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JACL Investigates Report Family of Nisei War Prisoner Victimized by Blackmailers

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Are families of Nisei prisoners of Communists in Korea the victims of blackmail attempts? This is the question being investigated by the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee after such an attempt was called to their attention recently.

The Chicago family of a Nisei soldier who is officially listed "missing in action" by the Army has received a number of letters from an alleged benefactor in China "requesting" that

Wages varying from \$500 to \$750 be sent him in Hong Kong to assure that their son is properly treated. The benefactor claims that the Nisei is a prisoner of war, captured November, 1950.

Rep. Sidney R. Yates (Dem., Ill.) has been asked by the JACL DC to call this matter to the attention of the Department of Defense.

According to the family, the "Chicago Tribune" early in 1951 carried a news story of a Red Broadcast which named 30 officers and men captured by the North Koreans. Among the alleged prisoners of war was this Nisei GI.

The family received a letter from a person who signed himself as Rep. N. S. Chiso, a person who claimed to be a Japanese national turned Communist. This writer enclosed a letter on American

Red Cross stationery presumably written and signed by this Nisei which told of his capture and asked that \$500 be sent to Chiso.

Several weeks later, the family received another letter from Chiso, reporting that their son was being cared for by a friend in Hong Kong. The letter demanded \$750 to pay for his board and room.

Not long after this second letter, the family received a telegram signed with their son's name saying that he was now in Shanghai and asking that more money be sent immediately.

During this period, the Chinese Communists submitted the names of American soldiers who were their prisoners of war as a part of the truce negotiations. The name of this Chicago Nisei was not on the list.

But, a magazine published in New York called the "National Guardian" carried a news story listing his name as among Red prisoners.

Another Nisei GI, who escaped the Communists and is now discharged wrote the family in Chicago that he had seen their son in a Korean POW camp where he had been imprisoned.

Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC director, explained that this story is being released in the hope that other families of Nisei who might be prisoners of the Communists and which have received letters demanding money will notify the Washington Office of the JACL ADC, 300 Fifth Street, N.E., Washington 2, D.C., in order that the extent of such practices might be determined. Masaoka promised that all information will be turned over to the proper authorities and names kept confidential.

This Chicago experience follows the pattern used by Chinese Communists to blackmail Chinese-American families in the United States which have relatives residing in Red China. We do not expect that many Nisei or Issei families have been threatened, but we would like to know about every case in order to help stamp out this nefarious crime," the JACL ADC official said.

REPORT TWO NISEI HURT ON KOREAN 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:

Listed as wounded are:

Sergeant First Class Allan T. Shishido, son of Sadami Shishido, 1989 Ninth Avenue, Honolulu, T.H.

Corporal Tatsumi Aragaki, son of Mrs. Kama Aragaki, P.O. Box 96, Mount View, Honolulu, T.H.

Judge Denies Request to Move Kawakita

LOS ANGELES—Sustaining objections from attorneys for Tomoya Kawakita, U.S. District Judge William C. Mathes last week rejected an application from the United States Attorney to remove the prisoner from the Los Angeles county jail to the city jail at Santa Ana, Calif.

Kawakita's lawyers, Morris Levine and A. L. Wirin, objected to the proposed transfer of the prisoner on the ground that no action should be taken to remove the prisoner, convicted of wartime treason for brutality to war prisoners in Japan, until the U.S. Supreme Court decides on the appeal in the case.

Levine and Wirin contended that moving Kawakita to Santa Ana would be a hardship on the prisoner's parents who reside in Los Angeles as well as an inconvenience to the attorneys who desire to confer with him.

Federal officials sought to move Kawakita on the ground that his well-being was endangered by threats of "war veterans" held in the same jail. It was contended that this necessitated an "extra watch" on the prisoner. It was also stated that the county jail was overcrowded and there was no provision for physical exercise.

Kawakita has been held in the county jail since his conviction in 1948.

California Nisei Selected for Navy Officer Training

LOS ANGELES—Joseph Yo Nishimura is one of 65 Southern California appointees for the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps whose names were announced last week by Rear Adm. Wilder D. Baker.

Nisei Furniture Craftsman Will Receive Coveted Award

NEW YORK—George Nakashima, an architect who became a furniture designer while in a wartime relocation camp in Idaho, was chosen this week to receive the coveted craftsman medal of the American Institute of Architects this year.

Mr. Nakashima, 40, a native of Seattle, and now of New Hope, Pa., will be honored for his talents as a furniture manufacturer and designer. This will be the first time that the award has gone to a furniture craftsman.

The medal will be presented to the Nisei by Glenn Stanton, president of the architects' association, in a ceremony at the Cloisters Museum in New York City on June 24 during the 84th annual convention of the architects.

Nakashima, who attended the University of Washington, was graduated in architecture at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and later received a diploma from Ecole Americaine de Beaux Arts in Paris. He worked in several New York architectural offices and was an architect in Tokyo for a period during the war. He made a trip to India to design several buildings.

He returned to the United States just before the war, in time to be evacuated from Seattle to the Minidoka relocation center in Idaho.

He mastered the cabinet-making crafts and acquired his distinctive style while studying under an old Issei carpenter at Minidoka.

"Honesty, sincerity, simplicity, naturalness and organic beauty found expression in his furniture," the A.I.A. commented. "Clean lines, well-selected materials and natural hand-rubbed oil finish distinguish his product. Many have found in his furniture an echo of the austere early Pennsylvania craftsmanship of the Shakers."

In his New Hope plant Mr. Nakashima makes tables, chairs and storage pieces to order. The designs for a few of his pieces are manufactured by Knoll Associates Inc., a New York furniture house.

The craftsmanship award was established by the architects in 1915 as its highest honor for work in metals, masonry, textiles, and other industrial arts. Earlier recipients include F. W. Goudy, typographer; Dorothy Wright Liebes, weaver and textile designer, and the Steuben Glass Works.

Two Los Angeles Television Stations Accede to JACL's Bid to Bar Anti-Nisei Films

LOS ANGELES—Two Los Angeles television stations acceded this week to a request from the Japanese American Citizens League to stop the telecasting of motion pictures, mostly made during the early years of World War II, in which Japanese Americans are portrayed as villains, spies and traitors.

The stations are KNBH and KECA-TV.

Station managers, however, were adamant in refusing a second JACL request to screen kinescopes and films of wrestling bouts which, the organization felt, may provoke racist feeling against persons of Japanese ancestry.

The JACL's letters to the seven Los Angeles TV stations, part of a national campaign by the organization to fight race stereotypes on television, described wartime pictures which depicted Nisei as villains as "vicious" and specifically named the following films: "Let's Get Tough," Sam Katzman production; "Little Tokyo, USA," 20th-Fox; "Betrayal from the East," RKO; "Air Force" and "Across the Pacific," Warners.

Don Norman, manager of the National Broadcasting Company's station, KNBH, said the station would "eliminate any such pictures now."

"Let's Get Tough" already has been shown on TV stations throughout the nation. The other films, controlled by major producing companies, have not yet been released to TV.

Norman said he opposed any restriction on the telecasting of wrestling matches, saying "wrestling is scarcely a reflection on any racial group."

"We would not propagandize against the Japs or hurt the Nisei," Norman said. "But we will decide what is good for them, and what isn't."

Phil Hoffman, manager of KECA-TV, said he is inclined to go along with the request to ban racist motion pictures but didn't agree on the wrestling issue, saying he felt telecasting of wrestling bouts would not affect racial relationships.

Wilbur Edwards, manager of the CBS affiliate, KNXT, said each picture would be judged individually by his station.

KTTV's general manager, Dick Moore, said all motion pictures are screened by studio executives and any pictures found offensive are not shown. No pictures reflecting on any race, creed or minority are shown, he said.

In references to pictures in which Nisei are cast as villains, Moore commented:

"Villains have got to be something. Every plot has a villain and we can scarcely eliminate the role of heavy from the pictures."

The JACL protested the motion pictures on the ground they were unfair to the group and stressed the wartime record of the Japanese American group.

The JACL's letter to the TV stations emphasized the group was not attempting to act as censors but as "a group of people interested in justice and fair play."

Seven Nisei Will Receive Whitney Opportunity Awards

NEW YORK CITY—Seven Nisei were awarded Whitney Opportunity Fellowships by the John Hay Whitney Foundation last week to continue their studies in 1952-53.

Fifty awards totaling \$100,000 were made, in individual grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Two of the Nisei winners were given renewals of previous fellowships. They were John Kitsuse of West Los Angeles, graduate student in sociology at the University of California at Los Angeles, and Toshio Yatsushiro of Wailuku, Maui, T.H., graduate student in anthropology at Cornell University.

New awards went to the following:

Mary Fumie Akimoto of Honolulu, student at Juilliard School of Music, to continue study in the dance.

Lindy Fumio Kumagai of Salt Lake City, student at the University of Utah Medical School, to complete medical education and continue research.

Frances Kieko Suda of Honolulu, student at the University of Hawaii, to take graduate study in history at Radcliffe College.

Dorothy Kuniko Takechi of New York City, executive director of the YWCA at Mt. Vernon, N.Y., to continue graduate study in human relations at New York University.

Takehiko Yoshihashi of Waterbury, Conn., student and assistant in research at Yale University, to continue graduate study in international relations.

The awards are made each year to Americans of exceptional promise who, because of arbitrary barriers such as race, cultural background or region of residence, have not had the fullest opportunity to develop their abilities.

Appointed Warden

BERKELEY, Calif.—George Kondo, manager of a Berkeley laundry, last week was named a deputy district warden in the Berkeley civil defense warden service.

Denver Woman Ordained Into Buddhist Priesthood

DENVER, Colo.—Denver's first Buddhist priestess and one of five in the United States has no intention of occupying the pulpit of the Tri-State Buddhist Church, headed by her husband, the Rev. N. Tsuoda, she said this week.

"I'll just work with the young people and help out anywhere I'm needed," Mrs. Mutsumi Tsuoda, who was ordained to the priesthood in San Francisco in February, declared.

Three other women were ordained at the same time by Chief Abbott Ohtani of the Nishi Hongwanji sect who recently concluded a tour of the United States.

Mrs. Tsuoda, born in San Luis Obispo, Calif., attended the Buddhist Institute in Kyoto, Japan.

Commands VFW Post

LINDSAY, Calif.—Tom Watabe was installed as commander of the Lindsay VFW Post No. 8513 at a meeting in Exeter recently.

Name of Nisei Will Be Placed On War Memorial

FORT LUPTON, Colo.—The name of Sgt. Andrew R. Watada, first Nisei GI from this area to die in the Korean war, will be placed on the American Legion's memorial at Hillside cemetery, along with the names of other soldiers from the Fort Lupton region who died in Korea, according to Commander Ralph Braden of the local Legion post.

Wisconsin Widow Who Adopted Lonesome Nisei Soldiers Gets Warm Reception in Honolulu

HONOLULU, T. H.—Mrs. Nellie ("Ma Nelly") Kiefer, the 68-year old Wisconsin woman who mothered lonely Japanese American soldiers from Hawaii during World War II, arrived in Honolulu on April 28 to a heartwarming welcome.

More than 100 Nisei war veterans and their families met the grey-haired widow at the airport with Hawaiian songs and hula dances, sunny smiles and masses of flowers.

The veterans, whom Mrs. Kiefer entertained at her home in La Crosse, are sponsoring a 44-day island tour for her. She will visit all the islands, take in all the sights and be a guest in the homes of "her boys."

