

# State Court Rules Alien Land Law Invalid

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### Senate Votes \$9 Million For Compromised Claims

#### Sens. Magnuson, Hayden Lead Move to Restore Deficiency Funds for Evacuee Program

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Senate on April 17 restored \$9,000,000 to the Justice Department's appropriation in the current supplemental deficiency bill, assuring payments during the current fiscal year for Japanese American wartime evacuees who have settled their evacuation loss claims under the compromise formula.

The Senate Appropriations Committee last week slashed the entire \$14,800,000 earmarked for compromise claims from the supplemental budget.

The Senate's action in restoring \$9,000,000 of the slashed funds was led by Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, D., Wash.

Acting at the request of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee, Sen. Magnuson attempted to have the entire \$14,800,000 amount, which had been passed by the House, restored to the bill in the Senate.

Sen. Magnuson's suggestion was opposed by Sen. Homer Ferguson, R., Mich., who opposed approval of any funds for payment of Japanese American evacuee claims in the supplemental budget for the current fiscal year. Sen. Ferguson said his stand was based on a matter of principle, declaring that with only two months remaining before the budget for the 1952-53 fiscal year will become effective, such items should not be included in deficiency or supplemental appropriations.

Sen. Ferguson urged that until Congress actually knew how much the Department of Justice would need in order to pay for these compromise settlements no amount should be appropriated.

Acting Minority Leader Leverett Saltonstall, R., Mass., agreed with his Michigan colleague, saying that this was a question of whether these claimants should be paid or not but whether such appropriations should be included in supplemental or fiscal year appropriations.

Sen. Carl Hayden, D., Ariz., acting chairman for the supplemental appropriations bill in floor debate, urged restoration of the full \$14,800,000 as a matter of simple justice to Japanese American claimants. Sen. Hayden argued that most of the \$14,800,000 asked by the Justice Department represented claims already settled under the compromise formula and that any delay was unfair and unjust, particularly to older evacuees.

Because of opposition represented by Sens. Ferguson and Saltonstall to the entire amount of \$14,800,000, Sen. Magnuson suggested that the Senate approve \$9,000,000 for payment of compromise claims since that was the figure used by Sen. Ferguson in explaining how much in compromise settlements already had been accepted by the Department of Justice.

Sen. Magnuson also stipulated and Sen. Ferguson agreed that, in conference between House and Senate members of their respective appropriations committees, this \$9,000,000 figure would be revised upward to take care of all claims compromised and settled to that date by the Justice Department. Claims compromised and settled after the conference date will have to be paid out of the 1953 fiscal year budget.

The Senate then approved unanimously a motion to restore \$9,000,000 to the supplemental bill and also the stipulations offered by the Washington Democrat.

The JACL ADC's Mike Masaoka, who cancelled the remainder of his Pacific Coast tour to return for Senate debate on the supplemental appropriations bill, paid tribute to Sens. Magnuson and Hayden by stressing that without their leadership no funds at all would have been made available for payment of compromise evacuation claims this year.

Masaoka also stressed his belief that every effort will be made in the House-Senate conference on the appropriations bill to restore the full \$14,800,000 amount originally agreed upon by the House.

"This action is just another example of the need for an organization like the JACL ADC which can bring the problems of the Japanese group to the attention of our legislative representatives in Washington," Masaoka said. "Without a Washington JACL the Senate probably would not have approved any amount for the payment of compromise settlements after its appropriations committee had voted to strike out such an item."

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Justice Department already has awarded \$9,000,000 to wartime evacuees of Japanese ancestry under the compromise plan for personal and business property losses, the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported this week.

The claimants have not yet been paid, however, since the \$9,000,000 is included in the Justice Department's request for \$14,800,000 for deficiency funds which was slashed from the 3rd Supplemental Appropriations bill by the Senate Appropriations Committee on April 10.

Mike Masaoka, legislative director of JACL ADC, cut short a west coast trip and returned to Washington this week to urge the Senate to restore the \$14,800,000 request to the current appropriations measure.

He indicated there also was a possibility the funds could be restored to the bill when the Senate and House Appropriations Committees meet to iron out differences in the bills passed by the two houses.

While expressing confidence that

all evacuation claims, settled under the compromise formula, would be paid, Masaoka stressed that it was the element of time with which he was most concerned. If the \$14,800,000 is included in the deficiency bill, the claimants may expect their checks before the end of the current fiscal year on June 30. If the compromise payment funds are made part of the regular Justice Department budget for 1952-53, the claimants probably

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#### MASUDA LOSES IN LIVINGSTON CITY ELECTION

LIVINGSTON, Calif. — Kazuo Masuda lost his first bid for public office in the April 8 city election when he placed third with 80 votes in the contest for city clerk.

The winning candidate, incumbent Mrs. Joy Tacheira, received 106 ballots.

#### California GI Killed in Action On Korea Front

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Department of Defense this week informed the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee of the following Nisei casualties in the Korean Area:

##### KILLED IN ACTION:

Corporal Don Yumori, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kaiituro Yumori, 4808 Beloit Ave., Culver City, California.

##### WOUNDED:

Sergeant Shoji Watanabe, son of Jack Watanabe, 507 Main Street, Seattle Washington.

#### Father Learns Of Son's Death in Letter from Korea

LOS ANGELES—Learning of the reported death of his soldier son on convoy duty in Korea on March 30 at Kansong, Kaiituro Yumori of Culver City this week asked the Defense Department to check the report.

Yumori received a letter from a soldier in the 40th Division reporting the death.

If the report is verified, Cpl. Yumori will be the first of many California Nisei soldiers serving with the 40th Division to die in Korea.

#### Trixie Tanada Named Hawaii U. Editor

HONOLULU — Trixie Tanaka was named editor of the University of Hawaii's student newspaper, Ka Leo O Hawaii, last week and Archie Shida and Marjori Mori were named editor and business manager respectively of the yearbook, Ka Palapala.

Miss Tanaka succeeds Richard Hashimoto as editor.

#### Select Dr. Monroe Deutsch As JACL Keynote Speaker

SAN FRANCISCO—Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch, vice-president and provost emeritus of the University of California, will be the keynote speaker for official opening ceremonies of the 12th biennial National JACL convention here June 26 to 30.

Saburo Kido, past national president of the JACL, will introduce Dr. Deutsch and will also give a "homecoming message," Roy Ashizawa, chairman for the ceremonies, said this week.

Dr. Deutsch, educator and author, has served for 40 years on the University of California faculty and for 17 years as the school's vice-president and provost. The 73-year-old scholar holds many honorary degrees and decorations and is also known as a leader in the cause for racial equality.

As president of the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco in

#### California's Supreme Court Says 39-Year Old Measure Violates U. S. Constitution

SAN FRANCISCO—California's historic Alien Land law was declared unconstitutional on April 17 by the state's highest court.

Considered by Japanese Americans as the single most discriminatory and harmful piece of anti-Japanese legislation, the land act was used for more than three decades to prevent the purchase of land and property, including homes, by Japanese aliens and to threaten the security of land titles held by Nisei Americans. It was passed in 1920.

The California State Supreme Court's decision came in the Sei Fujii case.

The ruling came by a single-vote margin with the justices voting 4-3 that the measure was unconstitutional. Chief Justice Phil Gibson wrote the majority opinion, with Justices Edmonds, Carter and Traynor joining in. Justice Schauer wrote the dissenting opinion, joined by Justices Shenk and Spence.

The majority ruled that the land act had in effect become invalid as a result of a number of recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

The Fujii case evoked international and national interest because lawyers for the Issei had contended that the land law violated the United Nation's charter respecting its provision that everyone is entitled to the right to own property and its provision that human rights must be observed without respect to color, race or religion.

The State's high court, however, did not base its decision on this argument. Fujii's case was brought upon the basis that the UN Charter is a treaty, and that since treaties supersede state laws with which they are in conflict, the land act was a violation of the charter and therefore invalid.

The contention was upheld in the State District Court of Appeals on April 23, 1950.

Upholding of this opinion by higher courts would have affected numerous local and national statutes, particularly those enforcing discrimination and segregation.

The court, however, refused to place its decision on the ground urged by Fujii that the California law was rendered invalid by provisions of the UN Charter.

The court said that Charter provisions in which the United Nations pledge themselves to promote observance of human rights and freedoms amount to a promise of future action by the member nations, but that they were not intended to replace existing state laws.

The court said that while state legislatures and courts are bound by treaties entered into by the United States, this is true only where it appears that the treaty provisions were intended to have that effect without further legislation by Congress.

"The charter represents a moral commitment of foremost importance, and we must not permit the spirit of our pledge to be compromised or disparaged in either our domestic or foreign affairs," the majority opinion said. "We are satisfied, however, that the charter provisions relied on by plaintiff were not intended to supersede existing domestic legislation and we cannot hold that they operate to invalidate the Alien Land law."

The minority opinion by Justice Schauer upheld the validity of the land law because it had not yet been expressly declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The 1920 land act was passed after numerous attempts had been made to pass a strong law to drive persons of Japanese ancestry off of California lands. An earlier act was passed in 1913 despite attempts of Pres. Wilson, through Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan, to avert the passage to prevent an international incident.

The U. S. Supreme Court, starting in 1923, upheld the constitutionality of the land law in a number of cases, the first of which was Terrace vrs. Thompson.

In the following year the same court upheld the constitutionality of a section of the act which held that if a Japanese alien sought to evade the land law by purchasing property in the name of a citizen, the land could be escheated by the state.

This section, with additional strengthening legislation, was used during World War II to escheat the properties of numerous Japanese Americans.

Sei Fujii, publisher of the California Daily News in Los Angeles, initiated his test case of the land by purchasing a piece of property and commencing a disclaimer suit against the state.

The Los Angeles Superior Court declared the land act constitutional and ruled that escheat had taken place automatically on the date of transfer of property to Fujii.

The State District Court's ruling followed.

Justice Emmet H. Wilson, writing the decision for the three-man district court, said the District Court was not ruling the statute unconstitutional but that its decision was limited to the conflict between the law and the United Nations charter.

#### Four Nisei Attend GOP Caucus in Colorado City

FORT LUPTON, Colo. — Four local Nisei recently were named as precinct delegates to the Weld County Republican convention in Greeley.

Those attending were Frank Urano, Lee Murata and Floyd Koshio, delegates, and Sam Koshio, alternate.

#### Fowler Man Seeks School Board Post

FOWLER, Calif. — Harry Hiraoka recently announced his candidacy for a post on the Fowler Union Elementary School Board.



## Dr. Sakada Will Not Become Candidate for Second Term As JACL National President

Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, national president of the JACL, declared this week in a statement to the JACL Reporter that he will not be a candidate for another two-year term.

The national president of the JACL for the 1952-54 term will be elected at the national convention in San Francisco in June.

In his statement declining to run, Dr. Sakada noted he had been asked "by many interested members throughout the country" whether he would be available as a candidate this year.

"It is my sincere belief," he declared, "that the national presidency, the highest honor which our organization can confer on any member, should be limited to a single two-year term except possibly during an emergency period."

"The grave emergency through which we persons of Japanese ancestry have lived in the past required that Saburo Kido and Hito Okada serve our organization longer than the traditional two-year period provided in our national constitution," he noted. "Now that this emergency is ended, it is my hope that we will return to the policy under which Dr. T. T. Yatabe, James Sakamoto and Walter Tsukamoto served only a single term as national president."

"We have many capable leaders in our organization who qualify

to serve in our highest office. In the interests of constantly promoting new leadership and new ideas into the national picture, as well as for the general welfare, I have definitely decided that I shall not be a candidate for a second term. By virtue of the fact that I served as chairman of the 11th biennial national convention in Chicago in 1950, which was planned for two years, has required, therefore, actually four straight active years of work dedicated to the JACL."

Dr. Sakada, an optometrist in Chicago, is a former chairman of the Midwest JACL district council and also is active in the Masons and in other community activities.

## Survey Notes Role of Nisei Group in Hawaiian Life

HONOLULU, T. H.—The social and political progress of Japanese Americans in Hawaii was indicated recently in the appointment of two Nisei to the governor's cabinet as heads of territorial departments, the first such in the 52-year history of Hawaii as a territory.

