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shoichi Yoshida, Lawndale, Calif., a boy, Elvin Sho, on March 11.

To Mr. and Mrs. Jiro Takata a girl, Donna Megumi, on March 7 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Don Takeo Tsuboi a girl, Nancy Hanako, on March 10 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Yamamoto a boy, Geoffrey Saburo, on March 9 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kiyoyasu Aihara a girl, Lynne Naomi, on March 2 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ted Tajima, Pasadena, Calif., a girl on March 8.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isao Yota, Wilmington, Calif., a boy on March 10.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hamanishi, Ontario, Ore., a boy on March 21.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tom Murota, Payette, Ida., a boy on March 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. K. Teramura, Ontario, Ore., a girl on March 18.

To Mr. and Mrs. Keiji Kawakami a girl, Susan Hisae, on March 10 in New York City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Kuwazaki a girl in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Akira Komai a boy, Michael Mikio, on March 23 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Takashi Kishiyama, Gardena, Calif., a boy, Keith Koji, on March 6.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. Endo a boy, Douglas, on March 13 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Omio Tayenaka, Norwalk, Calif., a boy, Don Ray, on March 7 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Y. Watanabe a girl on March 23 in Denver.

### DEATHS

Ikutaro Takikawa, 77, on March 24 in Monterey, Calif.

Dr. Hideo Henle Kato, 38, on March 27 in Ogden, Utah.

Mohei Yuge on Feb. 9 in Cleveland, O.

Mrs. Tori Tajima on March 5 in Cleveland.

Touji Takani, 51, Los Angeles, on March 20 in San Quentin, Calif.

Mrs. Toshi Yanagimachi, 69, on March 14 in Seattle.

Mrs. Miyako Hiroo, 51, on March 19 in Seattle.

## Court Decision May Affect Proscribed Japanese Groups

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Three alleged Communist-front organizations asked Washington Federal District Judge James W. Morris to direct the Attorney General to remove their names from his listing of subversive organizations, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported last week.

The Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, the National Council of American - Soviet Friendship, and the International Workers Order—all alleged to be Communist fronts—are seeking a court decision in the four year battle over the Attorney General's list of subversive organizations.

Although a large part of the federal loyalty program is in the balance, this litigation is of special concern, the JACL said, because the court's decision in this matter may affect 21 pre-war Japanese organizations which are also designated as subversive by the Attorney General. Though the Japanese organizations are placed in the category of "totalitarian," instead of "communist and communist front" organizations, they are a part of the proscribed listing.

The JACL ADC is interested in the final determination because membership in post-war proscribed Japanese organizations has been held to be grounds for deportation in the case of alien Japanese, it was noted.

If they do not secure a judgment ordering the Attorney General to strike their names from the list, the three groups have asked for a preliminary injunction to have their names removed until the issue can come to trial.

To grant that, said Loyalty Review Board Chairman Hiram Bingham in an affidavit, "would inflict great injury" on the loyalty

program, "thereby endangering national security." The listings are one of the standards in evaluating loyalty.

The Supreme Court, last April, ruled five to three that they are entitled to make a court challenge of their listings.

Four judges then said some form of hearing procedure is necessary before any group is listed as subversive. Justice Burton, who wrote the majority opinion, confined himself to a narrower issue, however, and said it must be determined if the Attorney General has "information" to back up his listings.

The issue in this particular case, according to Justice Department Attorney Edward H. Hickey, is whether the Attorney General had "any" information on which he decided to make the listing, or whether he "acted in an arbitrary and capricious manner." No hearing is required, he contended.

### Shiozawa Wins AAU Boxing Title

OAKLAND, Calif.—Shiro Shiozawa of Oakland won the 132-pound division championship in the novice class in the Pacific AAU boxing tournament on March 24.

He defeated Fidel Zuniga of Santa Clara in the finals.

### Noda, Partner Win Fresno Title

FRESNO, Calif. — Buzz Noda teamed with Gene Ellis to win the doubles championship in the Fresno city bowling tournament last week with a score of 1195-84-1278.

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Mrs. Mary Shikao Obata, 50, on March 19 in Gilroy, Calif.

Mrs. Shizuko Matsuoka in New York City.

Taizo Furuya, 77, on March 22 in San Francisco.

Tetsuzo Kodama, 66, on March 22 in Monterey, Calif.

Kinzo Shiba on March 21 in Los Angeles.

Kanjiro Mayeda, 73, on March 23 in Dinuba, Calif.