"We want to give her something to remember," one of the veterans said. "We can never forget what she did for us."

It all started when Mrs. Kiefer's son, George, brought one of the homesick GIs, a member of the 100th Infantry Battalion at nearby Sparta, Wis., home for supper one night. Soon the house was filled almost every weekend with homesick Nisei.

"Lots of times we didn't know where the food was coming from," Mrs. Kiefer recalled, "and for the first time in his life George went fishing to catch fish to eat. But the abuse we received from some people in town made me wonder what the war was being fought for anyhow."

More than 80 members of the 100th Infantry Battalion, which went on to make military history in Italy with the 4th Division and later in France with the 442nd Combat Team, dropped in to the Kiefer home in La Crosse.

George Kiefer and his wife accompanied Mrs. Kiefer on her Hawaiian trip.

"I never thought anything like this would happen to me," Mrs. Kiefer said as she sat on the beach at Waikiki looking out at the surf. A dozen of her "adopted" sons sat around her, grinning happily.

Mrs. Kiefer learned to cook rice and fish, Japanese style, "just like mother," one of the ex-GIs said. She also took the Nisei on fishing trips and wrote faithfully to them when they went to Italy.

"God sent them to me," Mrs. Kiefer said, "for a little home life away from home."

Mrs. Kiefer's trip was made possible by a check for \$450 which was sent to her last Christmas by "her boys" in Hawaii. She received an express invitation from 22 of the boys or from parents of those who were killed in battle.

Mr. and Mrs. Tadahira Matsuoka — Mrs. Matsuoka's brother was one of those who died in Italy—met Mrs. Kiefer, her son and daughter-in-law in San

Nisei Veteran Takes Important Role in TV Play About War

NEW YORK—A Nisei war veteran who has never acted before made his national network television debut on April 20 on the Philco TV Playhouse hour over NBC.

Sho Onodera relived a part of his wartime experiences as a military intelligence specialist in the Pacific war when he played a leading role in the hour-long production of Robert Allan Arthur's play, "The Basket Weaver."

According to Gordon Duff, director of the play, Onodera turned in a "creditable performance" in his portrayal of a Nisei soldier who is the objective of a psychopath's obsession.

The drama involved the crackup of a Marine officer under stress in combat in the South Pacific. Onodera's role included a situation which many Nisei in military intelligence in the Pacific experienced, that of calling on the enemy in jungles and caves to surrender.

Duff, who chose Onodera for the role, felt the Nisei veteran—now working for the Voice of America—could act the role despite the fact he had no previous theatrical experience.

One of the dramatic moments in the drama is a scene in which the Marine officer harangues the Nisei soldier with racist names. Duff felt Onodera's reaction to the situation

Discuss Plans For Conference In Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE, Wisc.—The Milwaukee JACL will be host to the next meeting of the Midwest district council, slated for Memorial Day weekend at the Hotel Schroeder.

Nami Shio, Jim Momoi and Gus Oura will be in charge of general arrangements. A number of unusual and interesting features are planned for delegates and boosters.

The council's business meeting will be held Saturday, May 31. An informal banquet and dance are planned for the evening, with Mike Masaoka, ADC director, as the main speaker at the banquet.

A golf tournament will also be held on Saturday. Prizes will be awarded at the dance.

Delegates arriving on Friday evening will be invited to a mixer at the International Institute.

Another feature of the conference will be a sight-seeing tour of Milwaukee, famous for its lovely lake front, its vast parks and scenery.

Committee chairmen have been named as follows:

Betty Makiya, registration; Shelley Ota Wells, publicity; Ronald Minami, finances; Helen Inai, mixer; Charles Matsumoto and Mary Oura, dinner-dance; Sat Nakahira, photography; Yutake Kuge and Tok Shiomichi, transportation; Shiro Shiraga, sight-seeing; and Dennis Makiya, golf.

Francisco and accompanied them to Honolulu on the plane.

Their wartime hospitality has brought the Kiefers much happiness. When "Ma Nelly" was hospitalized in 1949, her room was always filled with rare and beautiful flowers from her boys. Every Christmas she has received 25 or 30 packages from all over the world.

"Our boys have been awfully good to us," Mrs. Kiefer said. "None of them have ever forgotten."

Berries Sent to Congressmen



GLendale, Ariz.—John C. Glynn, public relations director of the Arizona JACL, readies a shipment of Arizona Nisei-grown strawberries destined for Senate Majority Leader E. W. McFarland, Sen. Carl Hayden and Congressmen John R. Murdock and Harold A. Patten.

The berries, grown by Mutt and Floyd Yamamoto of Glendale, were sent to promote the Arizona strawberry industry.

About 99 per cent of the state's berries are grown in the Glendale area, and practically all of it by Japanese Americans. One of the most delicate and costly crops, strawberries cost about \$1,000 per acre to raise to the selling point. More than 100 acres were wiped out by blight last summer.

The Nisei-managed industry has been widely publicized of late, with features in the Phoenix Gazette, the Arizona Republic and local weekly newspapers.—Photo by Byron Shaw.

Japan Peace Treaty Ends "Enemy Alien" Status for Issei in United States

WASHINGTON, D. C.—When the Treaty of Peace with Japan came into force on Monday, April 28, resident alien Japanese automatically lost their "enemy alien" status, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported.

Japanese nationals in the United States were designated as "enemy aliens" by presidential proclamation on December 8, 1941.

It was under the authority to deal with "enemy aliens" that many Issei were detained and interned by the Department of Justice. It was also under this authority that travel restrictions were imposed on some Japanese nationals, their funds frozen, and their property vested.

Although officially the "enemy alien" classification was in force until April 28, for all practical purposes the restrictions under that authority were lifted after the surrender of Japan in 1945, except for vested property held by the Office of Alien Property. Vested property is being returned to their former owners or retained by the government in accordance with the provisions of the Trading with the Enemy Act and the Japanese Peace Treaty.

The Washington Office of the JACL ADC also expressed the opinion that Nisei renunciants who were under exclusion orders as "enemy aliens" could no longer be held under the "enemy alien" provisions of the law, for the formal ending of the war with Japan removed all of its nationals for this classification. Nisei renunciants, it was explained, who were also Japanese nationals lost their United States citizenship when they renounced it but retained their Japanese citizenship. As Japanese nationals, they were treated and considered as "enemy aliens," it was said.

A stimulated explosion set fire to some props a few feet away from his legs. He could feel the heat but couldn't turn about because the cameras were grinding away and he had to carry on with his role. Prop men, outside the camera's vision, put out the fire before Onodera was set afire.

The Philco TV Playhouse is carried on the co-axial cable to eastern stations but is kinescoped for showing in other parts of the country. It was shown in the Midwest on April 27 and is scheduled to be shown in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle and Salt Lake City on or after May 4.

Members of the cast beside Onodera included Walter Mathau, Robert Keigh Jr. and George Tine. SAN FRANCISCO—Alice Kase is one of four voting delegates who are representing the San Francisco YWCA at the national YWCA convention which started on May 1 in Chicago.

Attends Convention

Strandee Wins Restoration of U.S. Citizenship

SAN FRANCISCO—Shirley Sugine, who lost her American citizenship by voting in the Japanese elections of 1946 and '47, was restored to citizenship in Federal court this week by Federal Judge George B. Harris.

Miss Sugine was taken when she was a child. She grew up there and became a school teacher.

After the war she voted in Japan's general elections because she told the court, "I thought they were under the supervision of the United States Army." She said she was told that she would lose her job, her ration book and possibly her home if she failed to vote.

She sought to return to the United States in 1948 but was told her voting constituted repudiation of her American citizenship.

Judge Harris said the Nisei was "a victim of coercion" and set aside the consular ruling.

Resettlers Plan Discussion on Nisei Personality

CHICAGO—Dr. Charlotte Babcock, well known psychiatrist Estelle Gabriel, psychiatric social worker, and Dr. George De Va head psychologist of Elgin State Hospital will be the resource people for a series of discussions on Japanese American Personality sponsored by the Chicago Resettlers Committee on May 5th, May 19th and June 2nd.

Directed towards understanding the cultural influences on Japanese Americans and the problems which arise with acculturation, the series will be opened to Japanese American social workers and teachers and agency workers who deal with Japanese Americans.

The sessions will be held at the Chicago Resettlers Committee building, 1110 North La Salle and are slated to begin at 8 p.m.

Eugene Uyeki, sociologist, will chair the series and give a brief introduction of historical background. Hana Tani and Mrs. Chizu Iiyama of the Chicago Resettlers staff will record the pertinent facts discussed.

Nisei Student Wins School Honor Award

CHICAGO—Esther Suzuki Wells High is one of the winners of the 1952 Civic Achievement Awards announced on April 26 by the Chicago Youth Week Committee.

The awards are made to outstanding members of the February and June graduating classes of Chicago high schools.

The 102 award winners were interviewed last week by representatives of local universities who will consider their qualifications for available scholarships.

House, Senate Group Plans Conference on Claims Fund

WASHINGTON, D. C.—As the House and Senate named their respective conferees for the Third Supplemental Appropriation Bill for 1952, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee announced that every effort will be made to have the full \$14,800,000 originally approved by the house for the payment of compromised and settled evacuation claims restored in Conference.

The House unanimously approved this amount on March 12th but the Senate Appropriations Committee eliminated this item in its entirety. Led by Senators Warren G. Magnuson (Dem., Wash.) and Carl Hayden (Dem., Ariz.), the sum of nine million for the payment of evacuation claims was restored during Senate floor debate on April 17th. In addition, the Senate agreed that in Conference the figure should be revised upward to include all compromise settlements made by the Department of Justice up to that time.

Mike Masaoka, national legislative director, estimated that the Department of Justice will have compromised and settled about \$13,000,000 in evacuation claims by the end of the week.

House conferees are Representatives Clarence Gannon (Dem., Mo.), John J. Rooney (Dem., N.Y.), John E. Fogarty (Dem., R.I.), John Taber (Rep., N.Y.), and Richard B. Wigglesworth (Rep., Mass.).

Senate conferees are Senators Kenneth McKellar (Dem., Tenn.), Carl Hayden (Dem., Ariz.), Richard B. Russell (Dem., Ga.), Pat McCarran (Dem., Nev.), Joseph C. O'Mahoney (Dem., Wyo.), Styles Bridges (Rep., N.H.), Homer Ferguson (Rep., Mich.), Guy Gordon (Rep., Ore.), and Leverett Saltonstall (Rep., Mass.).

The conferees are expected to meet next week to iron out differences between the amounts which the House and Senate approved for various departmental items for the current 1952 fiscal year which ends June 30th.

Congressmen Sidney R. Yates (Dem., Ill.) and Henry M. Jackson (Dem., Wash.), both members of the House Appropriations Committee, have been requested by the JACL ADC to intervene in the half of restoring the full \$14,800,000 with their colleagues who have been named House conferees.

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

Strandee Asks Recognition of Citizen Rights

DENVER, Colo.—A Nisei wartime strandee, who worked as a reporter for a Japanese news agency in Burma during World War II, filed suit in Federal court last week, seeking recognition of his United States citizenship.

Kiyoshi Kawaguchi, 32, now a resident of Denver, claimed in his suit he was forced to renounce his U.S. nationality in 1943 while in Japan.

Kawaguchi, a native of Shelton, Wash., said he was forced to the act of renunciation in order to obtain employment and food rations.

In Feb., 1948, Kawaguchi applied for a passport to return to the United States but was denied permission by State Department representatives in Japan.