The two are Michiro Watanabe, territorial attorney general, and Sakae Takahashi, territorial treasurer. Both are appointees of Gov. Oren E. Long. Watanabe is a former Californian, born in Watsonville, Calif. Takahashi was a former member of the 442nd combat team, became a member of the Honolulu board of supervisors and was appointed territorial treasurer in January.

A survey of Japanese Americans (more popularly known in Hawaii as AJAs—Americans of Japanese ancestry) by Harry Shiramizu in the Hawaii Times indicates the general social and economic progress of the Nisei American population. Covering a number of general fields, including education, politics and government service, Shiramizu has compiled some interesting facts and figures on the growing importance of this section of the Hawaiian population.

Outstanding example of Nisei integration lies in the postal service, where 40 postmasters out of a territorial total of 98 are of Japanese descent. Whatever the reason, the Nisei here represent a larger percentage than they do in the total population. (Approximately every third Hawaiian is of Japanese descent). There are 813 postal employees in the territory, of whom about 400 of them are Nisei. Most of the 40 postmasters are men and women who have worked their way up in the service.

In most of the other fields surveyed, the Nisei are not represented in ratio to their population. Nonetheless, their record has been impressive. There are 71 Nisei who are members of territorial boards, commissions, councils and authorities, including such diverse boards as the Hawaii Aeronautics Commission, the board of barbers and the Commission of Children and Youth. The total membership of these boards is 470.

The Nisei do better in city-county and county government elective posts, where they hold 12 out of a possible 45. The record is particularly notable in view of the fact that the first Nisei to win such an elective post did so only 22 years ago, when Noboru Miyake, a Republican, was elected to the Kauai county board of supervisors. (It might be recorded that, while Hawaii is known as a Republican stronghold, eight of the 12 Nisei office holders are Democrats.)

The dozen Nisei include Honolulu City-County Supervisors Samuel M. Ichinose and Sakae Amano; Richard Tanabe, treasurer for the county of Hawaii; and Kazuhisa Abe and Sakuichi Sakada, supervisors for the county of Hawaii.

### Judges

The AJAs have done comparatively well in winning judgeships, with nine of 29 court magistrates being of Japanese descent.

There are no Nisei circuit court judges, though there is the possibility that one will be chosen shortly. There are currently three Nisei candidates for judgeships in the first circuit court of Honolulu. They are Robert K. Murakami, seventh judge of the Honolulu district court; Masaji Marumoto, an attorney; and James M. Morita, city-county assistant public prosecutor.

If any one of them is successful, he will be the first Nisei to hold an office requiring a Presidential commission or appointment and Senate confirmation, except for commissioned officers and postmaster. There are ten circuit court judgeships.

District court magistrates are appointed by the chief justice of the Territorial Supreme Court. Until the Democratic landslide of 1932, there was not a single Nisei appointment as a district court magistrate. Shortly thereafter, with the naming of Democratic chief justices to the high court of Hawaii, there began a steady recognition of Japanese Americans. On July 20, 1934, Tom T. Okino was appointed to the court at Puna, Hawaii. He held the position until 1939, when he resigned. Okino is now Democratic senator from Hawaii.

Following Okino, there was the appointment of Clarence T. Yoshikane in May, 1935 and Clarence Y. Shimamura in June, 1937.

Today there are nine Nisei district magistrates throughout the territory, out of a total of 29. Three of the Nisei (Bert T. Kobayashi, Ben G. Takayasu and S. George Fukuoka) were appointed in February of this year.

Percentage-wise, the Nisei in government produce some interesting figures for comparison. Three men in the Territorial Senate (out of 15) are Nisei, a 20% ratio. In the House there are nine out of 30, or 30%.

In civil service the figures are harder to compile, since the Hawaiian applicant for civil service does not state his race or religion. However, of the 280 top level civil service employees, there are 18 AJAs, or 6.4%.

### Teachers

The territory's Nisei teachers re-



Lawrence Goto, left, new city treasurer for Honolulu, with William Chung-Hoon, Jr., whose death April 7 led to Goto's appointment.—Photo courtesy of Honolulu Advertiser.

## Japanese American Named Honolulu City's Treasurer

HONOLULU — A Japanese American who has served as a deputy in the office for the past 25 years was appointed treasurer of the City of Honolulu by Mayor John H. Wilson last week.

He is Lawrence S. Goto, 47, whose appointment was confirmed unanimously.

Mr. Goto will fill the unexpired term of William Chung-Hoon, Jr., who died on April 7. The term ends on Dec. 31.

The new treasurer said he would be a Republican candidate for the post in this year's election.

In his first action after assuming the post, Goto asked Fred K. Wilhelm, second deputy, to accept the vacancy of first deputy.

He also announced that promotions in the treasurer's office will be based on ability in accordance with city-county civil service regulations and seniority without regard to color, class or creed.

## Pacific Southwest Council Asks JACL Endowment Fund

LOS ANGELES — A resolution asking for establishment of a JACL endowment fund to be used for the benefit of persons of Japanese ancestry was passed by the Pacific Southwest district council on April 12.

The council suggested that the fund might be started with a solicitation for contributions from persons who have benefited from the evacuation claims program.

A second resolution urged California Senators Knowland and Nixon to have the Senate restore a \$14,800,000 evacuation claims compromise settlement appropriation which was dropped by the Senate appropriation committee.

The district council urged all Nisei and others to write to the senators urging their assistance in restoration of the appropriation.

Mike Masaoka, ADC director, was a special speaker at the district meeting. He spoke on the current status of the Walter Omnibus immigration and naturalization bill and the evacuation claims program.

fect pretty closely the number of Japanese Americans in the total population. Of 3,237 teachers, 1,065 are Nisei, a ratio of 32.9%. Nisei account for 22.9% of the principals in 194 public schools. If figures are any indication, Nisei are good secretaries, cafeteria managers, clerks and dental hygienists. Nisei account for approximately 69% of the total.

The university of Hawaii employs 18 Nisei on its faculty, including one department head, three associate professors and five assistant professors. The total number of faculty members is 346.

## Masaoka Cuts Coast Trip to Work for Claims Appropriation

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Mike Masaoka, ADC director, interrupted a West Coast tour and returned to Washington early this week for Senate hearings on the evacuation claims \$14,800,000 appropriation bill.

He was scheduled to meet with JACL and ADC leaders in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle throughout the balance of the week, following which he had slated conferences with JACL officials in Salt Lake City and Chicago.

Masaoka cut his trip short at Phoenix, Ariz., where he fulfilled a number of speaking engagements. He was accompanied to Arizona by Tats Kushiida, JACL regional director for the Pacific Southwest area.

Masaoka's western trip will be completed by Sam Ishikawa, associate director of the JACL. Ishikawa's conferences with organization officials will be concerned primarily with the Omnibus immigration and naturalization bill and evacuation claims matters.

## Nisei Win Student Posts in Hawaii

HONOLULU — Dick Tsui, running uncontested, was elected president of the Associated Students of the University of Hawaii last week.

Other student body officers are: Elaine Ah Mai, vice-president; Sarah Ohayashi, secretary, and George Wada, treasurer.

## Bunco Ring Principal Gets Prison Term

SAN FRANCISCO — Richard Akamine, 24, one of the principals in an alleged bunco ring which swindled \$13,000 from two Nisei barbers in San Francisco, was sentenced to a one to ten year term on April 14.

At the same time Superior Judge Twain Michelson granted three year's probation to Akamine's wife, Shirley, 28, and Masami Takeshita, 30.

Akamine and his collaborators were jailed last November on complaints signed by George Suzuki, 45, and Tsutomu Hirano, 23. Suzuki and Hirano told authorities they lost more than \$6,000 apiece to Akamine in separate deals involving the sale of "diamonds."

Judge Michelson specified that Mrs. Akamine and Takeshita were being given their release on probation on the stipulation they would make good the balance of the amount taken from the two local victims through illegal dealings. Some \$6000 was recovered by police from a bank deposit vault shortly after the trio was apprehended.

## JACL Members Get Official Bid To JACL Parley

SAN FRANCISCO — Official invitation to all members of the JACL to attend the 12th biennial National JACL convention in San Francisco this June was given this week by Dr. Tokuji Hedani, chairman of the convention board.

Noting that the 12th biennial meeting will be the first to be held on the West Coast since the start of World War II, Dr. Hedani said the convention theme would appropriately be "Homecoming."

"Since the ten years that the national office has been removed from San Francisco, the JACL has taken on a tremendous task of promotion, remedial legislation, education and growth," Dr. Hedani said. "The business of this meeting will be of great significance as our future tasks and policies will be established, and it is a good time to re-evaluate our position."

The board chairman said highlights of the convention include a peninsula outing, a cruise of the bay and visit to Fisherman's Wharf and a banquet atop Nob Hill.

Dr. Hedani was instrumental in winning the convention for San Francisco at the 11th JACL convention in Chicago. He was president of the San Francisco JACL in 1946 and was a charter member of the chapter credit union.

## Lorraine Yokotobi Named as Marysville Entry in Contest

MARYSVILLE, Calif.—Lorraine Yokotobi recently was selected to represent the Marysville JACL in the Northern California-Western Nevada district council finals of the "Miss Homecoming" contest on May 18 in Redwood City.

The winner will reign as hostess of the National JACL convention to be held in San Francisco in June.

Miss Yokotobi is employed by the highway department of the State of California.

## Posthumous DSC Medal Presented To Hero's Father

FORT SHAFTER, T. H. — The Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action in Korea was presented posthumously to Pfc. Arthur I. Okamura of Honolulu on April 12 in ceremonies at Fort Shafter.

The medal was accepted by the hero's father, Hideo Okamura.

An oak leaf cluster to the Bronze Star, for heroic achievement against the enemy, was presented to Mrs. Elizabeth Soma for her son, Master Sgt. Edward M. Ishibashi, who was killed in action in Korea.

A Bronze Star for meritorious service in operations against the enemy was presented to Shigeki Tamaki for his son, Pfc. Yoshio Tamaki, who is listed as a prisoner of war in Korea.

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





PHOENIX, Ariz. — A delegation from the Arizona JACL welcomed Mike Masaoka, legislative director of the ADC, as he arrived April 14 to enlist community-wide support for legislation of concern to persons of Japanese ancestry. Extending greetings is John Tadano, second from left, chapter president. Looking on are (left to right)

Lindy Okabayashi, John C. Glynn, John Sakata, Simpson Cox, Regional Director Tats Kushida and Sat Tanita. Glynn is public relations director for the Arizona JACL. Cox is chairman of the Maricopa County Democratic Central Committee.

—Photo by Byron Shaw.

## Mother of JACL National Director Dies in Hawaii

LILUE, Kauai—Mrs. Kiyose Satow, 73, long-time resident of Los Angeles, Calif., passed away here on April 14 after a long illness.

She has been living here with her daughter, Lily, and son-in-law, the Rev. Donald Fujiyoshi, pastor of the Lihue Christian Church, since 1946.

She is also survived by two sons, Masao William Satow, national director of the JACL, Salt Lake City, and Roy, Los Angeles.

Mrs. Satow was evacuated to the Granada relocation center in Colorado and later relocated in Milwaukee, Wis.

## Committee Discloses Debate Over Evacuee Claims Fund

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will not be paid until later in the year.

Closed-door hearings on the bill, made public on April 12, disclosed that bi-partisan action was responsible for the action dropping the \$14,800,000 request from the deficiency bill.

Chairman Kenneth McKellar, D., Tenn., and Senators Homer Ferguson, R., Mich. and John McClellan, D., Ark., sharply questioned the settlements and got the Appropriations Committee to eliminate the funds. They promised later consideration when the regular Justice Department appropriation bill is considered.

McKellar wanted to know whether the "Japanese" claimants lived in the United States, what caused the claims and how they had been checked.

Ferguson asked if any frauds had been detected and prosecuted, and what became of the properties which were lost by the evacuees.

Justice Department officials informed the committee they suspected fraud in only one of some 23,000 claims and that prosecution of that one case cleared the suspect.

"I think that is pretty good indirect testimony about the honesty of these American citizens of Japanese origin," Sen. Robertson, D., Va., observed.

Robertson stressed the Japanese Americans were subjected to "very harsh treatment" and "it has been over 10 years since they lost their property."