### MARRIAGES

Keiko Kikuchi to Robert Tsutomu Murata on March 15 in Los Angeles.

Mary Honda to Masahisa Yanagida on March 16 in Chicago.

Nobu Miyoshi to Boyd Bastian, both of Salt Lake City, in Sacramento, Calif.

Michiko Ikemoto to George Okano on March 23 in Sacramento.

Fukiko Violet Suzuki to Roy H. Niioka in San Jose, Calif.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Haruko Furuta, 22, and Charles Shiro Ajari, 29, both of Concord, Calif., in Oakland.

Tazuye Clara Sawada, 25, and Willard Bishop, 23, Camp Cooke, Calif., in Sacramento.

Alyce C. Kuwabara, 24, and Tommy T. Kokka, 26, in Sacramento.

Miwako Tanaka, 26, and Taro Fukushima, 32, in San Francisco.

Jeanne Kinoshita, 29, and Shigeo Suzuki, 28, in San Francisco.

Michiko Ikemoto, 23, and George I. Okano, 25, in Sacramento.

Toshiko Tanabe, 28, San Jose, and Masao Ono, 32, in Sacramento.

Teruko T. Ogami, 26, and Raymond S. Sasaki, 29, in Seattle.

Setsuko Kuramoto, 26, and John Rikio Yoshida, 30, both of Ivanhoe, Calif., in Visalia.



Members of the Tanita Farms team, winners in the Arizona JACL bowling league, received the championship trophy at a sports award dinner March 15 at the Encanto Club House in Glendale, Ariz.

Members of the team, their sponsor and chapter officials are, (left to right) Tom Tanita, Lindy Okabayashi, John Sakata, athletic chairman, Kiyoshi Tanita, John Tadano, chapter president, Sponsor Shig Tanita, Masao Tsutsumida and Yoshio Suda.

### Arizona Chapter Fetes Winners

GLENDALE, Ariz.—The Arizona JACL honored basketball and bowling winners at a sports award dinner - dance March 15 at the Encanto Club House.

John Tadano was toastmaster, while James Ozasa was chairman. Masao Tsutsumida gave out the basketball awards. Champions of the recently-concluded JACL tournament were the Crew Insurance Company players, followed by Tadano Farm. P & G Market took the consolation trophy.

The Katsumi Ikeda Memorial award for the most valuable player went to Perry Yamamoto of the P & G team. The Myron Nusbaum sportsmanship trophy went to Jack Matsumoto of the YBA team.

John Sakata, athletic chairman, presented the awards to bowling winners, topped by the champion Tanita Farms team. Second place went to the Western Marketing Company team. Prizes for high game of 257 and high series of 611 went to Ernest Kohatsu, Western Marketing. The high season

### Nisei Family Cheats Death in Train, Car Crash

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A Nisei family miraculously escaped death on March 18 when their car was struck broadside by the Southern Pacific's crack Daylight Limited.

Frank Yoshioka, San Jose Zebra basketball star, his wife, Agnes, and ten-month old son, Sam, were unhurt except for minor bruises and lacerations but their car was a total wreck.

Yoshioka was driving his family from their Edenvale farm to Highway 101 and was crossing the SP's main line when they were hit by the Los Angeles-bound train.

average was held by James Tomoka, Black Canyon Grocery team.

John Tadano thanked the sponsors who made these athletic events possible and expressed the hope for even better athletic programs in the future.



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## Coast Lawyer Group Will Ask For Release of "Tokyo Rose"

### Cincinnati Chapter Holds Meeting, Potluck Supper

CINCINNATI, O. — Approximately 80 persons attended a pot luck supper and general meeting of the Cincinnati JACL on March 16 at the First United Church under co-chairmanship of Mrs. Lorraine Tokimoto and Joe Sugawara.

Horst Danielis, University of Miami student, was the speaker of the evening. Danielis, who was born and raised in Germany during the Hitler regime, gave an enlightening picture of the people of Germany and the country's educational system. Danielis came to this country in 1948.

Mrs. Shizu Yee, recording secretary, announced the following tentative schedule for the year: May 18, picnic; June, Midwest district council; July, general meeting; September, general meeting; October, Halloween social. November, pot luck supper; and December, installation.

The cabinet named the following committeemen: Mrs. Marnell Watanebe, PC subscriptions; Ichiro Kato, veterans representative; Kenji Muraoka, Issei relations; Hy Sugawara, public relations; Mrs. Mutsu Takao, tax stamps; Stogie Toki, legislative affairs; and Jane Murata, publicity.