Kawaguchi originally filed suit in 1949 in Seattle where the U.S. District Court ruled against him. This decision was reversed by the appellate court on appeal.

The State Department is the defendant in the suit filed by Kawaguchi who is represented by Min Yasui.

Reno JACL Has Japanese Booth in WCA World Fete

RENO, Nev.—The Reno JACL sponsored a booth specializing in Japanese novelties in the YWCA's fourth international festival held in the State Building auditorium on April 19.

JACL chapters throughout the country donated many of the items. Others were given by local JACL members, while the rest were obtained through Mas Baba, operator of the Flower Box.

The items were sold in the form of chances with each item attached to a string and pulled from the counter. All 300 of the novelties were gone before the program was over.

Joyce Chikami was chairman, assisted by Eunice Oshima, Mary Chadwell, Fred Aoyama, Mas Baba, Oscar Fujii, Frank Chikami and Harold Ueki.

JACL chapters donating to the booth were the Alameda, Albuquerque, Detroit, East Bay, East Los Angeles, Eden Township, Florida, Gardens Valley, Fort Lupton, French Camp, Gresham-Troutdale, Livingston-Merced, Milwaukee, Mount Olympus, New York, Palmer, Pasadena, Placer County, Santa Barbara, Seattle, San Francisco, San Mateo County, Santa Barbara, Seattle, Stockton and Washington, D. C. JACLS and the Twin Cities United Citizens League.

Wins News Award

FRESNO, Calif.—Ted Slocum, assistant sports editor of the Fresno High School Owl, won first prize for sports writing at the annual spring press conference held at Fresno State College on April 26.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tokitaro Nishimura Slocum of Fresno.

JACL ADC Role in Combating Anti-Japanese Prejudice Told

WASHINGTON, D. C.—As the formal instruments of the ratification of the Japanese Peace Treaty were being deposited and as the provisions of the treaty came into force on April 28 the Washington office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee released the text of the greetings sent on behalf of the JACL by Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, to the Emperor and the people of Japan.

In addressing the Emperor and the people of Japan, Masaoka emphasized the hope of all persons of Japanese ancestry that Japan will be co-partners with the United States and other free and independent governments striving toward a great democratic vision of peaceful and cooperative world community... have a long and noble future."

"As Americans of Japanese ancestry," stated Masaoka, "we look to the day when the United States and Japan, joined by the bonds of common objectives, will forge a new era of prosperity and harmony in the Far East. Because the Japanese culture is an integral part of its belief in the dignity of man."

Little Reaction Seen on Coast To Passage of Walter Bill

NEW YORK—"The West Coast, once a hotbed of anti-Oriental feeling, greeted with little opposition today the news that the House had voted to make all Asians eligible for naturalization," the Times reported on April 25 in a special dispatch from its San Francisco correspondent.

"This contrasts with what the reaction to such a step would have been even a little more than a decade ago, when alien Japanese, about the time World War II began, were being accused of controlling and farming huge acreages of rich agricultural lands in California and virtually running competing Caucasians out of business," the Times observer declared.

The correspondent noted that West Coast criticism of the House bill (the Walter omnibus immigration and naturalization bill) came not from conservative groups "that had fought any encroachment by Orientals but from liberal quarters."

"The criticism was based on the charge that in general the bad outweighed the good," the report continued.

Eugene Block of San Francisco, secretary of a community committee to oppose the measure, declared that while it put the Japanese and some other Asians on a quota basis, it was bad in that it gave a number of additional grounds for excluding immigrants. Block attacked what he said were many new grounds for denaturalizing Americans and for deporting aliens and charged that the measure discriminated against displaced persons.

Ernest Besig, Northern California director of the American Civil Liberties Union, was quoted as asserting that "the bill has made one step forward and taken twenty-five steps backward."

The Times correspondent said Haruo Ishimura, regional representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, hailed the House action, however, and declared he noted diminishing opposition to the bill in the last three weeks.

Spokesmen for the State Chamber of Commerce, the State Federation of Labor and other groups said they had taken no stand.

Two Nisei Arrive In Tokyo Aboard New Stratocruiser

TOKYO—Two Nisei were among 28 American newspaper and radio-television men who arrived here last week on a pre-inaugural flight of Northwest Airlines' strato-cruiser service to Japan on April 28, according to Peter Ohtaki, Orient representative.

Orient personnel will help Issei in boarding or changing planes at the Seattle airport, Ohtaki said.

The airline is also issuing Japanese translation booklets to Japanese travel agencies for use of Issei passengers on other domestic airlines connecting with Northwest's Orient flights.

With the installation of the double-decked Stratocruiser, Northwest will cut its current record time by more than six hours. The Seattle-Tokyo flight via the "Great Circle" route will take 22 hours and 59 minutes, while the return flight will take only 18 hours and four minutes.

Army Chaplain Talks to JACL

LIVINGSTON, Calif.—Major James W. Johnson, Jr., chaplain at Castle Air Base, was scheduled to speak on European and Far East war experiences April 26 before the Livingston-Merced JACL.

Major Johnson served recently in the Japanese and Korean areas.

JACL President's pins were presented to David Kirihara, who served from 1948-49; Kiyo Yoshino, 1950; and Buichi Kajiwara, 1951.

Fred Hashimoto was chairman for the evening. Mary Sabusawa and Grace Kimoto were song leaders. Frances Tashima and her committee were in charge of food.

Delegates Named

GARDENA, Calif.—Yo Minami and Harold Kobata were named April 27 as official delegates of the Gardena Valley JACL to the National JACL convention in San Francisco.

Selection was made by the chapter's board of directors at a meeting held at the home of Ryo Komae, chairman.

The delegates will also represent the chapter at the Pacific Southwest district's pre-convention rally in San Luis Obispo.

JACL ADC Official Cautions Against Premature Optimism On Issei Citizenship Issue

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Although expressing himself as gratified with the recent House vote and passage of the Walter Bill, Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, cautioned against premature optimism by declaring that the omnibus legislation on immigration and naturalization still faced four more obstacles before becoming law, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported this week.

Masaoka stated that with the transfer of the fight to the Senate the immediate hurdle to be surmounted is the apparent reluctance of the Senate Democratic Majority Policy committee to schedule the omnibus measure on the Legislative Calendar for debate and vote.

Masaoka was invited by State Department officials to join the party which saw Ambassador Murphy off for Japan.

The new envoy declared himself as being keenly interested in the fate of the Walter-McCarran omnibus immigration and naturalization bill because of the measure's implication in Japanese American relations.

Seabrook Installs 1952 JACL Cabinet

SEABROOK, N. J.—Newly-elected officers of the Seabrook JACL, headed by Pres. Jim Mitsui, were installed in office April 20 by County Clerk Earl Wescoat at an installation dinner at Richard's Farm.

Harold C. Emerson, vice-president of Seabrook Farm's Warehouse and Cold Storage, was the main speaker.

Thirty-five persons attended the ceremony.

Installed in office with Pres. Mitsui were Kats Shiba, 1st vice-president; Bill Taguwa, 2nd vice-president; John Fuyunome, treasurer; Gloria Aoki, recording secretary; Mrs. Toby Kato, historian; Dick Kunishima, official delegate; and James Nakao and Katsumi Nishimoto, alternates.

Airline Offers Special Services

SEATTLE, Wash.—Special services for non-English speaking Issei passengers are no longer offered by Northwest Airlines, which inaugurated a new Stratocruiser service to Japan on April 28, according to Peter Ohtaki, Orient representative.

Orient personnel will help Issei in boarding or changing planes at the Seattle airport, Ohtaki said.

The airline is also issuing Japanese translation booklets to Japanese travel agencies for use of Issei passengers on other domestic airlines connecting with Northwest's Orient flights.

They were greeted by Prime Minister Yoshida, Japanese government officials and representatives of the U.S. State Department.

The Nisei aboard were James T. Nishimura, Chicago, publisher of Scene Magazine, and Peter I. Ohtaki, Seattle, West Coast Orient representative for Northwest Airlines and former contributor to the Pacific Citizen and other Nisei newspapers.

"If we are to have any real hope of securing the omnibus measure in this session of Congress," Masaoka said, "the Democratic Majority Policy Committee must schedule the McCarran Omnibus bill for debate and vote within the next few weeks. Later in the session the consideration of appropriations matters will prevent action on any other items."

The second obstacle, said the JACL ADC's legislative director, is to secure Senate passage of the McCarran bill, and once the McCarran measure reaches the floor, "we believe that we have a better than fighting chance of seeing it passed."

"If we can get by these first two obstacles," stated Masaoka, "then will come the hurdle of the conference between members of the Senate and House Judiciary Committees to iron out the differences between the McCarran and the Walter Omnibus Immigration and Naturalization bills."

"The last obstacle will be to get the President of the United States to sign the omnibus legislation," the JACL ADC official concluded.

Masaoka Hails Walter's Role In House Passage of Measure

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In reviewing the House passage of the Walter Omnibus Immigration and Naturalization bill, Mike Masaoka, national JACL ADC legislative director, hailed the yeoman work of Congressman Francis T. Walter (Dem., Pa.), chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, who put through the House virtually alone the omnibus measure which bears his name.

"The margin of the House victory (House passed the Walter bill 206 to 68) is a great tribute to the stature and prestige which Congressman Walter enjoys among his colleagues," declared Masaoka, "and it was also his skillful handling of the House debate which resulted in such a smashing repudiation of the opposition's position."

"When the opposition's arguments," the JACL ADC official continued, "were exposed to Congressman Walter's defense and explanation, the criticisms were shown to be without basis and, therefore, the amendments which incorporated the opposition's points of view were overwhelmingly rejected by the House."

"On the other hand, Congressman Walter accepted a few amend-

House Beats Move To Drop Hawaii Alien Restrictions

WASHINGTON, D. C.—An amendment proposed by Del. Joseph R. Farrington, R., Hawaii, to the Walter Omnibus Immigration and Naturalization bill to permit alien residents of Hawaii, most of whom are of Japanese ancestry, to have the same unrestricted right of travel as alien residents of the United States mainland was defeated by voice vote shortly before the Walter bill was passed by the House on April 25.

The amendment was opposed by Rep. Francis Walter, D., Pa., sponsor of the omnibus bill, who said the present regulations requiring aliens in Hawaii to obtain travel permits before they can go to the mainland enabled the United States to screen them, presumably for loyalty reasons.

Farrington indicated that the group most affected by the present requirements were some 45,000 resident aliens of Japanese ancestry.

Credit Union Adds New Board Members

SAN FRANCISCO—The board of directors of the Cal-Neva JACL credit union met Saturday, April 26, to plan business for the coming year and to welcome three new board members, Alice Kase, Mrs. Michi Onuma and Sachie Ueda.

Sim Togasaki and Tom Sakai were re-elected president and treasurer, respectively; Sam Sakai, vice-president; and Miss Kase, secretary.

Mrs. Onuma will serve on the credit committee. Haruo Ishimaru will be chairman of the committee on publicity and membership.

The board voted to work for a goal of 500 members by the end of the year with an every-member-get-a-member campaign. Chairman Togasaki emphasized the fact that all JACL members and ADC supporters and their families are eligible to join the credit union, a mutual saving and loan association.

The Cal-Neva credit union, after only a half-year's operation in 1951, declared a two per cent dividend.

Others on the board of directors are Giichi Yoshioka and Bob Takahashi.

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ments, which he felt aided the proposed legislation, and upon his expressed support of them, they were approved by the House.