Sen. Pat McCarran, D., Nev., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee which urged speedy settlement of the claims last year, added:

## Phoenix Leaders Express Support for Omnibus Bill

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Important community leaders here expressed support for early Senate consideration of the pending omnibus immigration and naturalization bill in Congress following a dinner meeting on April 15 which was attended by Mike Masaoka, JACL ADC legislative director, officers of the Arizona JACL chapter and Tats Kushida, Pacific Southwest JACL regional director.

Among the guests at the affair were Z. Simpson Cox, chairman of the Maricopa (Phoenix) County Democratic Central Committee; State Representatives William Barkley and Lee Ackerman; Ed F. Ziegler and Leo Gorss, officials of veterans organizations; Dr. Frank B. Durand, executive head of the

Arizona Council of Churches; Superior Court Justice Lorna E. Lockwood; Dr. J. N. Smelser, dean of men, Phoenix College; Mrs. Placida Garcia Smith, director of Friendly House, and officials of women's clubs, including Mrs. E. E. Jack, president of the Alhambra Women's Club, and Mrs. Charles Waite, president of the Glendale Women's Club. Also in attendance was A. C. Pichnarik, prominent Glendale civic leader, and other Phoenix and Glendale officials.

In a luncheon meeting on Apr. 15 prominent columnists, editors and radio commentators of the Phoenix area heard Masaoka urge support of the ADC's immediate objective, that of having Senator Majority Leader Ernest MacFarland, D., Ariz., schedule the pending omnibus measure for Senate debate.

Masaoka discussed provisions of the bill at the luncheon at the Phoenix Press Club. Bert Fireman, columnist of the Phoenix Gazette, was the chairman of the meeting.

Among the guests were Fritz Maquardt, Joel Keith and W. J. Brashear of the editorial department of the Phoenix Republic who operate the Arizona Roundtable, a television program over KPHO-TV, and Reg Manning, syndicated Pulitzer prize-winning cartoonist of the Phoenix Republic.

Immediate consideration of the omnibus bill by the Senate was asked by Masaoka in a broadcast over radio station KOY. The JACL ADC official was interviewed by Paul Gribben, news commentator.

An article in the April 16 issue of the Phoenix Gazette described the status of pending legislation and JACL ADC's desire to have the bill scheduled for immediate consideration in the Senate. The article featured a photograph of Bill Kajikawa, head basketball coach at Arizona State College, and Masaoka meeting for the first time since they served together in the 442nd Combat Team in Italy.

Masaoka also received expressions of support for the ADC's equality in naturalization objective from H. B. Enbach, executive secretary of the Arizona Wool Growers Association; Harry Bonsall, Jr., prominent Glendale businessman, and State Representatives Richard Adams and Calvin L. Estes.

Arrangements for the April 15 dinner were made by President John Tadano of the Arizona JACL. Assisting him in the ADC activity were Sat Tanita, Lindy Okabayashi, Johnson Sakata, Juanito Glynn, Tsutomu Ikeda, Carl Sato, Tad Fujii, Shig Tanita and Masao Tsutsumida.

## JACL Opens Nominations for Selection of Outstanding Nisei of Past Two Years

SAN FRANCISCO—Nominations are open for the "Nisei of the Biennium" and six Nisei of distinction, who have shown outstanding achievement in each of six fields of endeavor since the last National JACL Convention in 1950. They will be honored at the 12th Biennial National Convention in June in San Francisco, it was announced by Fred Hoshiyama, chairman of the National Recognitions Committee, this week.

According to Hoshiyama, the six categories of distinguished achievement, as determined by his committee, are in the fields of (1) human relations, (2) fine arts, (3) science, medicine and other professions, (4) farming, industry, and business, (5) sports, and (6) public service (appointive and elective) under which fall such positions as judgeships, government posts, PTA offices, and other voluntary community services.

"The contributions toward a fuller democratic concept by Nisei who have achieved signal success in these six fields will be an outstanding factor in selection," Hoshiyama stated. He added that another qualifying factor will be that of especially meritorious accomplishment(s) which advance the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry and which help to bring about their wider acceptance and appreciation in American life.

A questionnaire to be used in nominating candidates for these awards has been worked out by Hoshiyama and his committee. Copies of the questionnaire and a statement of purpose and categories of the awards have been sent to all JACL district council chairmen and chapter presidents, and are also available at regional offices.

An impartial panel of judges is to select one outstanding Nisei in each of the six fields on the basis of the information contained in the completed questionnaires. The judges will also select from all the candidates named a person whom they deem worthy of the "Nisei of the Biennium" award. The deadline for all nominations is May 15, and all completed questionnaires should be returned to the National Recognitions Committee in San Francisco as soon as possible.

It is recalled that Mike Masaoka, JACL-ADC national legislative director, was named "Nisei of the Year" during the last National Convention. This time, however, according to chairman Hoshiyama, his committee felt that paid JACL personnel should be excluded from consideration for awards. Other Nisei receiving awards at the 1950 convention in Chicago were Setsuko Nishi and Hito Okada for helping to win acceptance for all persons of Japanese ancestry in America, Saburo Kido for being for more than 25 years one of the moving forces behind the JACL, and Larry Tajiri, editor of the Pacific Citizen, "as one of the nation's distinctive Nisei journalists."

Eighty-seven nominations were received in all in 1950.

Working with Fred Hoshiyama on the National Recognitions Committee on the local level are Jerry Enomoto, Kei Hori, Hisako Minobe, Michi Onuma, Dr. Ernest Takahashi and Annie Clo Watson of the International Institute. Committee members at large are Tetsu Iwasaki, New York; Noboru Honda, Chicago; Sho Endow, Hood River; Dr. Thomas Yatabe, Chicago (1950 committee chairman); Hana Uno, Los Angeles and Dr. Kikuo Taira, Fresno.

## Two Hawaiians Die in Japan Plane Tragedy

TOKYO—Two residents of Hawaii are reported to have perished here on April 9 in the crash of a Japan Air Lines plane on Mount Mihara on Oshima Island in Tokyo Bay.

Thirty-seven persons died, including four United States nationals.

The dead included Toshio Yamashiro, 43, manager of the Yamashiro Hotel in Honolulu, and a Japanese national who is a resident of Kauai, Kakichi Toyama, 62.

In Honolulu, it was reported Yamashiro left for Japan on March 22 on a charter flight and was scheduled to have returned last week. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sadamu Yamashiro and six children, including Jeanette, a student at the University of Hawaii, Herbert, Shirley Kazuko, Charles Hiroaki, Edna Takako and Stanley Motohiro.

Mr. Togami is a pensioner with a sugar company at Eleele, Kauai. He left for Japan on March 26 from Honolulu with a tour group from Hawaii and was en route to Kumamoto to visit his parental home at the time of his death. He has a son, Hisashi, and a daughter, Sawano, both living in Honolulu.

## Return from Korea

SAN FRANCISCO—A Torrance, Calif., combat veteran, Cpl. Masaki Kumamoto, was among 1394 Army men who returned from Korea on April 10.

## Senate Judiciary Committee Reports Out Private Bills

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Senate Judiciary Committee favorably reported 11 private bills, ten of which have already been passed by the House, providing for the relief of persons of Japanese ancestry, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee was informed this week. The one bill originating in the Senate was introduced by Senator Blair Moody (Dem., Mich.) to admit Midori Sugimoto for adoption by Lt. and Mrs. Thomas A. Malim of Everett, Michigan.

Congressman Leroy Johnson (Rep., Calif.) sponsored the bill to admit Mrs. Michi Masaoka for permanent residence. Mrs. Masaoka, a widow, is the mother of nine children, eight of whom were born in the United States. Four of her sons served in the United States Armed Forces during World War I, one of whom was killed in 1944.

Congressman Paul W. Shafer (Rep., Mich.) introduced the bill to permit admission of Isao Ishimoto, a minor half-Japanese child, for adoption by Sergeant and Mrs. William H. Yoder of Ionia, Michigan.

Delegate Joseph R. Farrington (Rep., T.H.) introduced three bills to admit for permanent residence the minor alien Japanese children in the custody of their parents, who in two cases are American citizens

and in third, lawful residents of the United States. One of the bills provides for the admission of Hideo Ishida, the minor alien child of Kimie Ishida, an American citizen; the last permits the entry of Hisamitsu Kodani, the son of Reo and Kimiko Kodani, lawful residents of the United States.

Congressman Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr. (Dem., Tex.) introduced the bill to admit for adoption Rumi Takamura by Sergeant and Mrs. Juan M. Valdez of Edinburg, Texas.

Congressman Clark W. Thompson (Dem., Tex.) sponsored the bill to permit entry of Joseph Yukio for adoption by Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Eugene Sanders.

Congressman Paul J. Kilday (Dem., Tex.) is the author of the bill to admit for adoption Kazumi Yamashiro by Technical Sergeant and Mrs. Edward W. Gentry of San Antonio, Texas.

Congressman A. L. Miller (Rep., Neb.) introduced the bill to permit the entry of Nagakubo (also known as Roy Mervin Nelson) for permanent residence. Roy Mervin Nelson is the minor child of Roy M. Nelson of Kearney, Nebraska.

Congressman Chester B. McMullen (Dem., Florida) sponsored the bill to admit Mrs. Aiko Eijima Phillips, the Japanese wife of Roscoe H. Phillips, for permanent residence.



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## EDITORIALS:

### Guest Editorial:

### Epilogue for the Alien Land Law

By Saburo Kido

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California's Alien Land Act is dead. Except for passage of legislation to grant citizenship to Japanese aliens, no news could be more welcome to persons of Japanese descent.

With this step, the Issei come another step closer to recognition as individuals entitled to equal rights, privileges and protection under the law. Action of the California Supreme Court on April 17 in finding the state Alien Land law unconstitutional now makes possible the purchase of homes and property by the Issei, an action which for them symbolizes their desire to become citizens of this country.

Due credit must be given Sei Fujii, who initiated the test case decided this week by the Supreme Court.

It must be admitted that many were fearful of the outcome of such a case. The then California State Attorney General, Fred N. Howser, had already declared that the land act was virtually dead as a result of the U. S. Supreme Court decision in the Fred Oyama case. Many felt that this decision would suffice until the time naturalization rights were granted to the Issei. To tamper with the land act, it was felt, might do more harm than good.

When the Fujii case was decided adversely in the Los Angeles Superior Court, several organizations decided to sponsor another test case, the Masaoka case, in order that a test involving citizens' rights might appear before the Supreme Court with the Fujii case.

The District Court of Appeals then rendered its now famous decision wherein the land law was ruled invalid because it violated the United Nations charter.

This week, upon appeal of this case by the state, the California Supreme Court decided that the land act was no longer valid since a number of decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court had invalidated the Terrace vs. Thompson decision, the first test case, holding the law constitutional.

The important question now is whether the state of California will appeal this week's ruling and bring it before the country's highest court again. A realistic consideration of the matter should result in abandonment of any such plan.

The state of Oregon did not press an appeal when its highest court ruled that state's alien land law unconstitutional. This might indicate a precedent for California's present attorney general, Edmund G. Brown.

Primarily, it is hoped that California will not find it feasible to take its appeal higher up in view of recent developments which have made the alien land law all but invalid, including, of course, the historic Oyama decision. Finally, it must be argued that the possibility of citizenship for aliens of Japanese ancestry appears close at hand. Passage of such legislation, of course, would automatically make the land act a dead letter law.

California's Supreme Court must be commended for its decisions which have declared racially discriminatory legislation as incompatible with American ideals and public policy.

The court's action marks a clearcut turning point in the history of California's traditional attitudes toward citizens of minority descent. It marks an important moment in the state's recognition of its responsibilities toward all its residents. It recognizes the right of Japanese aliens to equal property rights, along with all others.

The land law was originally passed to make California an undesirable place of residence for aliens of Japanese ancestry. This last action marks the state's awareness of their worthiness to participate fully in the life of the country they have made their own.

### The "Homecoming" Speaker

It is most fitting that Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch, provost emeritus of the University of California, should deliver the keynote speech at the National JACL's "Homecoming" convention this June in San Francisco.

Dr. Deutsch symbolizes the men and women of California who, throughout World War II, the evacuation and the resettlement, held fast to the belief that Japanese Americans were entitled to the rights and privileges of all other citizens.