Toki, past president and currently first vice-president of the Midwest district council, was praised for his untiring services to the JACL.

Pres. Dr. James Takao presided.

## Valor Award Given Soldier Killed in War

OAKLAND, Calif. — A posthumous Bronze Star Medal for heroism has been awarded to Army Corporal Jack S. Tsuboi who was killed in action in Korea on Dec. 13.

Tsuboi, husband of Mrs. Fumi Tsuboi of Oakland, was killed when an anti-tank mine exploded.

The citation, received by Mrs. Tsuboi, reads in part:

"Cpl. Tsuboi's unit was advancing into enemy territory to recover an immobilized tank. . . . Exposing himself to a devastating mortar barrage, he left the comparative cover of his vehicle to hitch the damaged tank to his retriever. While performing his courageous duties, a concealed anti-tank mine exploded, fatally wounding him."

### Matrons Group Tells Agenda

LOS ANGELES—The West Los Angeles Junior Matrons announced their program for the coming year on March 13 at their first regular meeting under the new cabinet.

First event will be an Easter party for children of club members on April 12. An egg-hunt, games and refreshments are in order for the day. Mrs. Fumi Moriyama will head the committee in charge.

The group's next meeting will be held April 10 at the home of Mrs. Mitsu Sonoda. Dr. Shigekawa will be guest speaker.

### Charge Mrs. d'Aquino Denied Citizen Right To Speedy Trial

SAN FRANCISCO—Contending that the treason conviction of Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino in the "Tokyo Rose" case in 1949 was invalid because the government denied her the speedy trial guaranteed to all citizens by the U.S. Constitution, the San Francisco chapter of the National Lawyers Guild last week requested permission to file a brief in the U.S. Supreme Court asking for review and reversal of Mrs. d'Aquino's conviction.

The conviction by the U.S. District Court in San Francisco of the California-born woman of Japanese ancestry for wartime propaganda activities in Japan was affirmed by the Ninth District Circuit Court of Appeals on Oct. 10, 1951.

Charles R. Garry, president of the local unit of the National Lawyers Guild, said 20 Bay Area attorneys are joining in the brief asking the Supreme Court to free Mrs. d'Aquino.

The brief argues that the "government of the United States cannot cast a man into prison and then fold its arms and refuse to prosecute."

The attorneys point out that Mrs. d'Aquino was tried more than three years after she was arrested and imprisoned on "suspicion of treason" and that the U.S. Department of Justice rearrested her some two years after her release by American military authorities in occupied Japan.

The lawyers, in asking the Supreme Court for review, argue that Mrs. d'Aquino was precluded from the possibility of a fair trial by the long delay in prosecution of the case, noting that when the case was finally tried in 1949, witnesses for both sides were scattered and unavailable, memories were naturally faulty on long past events and important records were either lost or destroyed by the government.

Mrs. d'Aquino is now serving a 10-year sentence at the Federal Women's Prison at Alderson, W. Va.

### Ishimaru Presents Masaoka's Creed To Issei Group

PALO ALTO, Calif.—A hand-inscribed framed copy of the Japanese American Creed, written by Mike Masaoka and read before Congress in May, 1941, and subsequently entered into the Congressional Record, was presented to the Japanese American Society of Palo Alto in behalf of the JACL by Haruo Ishimaru, Northern California regional director, at the Pioneer Recognition Banquet held in Palo Alto on Sunday, March 23. The Creed was accepted by M. Nakanishi, president of the society.

Ishimaru commended the Japanese American Society and the pioneers present for their great contribution to California and to the United States. He also pointed out that much of the success of the JACL is due to the cooperation of Issei ladies of the community.

Issei over the age of 70 were individually recognized and given gifts.

The dinner was prepared by the Issei ladies of the community.

### Urge Designers To Enter JACL Fashion Contest

SAN FRANCISCO — Dress designers are urged to prepare for a design contest to be held at the 12th biennial National JACL convention here in June.

Prizes will be awarded for entries in five categories: sportswear, afternoon or casual wear, suits, coats and "after five" or evening wear.

Judging will be based on originality, fabrics, style, workmanship, fit and color.

All JACL members are eligible to enter. A fee of \$1 will be charged. All applicants are asked to model their own clothes, if possible, or notify the design committee well in advance so that a model can be secured.