"By and large it was clear that the criticisms were raised by special interest groups," declared Masaoka. "For example," he pointed out, "the Italians were asking that the quotas unused by Italy during its war with the Allied Nations be made now available to them. The number of unused quotas in this instance would run to better than 46,000."

"We felt, also," said Masaoka, "that the individuals pressing for the principle of 'pooling' unused quotas were working merely to extend the displaced persons program, to the exclusion of seriously considering the basic reforms which the Walter omnibus measure proposed."

"A crisis matter such as the displaced persons program," stated the legislative director, "should be handled through emergency legislation, as the one recently advocated by Pres. Truman, and not be made a part of permanent law."

"In many instances the congressmen in debating with Congressman Walter revealed that they had given the bill only inadequate study."

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EDITORIALS:

A Degree of Acceptance

The reaction, or lack of it, to the news that the California Supreme Court has declared the state's Alien Land Law unconstitutional demonstrates that California's 80,000 residents of Japanese ancestry have achieved a degree of acceptance in their individual communities which would not have seemed possible even a scant seven years ago when the final attempts were being made by a coalition of economic opportunists and race supremacists to prevent the return of Japanese American evacuees to the Pacific Coast.

Similarly, there was little reaction last week to the news that the House had passed the Walter bill which provides a quota for Japanese immigration and makes all Asian residents of the United States eligible for citizenship.

The California Alien Land Law and the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924 were products of Yellow Peril hysteria provoked against immigrants from Japan who had settled in California. The two laws have remained to this day as signposts of prejudice and it is encouraging to note that a California court now considers the anti-alien property restriction, aimed at Japanese farmers, in violation of the 14th Amendment, while the House of Representatives has passed a bill to remove the onus of ineligibility to naturalization from the Japanese and certain other resident aliens and also to provide for immigration on a quota basis.

Most California newspapers which have commented on the land law decision have been concerned mainly with the UN Charter issue which became involved in the case when the State Appellate Court ruled the Alien Land Law to be invalid because it conflicted with provisions for equal treatment guaranteed by the United Nations Charter. If this reasoning were upheld in the higher courts, it could conceivably outlaw all of the segregation statutes of the Southern states and it was because of this that the California Alien Land Law case evoked considerable interest in Washington and at the UN sessions. While outlawing the Alien Land Law by a 4 to 3 decision, the California high court ruled unanimously that the UN Charter was not designed to supersede existing domestic legislation and "we cannot hold that they operate to invalidate the alien land law."

The California Supreme Court thus ruled against the appellate court's reasoning in invalidating the land law but, in finding the law void because it was in violation of the process and equal protection clauses of the 14th Amendment, it followed the judgment of Superior Court Judge Thurmond Clarke in the Masaoka case, another test of the land law which is still pending before the state's highest court.

Illustrative of the degree of acceptance won by the Nisei and Issei since their return to California is this comment from the Redwood City Tribune of April 23:

"San Mateo County's relatively high Nisei population should be encouraged by the State Supreme Court ruling last week which held as unconstitutional a 32-year old law aimed at preventing Japanese from owning land."

"Those of us in the Redwood City area who have had the opportunity of watching the Japanese at work in the flower fields or in other branches of the agricultural industry, find it inconsistent that we boast of San Mateo County as the 'flower basket of the world,' yet live under the confines of a law which prohibits many of those responsible for our high place in horticulture from owning the land that they till so well."

"We are in hearty accord with the four justices who ruled against the constitutionality of the land law."

Following in the steps of the Oregon State Supreme Court which ruled its Alien Land Law, copied from California's, unconstitutional in the Namba case, this latest decision by the California court should put an end to the legislative practice of utilizing eligibility to citizenship as a dodge for discriminatory legislation.

Issei and the Land Law Decision

Warning against the immediate attempt by Issei to purchase land in California has been made, despite the April 17 ruling of the California State Supreme Court that the Alien Land Law is unconstitutional.

The state still has the right to file an appeal in the case, and until it is certain the state will not, title insurance companies will probably refuse to issue policies on such property.

In the event the state does file suit, these companies will probably refuse to insure titles until final legal disposition is made of the land law. The possibility remains that this means hearing of the case by the U. S. Supreme Court.

We trust that the delays will not be drawn out any more than necessary. Aliens of Japanese ancestry have long since proved their worthiness to be land-holding residents of California. Their long-awaited right to own their own homes and farms should not be frustrated.

Walter Refutes Arguments Against Omnibus Proposal

WASHINGTON, D. C.—In leading the House fight for the Walter Omnibus Immigration and Naturalization Bill, Congressman Francis E. Walter (Dem., Pa.) the author of the omnibus measure, last week refuted point by point the objections raised by the opposition against his proposed legislation, the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee reported.

Rep. Walter, who as chairman of the House Judiciary subcommittee on immigration and naturalization was the principal House figure in the drafting of the omnibus legislation, took the criticisms advanced by Nathan Cowan, the legislative director of the CIO, as the latest in the series of objections to be raised, and answered each of the charges made.

In rebutting Cowan's claim that the bill should be "referred back to the Committee on the Judiciary for much needed adequate hearings and full study," Walter stated that the Walter omnibus measure has been given as much consideration as has been given any measure that the House has even considered, since it was in 1949 that the first steps were taken to revise the immigration and naturalization code.

The Pennsylvania congressman declared that more than 100 witnesses testified during the Senate's investigation of the immigration and naturalization system, and subsequently there were joint hearings on this subject by the Senate and House Judiciary Committees. "There was expended in the preparation of the background of this legislation upwards of half a million dollars," said Congressman Walter. "Twice daily hearings were held that took nearly nine weeks, at which hearings 56 witnesses testified; in addition to which there were 76 statements filed."

In referring to the criticism, Walter said, "Of course, that is the usual sort of an argument that is advanced when there is no logical, valid reason for opposing legislation."

"I am going to call to your attention," he added, "the attacks made by the CIO on this legislation although they merely parrot attacks made by various organizations who would like to prevent the enactment of any legislation."

Rep. Walter read the CIO accusation that the Walter bill perpetuates racial discrimination while purporting to remove it.

"I say to you that the statement is out of the whole cloth," stated Walter, "Among the groups most interested in the enactment of this legislation is the Japanese American Citizens League. It is for this legislation because it removes all racial discrimination. So the CIO attack is clearly not based on sound grounds."

Another ground on which the CIO opposed the bill was its charge that the proposed legislation abolished existing statutes of limitations and made retroactive new grounds for deportation, thus jeopardizing the status of the resident foreign born.

Con. Walter answered that the Walter Bill does no such thing.

"The Internal Security does," he said, "and the Internal Security Act is a part of the law of the land today. It is restated, that is true, in this bill. That is because we are trying to put together for the first time since 1802 all of the statutes relating to immigration and naturalization."

He went on to say that the law does cover the situation where an alien succeeds in hiding in the United States, and under present law, if that alien is successful for five years, his status can be adjusted. "Your committee felt that was wrong," said Congressman Walter, "We felt there should not be a premium placed on the ability of an alien to conceal himself. Under this provisions of the new bill where such a situation exists that alien is deportable."

"As those of you who have practiced law know," he added, "the statute of limitations does not run when a person hides. The statute is tolled. We carry that philosophy into this statute."

The CIO's next criticism maintained that the bill established a host of unnecessary grounds for exclusion and would render immigration unreasonably difficult.

Walter declared that under his bill immigration was rendered difficult for the criminal. A new ground for exclusion was one providing

for the exclusion of aliens who have been convicted of crimes in their own country on two occasions and have been punished by five years of incarceration.

In connection with that particular section, Walter pointed out a liberalizing provision which deals with juvenile delinquents, allowing a minor under 18 years of age who has been convicted and has gone to jail, to be admitted under certain conditions to the United States.

The CIO's statement asserted that in attempting to protect this country from subversives and other undesirable persons, the Walter Bill erects barriers which will effectively prevent the admission also of desirable immigrants who would make valuable citizens.

"Do you think we ought to let down the barriers and admit subversives?" asked Walter. "If an alien is a member of a Communist organization within five years of the time he applies for admission to the United States, he cannot obtain a visa. I am for that."

The CIO contended that the Walter Bill would hinder judicial review and authorize arbitrary administrative practices of the very sort which the Administrative Procedures Act sought to correct and guard against.

"The Administrative Procedures Act—do you remember the old Walter-Logan Bill, which was subsequently enacted into law as the Administrative Procedures Act?" asked Walter. "Why, this question of unbridled authority in one person is almost an obsession with me. I am the last person in the world who would do anything to destroy the philosophy underlying that type of review."

"What do we do in this act?" he went on. "Instead of destroying the Administrative Procedures Act, we undo what the Congress did in a deficiency appropriations bill, which ruled that the Administrative Procedures Act is applicable in deportation proceedings. We undo that."

Instead of the Walter Omnibus Bill destroying the Administrative Procedures Act, emphasized Congressman Walter, the proposed legislation provides for the Act being reinstated in every instance.

He called attention of the House to the famous Ellen Knauff case and his part in remedying a deplorable situation. "Do you remember Ellen Knauff? Do you remember that friendless little immigrant girl who sat on Ellis Island for nearly three years without anybody telling her why she was being detained? It was the Committee on the Judiciary who saw that that frightful injustice was corrected," said Walter, "and we have seen to it that that sort of thing cannot occur again, because under proper safeguards the Attorney General of the United States in a case of that kind is authorized to set up a hearing before the Board of Immigration Appeals so that when an alien is detained and cannot find out why, all he needs to do under the provision of this law is to communicate to the Attorney General and he will then set up a hearing for that alien."

Coming to the last objection, which claimed that by severely limiting the Attorney General's discretion in deserving cases to suspend deportation and adjust status or readmit resident aliens after a temporary absence, the Walter Bill would work unnecessary hardship upon American citizens and impede foreign travel by representatives of American organizations, Walter declared that, contrary to the objection, the discretionary power of the Attorney General was enlarged rather than limited under the provisions of the bill.

Rep. Walter admitted that there was one situation that perhaps gave color to the CIO's charge in this instance. It was with respect to the change of language in the adjustment of status procedure, which presently permits the Attorney General to adjust the status of an alien in a case where his deportation would result in economic detriment to the members of his family. The language has been changed, said Congressman Walter, from "economic detriment" to "extreme and unusual hardship."

In closing his rebuttal of the CIO's objections, Congressman Walter remarked that he used CIO's letter because it contains in seven instances the entire opposition to the Walter Bill, which in the judgment of the committee in the Senate and in the House will at

MINORITY WEEK

Quick Quote

"Although Negroes were its victims, all of us can rejoice in the Supreme Court decision holding our state's Alien Law invalid. The law was a piece of spite legislation aimed at Japanese solely on the basis of their race. The local NAACP is to be congratulated for having joined in the efforts to overthrow the law."

"Laws directed at any minority group are a danger to every other minority, and to the whole fabric of democracy." —The California Eagle.

One God

Two San Francisco congregations proved this week their belief that all men are brothers when they decided to join forces, meet in the same church and worship under a single minister, an event which might never have made the front pages had it not been for the fact that one church has an all-white congregation, the other Negro.

The participating churches are the Westminster Presbyterian and the Hope Presbyterian. The pastor will be Dr. Wesley L. Hayes.

If the action seemed unusual to outsiders, it seemed a natural thing to members of the new joint church.

"We have a feeling of unity," said a seminary assistant, speaking for the whites in the congregation. "A consciousness of unity and one God."