As an individual and as a member of a number of organizations, he continued throughout the 1940s to demand fair and decent treatment for persons of Japanese ancestry.

A more appropriate selection for a "Homecoming" speaker could not be made.

## Nisei USA:

# Farewell to the Land Law

By LARRY TAJIRI

THE DECISION of the California Supreme Court in the Fujii case, outlawing the State's Alien Land Act, marks the end of 39 years of statutory discrimination against persons of Japanese descent.

For four eventful decades the Alien Land Act, originally passed in 1913 by the legislature and again in 1920 as an initiative measure, has been the backbone of discriminatory activity against the Japanese in California and against their citizen children.

Although it clothed its anti-democratic origin behind the legal cloak of its application to all "aliens ineligible to citizenship," it was never anything more than a weapon of anti-Japanese action. Its sponsors made no secret of the fact that it was designed to drive the Japanese immigrants off the agricultural lands of California and destroy their economy. Its passage by the legislature in 1913, after attempts to pass the bill had failed in 1909 and 1911, was accompanied by a fanfare of Yellow Peril propaganda. In 1920, when it appeared on the California ballot as an initiative measure, no effort was spared by the anti-Japanese commercial and agricultural interests, the ideological racists and by political opportunists to educate the general public on the "Japanese menace."

The November, 1920, election, at which the Alien Land Act became law by a 3 to 1 margin, two national magazines published serial fiction designed to arouse hatred and suspicion toward Californians of Japanese descent. The books were Wallace Irwin's "Seed of the Sun," and Peter B. Kyne's "Pride of Palomar," both concerned with the depredations of Japanese farmers upon the California land. The American Legion, which took an active part in the campaign, circulated a film called "Shadows in the West" which pictured the resident Japanese as profiteers, potential spies and possible rapists. The slogan of the campaign was "California—the White Man's Paradise" and the opposition was labeled "Jap-lovers."

Even at that 22,000 Californians voted against the Alien Land Act, so the hymns of hate were not sung in unanimity.

The anti-Japanese land law is older than most Nisei in California and it has shaped the destiny of an entire generation of Japanese Americans, not alone in California but throughout the West since other states, Oregon, Idaho, New Mexico, Nevada, Washington, Montana and Arizona, to name a few, passed similarly restrictive statutes. Utah waited until the war year of 1943 to pass an Alien Land Act but repealed it in 1946 at the request of the JACL. The voters of Colorado defeated a similar attempt during World War II to enact an anti-alien land property law.

The Alien Land Act had the effect of reducing many Japanese farm families in California to the role of perpetual tenants or sharecroppers and this had a definite effect on housing and the economic, as well as social, status of the families. The Alien Land Act delayed the integration of the Japanese racial group into the general community by setting up a permanent acknowledgement of hostility.

The Alien Land Act also set the stage for the passage by Congress of the Japanese exclusion act of 1924 and supplied a pattern for wholesale discrimination from which was evolved the mass evacuation of 1942.

The California Alien Land Act specified that alien residents who were eligible for naturalization shall have the same rights as citizens with respect to ownership or enjoyment of real property and that aliens not eligible to citizenship shall not. Those ineligible to citizenship were permitted rights to beneficial use of real property to the extent prescribed by any treaty between the United States and the nation of which the alien is a citizen or subject. This gave Japanese aliens the right to own or lease commercial or residential buildings but only the right to lease, and not own, the land on which these buildings stand.

The law also provided for enforcement via escheat proceedings, criminal prosecutions and injunctions.

A number of frontal legal assaults were made on the constitutionality of the California law and a number of cases were carried to the Supreme court of the United States. In 1923 the U. S.

Supreme Court, with Justice Butler speaking for the tribunal, declared the California law did not violate either the due process or equal protection clauses of the 14th Amendment.

The Alien Land Act was an inhibiting factor tending to restrict agricultural operations of persons of Japanese ancestry but only spasmodic attempts were made at enforcement until 1945 when the California legislature writhed with a final spasm of anti-Japanese activity. The original intent of the framers of the Alien Land Act was to discourage Japanese immigration to California and to oust those persons of Japanese descent resident in the state. In 1945, the emphasis of the state's Japanese exclusionists was on the prevention of the return of wartime evacuees of Japanese descent to the coastal area.

The California legislature in 1945 amended the Alien Land Act to provide that no statute of limitations would apply as a bar to escheat proceedings and appropriated \$200,000 for an investigation of violations of the law. In order to interest local officials in discovering violations, the statute was amended to provide that the county in which the escheated land was located would receive one-half of the proceeds from the sale of such land.

As a direct consequence of the legislature's action some 100 proceedings charging Alien Land Act violations were initiated in 1946 and 1947 by the State against persons of Japanese ancestry. In most cases the farms involved were the property of Nisei but the State charged that "ineligible aliens," usually the parents of the citizen landholders, held an interest in the land. A number of escheat cases were compromised with the State through the payment of money to quiet title to the property. Nearly \$500,000 was paid by Japanese Americans to settle escheat cases.

One of the properties which the State sought to escheat was the small farm which Kajiro Oyama, a Japanese national, had purchased back in 1916 in the name of his citizen son, Fred. The Oyama case became a forthright test on constitutionality of the Alien Land law. The lower courts in California upheld the statute's validity but the U. S. Supreme Court, in a decision in January, 1948, declared that the State of California had discriminated against the Nisei land holder, Fred Oyama, in escheating his land to the State. The high court, despite the insistence of Justices Douglas, Black, Rutledge and Murphy, refused to invalidate the law as a whole. The effect of the decision, however, was such as to render the Alien Land Act unenforceable in any cases in which a citizen was involved, a fact which State Attorney General Fred Howser recognized by dropping the prosecutions which had been initiated.

The courts, after all, are human and judicial attitudes reflect the temper of the times. Legal positions which may be upheld vigorously in one era may become untenable during another period of history. The Supreme Court which upheld the Alien Land Act in 1923 is considered today, in the view of present-day judicial historians, as one of the most reactionary in the history of the court. The majority views of the Supreme Court in the 1920s were those of Justices Butler, Sutherland, McReynolds and Van Devanter and the dissenting opinions were written by Holmes and Brandeis.

The court which heard the Oyama test case in 1947 was a liberal one, particularly concerned with legislative discrimination against racial and minority groups. The Supreme Court, however, appears to attempt to avoid decisions which will completely repudiate the findings of a predecessor court if the question can be resolved otherwise. In the Oyama case the court rendered the Alien Land law useless by upholding the right of a

Nisei citizen to receive a gift of real property from an ineligible alien parent. It did not, despite the urgings of Justices Douglas, Black, Rutledge and Murphy, declare the entire statute invalid.

Following the Oyama decision Sei Fujii, a Japanese national who publishes a Los Angeles newspaper, initiated a test case by purchasing a piece of residential property in Los Angeles and commencing a disclaimer suit against the state. He lost in the Superior court, the judge ruling that the land law was valid and escheat had taken place automatically as of the date of the transfer of the property to Fujii.

Meanwhile, another test case was instituted by the Masaoka family, in which the citizen children sought to buy a home for their Japanese alien mother. Superior Court Judge Thurmond Clarke, in a precedent-shattering decision on March 16, 1950, ruled the Alien Land law to be in direct violation of the 14th amendment and "directed against persons of Japanese ancestry solely because of race."

The California District Court of Appeals followed on April 23, 1950, with a decision which had ramifications throughout the United Nations world. The three-man court reversed the lower tribunal in the Fujii case and held that the Alien Land Act was "untenable and unenforceable" because it conflicted with the United Nations charter, which the United States is a signatory. The decision was the first in which the UN charter was used to invalidate a state law and placed a bold question mark against other discriminatory state laws, particularly the segregation laws of the Deep South. The implication of the appellate court's decision was such as to project the Fujii case into the deliberations of the United States and to affect congressional thinking on other UN proposals, particularly a Charter for Human Rights and the compact against genocide.

Both the Masaoka and Fujii cases were taken to the California Supreme Court which, back in 1948, had upheld the Alien Land Act in the Oyama case. Since that time, however, the Oregon Supreme Court ruling on its statute which is a copy of the California law had declared it unconstitutional in a decision in March, 1949, in the test case brought by Koji Namba, a veteran of the 44th Combat Team, who sought to lease a farm with his father, a Japanese national. The Oregon court found the land law "infringes upon the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment."

California was the fountainhead of four decades of anti-Japanese racism and one of its tactics was the use of law as a weapon of discrimination. Even at this late date it is good to know that the Alien Land Act is unconstitutional, in the view of the State's highest tribunal, and that the hatemongers who perpetrated it were in violation of

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## MINORITY WEEK

### Debut

It wasn't a fripperied debutante making her first appearance. The April 13 debut in Dallas marked the first appearance of a Negro player in the Texas League.

It was successful, too. Dave Hoskins, pitcher for the Dallas Eagles, led his team to a 4-2 victory over Tulsa.

### Decision

Kansas City, Mo., announced it wasn't going to take it lying down. The city is going to take it all the way to the U. S. Supreme Court, if it has to.

Whether it does or not, the city last week got an order banning segregation in its public swimming pools from U. S. District Judge Albert A. Ridge. Judge Ridge said that swimming pool facilities provided for Negroes are not equal to those provided for white citizens and that exclusion of Negroes from "white" pools is therefore a denial of the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment.



# Jobo's Gastronomy: FOOD CAN BE FUN Of Spaghetti, Butadofu And Sweet Potato Pie

By JOBO NAKAMURA

San Francisco

This is about spaghetti, buta-dofu and sweet potato pie. Or how to eat well in San Francisco on a minor league budget.

As Baghdad is a mecca of wealth and adventure for the wandering nomad, so is San Francisco an attraction for adventurers in good eating.

This brief compendium on food in San Francisco, with accent on the Oriental, is designed especially for the reader who will be coming this summer for the national JACL convention.

Eating is a way of life in San Francisco, and the cost of living doesn't necessarily have to be high.

In short, food is fun in the city by the Golden Gate.

We'll skip the glittering palaces dedicated to gastronomy and concentrate on those places that are easier on the budget.

Most Nisei away from the Coast for some time will inevitably be drawn to "Nihonmachi." And the question usually is: "Where can I get some 'meshi,' a bowl of hot rice?"

The Japanese restaurants are many and while they are concentrated in a small area centered around the corner of Post and Buchanan streets, there are two very elegant Japanese restaurants in Chinatown which cater to the tourist trade. The Yamato Sukiyaki House and the Tokyo Sukiyaki House both offer Japanese cuisine, par excellence. The sukiyaki meat used in these restaurants is choice and very tender. The quaint shoji door and tatami floors are features employed by Roy Watanabe, a Nisei architect, who designed the interior of the Yamato incorporating the clean lines of modern architecture with the exquisiteness of old Japan.

The Yamato specializes in shrimp tempura cooked in tasty and light batter while Tokyo offers a succulent steak teriyaki which should leave nameless sighs on your lips.

In Japanese town you can eat inexpensively and in a congenial atmosphere. For example, you can duck into one of the numerous Chinese places catering to Nihonjin in Nihonmachi and have a substantial dinner of buta-dofu (bean cake and pork) and rice for only fifty cents. However, this is strictly on a student budget scale.

The Miyako restaurant on Buchanan near Post is probably the most colorful of all the meshiya in Nihonmachi. The clientele is made up of predominantly Kibei, travelers from Japan, Issei business men, and Nisei bachelors. The decor is carried out in a charming motif reminiscent of the Ming dynasty and the Kansas City chowder house. The genial "maitre dee" is always on hand, busily scurrying around the dining room, with her sori slippers flapping at her heels, and keeping everybody happy with a cheery smile. Upon request she will sit and sip rice wine with you and perhaps entertain you with an old Japanese folk ditty. The other Japanese restaurants in the Nihonmachi are Otafuku-tei, Tokyo Parlor, Minato, and Minakin. One fine thing about these places is that they will give you as much rice as you can eat.

For extra-curricular cooking, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce is proud of its Italian colony. One can walk along Columbus Avenue and detect a decided tang of garlic in the air. The Italians in this neighborhood are authentic and so are the spaghetti, the scallopins, and the minestrone. We heartily recommend New Joe's for their superb a la carte fares. Original Joe No. 2 at Fillmore and Chestnut is even better. Try their roast beef and spaghetti plate for \$1.50; it is the elixir of epicurean living. While not possessed with a pretentious atmosphere, the noisy place is invariably crowded at all hours... but don't don't go away, it is well worth waiting.