Application forms and rules will be sent to all JACL regional offices. They can also be secured directly from Mrs. June Eijima, 333 Austin Ave., San Francisco 9. Deadline will be June 1.

Mrs. Kisako Kubokawa will be chairman for the competition. Interested persons are urged to attend meetings of her committee.

## Nisei Named President of School District

FORT LUPTON, Colo. — Lee Murata, prominent in local community affairs, was appointed president of the Vollmar School District located northwest of this city, by the Weld County Superintendent's office last week.

Murata was named to fill the vacancy created by the departure of the school district president who moved out of the area.

He is believed to be the first Nisei ever to hold such a position in the continental United States.

### West LA Chapter Plans Square Dance

WEST LOS ANGELES, Calif.—Square dancing will feature the next meeting of the West Los Angeles JACL on March 29 at the Japanese School, according to Sho Komae, president.

A motion picture, "Tokyo, 1945-51," will be shown. The film, which portrays events and changes that have taken place in Japan under the American occupation, was presented to the JACL last year by the mayor of Tokyo.

An hour of square dancing will be led by a well-known caller. Yuki Toya is in charge of the evening's program.

### Social Planned

CHICAGO—"Turnabout" will be the theme of a social to be held Saturday, April 26, by the City-Wide Recreation Council at the North Avenue YMCA, 1508 North Larrabee.

The program for the evening, which will include games, square dancing, social dancing and refreshments, will follow the "Turnabout" theme, according to Yukio Ozima, chairman.

Jiei Nakama, Charles Ukita and Toney Otani will be in charge of games, Vi Takahashi, Kay Nishimoto and Tom Kanno will take charge of reception. Other committee members are Yone Sawamura and Jean Mori, refreshments; Alice Ukita, decorations; Ozima, square dancing; and Raiko Konatsu and Chizu Iiyama, publicity.

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LOS ANGELES—Corp. Gerald E. Ewing and his family are congratulated by Tats Kushida, JACL regional director, on their arrival in the United States following passage of a private bill in their behalf.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Cecil R. King (D., Calif.), was passed by both Houses and signed into law by Pres. Truman within a one-month period in late 1951.

The Ewing family (left to right: Bill, 16, Corp. Ewing, Bobby, 7 and Mrs. Mary Ewing) now live in South Los Angeles. They expressed appreciation to the JACL-ADC for its assistance in introduction and passage of the bill which permitted their entry.

—Photo by Toyo Miyatake.

## Rep. McDonough Backs Bill To Aid Nisei Postal Group

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congressman Gordon L. McDonough (Rep., Calif.) Mar. 26 informed the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee of his testimony before a special House Subcommittee on Post Office and Civil Service in support of his bill, which provides for advancement in grade, time in grade, rate of compensation of Nisei postal employees who were evacuated from military areas during World War II.

Similar bills have been introduced by Congressmen George P. Miller (Dem., Calif.) and Norris Poulson (Rep., Calif.). All were subjected to public hearings last week.

Declaring as discriminatory and unjust the loss of rights suffered by Nisei postal employees, Congressman McDonough proposed to restore, through the legislation under consideration by the special subcommittee, the rights which they lost by their removal from their jobs and detention in War Relocation Centers during World War II.

"Though no fault of their own, these Japanese American employees of the Post Office Department were removed from their jobs,"

said Congressman McDonough. "They were unavailable, while in Relocation Centers, to receive consideration for appointment and advancement in the Postal Service at the time their names were reached for such consideration."

Congressman McDonough closed his statement by urging the committee to act favorably on the proposed legislation.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, stated that while legislation of the type introduced by Congressman McDonough, Miller and Poulson corrects an obvious inequity, and is another step toward insuring for all Nisei equal treatment in every area of employment, such legislation should be expanded to cover not only postal workers but all Nisei civil service employees who were evacuated.

"Moreover, some legislative remedy must be provided for Nisei on Hawaii," Masaoka declared, "who were on the civil service registry but were denied appointment because of their Japanese ancestry."

The JACL ADC official testified urging these amendments to this remedial measure last week.

### San Jose Group Holds Potluck Fete

SAN JOSE, Calif.—The United Citizens League of Santa Clara county held a potluck dinner meeting at the San Jose Methodist Church on March 21. Sam Tanase, vice president, presided over the meeting in the absence of president Akira Shimoguchi, who was confined at home with a cold.

Guest of the evening was Haruo Ishimaru, Northern California JACL regional director, who discussed the legislative problems of the JACL in Washington, D.C.

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