Red Light

The White Circle League of America, which has been trying to establish its right to distribute anti-Negro hate literature, will have to take back its pamphlet which decry among other things "mongrelizing the white race."

The league was slapped down by the U.S. Supreme Court this week in a decision which upheld an Illinois law outlawing "race hate" literature.

Insult

Strange things happen sometimes in America's "war against Communism," the most recent being the barring of Mary McLeod Bethune, noted Negro educator from an Englewood, N.J. public school last week after a protest was made on grounds that she had been affiliated with organizations on the U.S. Attorney General's subversive list.

If the action had any effect at all, it aroused thousands of Americans who know and respect Ms. Bethune.

It was hardly an action calculated to win friends and influence people for the United States.

The Search

A Los Angeles county school district is looking for a person to fill the post of superintendent of schools, and it's announced that the board would like to appoint a Negro.

Approximately half the students and half the teachers in the Willowbrook district are Negroes.

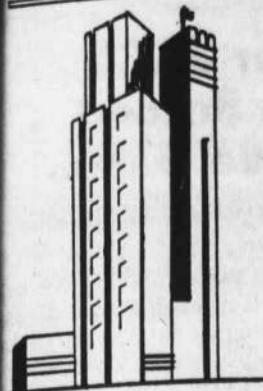
It's a race restriction with a nice twist.

Marji Kikuchi Heads Chicago PC Group

CHICAGO — Marji Kikuchi has been appointed chairman of the Southside Junior Pacific Citizens Committee recently by Smoky Sakurada, chairman of the Chicago JACL's PC committee and member of the newspaper's advisory board.

All Southside residents in the late teens or early twenties are invited to join the new committee, Mr. Sakurada said. "Miss Kikuchi may be contacted at 4257 S. Cottage Grove Ave., phone Livingston 8-6824."

long last get rid of the "crappie quilt" of immigration laws. He pointed out that since the Re-Act was passed in 1940, establishing immigration and naturalization procedures, there have already been 32 amendments to it.



A Nisei in Manhattan

by Roku Sugahara

Sidelined by Surgery

Seven weeks is a long time to be away from the daily grind. The doctor says that it will be seven more weeks before I shall regain a physical norm and be able to carry on my full schedule of work.

Several months back I wrote my brother, who is now in Tokyo, that my ulcers were bothering me. He advised me to ease up on the pace and not let "New York's fast tempo get the best of you." High tension, a roller-coaster existence, and the continual pressure that exerts itself in a city like New York, are bound to bring indigestion, snarls in the intestines, and spots on the stomach.

I went to several diagnosticians and even a psycho-analyst.

In my case, so it seems, the trouble was deeper than Manhattan life. The evacuation, relocation and the war brought certain seiges of insecurity which drastically affected the nervous and digestive system. This is bound to affect any Nisei who had to endure those years of indecision and uncertainty. The damage was done before I even came to New York. The years' toll was just now being felt and brought to a head. Diet and treatment no longer could suffice. An operation was imperative.

So, I spent four weeks in the New York Hospital, fast by the East River and the Queensborough bridge. One of the largest and most modern hospitals in the country, I was able to avail myself of the newest techniques and equipment in the medical field. Dozens of X-Rays were taken and all sorts of tests were made before the operation. Then the surgeon knew just where to cut and just how much. I was particularly impressed with the new type anesthesia, cyclo-propane gas, which is injected into the veins. In about five seconds I was unconscious and didn't know a thing until the operation was over.

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Time For Reflection

In a room with only four white walls and the ceiling for companionship during most of the day and night, all sorts of thoughts and ideas crop up.

For one thing, an intense and abiding affection for the Almighty embraces you. When pain was most severe, during the days just after the operation, and when medicines, injections, and drugs did not fully subside the physical pains, there was no one to turn to but pray heavenward. The healing and recuperative powers of the human body are certainly remarkable but I am sure that it is largely the handiwork of God. Strength and comfort come with the realization that His guidance and assistance are yours. A person, on the threshold of eternity, begins to re-evaluate and re-examine his philosophy of life. I am sure that every such person will begin to realize and appreciate the help of a higher power on high.

The basic patterns of thinking and living must be changed. Else, the same old ailments and weaknesses will again set in. It will be the same thing over again, but there will be less room to operate. Positive thinking and living must supersede any feeling of insecurity and indecision.

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I have never had a sick day in the last 20 years. Then boom, it's a major operation.

This reminds me of the last time I was in a hospital. It was just 20 years ago, in Los Angeles. They took out my appendix at the Good Samaritan Hospital. I was a freshman in college then.

In the surgical section of the New York hospital I found it was the same story with most of the other patients. Never a sick day, then came trouble. Kidney, hernia, lung, stomach, bladder, or some organ had to be operated upon. A few never made the grade. Those of us who came through became a mutual encouragement society.

You never realize just how many people are ill until you go to a hospital. I think the figures for New York show that one person in 12 goes to a hospital during the course of a year. The only consolation arises from the fact that many cases are much worse than yours. The four weeks at the hospital were the longest weeks in my life. The same goes with the ten weeks at home, in our apartment, going through the recuperative period. At least I can get up, walk around, go to the store, and take a sunbath at the park. I am thankful for that much. Several of my buddies in the army never made it back from Europe, never to see the sun again or breathe the spring air.

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Once in Twenty Years

New York is generally regarded as an indifferent, unfriendly city. People do not care, as a rule, if you drop dead or jump off a skyscraper. I have found, however, that it is quite different. I had several blood transfusions and had to get blood donors. A large number of my friends responded and I was able to fill my quota. To them I shall be forever thankful. I only hope that I can reciprocate in kind in the years ahead. Many more persons than required offered their blood and their gesture of assistance was very much appreciated. I think, after all, New York has a heart, a helping hand, and a spirit of understanding.

I received dozens of letters and cards from all over the country and wish to thank them for their sentiments and remembrance. It is always heart-warming to know that people took the time and interest to inquire about your condition.

I am well on the road back to recovery. Though this is not the ideal climate for me, I think I shall remain in New York. I like it here. Thanks again for the cards and letters.

Ailing Nisei War Veteran Wins Top Prize in Cartoon Contest

NEW YORK — A Nisei veteran of World War II, seriously ill in a hospital nearly 3,000 miles away, was the "guest of honor" at a banquet given in New York City last week by America's leading cartoonists.

The missing guest was Don C. Oka, first prize winner in the cartoon division of the hospitalized American veterans writing project. Oka is under treatment at the Whipman Veterans administration center near Prescott, Ariz.

The 32-year old war veteran, who received cash and scholarship

awards for his artistry, was sent a special memento of the banquet, a dinner program autographed by famous cartoonists attending the dinner.

Oka, who attended Otis Art Institute in Los Angeles before the war, served as a military intelligence specialist attached to the First Marine Division in the Aleutians.

A trip to New York to accept the awards was one of the prizes in the contest, according to Milton Caniff, creator of *L'il Abner* and past president of the National Cartoonists Society which sponsored the contest.

A Korean war veteran accepted the award for Oka who has been at the Whipman hospital since 1947.

Bill Hosokawa:

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Mike Meets Up With Fractions

Denver, Colo.

Our Mike is having fraction trouble. You know, stuff that goes like: "What's the sum of nine-sixteenths and five-eights?" "What is two-thirds of four and one-half wormy apples and why?" "If Farmer Jones had two-tenths of an acre under cultivation in spinach and Farmer Brown had three-fourths of an acre under water, what is the legal limit on rainbow trout in Colorado?"

This sort of sixth grade mathematics baffles Mike, which is probably a weakness that he inherited from his father. Even dime store clerks can beat Mike's dad in figuring the amount of change due on a dollar bill tendered for a 39-cent purchase. With the kind of clerks they're getting these days that's saying quite a bit.

So Mike persuaded his mother to help him bone up on fractions and they had a long session together one night last week. After the lesson, Mike's mother was in a reminiscent mood and she told about her own troubles with arithmetic. The story as she related it was an experience that was shared by most Nisei. Maybe you'll recall your own difficulties.

"When I was a little girl," she said, "my biggest trouble was with story problems."

That's the kind where Johnny Jones has a four-bit piece burning his pocket and he goes on a shopping expedition. After he buys this, that and other things, how much loose change has he left?

"My mother was very good about helping me, but that's where a lot of the trouble came. First

I'd have to read the problem until I understood it, then I'd translate it into Japanese for my mother.

"Then, speaking in Japanese, she'd explain step by step how to solve the problem. When I got that digested, I'd have to translate that back into English in my head, and finally put the answer down. It was a lesson in languages as well as arithmetic."

As I recall now, a somewhat related problem presented itself to me when I got to long division. My mother got the correct answer, all right, but she arrived at it in a fashion that wasn't taught in Washington Grade school, U.S.A. We never did get that situation ironed out, but her answers were mighty convenient for double-checking mine.

Parental Guidance in Grammar

The problem was much more acute when it came to seeking parental guidance in grammar. Tense, gender, person, dangling participles, prepositional phrases, proper nouns and conjugated verbs were just so much Greek (or English) to Pa and Ma, so we kids had to figure those things out for ourselves after class hours.

Come to think of it, though, I hope Mike doesn't throw any English questions my way. I'd be no more help to him than my father was to me. All formal knowledge of grammar has vanished with the years and I've been flying by the seat of my pants for a long time.

I'm sure Mike's teacher wouldn't accept "It just sounds right that way" as a legitimate answer in explaining why "who" was used instead of "whom."

Vagaries

No Trump . . .

Fumio Yagi, assistant mathematics prof at the University of Washington, and John Donnelly, an industrial engineer at Boeing, are the new Washington State bridge champions. Yagi and Donnelly played nearly 100 hands before winning the championship trophy at the recent state tournament . . . Col. Karl R. Bendetsen, Assistant Secretary of the Army, who carried out the 1942 mass evacuation of Japanese Americans as head of the Wartime Civil Control Administration, was nominated Undersecretary of the Army last week. The JACL protested Col. Bendetsen's original appointment to the Army Department post but will not enter a protest over his new post. Reason is that Col. Bendetsen is credited with making effective the Army Department's present program to abolish segregation in the service and integrate all minorities in the Army without regard to race, color or creed.

Politician . . .

Tom Yego, longtime JACL leader in Placer County, Calif., recently filed for the post of Republican central committeeman from his Placer County district. . . . Don Haggerty, who played the role of the hate-mongering Sgt. Culley in "Go for Broke!" is responsible for Lane Nakano's debut in television. Nakano, who has had important roles in "Go for Broke!" and "Japanese War Bride," plays a Nisei veteran in a TV pilot film which is scheduled to go into production this week with a Los Angeles "Little Tokyo" background. The TV film is being produced by Warren Douglas who also produces Haggerty's "Eddie Drake" series on TV. . . . Robert Kurka, composer husband of the former May Sakamoto of San Diego, Calif., last week learned he has been awarded an extension of his Guggenheim fellowship to finish his first symphony, "Symphony No. 1, Opus 17" and to start work on a new opera. The grant is worth \$3,500.

Kid Sister . . .

The success of "Rashomon," in the U.S. and Europe, has made Japanese filmmakers award conscious. The Japanese have sent three films to the Cannes International Film Festival in France, while another Nipponese picture, "Yukiwariso," was voted the outstanding picture at an international film competition in India recently. Most of these films will be seen in the U.S. shortly on the art theater circuit. . . . Evelyn Yamaguchi, 18-year old sister of Actress Shirley Yamaguchi, was signed by Universal-International in Tokyo last week for a role in "Willie and Joe Back at the Front," an Army comedy which projects Bill Mauldin's characters into a Japanese occupation and Korean war setting. Miss Yamaguchi recently finished her schooling in a Japanese convent and reportedly speaks excellent English.