During lunch hours, roughly between eleven and one, many Chinatown restaurants serve special Chinese luncheons, or "tea-time" dishes called "yam cha." An interesting place is the Jade Palace which has a cocktail bar with booths and tables in the rear for meals. As soon as you seat yourself in the dining room, amidst exotic Jasmine scent and some nondescript odor emanating from the back room, a pert Chinese maiden in

form-fitting native costume begins to serve tea and dishes of interesting, steamed buns stuffed with diced pork, shrimp, chicken and unidentified morsels. You merely ask for the luncheon and they bring out infinite varieties of these patty cakes and you pay for what you eat. There is no menu at Jade Palace.

For a more standard Chinese dinner, Far East Cafe and Universal Cafe are the popular stamping grounds for Nisei crowds. The younger generation of Chinese Americans seem to flock to places like Kuo Wah which has a clean, modern interior.

For other foreign cooking, budget-wise college students date out at Schroeder's for good German food. For provincial French cooking, Ripley's on Jackson street is it. This interesting and romantic little restaurant has a colorful dining room filled with red-and-blue checked table cloths. Those who can afford to indulge in an opulent taste for other foreign foods, the India House is a real experience. The atmosphere is complete with authentic Indian waiters in native costumes. Their specialty is, of course, an assortment of curry dishes.

For these wee hours after long hectic business sessions at the convention, we might recommend a few places of interest. Within the shadow of the Japanese town, "Little Harlem" has been overlooked by many as a source for mighty fine Southern cooking. These restaurants have plain decor and the entertainment is provided by juke boxes or some happy customers who spontaneously sing out in praise of the Old South. However, the barbecued meats, Creole gumbo, fried chicken, sizzling charcoal broiled steaks, ham hocks, hot links, and sweet potato pies are truly wonderful. One such place is the Oklahoma Bar-B-Q King, a small place on the corner of Buchanan and Geary, open everyday from noon to four in the morning. Joe Louis, we are told, is their favorite patron.

The Vieni Vieni offers hot capuchino, a hot chocolate-brandy drink, "live" opera singing by students of serious music. Strictly for the "long hair" at a "short hair" price. You can get a whole pizza for one buck and stretch it for four persons at Luigi's and Lupo's. This is the way the high school crowd does it. Blum's attracts the after-theatre crowd with fancy desserts and appetizing delicacies. Its home-made pastries and ice cream are distinctively superior. Blum's may well be described as a "nice place" to go... a sort of glorified soda-fountain.

You just can't beat the coffee at Foster's or Manning's. The latter closes early but Foster's are open all night. Foster's may well be compared with Thompsons in Chicago in that they are chain restaurants drawing people from all walks of life with low-budget meals. For some reason, their coffee is really fresh smelling and delicious.

This running commentary on places to eat in San Francisco is obviously cursory at best, we hope it furnishes you with some incentive to discover for yourself some real interesting little places "in the cellars," "behind the bar-rooms" and "in the back streets." Some of the best foods are cooked in these unpretentious places.

## NISEI USA:

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the Constitution, as we interpret it today.

The State Supreme Court's decision should be followed by referendum action to wipe the California statutes clean of the Alien Land Act and its bitter history of racism.

Bill Hosokawa:

## FROM THE FRYING PAN

### Potatoes and Politics

Denver, Colo.

I hear tell there's a potato shortage. The newspapers say so, and the Mrs. confirms it from the retail consumer's standpoint. The supermarket has only culls, she says. They're all wrinkled, and some of them are beginning to sprout.

I've been voting Democratic, but sometimes I wonder. Remember a couple of years ago when there was such a big potato surplus? The government was dyeing spuds blue—so the people wouldn't eat 'em—and dumping tons and tons for hog feed or just plain fertilizer. Well, the idea then was to destroy the surplus and keep prices up. We eatin'-folks didn't benefit from the bumper crop, because we paid a good stiff price anyway.

A couple of years later there aren't enough spuds to go around. It seems a government whose scientists solved the mystery of atomic fission could take care of the potato problem. But it hasn't, and that's what makes me wonder if the Republicans might not do a better job of running the U.S.A.

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### Nisei and the Elections

So far we've heard few Nisei express themselves regarding the coming presidential election. It must be a source of distress to certain devout Democrats we know that no one of F.D.R.'s stature (potential if not actual) has stepped forward to accept the mantle Harry Truman is about to doff for good.

How about Nisei Republicans? Are there any to espouse the cause of Robert Taft and rock-ribbed Republicanism? Or is everyone jumping on the Eisenhower bandwagon? Of course these questions are the writer's own, and do not necessarily reflect the curiosity of The Pacific Citizen.

## Vagaries

### Yuriko . . .

Yuriko Kikuchi, who has been the featured dancer of Rodgers & Hammerstein's "The King and I," will return to the Martha Graham company for a series of six special performances from April 22 to 27 at the Juilliard Concert Hall in New York. Yuriko last toured with the Graham dancers in 1950. . . . Isamu Noguchi's original decor will be used in three of the productions, "Judith," "Herodiade" and "Errand Into the Maze." . . . Fumi Akimoto appeared in concert last week in New York with the Stage for Dancers company at the Henry Street Playhouse. Miss Akimoto was featured in the number, "Love for Three Birds."

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### Stereotype . . .

A committee from the New York JACL chapter recently attended a performance of the Broadway hit play, "Remains to Be Seen," by Howard Lindsay and Russell Crouse and described the Japanese houseboy character in the vehicle as a "sly, bucktoothed caricature." They have contacted Producer Leland Hayward asking him to revise the character. The role is played by a Chinese American actor.

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### Jackets . . .

The book jacket for the new book, "The Left Wing in Japanese Politics" by Evelyn S. Gilbert which the Institute of Pacific Relations will publish on May 16, was designed by Eddie Shimano. He also designed the cover of another forthcoming IPR book, "Land and Peasant in Japan" by Andrew J. Grad. . . . Arrest of principals recently in the Fuji bank robbery in Tokyo which occurred two months ago proved Tokyo newspapers were mistaken when they

## Box-Score on Race Relations: LAST OF A SERIES

By ELMER R. SMITH

This is the last column to be published under the present heading. It was 52 weeks ago that this column first appeared, and starting with next week a new one will appear under an entirely different heading. I am taking this opportunity to thank Mr. and Mrs. Tajiri for their interest and tolerance during these last 52 weeks. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the readers of this column for their interest, their criticism, and their chances to disagree with me. That is always the advantage of reading.

If you don't like something someone says you can feel secure in the feeling that you can disagree without causing an argument and loss of friendships.

The problems of writing a column of this sort have been many. The most persistent one centered around saying things without getting into the realm of academic mumbo-jumbo. Yes, I realize I have not always been able to stay away from pit-fall, and some of my readers have not been backward in telling me about my waywardness.

I apologize for the times I have become vague, lost you in theory, and even been caught in the mesh of the use of professional words. This, I believe, is inevitable when

originally reported that Nisei ex-GIs were implicated in the daring daylight robbery. Two French Army veterans and two Japanese nationals have been charged with the crime.

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### New Stamp . . .

Credited with suggesting the new 80-cent Diamond Head U.S. airmail stamp is a florist in Hilo, Hawaii, Yaiichiro Hirose. Most Americans don't need an 80-cent airmail stamp but Hirose found that the lack of a large airmail unit was an inconvenience to Hawaiian florists who send flowers to the mainland via air post.

## SPECTACULAR

The most spectacular is found  
In common ritual—  
Breaking of bread, lifting of cup,  
Watching light slant and fall

Upon the silver and a hand  
Relaxed. And I marvel  
I should remember not the speech  
But murmured syllable.

It was the gesture, sure and known,  
The words which could not tell  
Their own that have outshone the star  
And outrung any bell.

—Toyo Suyemoto

dealing with a subject filled with emotional overtones such as is the field of race relations. When a scientific or professional term or theory is used, it is an attempt to stay away from the use of words loaded with emotionalism.

These columns have attempted to bring to you in a general way, and often in outline form only, the principal thinking and research being carried on in the fields of race and race relations. An attempt has been made to show you the areas of ignorance in these fields as well as to suggest some of the more basic and tested facts and theories about race relations. If some new facts have come to light through these discussions and if ideas and points of view have been introduced to the non-expert, these columns will have been of use.

The columns to come in the following weeks will deal with the Japanese in the Americas. We will attempt to summarize the forces and problems involved in the settlement of persons of Japanese ancestry in South America, Latin America and North America. These forces and problems revolving around the coming of the Japanese to the New World will be presented in terms of recent knowledge and facts concerning inter-group and inter-racial relations summarized in the "Box-Score on Race Relations."

The discussion of Japanese in the Americas will not be an attempt to do again what Carey McWilliams did in "Brothers Under the Skin," or "Prejudice—Japanese American." Neither will it be a re-hash of Bradford Smith's "Americans From Japan."

This series of articles will be presented for the Nisei and Sansei. These groups of Americans of Japanese ancestry show a great lack of understanding and appreciation for the heritage they have received from the "old generation." It is hoped that some of the material to be presented will bring a more complete realization to the Nisei and Sansei that their parents were pioneers in the great adventure in the New World. The pioneering works of these Japanese are worthy to be placed by those of other nationalities in the winning of the frontiers of the Americas.



# PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

## Aihara, Uyeda Return to Competition

Two of the greatest Nisei trackmen of the past decade lost out on a year of collegiate competition as a result of wartime mass evacuation. They are **Henry Aihara**, who won NCAA, Big Ten and Pacific Coast championships in the broad jump, and **Bob Watanabe**, sprinter last year for UCLA. Aihara's family relocated in Illinois and he attended the University of Illinois before moving to the coast and USC. Watanabe, who won the GI 100-yard dash championship in Japan in 1947 with a 9.7s effort, started out at Wayne University in Detroit before winding up at UCLA after military service. Aihara, one of two Nisei who have ever topped 25 feet in the broad jump (the other is the University of Hawaii's George Uyeda), is the only Nisei ever to win a national championship in track and field. On a tour of Scandinavian countries three years ago with an AAU team Aihara also high jumped (around 6 feet 2) and ran a lap on the relay team. ... Top Nisei trackman currently in training probably is **Carl Otsuki** of East Texas State whose performances last year of 9:5s in the 100-yard dash and 20.5s in the 220 against North Texas State at Denton, Tex., are the greatest sprint races ever run by an athlete of Japanese ancestry.

Both Aihara and Uyeda are still in competition, jumping in the colors of club teams. Aihara may have a chance to qualify for the Olympic tryouts if he can continue to improve in the hop, step and jump, an Olympic event which is not on the usual agenda of U. S. track and field competition. He has been concentrating on the event while competing for the Los Angeles Athletic Club this year and placed third last week at the Santa Barbara Relays. The winner, **Frank Flores** of USC, won with a leap of 47 feet 4 1/2 inches. ... Uyeda is another possibility in the hop, step and jump. He won the event recently for the Hawaii AC in Honolulu by soaring 43 feet 9. He also won the broad jump at 22 feet 11 1/2 inches and the high jump at 5 feet 11, establishing him as probably the outstanding Nisei in field events now in competition.

## Nisei NCAA Champ Trains for Olympics

**Roy Kuboyama**, the University of Hawaii battler who is the new NCAA flyweight champion, will start training for the Olympic tryouts in Kansas City, Mo., after a short rest. Kuboyama qualified by winning the college title. ... It could happen only in a sport such as marathon running but **Ken Misumi** reported in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin last week that **Norman Tamanaha** is at the peak of his career at the age of 45 after 19 years of marathon competition. Tamanaha races in the Boston Marathon today (April 19) and will be out to finish in the top ten in the 26-mile 385-yard grind. If he does, he will get one step nearer toward realizing his life's ambition of making the U.S. Olympic team. The top ten Americans will qualify for the tryouts. Mrs. Tamanaha, who is with her husband in Boston and has helped him train, has timed him recently in 2 hours and 40 minutes. The event was won last year by S. Tanaka of Japan at 2 hours 27:04. Six years ago in his only try at the Boston event Tamanaha finished 46th in a field of 186. Tamanaha, a warehouseman at Kaneohe, Oahu, is paying his own expenses to the Boston event.

## Chiyo Tashima Defends Bowling Title

After a hassle over the use of an ineligible bowler the second-place Atlas Vegetable team has dropped out of the Nisei Majors in Los Angeles. ... **Chiyo Tashima** last week was successful in her first defense of the Western Challenge bowling championship in a match televised over KTTV, Los Angeles. Rolling a 235 first game, Mrs. Tashima defeated her challenger, **Millie Hiljus**, 391 to 309, in the two-game set. She will defend her title every Tuesday night over TV until she is defeated. ... **George Inai** and **Henry Takahashi** are continuing their sensational bowling in San Francisco. Both are in Class One, for top average keggers, in the 20th annual Diamond Medal tournament in San Francisco and are among four Nisei who remain of the score who originally started the tourney. Inai's latest victory was pegged on a 269 high game and a 670 series to defeat **Sig Hansen**. Takahashi hit a 600 to defeat **Bill Somelso**. In class Three **Kayo Hayakawa** and **Ken Morino** won their matches. ... Takahashi, incidentally, turned in a 256 game as San Francisco's Seven Up team blasted an 1105 scratch game in the Downtown invitational league. Takahashi is the only Nisei on the team. The team's average for the past season was 965.

## Chicago, Denver Split Cage Series

The invading Chicago Romans split a two-game series with two Denver teams to wind up the Nisei basketball season last week. The Midwesterners opened with a 34 to 32 win over the Denver Blues and lost a 62 to 60 battle to the Denver Whites the next night. The latter game was featured by a 33-point performance by Denver's **Tak Tsutsui**. The Salt Lake City YBA Juniors lost their games to the Cathay Starlettes and the NWAA All-Stars. ... The team of **Umon Nakanishi-Jack Okamoto** is now in fourth place in Class C in the Los Angeles City bowling tournament with a 1104-22-1124 score. ... The University of Hawaii's Rainbows who usually have enough Nisei players on the squad to field an all-Nisei eleven have been invited to play three football games in Japan. The Japanese sponsors, however, want the Hawaiian team to limit its players to those who do not weigh more than 175 pounds.

## California Judo Titles at Stake

The San Jose invitational judo tournament which is being sponsored this week by Coach **Yosh Uchida** and the San Jose State Spartans may determine the California State judo championship. Among the entrants are Los Angeles, winner of the Southern California title, and the San Jose State team which has won the Northern California State judo championship. Fourteen teams, including several Nisei squads, are entered. ... Center **Tom Yagi** and Tackle **Jim Kajoka**, the big 250-pound star from Modesto JC, answered the San Jose State call for spring football training last week. Kajoka was hampered by injuries last season while Yagi, a freshman, started at center for the junior varsity.

## Hisamoto Wins "Bum Bowlers" Tourney

**Opie Hisamoto**, a member of the Denver Nisei bowling league, won the recent Bum Bowlers tournament at Bowl-Mor Lanes, receiving \$100 and a trophy. Hisamoto took the annual tourney, for bowlers with averages of 169 or less, with a 1226 score for six games. Nisei keggers also placed second and third, **Iwao Nishikawa** winning \$50 for his 1214 and **Sam Kato** taking \$50 for 1188. **Hugh Nishikawa** also won a \$50 award for 7th place with 1165. **Art Yoshimura**, **Hank**

## Konno Leaves School to Begin Active Training for Olympics

COLUMBUS, O.—Although **Ford Konno** and **Dick Cleveland**, two of Ohio State's brightest swimming stars, have left the school for their native Hawaii, they will be back next fall to spend the full three quarters.

Olympic championship ambitions and pressure from Hawaiian swimming officials were responsible for the premature return of Konno and Cleveland to Honolulu.

Coach **Mike Peppe** of the Ohio State swimming team said both Konno and Cleveland had informed him they intended to return to Hawaii to complete their Olympic training. They hadn't planned on such an early departure but were asked to compete in the AAU swim carnival in Honolulu this week which will help raise funds for Hawaiian entries in the Olympic tryouts.

After the National AAU last week, in which Konno won three championships, the Nisei star and Cleveland returned to Ohio State for a day, had their talk with Peppe and flew on to Hawaii.

"They're the biggest names in swimming in Hawaii right now," Peppe explained, "and they'll help the Honolulu meet a lot. They really should be there."

Peppe was equally understanding of their desire to return to Hawaii for Olympic training.

"Winning in the Olympics is the most important thing in their lives right now," he said. "We don't have the best facilities here for them, so if they can go back to Hawaii and get into tip-top shape, I say more power to them."

Olympic events are staged over the 50-meter "long course" pool and the Ohio State pool is "short course," Peppe noted. There's not much doubt that the Hawaiian climate is a lot better for training swimmers and, being at home, both boys can devote full time to training, without worrying about school and jobs.

Konno, described by Paul Hornung of the Columbus Dispatch as a "shy, likable youngster with the outboard motor kick," likes to swim seven or eight miles a day in training. He will have a better opportunity for this in Hawaii. Cleveland lost 18 pounds during the season at Ohio State and fell off from his early world-record performances in the 100-yard freestyle, chiefly because of a recurring cold and sore throat.

Coach Peppe believes both Konno and Cleveland can be Olympic champions. Konno, the 155-pound son of a Honolulu auto mechanic (he reportedly was named after the family auto) swept seven major championships during his first season at Ohio State and is considered America's No. 1 bet for Olympic swim honors. Cleveland owns the three fastest times ever recorded in the 100-yard freestyle.

Both Konno and Cleveland gave notice of their intention to return to Ohio State by packing their winter clothes and storing them on the campus. Cleveland is considered one of the top athlete scholars and Konno is rated above average for first-year students.

Konno's absence tarnished some of the glamor from the Ohio AAU banquet on April 19 which is being held to honor the Ohio State swimming team.

**Yoshi Oyakawa**, Ohio State's NCAA champion in the 200-yard

**Urano**, **Aki Kitashima**, **Bob Noguchi** and **Tom Tochihiro** also were in the money. ... Colorado A & M's **Dick Kitamura** isn't the only Nisei infielder in the Skyline Eight conference this year. **Ben Yokomizo** is playing second base and leading off for Utah State. ... **Maki Hideshima** is the regular second sacker for Utah's Snow College of the Intermountain Conference. ... Outfielder **Ben Yano**'s big bat is the reason for Fresno JC's recent victories. ... Three members of the San Francisco team which won the National JACL bowling team championship in 1950 and 1951 are entered as members of an all-star team in the California State tournament in Los Angeles next month. **Dixon Ikeda**, **Tad Sako** and **Fuzzy Shimada** are teaming with **George Inai** and **Tad Nagase**. The latter won the 6-game sweeper in the recent JACL tourney in Denver.

## Manji Named to All-Star Cage Team

**Robert Manji** of Yuba City, Calif., High was named to the B division all-star basketball team of the Sierra Football League Union High of Auburn, Calif., as the team was on the short end of a 23 to 1 baseball debacle with Grant Union of Sacramento. ... **Teru Shibata**, an infielder on last year's Seattle all-city senior team, is back for another season at Garfield High. ... Cath-Utah women's ski team two years ago, finished in fourth place in the annual Snow Cup race on April 6 at Alta. Miss **Toda's** time for the course was 1:02. ... **Kamada** of Sequoia High of Redwood City, Calif., won the 50 and 200-yard freestyle races as the varsity won a dual meet against Lincoln of San Jose. His times were 25.1 and 2:14.8. ... Centerfielder **Ben Yano** is batting in the leadoff spot for Fresno Junior College this season.

## Ford Enters Hawaiian AAU Swimming Meet

HONOLULU — **Ford Hiroshi Konno**, the 19-year old Honolulu Nisei who won three AAU championships at New Haven recently and established himself as America's top hope for Olympic swimming laurels, returned to Honolulu on April 11 for a rest before resuming training for the Olympic tryouts early in July at Jones Beach, N.Y.

Konno came here with his Ohio State teammate, **Richard Cleveland**.

After competing in the Hawaiian AAU indoor championships this week (April 18 and 19) Konno and Cleveland will rest before resuming training under the coaches who first developed them into outstanding swimmers, **Yoshito Segawa** and **Soichi Sakamoto**, respectively.

Cleveland was enthusiastic over Konno's performances in winning the 220 and 440 freestyle and the 1500 meter event at the Olympics," Cleveland said. "He will have stiff competition in the shorter distances."

Cleveland said he was at a loss to explain the poor showing of **John Marshall**, Yale's Australian star who has broken nearly all of the world's records from 200 meters to 1,500 meters.

"He led in nearly every race but he just couldn't hold his pace," Cleveland said. "He's been beaten so many times now that perhaps it has affected him mentally."

## Harry Kaneshige Places Second in Idaho State Meet

HOMEDALE, Ida.—**Harry Kaneshige** took second place in the Idaho State Bowling Association tournament at Boise recently with a handicapped score of 693 while **Tucker Itano** placed fifth with 671.

**Bill Nishioka** was elected 3rd vice-president of the Caldwell Bowling Association.

**Etsu Nishioka** was elected vice-president of the Caldwell Women's Bowling Association.

## Set Perch Derby

OXNARD, Calif.—The Ventura County JACL will hold a two-day perch derby on April 19 and 20.

## Kojima, Kai Leave To Join Pro Nines

HONOLULU—**Kats Kojima** and **Tomo Kai**, two of Hawaii's leading Nisei baseball players, left here on April 12 to begin their professional baseball careers in Japan.

Kojima has been signed by the Hanshin Tigers while Kai will play for the Kintetsu Pearls.

backstroke and another Olympic team prospect, will not return to his Hilo, Hawaii home and will finish out the spring term.

## Philadelphians Win Canadian Cage Tourney

MONTREAL, Que.—The Philadelphia Nisei team won the fifth annual invitational basketball tournament sponsored by the Montreal chapter of the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association on April 12.

The Quaker City cagers defeated Toronto, 50 to 39, in the final of the New York Bears, the United States Nisei entry, lost the consolation round final to Montreal, 48 to 47.

The Philadelphia-New York sextette defeated the Montreal team.

Forty Nisei basketball players from the United States participated in the tournament.

## Chapter Announces Community Picnic

LIVINGSTON, Calif.—The Livingston-Merced chapter of the JACL will sponsor a community picnic Sunday, April 20, at Harman Park.

Sunday school and church services at 10:30 a.m. will start the day, with lunch at 12 noon.

The afternoon will be devoted to races and games with baseball following later in the day.

The Grace Methodist Church Sunday School are cooperating with the JACL in holding the picnic.

**James Kiriha** is chairman, assisted by **Buichi Kajiwara**, co-chairman. Committees are headed by **Henry Kashiwase**, **Taky Takahashi**, **Ken Hamaguchi** and **David Kiriha**.

Free prizes, pop and ice cream will be provided for picnickers. The hat will be passed to defray expenses.

## Selma JACL Forms Women's Auxiliary

SELMA, Calif.—First activity of the Selma JACL women's auxiliary was a potluck supper April 12 at the Japanese Mission Hall with approximately 80 JACLers and their family members as guests.

Mrs. **George Okazaki** served as toastmistress and introduced the cabinet members of the newly formed auxiliary.

Movies were shown by **Tom Tsuchi** of Caruthers. **George** president of the JACL, expressed thanks on behalf of the guests.

The auxiliary was formed recently with **Ethel Otomo** as first president.

Assisting her will be Mrs. **Ge** Miyata, vice-president; Mrs. **Kobashi**, recording secretary; **ako Tanaka**, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. **Roy Misaki**, publicity chairman. **Kenny Yamoto** is serving as joint treasurer.

## Women Hear Talk On Child Psychology

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—A talk on children and child psychology by **Dr. S. Shigekawa** featured the April 10 meeting of the West Angeles Jr. Matrons at the home of Mrs. **Mitsu Sonoda**.

Mrs. **Sue Ohno**, president, was charge.

Guests for the evening were members of the West Los Angeles Buddhist Women's Guild.

Refreshments were served by hostess.

## French Camp JACL Tells Picnic Plans

FRENCH CAMP, Calif.—The French Camp JACL will hold a community picnic April 20 at Bayley Field.