Address Sought

A Nisei in Tokyo, Toshiko Uyehara, seeks to contact her sister, Mrs. Toshio (Duke) Tanaka, whose last known address was Anderson Dam, Ida.

In a letter to the Pacific Citizen this week, Miss Uyehara says she last saw her sister in August, 1943, at the Hunt, Ida., WRA center just prior to her family's repatriation to Japan.

The girls' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tokichi Uyehara, operated the Ten-yoshi Restaurant in Seattle before the war.

Miss Uyehara notes that her sister and her husband planned to move to New Brighton, Pa., where they hoped to set up a neon sign shop.

Any information on Mrs. Tanaka's present whereabouts would be appreciated by her family in Japan. Information should be sent to Miss Uyehara's niece: Miss May C. Nagasawa, DAC; AG CD GHQ, FEC, APO 500; c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Relative Sought

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Jerry Keiichi Tasaki, who left Hawaii for the West Coast about 35 years ago, is asked to forward such information to the Pacific Citizen, 415 Beason Bldg., Salt Lake City.

A relative of Mr. Tasaki has an urgent message for him, according to a letter sent to the Pacific Citizen this week.

Address Wanted

The present address of Mrs. A. Yasuhara, formerly of Los Angeles, is wanted by Mrs. Lawrence Oleson, 7007 Indiana Ave., Riverside, California, who seeks the information on behalf of Mrs. Yasuhara's sister, Mrs. Nagata, a resident of Canada.

ists Society which sponsored the contest.

A Korean war veteran accepted the award for Oka who has been at the Whipman hospital since 1947.

Reasons for Japanese segregation from the rest of Brazilian society have been and are complex. A few of these will be listed and discussed in our next column.

PACIFIC CITIZEN

Sports

Maeda's Feat Recalls Joe Kobuki

Little Tommy Maeda, the 17-year old equine rider from Hawaii, may be the first Nisei to win a race at a major track but he isn't the first Nisei to don the silks. Joe Kobuki, now a trainer, used to ride around the West Coast ovals, not only on the leaky roof circuit but also at the major coast tracks. There have been race horses with Japanese names ever since King Edward won the Grand National in the early 1900s with one and there have been a number of Issei and Nisei owners. Back almost two decades ago there was a hayburner owned by an Issei rancher and named "Banzai" which ran in a claiming race at Santa Anita. "Banzai" was a long shot and there was quite a bit of Nisei money on its nose when the steed went to the post for the first time but there was little cheering later when "Banzai" ran out of the money... Besides Maeda there are a number of other Nisei jockeys in Hawaii along with Nisei cowboys on the territory's big Parker ranch.

George Goto Shows Healthy Arm

George Goto who has been out of action with a sore arm pitched and batted Placer College to an 8 to 4 victory over Yuba College last week. Goto hurled seven-hit ball, fanning seven and driving in three of Placer's runs. His performance, which matched his sparkling hurling in the 1950 season which won him a number of pro offers, gives the Spartans another first-line pitcher and bodes ill for Placer's opponents in the Golden Valley conference... A steal of home by Frank Kawamura for the winning run featured Elk Grove, Calif., High's 4 to 3 victory last week over Grant Union of Sacramento... Henry Yasui, a grammar school pitcher in Sacramento, has pitched two no-hitters in his last three games. Yasui hurled the Washington school team of Sacramento to a 9 to 1 win over Pleasant Grove for his second no-hitter... Min Ikeda, who is the backfield star for Lincoln High of San Jose, Calif., in the fall, is playing centerfield on the baseball varsity and had three for six last week... Second Baseman John Kimura walked, stole second and third and came home on an infield out as San Jose High won its first league game, 3 to 1, over Half Moon Bay. Gabby Taketa, centerfielder for the winners, also tallied after a triple... Captain Fibber Hirayama and the Fresno State Bulldogs who are shooting for a berth in the NCAA playoffs lost their first college game last week to Stanford after winning 14 straight against school teams. Only defeats suffered by Fresno State this season have been at the hands of clubs from the Pacific Coast, Western International and California pro leagues.

Seattle Wins 1954 ABC Tournament

Although Seattle has been awarded the American Bowling Congress tournament for 1954, the second time it has ever been held on the West Coast (Los Angeles had it some years ago), it's doubtful that the JACL national tournament will be held in conjunction with the ABC in Seattle. Reason is that ABC bylaws prohibit the holding of a sanctioned team tournament in the host city during annual ABC tourney. However, several hundred Nisei bowlers from the Coast and Intermountain states may be expected to enter the annual bowling classic. Site of the 1954 JACL tourney will be decided during the 1953 tourney in San Francisco. If custom is followed, the tourney will be held away from the Pacific Coast, and Chicago, whose Marigold team won the 1952 team title in Denver, is expected to enter a bid. The Marigold Arcade bowling alley incidentally, is the site of the Midwest JACL district council tournament in June... Bowling interest is rising among Nisei on the East Coast. Several inter-city matches have been held in decent months among teams from New York, Philadelphia, Seabrook and Washington... Akira (Wahoo) Washio who hadn't touched a bowling ball in a year, rolled in the Men's Singles Sweepstakes sponsored by the New York Nisei league on April 20 at the Star Alleys and turned in a 644 (210-222-212) series, the best in the loop's history. Washio is a partner in a new garage and service station on Long Island.

The San Jose Grapettes finished fourth in the rolloff of the San Jose Women's Association's "champion of champions" tournament last week. The Grapettes entered the tourney by winning the Nisei Women's League title in a playoff against Service Radio... With Mike Murotsune turning in an 807 series, the Continental Diamond Crafts team won the four-game rolloff for the San Jose Nisei Men's League championships with 3813 pins, including a handicap of 116. The Fourth St. Drugs and B & V Tractors placed and showed... Chiyo Tashima has successfully defended her Western Challenge TV Bowling champion for three straight weeks. The challenge matches are telecast from KTTV, Los Angeles, every Tuesday. Her two games last week were 207 and 190.

Umpire's Life Is Not a Happy One

An umpire's life is not a happy one, as Frank Furukawa of Portland learned the other day. Furukawa, one of only two Nisei who are recognized as journeyman umpires on the mainland, works games in the Portland city prep league and in semipro circuits. He was the object of a full-grown rhubarb over a decision which ended a game which Grant High won against Cleveland. Furukawa's decision, on a play which involved a batted ball hitting a runner, was credited by a more objective observer as "a heads-up, correct decision" on a difficult call... The Denver Nisei team in the city's Metropolitan League opened its season last week... Nisei Trading and the YBA Bucs are in the major division of the Los Angeles municipal baseball league.

Masako Katsura of Tokyo and California (she's the bride of an Army Air Force sergeant based near Sacramento), the world's greatest feminine billiard player, started a nationwide tour which will take her across the nation to New York and back. She will play exhibition matches with Welker Cochran, former world's champion. Miss Katsura is the only woman athlete in the world who can meet and beat leading men competitors playing under men's rules and conditions... Pfc. Tommy Kono, leading West Coast hope for the U.S. Olympic weightlifting team, will compete in the junior national AAU weightlifting competition this weekend (May 3 and 4) in Oakland, Calif. Among the entrants are Mits Oshima and Kaz Izumi of Sacramento, also Kono's home town... Mas Umemoto of Wapato, Wash., and Camp Roberts, Calif., decisioned Harry Yasumoto of Oakland Air Base in the Sixth Army championships last week in the 116 pound division.

Junior High Flyer Wins Dash at Relays

Mickey Sugiyama, a junior high school speedster from Draper, Utah, tied the annual Brigham Young relays record of 11.2s for the 100-yard dash in the junior high division last Saturday. Sugiyama (Continued on page 7)

Hawaii Honors Ford Konno



HONOLULU — Fred Hiroshi Konno, 19-year old Honolulu swimming star, was honored as Hawaii's "Athlete of the Year" at the "Banquet of Champions" sponsored on April 21 by the Honolulu Quarterbacks Club.

In accepting the award, Konno, who returned recently from Ohio State University to begin training for the Olympics, said, "Whatever success I have enjoyed is the combined effort of many people." He cited his coach, Yoshito Segawa of Honolulu, and also his family, friends, sportswriters and fans for spurring him on to victory.

Five Nisei were among 21 athletes who received certificates of merit for being the "most outstanding" in their particular sport during the year. They were: Henry Yamasaki, barefoot foot ball; Mitsuo Fujishige, outstanding high school football coach; Richard Chinen, boxing; Henry Koizumi, weightlifting; and Taro Miyasato, bowling.

In the above photo, Ford Konno is shown receiving his award from Bob Williams, donor of the trophies, as Dr. Richard You, honored as the "Sportsman of the Year," and Frank Valenti, head of the Quarterbacks club, look on.

Young Tommy Maeda May Be First Nisei Jockey to Win Race on Major U. S. Track

HALLANDALE, Fla.—Tommy Maeda, a 104-pound apprentice from Hawaii, added an interesting footnote to turf lore when he became the first rider of Japanese ancestry to win a race in Florida.

Maeda surprised the form players by bringing in a 35 to 1 shot, Air Pine, in a race for maiden two-year olds at Gulfstream on March 18.

Pat Lynch, a racing writer who covered the Gulfstream meeting believes Maeda is probably the first Nisei to win a race anywhere in the United States.

A couple of fellows, Lynch reported, were seeing their memories in front of Maeda at Gulfstream and Bobby Goldman, ex-fight manager and racing fan, said:

"We had a Japanese guy in New England around 1940. He trained and rode his own horses. I don't remember his name but I know he never won a heat."

Maeda, a 17-year-old who learned to ride in Hawaii before he came to the mainland in 1950, won on Florida-bred Air Pine and put in a "banzai" charge that clipped the favored White Cliff by a head. Maeda put up a surprisingly strong finish. Every time he banged the bangtail in the last 200 yards, it flew forward.

Maeda took huge delight in recalling his victory. He laughed and said:

"I hit him once, twice, three times... he ran like hell."

Maeda made the jump from surfboard to the turf in 18 months. Trainer Charley O'Neill first heard about Maeda through one of his helpers around the barn, Cliff Dilma. O'Neill, then in search of a young rider, sent to Honolulu for Maeda. Tommy arrived in Florida about 18 months ago.

He accepted one mount at Narragansett and seven in Florida this season before he drove into the winner's enclosure with Air Pine.

Maeda, however, was not without experience when he came to Florida. He rode about 30 races in Hawaii and won ten. But riders do not require a license in Hawaii and this record will not be credited to him.

"We have four tracks in the islands," Tommy said. "The horses are thoroughbreds, but not so good. The track in Honolulu, Kai-lua, is five-eights of a mile."

Tommy's dad, Thomas Maeda, Sr., used to be "the best rider in the islands," according to his son.

Was he frightened over the prospect of riding on the "big time?"

"No," Maeda replied blandly. "Same thing here. Only horse better. I was scared twice in my life. Pearl Harbor day, and when I took my first mount back home. I was 13 then."

Placer JACL Wins Second League Game

By HOMER TAKAHASHI

AUBURN, Calif.—Placer JACL baseballers pulled another one out of the fire last Sunday, April 25, defeating Truckee but had to go an extra inning to do it. The final outcome was, JACL 8, Truckee 7. The game was played before a good crowd at James Field in Auburn, opening Placer's home stand in the Placer-Nevada League.