Many interesting activities have been planned for the large expected to attend.

**Tosh Hotta** will be general chairman, assisted by **John Fujiki** and **Bob Takahashi**.

Committee chairmen have been announced as follows.

**George Komure**, business manager; **Taneo Fukano** and **Murata**, finances; **John Shimada**, ground preparation; **John** purchasing and program; **Hele** mitsa, wrapping; **Hatsuo** transportation; **Teruo** events; **Ben Hatanaka** and **Murata**, PA; **Pete Takahashi**, refreshments; **Fumi Higashi** and **Sue Maruyama**, judge committee; **Harry Itaya** and **Bob** prize distribution; **James** Lawrence Nakano and **Bob** nouncers; **Yoshio Takashiro** Hotta, gate prize; **Joe Tsu** and **Arata Hayashida**, wrestling; and **Aya Fujimoto**, publicity.



# Vital Statistics

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nara-saki a girl on April 11 in Seattle.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshinori G. Yagi, Brentwood, Calif., a girl on March 22.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Yamamoto a boy on March 30 in Stockton, Calif.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Seiji Hanada a girl on April 12 in Seattle.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Nagatoshi R. Fujita a girl on April 6 in San Francisco.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Rintaro J. Koyama, Alameda County, Calif., a boy.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond M. Takahashi a boy in Berkeley.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nomura a girl on April 7 in Seattle.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tanaka, Culver City, Calif., a girl, Deanna Yoshiko, on March 16.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shieaki Uyemura a boy, Steven Dennis, on March 20 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Satsuki Yasu-moto a boy, Byron Izumi, on March 23 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. George Suga-wara a girl, Jean Miyoko, on March 30 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Tutoaki Yamashita a boy, Paul Yutaka, on March 28 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ikiyo Ko-nawa a girl, Judy, on March 30 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Tadao Satow, Hawthorne, Calif., a girl Jerilyn Kay, on March 29.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Jimi J. Su-bhi a girl, Linda Joy, on March 19 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Toshimitsu Onote a boy, Victor George, on March 8 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Takamichi Atiyoshi a boy, David Bruce, on March 28 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Fred Isamu Ha-yashi a boy, Richard Arthur, on April 2 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Shiochi Kobara a boy on March 28 in Watsonville, Calif.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Uyeda a boy, Darrow Frank, on April 2 in Watsonville, Calif.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Arito S. Ya-mada a girl in Denver.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Sam I. Konishi, San Diego, Calif., a boy on March 22.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Mamoru Masaki, San Diego, Calif., a girl on March 24.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Imoto a girl, Melody Megumi, on April 3 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Moses Hiro Miyazaki a boy, Brent, on April 4 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Fred Muto a girl, Janice Jimi, on March 31 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Percy S. Naka-shima, Sloughhouse, Calif., a girl on April 1.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Takeda, Sanger, Calif., a girl on March 25.  
To Mr. and Mrs. John T. No-nami a girl on March 27 in Sanger, Calif.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Tsutomu Mitsui a girl on April 16 in Salt Lake City.  
To Mr. and Mrs. George M. Hiromoto, Clarksburg, Calif., a boy on March 27.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Shuichi Nishisaka a boy, Randy Bruce Yoshiyuki, on March 25 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kazuo Ogino a boy, Hiroyuki, on April 2 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Yoshio Osajima a girl, Natalie Yoshiko, on March 28 in Los Angeles.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yoshida a girl on April 9 in Portland.  
To Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Eige Hioki a boy, Warren Glenn, on April 4 in San Jose.

## DEATHS

Mrs. Kiyose Satow, 73, on April 14 in Lihue, Kauai.  
Nenokichi Onizuka on April 8 in San Francisco.  
Tota Nishimura, 65, on April 10 in Del Rey, Calif.  
Sunao Kadomoto, 43, on April 11 in Sun Valley, Calif.  
Toyomitsu Ogasawara on March 28 in Chicago.  
Mrs. Tamaki Onodera, 64, on April 10 in Seattle.  
Shunsaburo Ogawa, 68, in New York City.

## MARRIAGES

Tokiko Nakagawa, West Fresno, to Wataru Tanimoto on April 12 in Fresno.  
Yo Fujii to Alex Beskovoran in New York City.  
Yetsuyo Kushino to Pvt. Thomas Honda on April 6 in Chicago.  
Alice Sayoko Noritake to Sgt. Harry Kunio Higashida on April 12 in Los Angeles.  
Eiko Yamaoka to Robert Koga on April 12 in Pasadena, Calif.  
Josephine Keough to Atsushi Omura on April 13 in Hollis, Long Island, N.Y.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

Yukiko Tokunaga, 25, and Osamu Seiki, 29, in San Francisco.  
Sachi P. Otsuji, 20, Berkeley, and John Baran, 24, Brownsville, Pa., in Alameda County, Calif.  
Tomiko Wada, 23, and Kazuo Hiromoto, 26, both of Richmond, Calif., in Oakland.  
Lily Spencer Shinn, 32, and Harry Yukio Miyashiro, 31, in Martinez, Calif.  
Ayako Kishimoto and Toichiro Kitamura, U.S. Army, in Portland, Ore.

## Fellowships Announce 7th Annual Retreat

SANGER, Calif. — The 7th annual Lake Sequoia Retreat will be held July 30 to Aug. 3 at Camp Redwoods, adjacent to Lake Sequoia, by Christian Fellowship groups of Central California.  
Co-chairmen Ruth Ogawa and Barbara Toshiyuki have announced the cabinet will hold its next meeting April 20 at the Fresno Congregational Church at 2 p.m.  
The cabinet will announce the conference theme, scripture and song, and name the speakers and discussion leaders at the meeting.  
In addition to the chairmen, officers are Ritz Konatsu, first vice-chairman; Yosh Nakauchi, second vice-chairman; Yuri Watari, corresponding secretary; Cherry Ogawa, recording secretary; George Katsuki, treasurer; Pauline Mayeda, historian; Mas Nitta, camp manager; Michio Takahashi, publicity chairman; and Honey Watari and Dorothy Nagata, food chairmen.  
Committee chairmen named at the last cabinet meeting were Jo Ann Hirasuna, publications; Lily Imai, reception; Ellen Ogawa, music; and Annie Mancao and Barbara McElligott, nurses.

## Oregon Fireman

ODELL, Ore. — "Pork" Omori recently was elected secretary of the Odell volunteer fire department.

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## Mount Olympus First to Send Ad For Confab

SAN FRANCISCO — The Mount Olympus JACL Chapter is the first to submit its chapter ad for the 12th Biennial National JACL Convention Souvenir Program, according to Susumu Togasaki, business manager for the booklet. Togasaki stated that he received a check from Jim Ushio, president of the Mount Olympus Chapter.

The Sequoia Chapter, the youngest of all the JACL chapters, is the first one to come through with a sizable number of ads for the booklet, reports Togasaki. Under the presidency of Harry Higaki, the Sequoia Chapter has already secured six ads from local concerns, with indications of more to come.  
All JACL Chapters are urged to send in their chapter ads as soon as possible. For all ads, other than chapter ads, a generous commission will be credited to the chapter. Since May 1 is the deadline for all advertising copy, all chapters are urged to "hustle."

## Midwest JACL Meeting Set For Milwaukee

CHICAGO — The 1952 Midwest District Council meeting will be held on May 31 in Milwaukee.  
Nami Shio, president of the host Milwaukee JACL, and Gus Oura, second vice-chairman of the MDC, are co-chairmen for the meeting.  
A mixer is scheduled on May 30 for out-of-town delegates and boosters at the International Institute.  
Mike Masaoka, legislative director of JACL ADC, recently accepted an invitation to give the keynote speech at the dinner dance on May 31 at the Schroeder Hotel.  
A sightseeing trip and a golf tournament also are planned and arrangements have been made for those interested in bowling to view the ABC tournament now under way in Milwaukee.

## Wounded War Hero Gets DSC Award

HONOLULU — A Distinguished Service Cross was presented to Sgt. 1st Cl. Henry H. Yoda on April 8 as the Hawaiian Nisei soldier sat in his wheelchair at Tripler General Hospital.  
Sgt. Yoda is recovering at Tripler from bullet and grenade wounds he suffered in the action on Sept. 29, 1951 in which he won the DSC.  
A squad leader, he attacked a Chinese fortification alone while the rest of his squad was pinned down. He fired two rocket grenades into the bunker and then, dodging enemy grenades and kicking some away, he leaped into a trench that led to the enemy emplacement and stormed it with his rifle and grenades.  
In the fight that followed Sgt. Yoda was seriously wounded, but his one-man assault had broken the Chinese resistance and the rest of the squad took their objective.  
The DSC, the Army's second highest combat decoration, was pinned to Sgt. Yoda's chest by Maj. Gen. Percy W. Clarkson, deputy commander of the U.S. Army, Pacific.

## Two Nisei Texans Enlist in U. S. Army

TOKYO — Two Nisei Texans who were brought to Japan by their parents while both were of minor age in 1946 will return to the United States as American GIs.  
They are Goichi Fujinaka, 23, and his brother, Eiji, 21, who were sworn in last week at the U.S. Army's Camp Asaka.

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## Justice Department Names 210 Who Have Settled Claims

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Justice Department this week informed the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee of the names of 210 more wartime evacuees whose evacuation loss claims have been compromised and settled.

These claimants are expected to be paid before the end of the current fiscal year if the Justice Department's request for funds to carry out the program are approved as part of the supplemental deficiency appropriations bill.

The names of the 210 evacuees who compromised and settled their claims are:

Hideo Ray Takayama, Torrance, Calif.; Izuki Nakashima, Coyote, Calif.; Mine Yamada, Kiyoto Maruyama, Danar Abe, Norio Kurata, Mitsuru Amare, Kamekichi Itami, Teru Shirakawa, Yasujiro Harada, Takashi Kawahara, Hikosaburo Kusumoto, Shigehisa Atsumasa, Teichi Tom Yamagishi, Taikichi Terasawa, Fusakichi Yawata, Shizu Kurose, Genei George Hokama, Setsuji Okumoto, Sanzaemon Furuya, Thomas Matsumoto, Sato Nishida, Kino Hoshino, Retsu Inouye, Yasutaro Takahashi, Los Angeles;  
Seizo Santo, Teiji Futamase, Bonnosuke Handa, Choji Ajari, Tetsutaro Toyoshima, Fusaye Nakanishi, Wasaku Kurotori, Seichi Nerio, San Jose; Kogoro Takagi, San Diego; Yukiye Ida, Masako Ohi, Toshio Okamoto, Elsie Masuyo Uchimura, Miyohiko Kai, Tasuka Wada, James Tamejiro Tanigawa Long Beach, Calif.; Jingo Harry Harada, George H. Kitasako, Shunzo Mitani, Minoru Adachi, Kuwai Kuwahara, Charles S. Sakai, Reijiro Nakaji, Kenzo Kadowaki, Tatsuhiko Matsumoto, Haruno Mizukami, Taka Yanagisawa, Tom Seno, Chicago; Harve Miya, Hanford, Calif.; Tokio Shiomichi, Milwaukee, Wis.;  
Taihei Enoki, Willy Tsuruo Hiraoka, Ontario, Ore.; Fumi Saito, Burley, Idaho; Matsuyo Fujimoto, Hood River, Ore.; Minoru Yonemura, Renton, Wash.; Edna Etsu Abe, Yosaku Aono, Marian Yoshiye Hara, Shizuo Okazaki, Hisayo Akagi, Portland, Ore.; Ben Jinzo Ekuni, Takako Nagata, Kuichiro Itano, Mumeo Hideshima, Itoku Sakada, Chima Katayama, Hisayuki Izumi, Shu Benjamin Seike, Hidejiro Nakamura, Seattle; George Yoichiro Nomura, Tacoma, Wash.; Tadaichi Tanaka, Sun Valley, Calif.;  
Hideo Enomoto, Edako Ono, Tsune Masuko, Tora Hiraike, Omaru, Futoshi Amino, William T. Kimura, Masami Miburi, Toshio Asaeda, Gihel Komiyama, Kinjiu Ida, Tamaye Nakano, Koshi Suzuki, San Francisco; Shozo Hori, Harry Miyamoto, Glendale, Ariz.; Gorokichi Kanemoto, Seabrook, N.J.; Kentaro Nomura, Frank I. Enseki, Bridgeton, N.J.; Kikue Yamashita, Kaju Higashi, Motochika Miyata, San Pedro, Calif.; Ukichi Kubota, Ainosuke Esaki, San Diego; Katsuei Komura, Riverside, Calif.;  
Fusaji Nagata, Kichisuke Nakamura, Naori Kametaro, Sadao Takesaki, Paul Yoneo Uyemura, Tsugio Yokota, Tsuneyasu Uyeda, Tokueichi Kaneko, Yoshio Tanaka, Chieko Kazunaga, Kesazo Hirasuke Yamadera, Sam I. Hasuie, Shogoro Arai, Minoru Kamioka, Gorobei Tokuda, Miyeko Hashii Fukunaga, Hideichi Takagi, Norima

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## Paris Vacation

NEW YORK — Sachi Tanaka, an officer in the New York JACL chapter, will sail on April 25 for a two month vacation in Paris.