The Mountaineers all but had the game in the bag with a 6 to 3 lead going into the last of the ninth and with 3 more outs to go Roath and Co., were all set to go back to the hills with an unexpected victory.

Learning from their experience of the week before when they had to come from behind in the last inning to dump Nevada City, the Nisei club was not to be denied.

Charlie Oseto opened the ninth with a double to left and Hamamoto followed with a single through first. Matsuoka got on with a walk and Kozaiku also got on the gray train, bringing Oseto in from third. Domen flied out to third, but Ekoji came through with another bingle to centerfield to score Hamamoto. Hayashida struck out. Matsuoka, the tying run on third, after considerable gestures of attempting a steal home to tie it up, finally did so while Takayama was waiting out a good pitch. Takayama struck out to end the inning.

In their half of the tenth the Mountaineers managed to get in another run when pitcher Roath drove in Wakefield with a single after the latter had gotten on with his third hit of the day.

Once again with their backs to the wall the JACL tossers showed they had some spark left in them. Nomura doubled to open the extra frame and Oseto got life on an error by the third baseman, and took second on the wild throw. Hamamoto walked to load the bags. Matsuoka, who the week before under the same circumstances at Nevada City, saved the day for his team, tried to hold on this one and struck out. Kozaiku, long overdue, wound up the game when he connected for one through second to score Nomura and Oseto for the tying and winning runs.

Truckee outhit the locals, 13 to 9, with Wakefield getting 3, and Campbell, Davidson, Korich, and Stark, each hitting twice.

For Placer JACL it was Ekoji and Oseto with two apiece.

Roath went the entire route for Truckee while Ikeda, starting JACL hurler, was relieved by Takayama in the 8th.

CHICAGO NISEI WINS YMCA'S LIFTING TITLE

CINCINNATI—James Kuzuhara of the Duncan YMCA of Chicago won the 132-pound championship in the National YMCA weightlifting meet on April 19 with a total lift of 625 pounds.

Philadelphia Nisei Celebrate Victory in Canada Tourney

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Climaxing one of their most successful basketball seasons, the Philadelphia Nisei Athletic Club won the Japanese Canadian Citizens Association's basketball tournament at Montreal, Canada on April 11th and 12th.

Cheered on by players and a handful of rooters who made the trip, the NAC quintet, led by Captain Larry Sato, hit the hoops for a total of 61 points against the New York Bears' 48 in the first game of the preliminaries to gain a chance for the tournament championship. Sato racked up 24 markers for himself followed by Jim Yamasaki with 15, Yuzo Matsutsuyu, 10; Ted Tono, 2; Eddie Takesue, 9, and Jack Fujiki, 1.

In the second game of the preliminaries, the Toronto Whiz Kids romped over the Montreal Stars for their first chance at the trophy. The New York Bears lost to the Montreal All Stars in the consolation game on Saturday, April 12, in a close fought contest.

The first three quarters of the championship playoff between the NAC and the Toronto Whiz Kids was a nip and tuck affair with both teams ahead or behind by not more than two points at any one time to keep the spectators on the edge of their seats. Eddie Takesue led the NAC attack in the final quarter with 9 points and with help of his mates, pulled away to make it 40 to 30 and the championship. The

bedlam that followed at the team bench could only be appreciated by those present.

Today, Coach Tom Fujiki is the happiest man in Philadelphia.

Coach Fujiki commented on how proud he was of the NAC, its teamwork, their cooperation. The credit for the championship goes to the players who make up the NAC said Coach Fujiki. Their all-out effort to win was heart warming he added.

Those making the trip were George Amuro, Larry Sato, Yuzo Matsutsuyu, Sumio Okabayashi, Uji Nakamura, Tak Uyeda, Harold Tono, Ted Tono, Jim Yamashita, Ockie Ouye, Eddie Takesue, Jack Fujiki, Frank Fujita, Frank Yamamoto, Tom Fujiki, Aki Fujiki, Nob Sawamura, Roy Kaneda, Bob Kubo, Dick Kunishima, Nellie Arai, Miyu Yamada, Terrie Oye, Joyce Kurashina, Mitzie Tono, Hide Nakajima, Mary Kanamori, Gene Kanamori and Yori Kanamori.

In the girls' game that preceded the championship playoffs, the Philadelphia girls merged with New York girls, making up a team composed of Gene Kanamori, Miyu Yamada, Terrie Oye, Yori Kanamori, Mary Kanamori, and Mitzie Tono, and defeated Montreal to the tune of 28 to 14. It was the first time since the tournament began that a girls' game was included.

It was reported that every effort will be made to display the championship trophy at the JACL and other group meetings in Philadelphia.

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. Jitsuo Kawahira a girl, Yvonne Sachiko, on April 25 in Detroit, Mich.

To Mr. and Mrs. I. Ishino a girl, Catherine Jo, on April 16 in Columbus, O.

To Mr. and Mrs. Yukio Tanaka a girl, Katherine Hideko, on April 5 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Yasumura, Long Beach, Calif., a girl on April 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuru H. Amano, San Diego, Calif., a girl on April 2.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Shitara, San Diego, a girl on April 9.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ben Oshita a boy, Allen Ken, on April 20 in Salt Lake City.

To Mr. and Mrs. Itsuki Takeuchi a girl on April 11 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi Kurotora a girl on April 12 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Tadao Kimura, West Sacramento, a boy on April 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Shinsei Hokama, Angwin, Calif., a boy on April 9.

To Mr. and Mrs. Seiuchi Deuchi a boy on April 23 in Seattle.

To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sakae Adachi a girl, Donna Teruko, on April 11 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toyoji Iwasaki a girl on March 30 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tsunehiko Kiguchi, Pasadena, Calif., a boy, Stafford Jon, on April 4.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsugi Nakagiri a girl, Karen Eikuyo, on April 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Osamu Noritake a girl, Sharon Harumi, on April 10 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Don Omura, Venice, Calif., a girl, Susan Keiko, on April 9.

To Mr. and Mrs. Philip Ichiro Nagasawa a boy, Paul Wayne, on March 21 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Teruo Sawa a boy, Mark Robin, on March 28 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sakurai, Chicago, Ill., a boy, Dean Curtis, on March 7.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Hara a boy, John William, on March 27 in Portland, Ore.

To Mr. and Mrs. Toshio Isobe a girl, May, on April 14 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isao Kagawa a girl, Nadine Machiyo, on April 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Masami Kamikubo, Long Beach, Calif., a boy, Dan Hideki, on April 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Masaru Takata, South Whittier, Calif., a boy, Andrew Jay, on April 15.

To Mr. and Mrs. Sadao Fujihara a girl, Karen Mizoko, on April 12 in Los Angeles.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Tabuchi a boy in Denver.

To Mr. and Mrs. Samuel I. Okamoto a boy on April 14 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Sugai, Payette, Idaho, a boy on April 22.

To Mr. and Mrs. Isamu Sam Isozaki a boy on April 16 in Lodi, Calif.

To Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Yamada a girl on April 13 in Sacramento.

To Mr. and Mrs. Don Akira Nakadachi, Parlier, Calif., a girl on April 3.

To Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hideo Hirasuna a girl on April 4 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Nakahara a girl on April 5 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. George Teruo Tsuruoka a boy on April 6 in Fresno.

To Mr. and Mrs. Ken W. Asai a girl, Susan, on April 11 in New York City.

DEATHS

Ikuta Oka, 66, on April 28 in Pocatello, Idaho.

Mrs. Yukiko Elliot, 27, on April 24 in Raritan Township, N.J.

Mrs. Harue Banks, 29, in Big Timber, Mont.

Mrs. Shina Kojima on April 23 in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Mary Sumiko Ushijima, 85, on April 22 in Santa Monica, Calif.

Mrs. Yoshika Hirai, Idaho Falls, Idaho, on April 24 in Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Ise Mochizuki on April 20 in Los Angeles.

Masao Takeda, 69, on April 23 in Sacramento.

Mrs. Sasayo Fujita, 53, on April 22 in Sacramento.

MARRIAGES

Shigeo Yagi to William Mizuno on April 27 in Salt Lake City.

Frances Okagaki to James T. Sakaguchi on April 26 in San Jose, Calif.

Mary Honda to Frank Kasuyama on April 17 in Chicago.

Caroline Abe to Enoch Kanaya on April 27 in Chicago.

Sumako Tanaka to Roy Harada on April 19 in Chicago.

Harumi Nitta to Seigo Kotake on April 19 in Los Angeles.

Merry Aiboshi to Gary Toguchi on April 20 in Los Angeles.

Mary Kakiuchi to Ichiro Ota on April 13 in San Francisco.

Akiko Furuta to William T. Suzuki, Redwood City, Calif., on April 6 in San Francisco.

Yasuko Kay Kinoshita to Yoshiro Befu on April 19 in Los Angeles.

Carolyn Ruriko Konoshima to Richard Callner on April 6 in New York City.

Judith Harumi Morimitsu, Brighton, Colo., to Jim Hajime Hiraki, Swink, Colo., on April 19 in Denver.

Miya Tanaka to Taro Fukushima in Berkeley, Calif.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Mary S. Oka, 26, and Yutaka Toyota, 26, Marysville, Calif., in San Jose.

Umyeo Tsujita, 25, and Tsutomu Koyama, 26, in Sacramento.

Karen K. Kataoka, 24, and Kay K. Yamada, 25, in Sacramento.

Kazue Kitajima, 32, Sacramento, and Yoshihiro Okasaki, 35, Palo Alto, Calif., in San Francisco.



SAN FRANCISCO—"Reality and Christian Living" will be the theme of the Bay Region Young People's Christian Conference to meet May 3 and 4 at the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley.

Directing activities will be the cabinet and committee chairmen:

Left to right, top: Wayne Osaki, June Kohatsu, Kiyo Nagai, Akiko Awaya, Louise Yamaguchi, Emery Flemming, Raymond Narimatsu, Tom Haratani, John Takeuchi, Art Okuno, Norman Mineta and Nob Miura.

Middle: Lily Muramatsu, Alyce Matsumoto, Setsuko Asano, Kiyo Tsuchida, Mary Kambara, Sue Yusa, Toshi Tekasa and Fusaye Hayashida.

Bottom: Paul Adachi, Tak Watanabe, Jobo Nakamura, chairman, David Unoura and the Rev. Lloyd Wake, adviser.

The Rev. Robert Boyd Munger, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Berkeley, will be the keynote speaker, giving his address on May 2 at the San Francisco Church of Christ, where opening services will be held.

A Junior YPCC for teenagers will make its debut at the conference. The group will schedule joint events with the YPCC but will remain independent for the major part of the conference.

A panel discussion led by Dave Tatsuno as moderator will discuss the topic, "What Does Christian Living Have to Offer Us?"

An extensive housing and transportation program is being arranged by Fusaye Hayashida, registration chairman. Out-of-towners should contact Miss Hayashida immediately at 2919 Harper St., Berkeley, Calif.—Photo by Tom Okada.

One-Armed Nisei Secretary Demonstrates Office Talents

Daughter Born To Takahashis •

DENVER—A daughter was born April 27 at General Rose Memorial hospital here to Dr. and Mrs. William Y. Takahashi of Boulder, Colo. She was named Julia DeLacy. Dr. Takahashi is the son of Mrs. K. Takahashi of Seattle while Mrs. Takahashi is the daughter of Mrs. Howard Constable of Princeton, N.J.