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# Bill Suspending Deportation Of 52 Aliens Wins Passage

## Report Non-White Students Face UC Housing Problem

BERKELEY, Calif.—Students of Oriental and Negro ancestry have a difficult time finding housing accommodations near the University of California, James Dodge, president of the campus chapter of the National Association for Advancement of Colored People, said here recently.

"Many of them are forced to live two or three hours away from the campus," Dodge declared.

He added that of 60 private houses approved by the university for student housing, only five would accept Negroes.

## Chicago JACL Plans Drive for Goal of 2,000

CHICAGO—The Chicago JACL is planning an all-out drive to reach their goal of 2,000 memberships for 1952 in order to defeat the combined efforts of four Los Angeles chapters and JACL units in San Francisco and Denver. Chicago challenged the six chapters to a membership contest last fall.

At the end of March the Chicago JACL reported 750 members signed.

Drives have been completed in only four of 18 districts in the Chicago area. These are District 21, captained by Helen Akita, and Districts 7, 8 and 9, captained by Betty Kurotsuchi.

Shizu Sakada, captain of Districts 16 and 18, reported her area was 95 per cent complete.

The membership committee of the chapter has issued a call for volunteers to aid the final drive in which the Chicago JACL hopes to top its 2,000 goal.

## Dance Slated

CHICAGO—The general public is invited to "Turnabout," a social to be held Saturday April 26, at the North Avenue YMCA under sponsorship of the City-Wide Recreation Council, according to Yukio Ozima, chairman.

Square dancing, games, refreshments and social dancing are planned for the evening.

## Canadians Plan Home for Aged

LONDON, Ont.—A project for a home for aged Canadian Issei was endorsed at the three-day conference of the Ontario Japanese Canadian Citizens Association here last week.

A five-year plan was adopted to raise funds for the project.

## Los Angeles Issei Loses Boat Fare To Pickpocket

LOS ANGELES—A pickpocket robbed him of \$1055, including money earmarked as boat fare for a trip to Japan, Eiyu Ikeda, 79, reported to police last week.

Ikeda said his wallet was stolen on a downtown street after he had withdrawn \$1,000 from the bank.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The House passed the Senate concurrent resolution favoring the suspension of deportation of 52 alien Japanese, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee was informed this week.

This Senate concurrent resolution comes under the JACL ADC sponsored law of July, 1948, which provides for the suspension and cancellation of deportation proceedings of worthy resident alien Japanese.

Those for whom the deportation proceedings have been cancelled are Yukiko Kimura, Kichizo Kanzaki or Kichizo Fujiwara, Misao Kan-zaki, Keiko or Kaye Kandaki, Kikuno Matsubara, Isamu Okamoto or Ysamu Okamura or Yoshio Monaka, Hiroshi Shibata, Jiro Takata or George Takata, Fujiye Abe or Fujiye Bode or Fujuyie Sakata, Yataro Inouye or John Yataro Inouye or John Yataro Inoye;

Takejiro Matsui, Shichiroku Mozawa, Fumi Tatsuoaka Moriyama Tanaka, Mitsuye Yabe or Mary Mitsute Yabe or Mitsuye Nishihama, Masako Yoshihara, Haruji Hamasaki or Haruzi Hamasaki or Hitoshi Hamasaki or Harry Hamasaki or Harry Hama or Harry Kasu; Hamasaki, Isaku Ida or Toraichi Oishi, Tomi Kumagai nee Tomi Yoshida, Fumiye Nakamura or Fumiye Uyeno, John Nakagawa or Sunkichi Nakagawa, Mie Sagaru;

Tatsue Shibayama, Yuzo Shibayama, Hisako Aoki or Hisa Aoko, Akira Chiba, Ai Chiwaki nee Tamura, Tadashi Hamano, Kamejiro Hamano, Shizuko Hamano, Hatsuno Higuchi, Toshitaro Ishikawa, Komano Orta Ishikawa, Raizo Kawaguchi, Gogi Kubota or George Kobe or George Kubota or Kenzo Kubota, Sannosuke Madokoro, Koshiro Miura, Haruko Miura or Haruko Masuda (MN), Takeshi Nishikawa or Philip Nishikawa;

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## Nisei Attorney Helps Client Win Large Settlement

LOS ANGELES—A Nisei attorney was credited last week with aiding a plaintiff to receive one of the highest pre-trial settlements in local legal history for a person of Oriental descent in a personal injury action growing out of an automobile accident.

John F. Aiso was one of three attorneys who represented Lesa Chang, a Korean language instructor at the Army's Military Intelligence language school in Monterey, Calif. Miss Chang was injured in an auto collision on Aug. 10 near Arroyo Grande. Her case was settled out of court for \$22,625.

## Despondency Over Illness Cited in Californian's Suicide

SUN VALLEY, Calif. — Despondency resulting from a long illness was believed to be the reason for the death last week of Sunao Kadomoto, 43, San Fernando valley farmer.

Kadomoto reportedly committed suicide by drinking an insecticide.

His body was found on April 11 by a neighbor, Catherine Yonemura.

Kadomoto who was separated from his wife, Alice, has been in ill-health and was under the care of a physician, according to investigating officers.

Police said he had threatened suicide on several occasions.

## Canada Nears Completion of Claims Program

OTTAWA—Settlement of losses sustained by persons of Japanese ancestry as a result of their forced evacuation from the British Columbia coastal area in 1942 is near completion, Canada's Custodian of Enemy Alien Property reported recently.

A total of 1,296 awards were made, amounting to \$1,254,121. Twenty-six additional claims, totaling \$60,327, remain to be paid.

It was noted here that the settlements were made according to recommendations of Justice H. I. Bird of British Columbia, who conducted a one-man investigation in evacuation losses and represent only a fraction of the actual losses sustained by the 23,000 persons of Japanese descent who were evacuated.

## Resettlers Sponsor Meeting to Gauge Progress of Nisei

CHICAGO—A meeting to evaluate the progress made by Japanese Americans in the fields of recreation, health and welfare, education, civil rights, housing, community organization and employment was held April 10 by the Chicago Resettlers Committee.

Corneff Taylor of the Commission on Human Relations spoke on the commission's Unity Conference, which will begin April 21.

The conference, sponsored by many organizations including the Resettlers Committee and the JACL, will take an inventory of accomplishments in carrying out recommendations of the last conference in 1949. The conference will also analyze the present state of human relations in Chicago and develop a program of action.

Taylor urged wide participation by the Nisei group. The evaluation of Japanese American progress will be incorporated in the conference program.

Leaders attending the meeting include Mari Sabusawa, Abe Hagihara, Jean Kaita, JACL; Mrs. Hope Nagata, Mrs. Tazu Suzuki, Nisei Women's Club; Hana Tani, City-Wide Recreation Council; Yuri Tashima, Singles Fellowship; Mrs. Ayako Kumamoto, Resettlers board; James Arima, Midwest Buddhist Church; and Chizu Iiyama, Resettlers Committee.

## Plan "Issei Night"

FRESNO, Calif. — The Fresno JACL chapter will hold an "Issei Night" on May 10.

# Expect Leading Nisei Flyers To Compete in Trophy Race

LOS ANGELES—Most of the leading Nisei flyers in the United States will compete in the 2nd biennial Henry Ohye Trophy Race which will be sponsored by the Nisei Flyers of America on June 27 and 28.

The light airplane economy race is being staged on a course from Los Angeles to San Francisco with a stop at Fresno and will be held simultaneously with the 12th biennial national convention of the JACL in San Francisco.

The race is open to all licensed Nisei pilots in the United States and Hawaii and the entry deadline with April 30.

The first plane will take off from East Los Angeles Airport at 10 a.m. on June 27.

The Nisei Flyers of America have announced that the competition is being held to stimulate interest in private flying and to increase public confidence in Nisei pilots.

The winners will be determined by multiplying time en route by gasoline consumed, divided by the mileage and full useful load.

Lap prizes will be awarded at Fresno on June 27 and grand prizes will be given at San Francisco on June 29.

Among the planes expected to be entered by Nisei airmen are Cessna 140s and Cessna 170s, Luscombe, Beechcraft Bonanza, Bellanca Crusiermaster and Ryan Navian.

The first Henry Ohye Trophy Race, held in 1950 from Los Angeles to Chicago, was won by Albert Kushihashi of North Platte, Neb., flying a Cessna 170. Kushihashi already is entered in this year's race.

Frank Chuman, national JACL vice-president and legal adviser for the air race, recently visited San Francisco to discuss plans for a reception to honoring pilots at the National JACL convention.

## Potluck Dinner Features Meeting

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — A highly successful potluck dinner featured the last meeting of the San Luis Obispo JACL on April 4 at the local Buddhist church.

Guests of honor were new chapter members.

Kazuo Ikeda, president, presided over a short business meeting. Ping pong and folk dancing under the direction of Mrs. Matt Kunihiro were enjoyed by the members. Mrs. William Nagano headed the food committee.

New members present included Mrs. K. Iwao, Aiko Tokunaga, Chiyo and Mitzi Sakamoto, Yuki Shishido and Roy Obayashi.

## Nisei Veterans Of 40th Division Home from Far East

SEATTLE—Five Nisei GIs were among the first members of California's 40th Army Division who returned from Korean combat action on April 13 aboard the transport Sgt. Sylvester Antolak.

Southern Californians aboard the ship included: First 1st. R.S. Hamada, Gardena; Pfc. Tad Takayama and Sgt. 1st Cl. Kurao Tsuchiya, Los Angeles; Pfc. W. T. Nomura, Santa Barbara, and Pfc. Yusuoke Omori, San Luis Rey.

## PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL TO ADMIT GI'S SWEETHEART

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The President signed a private bill for the relief of Masako Miyazaki, Japanese fiancée of Lester G. Barrett, Jr., the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee was informed on April 15.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. (Rep., Mass.) introduced the bill to admit Masako Miyazaki for purposes of marriage to Lester G. Barrett, Jr., of Medford, Massachusetts.

## Student Group Raps Prejudice In California

EL CERRITO, Calif.—A student from El Cerrito High School introduced a resolution condemning anti-Oriental discrimination in California which was adopted at the semi-annual convention of the Junior Statesmen of America on April 5 in Sacramento.

John Elliott, president of the El Cerrito chapter, sponsored the resolution which called for action to rescind or amend sections of the California State Constitution which discriminate against persons of Oriental descent.

Elliott reported the resolution was adopted unanimously and copies have been sent to members of the state legislature.

The resolution stated: "The State of California has exerted the greatest influence for the establishment of restrictive immigration and other national laws which discriminate against Orientals."

## Cortez JACL Plans Community Picnic

CORTEZ, Calif.—A community picnic for residents of the Cortez, Turlock and Denair areas will be sponsored on April 20 by the Cortez JACL at the local park.

## End Member Drive

LIVINGSTON, Calif.—The Livingston-Merced JACL chapter recently concluded a successful membership drive in which a total of 121 members was secured, eclipsing last year's total of 97.

## Woman Injured As Explosion Destroys Trailer

VAN NUYS, Calif.—Mrs. Kazuko Hamada, 22, was treated for severe shock on April 12 after an explosion destroyed her home trailer in a local trailer park.

Mrs. Hamada was flung from a chair against the wall and suffered severe shock.

The blast is believed to have been caused by a leaking butane gas tank.

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