Kikue Imura Weds Cpl. Koyama in Alameda Ceremony

ALAMEDA, Calif.—Miss Kikue Mary Imura, fourth daughter of Mrs. Hisayo Imura and the late Sakanosuke Imura, became the bride of Cpl. Ben Tsutomu Koyama, fourth son of Nobuichi Koyama of Loomis, in a quiet ceremony on April 26, at the home of the bride's parent here.

The Rev. Iwakichi Haratani of the Buena Vista Methodist Church, performed the nuptial service. The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Haruo Imura. Miss Jeanne Kagiwada of Los Angeles served as maid of honor. Little Maureen Okuda of Oakland was flower girl. Both are nieces of the bride. The best man was Kay Mayeda of Alvarado.

PC SPORTS ROUNDUP

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also placed second in the 220 and ran on Draper's winning relay team. . . . Raymond Uyeda of Tooele, Utah, won the 220-yard freestyle championship in the annual Intermountain AAU swimming championships on April 25 in Salt Lake City. Uyeda took the event in 2:43 and also won the 60-yard freestyle in :26.3. . . . Noboru Tateishi of the C. K. McClatchy Lions of Sacramento is one of the fastest Class B sprinters in Northern California.

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Nisei Played in Japan Before War

Nisei ball players, five of whom are now playing in the Japanese pro leagues, aren't the only Americans in Nippon baseball. This week Bill Veeck of the St Louis Browns announced he was farming two players, Third Baseman John Britton Jr. and Pitcher James Newberry, to a team in the Japanese Pacific league. Britton and Newberry who will be the first Negroes to play in the Japanese league are flying to Tokyo. Incidentally, a number of Nisei players, like Bozo Wakayashi, Kaiser Tanaka, the late Sammy Takahashi and George Matsumura helped build up pro ball in Japan. . . . First baseman Jim Nakamura's long home run blast was the margin of victory as Reedley College edged Coalinga JC, 6 to 5 last week. Nakamura had three for four for the afternoon. . . . Fuzzy Shimada's 676 series gives him a tie for third place in the Soroptimist bowling tourney in San Francisco.

Oregon Nisei Keglers Hold Awards Dinner

PORLTND, Ore.—Awards for outstanding performances during the year were presented by the Oregon Nisei Bowling League at a dinner on April 12 at the House of Lum.

The team champions were the Dragoneers in the men's league and the A.A. Rice team in the women's circuit.

The Dragoneers, captained by Victor Wong, include Doc Lee, Herb Louie, Eddie Dong, Richard Wong and Tats Nakamura. Members of the A.A. Rice squad are Marilyn Wong, captain, Li'l Wong, Fumi Wakamatsu, Grace Wong, Jessie Furukawa and Alice Kan.

Other awards presented in the women's and men's league were:

High average—Marilyn Wong, 158, and Tom Osasa, 183.

Season's high game—Takako Inukai, 239, and Tom Osasa, 268.

Season's high series—Marilyn Wong, 579, and Tom Osasa, 635.

Special ABC award for the "most improved bowler"—Eichi Wakamatsu.

Fumi Wakamatsu succeeds Marilyn Wong as the new president of the women's league. Other new officers are Lorraine Chin, secretary, and Grace Wong, treasurer. Kennie Namba is the new head of the men's league, succeeding Tosh Okazaki. Other new officers are Charley Maehara, vice-president; Eddie Dong, secretary, and George Sono, treasurer.

Home from Korea

SEATTLE—Two Southern California Nisei were among military personnel returning from the Far East aboard the transport Gen. Simon B. Buckner on April 10.

They were Cpl. Kinya Tatsumi, Canoga Park, and Sgt. S. W. Yamada, Huntington Beach.

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Fabulous "Potato King's" Feats Recalled at Widow's Funeral

WEST LOS ANGELES — Final rites were held here last week for the 85-year old widow of the late George Shima, California's famous "potato king" of three decades ago.

Mrs. Shima (Ushijima) Shima died on April 22 in Santa Monica.

Her late husband, who died in 1926, came to California from Japan in 1889 with less than \$1,000 given to him by his father. He amassed a fortune in the delta lands of the San Joaquin which at one time was estimated at more than \$15,000,000.

Shima cornered the state's potato market in 1910 and in 1920 he produced an estimated 85 per cent of the potato crop. At one time he owned 5,000 acres and leased 8,000 acres.

Shima made and lost several fortunes. A June frost in 1916 wiped out his fortune of more than \$1,000,000. Friends told him it was too late to plant another crop but Shima did so and in about three months regained his fortune with a good crop.

Mrs. Shima was a noted woman in many activities. She was one of the first women to graduate from a Methodist college in Japan. After further education in the United States, she returned to Japan as an instructor at the college. She was widely known for her church work and her charities.

At the time she and her husband first began farming in the United States, he was a tenant farmer on 20 acres of land in the Terminus area.

Shima's career included some of the most spectacular land and potato deals in the delta area. He was an associate of Lee Phillips and they were responsible for some of the biggest reclamation projects in the San Joaquin Delta.

Mrs. Shima, a resident of Berkeley, was visiting her son, Rindge Shima, an electronics expert, at his Santa Monica home when she became ill. She is also survived by another son, George Togo Shima of Stockton, and a daughter, Mrs. Florence Kye Hori of Berkeley.

Plan Discussion on Future Of L. A.'s Children's Home

LOS ANGELES — Future disposition of the Shonien, Japanese Children's Home of Southern California, will be discussed at a public meeting to be held Monday, May 26.

The Shonien became inactive upon the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the West Coast in 1942. In recent years its community-owned buildings have been used to ease the housing situation for distressed families.

Results of a Shonien survey now nearing completion will be presented at the public meeting, along with the recommendation of the Shonien executive board as to the future of the home.

The survey, now being conducted under the direction of Chester Yamauchi, will show changes required in the former Shonien to meet present standards, cost estimates and the extent of need for such an institution.

Invitations to the meeting will be sent to all former supporting members of the Shonien whose present addresses can be determined and to

business, professional, religious and social organizations within Los Angeles County. It will also be open to the general public.

Efforts to reactivate the home have been complicated by changing state and local requirements for licensing which entail major alterations to existing buildings. Estimated costs for even minimum alterations were so high that the board voted to institute its present survey before calling upon the community for financial support.

Women's Guild Holds Election

LOS ANGELES — Mrs. Masaye Maruyama was elected president of the Ladies Guild of the West Los Angeles Buddhist Church in the group's last semi-annual election.

Also named to the cabinet were Mrs. Sanami Yukawa, first vice-president; Mrs. Jane Uyeki, recording secretary; Mrs. Dorothy Ikkanda, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Michi Takeuchi, treasurer; Mrs. Tomiko Iwamoto, assistant treasurer; Mrs. Shizue Naramura, publicity chairman; Mrs. Ruby Matsumoto, historian; and Mrs. Kimi Ishii and Mrs. Shizuko Oku, members-at-large.

A demonstration in tempura cooking of shrimps and vegetables was given by K. Oku.

JACL, Veledas Plan Portland Political Rally

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Veleda Club and the Portland JACL chapter are co-sponsoring a political rally to be held on Tuesday night, May 13, from 8 p.m. at the YWCA in preparation for the May primaries.

Shirley Fields, Monroe Sweetland, Democratic national committeeman for Oregon, and one other speaker are expected to appear at the rally.

General chairmen for the rally are Mrs. Nug Ninomiya and Dr. Mathew Masuoka. Others working on the rally include Mrs. John Murakami, Mrs. James Osaki, Mrs. Jack Yoshitomi, George Azumano and Mary Minamoto.

"Rashomon" Will Raise Funds for JACL Campaign

LOS ANGELES — Three special showings of "Rashomon," now playing at the Beverly Canon Theater, will be sponsored by the chapters of the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council, chairman Edison Uno, announced this week.

A substantial portion of the regular admission charge will be donated to the JACL to assist the council chapters in sending their delegates to the National Convention in San Francisco next month, Uno said.

Members and their friends as well as the general community were urged to obtain special JACL tickets from their chapter officers. The three showings will be held on May 12, 13 and 14. There are two showings each evening, at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. These tickets are also available at the JACL regional office and local newspaper offices.

Chicago Club Elects Officers

CHICAGO — The Illi 'ns elected new members at their last meeting.

The following cabinet members will take over their new officers after a candlelight installation dinner at Yonkers: President, Yuji Kobayashi; Vice-President, Janet Kataura; Secretary, Rose Yoshida; Treasurer, Andy Kambara; Historian-Public Relations, Kaye Fujimoto. Pauline Ase was chairman for the evening.

Besides an active program of discussions, outings and socials, the Illi 'ns have taken an active interest in social problems. During the Christmas holidays the group met and fixed toys for a children's orphanage and Easter baskets were made and distributed to children of the St. Vincent's orphanage.

Members of the outgoing cabinet, headed by Roy Ogasawara, were Yuji Kobayashi, Yoshimi Amino, Jack Sakuri and Janet Kataura.

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Veteran of 442nd Takes New Post With Oregon Tax Agency

SALEM, Ore. — Sagie Nishioka, disabled and decorated veteran of the famous 442nd Combat Team, who originally was denied a job with the State Tax Commission because of his race, went to work on April 23 for the commission as a junior accountant.

Nishioka, a native of Hood River, Ore., moved to Salem from Seattle where he had held a job as a clerk for the Port of Embarkation.

Tax Commission Chairman Ray Smith, who originally refused Nishioka the post although the Nisei veteran finished first in civil service tests, commented that Nishioka "seems like a very nice fel-

low," and added that Nishioka plans to ask the Civil Service Commission for a transfer to the tax agency's Portland office after his training period.

W. E. Kimsey, state labor commission who administers Oregon's Fair Employment Practices law, stated that the tax agency's refusal of Nishioka was made because of the latter's Japanese ancestry. Kimsey's action in publicizing the discrimination against the Nisei veteran resulted in action reversing the Tax Commission's stand and a comment from Oregon Governor Douglas McKay that it was a "stupid, damned outrage."

Supreme Court Denies Petition For Hearing in Mrs. d'Aquino's "Tokyo Rose" Treason Case

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The Supreme Court on April 23 denied a hearing to Mrs. Iva Toguri d'Aquino, convicted in 1949 of wartime treason for broadcasting propaganda over Radio Tokyo.

Mrs. d'Aquino was sentenced to ten years in prison and fined \$10,000 in U. S. District Court in San Francisco. Her appeal was denied by the Ninth District Court of Appeals last year. She is serving her term in the Federal Reformatory for Women at Alderson, W. Va.

Philadelphia Group Holds Spring Fete

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. — The Coordinating Social Council held its first social event of the 1952 season, its annual spring festival, under chairmanship of Shoji Date, representing the local JACL.

While April showers delayed start of the festival, an eventual attendance of 140 persons was marked up by evening's end.

Mrs. Yone Okamoto of Abington and Shig Sano of Lansdale were winners respectively of an iron and a pair of opera glasses, given away as door prizes. Miyo Shitamae of Philadelphia came off winner in a bean guessing contest.

The carnival netted \$202.05. Participating groups in the council and the Fujin-Kai will each receive \$40.41.

Venice JACL Holds Square Dance, Social

VENICE, Calif. — A successful square dance and box lunch social were held by the Venice JACL on April 19 at the Venice Community Hall.

Pres. James Yasuda proved himself a top auctioneer, selling two and three lunches to some of the guests.

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