



First quota-immigrant to farm in California

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Tokyo

The American Embassy made a big ceremony out of the occasion of handing Sozaburo Kujiraoka, 22, the first quota immigrant visa to the United States on Jan. 21.

U. S. Ambassador Robert D. Murphy presented the visa with congratulations. Consul-General James B. Pilcher and Vice-Consul Dorothy Dugan also extended messages of congratulations. This writer was fortunate enough to witness the historical event at the American Embassy.

Ambassador Murphy, in handing the visa to Kujiraoka, said, "This is indeed a historical event in Japanese-American relations. You are the first Japanese to receive a quota visa in Japan under our new immigration laws. . . . Consul-General Pilcher, Miss Dugan and I congratulate you on this memorable occasion."

"My country welcomes you and all the Japanese who will follow you. May your lives in your new homeland be happy and prosperous and may each of you in your own way contribute to our mutual efforts to build a better and a more peaceful world."

Kujiraoka's visa was accompanied by an x-ray picture, medical certificate, National Rural Police Criminal Investi-

gation Division certificate, family record and a sealed envelope to immigration officials at the port of entry.

"Today is the happiest day of my life. I am planning to sail for America in February in order to join my cousins, William and Edward Koda at South Dos Palos (60 miles northwest of Fresno) in California. I hope to help my cousins who own 987 acres near Dos Palos and 240 acres in Imperial Valley," said the first quota immigrant in good English.

The Kodas are among the biggest Nisei farmers of rice and other crops. They are the only Nisei farmers using airplanes for various farming purposes, according to the first immigrant.

Miss Dugan disclosed there will be eight more visas during the month. There are some 2,000 applications for quota immigrant visas, she revealed, which will be granted after strict screening.

Japanese leaders her expressed their happiness upon the issuance of the first immigrant visa. While some Japanese radicals have agitated against the law, the first tangible evidence of a Japanese immigrant being admitted to the U. S. is something unforgettable.

Kujiraoka has been a Tokyo resident all of his life, having lived at 1417 Koganei, Koganeimachi, Kitatama-gun since he was 3. He attended Koganei primary school, was graduated from Tokyo Metropolitan II High School in 1949, and studied English at Meijiro Logos school. He intends to study scientific farming methods for a year or two before joining his cousins who farm a total of 2,500 acres.

House-Senate judiciary, House appropriation committee make-up for 83rd Republican Congress announced

Washington

Composition of the crucial Senate Judiciary Committee, which passes on all matters relating to immigration, naturalization and civil rights, was revealed this week as the Senate announced its committee assignments for the 83rd Congress, reported the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee.

The new chairman of the Republican-controlled Senate Judiciary Committee is Sen. William Langer (R., N. D.). Former chairman, Sen. Pat McCarran (D., Nev.), is now the ranking Democrat on the Committee.

The Senate Judiciary Committee is the most powerful single group within the Senate, declared the Washington JACL ADC Office.

The key position the Senate Judiciary Committee occupies in matter concerning immigration and naturalization was clearly seen during the past fight on the Immigration and Nationality Act, when one of the all-important moves was the quick reporting of the omnibus legislation by the Committee, declared the Washington JACL ADC office.

By the simple expedient of not reporting a given bill, the Senate Judiciary Committee can kill that legislation. A Senate Judiciary Committee hostile to either equality in naturalization or repeal of the Oriental Exclusion Acts could have prevented Senate consideration of the Walter-McCarran Omnibus Bill, stated the Washington JACL ADC office.

Because during the 82nd Congress there was under the chairmanship of Sen. McCarran a Judiciary Committee friendly to the needs of persons of Japanese ancestry, both equality in naturaliza-

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Washington

Economy-minded Rep. John Taber (R., N.Y.) heads the new House Appropriations Committee, which must initiate and approve deficiency appropriation for unpaid evacuation claims awards, as the House announced the Committee assignments of its representatives.

Taber acquired a reputation as a budget slasher during the 80th Congress when he severely cut down all proposed appropriations, it was recalled by the Washington JACL-ADC office.

All appropriations measures are required by the Constitution to be initiated in the House. This committee, hence, controls to a great extent government budgets, including the Department of Justice, which is re-

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Washington

House Judiciary Committee, which in the past initiated all JACL ADC-sponsored legislation for equality in naturalization and immigration, has now been organized for the 83rd Congress with Rep. Chauncey W. Reed (R., Ill.) as chairman reported the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee today.

The 30-member House Judiciary Committee numbers 16 Republicans and 14 Democrats. There are only two Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee who are from regions west of the Mississippi — Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Calif.) and Rep. Usher L. Burdick (R., N.D.).

The only Democrat from the west is Rep. Byron G. Rogers (D., Colo.).

Despite the scarcity of far western representatives on it, the committee has been sympathetic to the problems of persons of Japanese ancestry from the beginnings of the JACL ADC program, declared the Washington Office of the JACL ADC.

Largely this helpfulness stemmed from friends on the committee whom the JACL ADC acquired in its formative days, such as Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.), the late Rep. Frank Fellows (R., Me.), Rep. Louis Graham (R., Pa.), the former Rep. Ed Gossett (D., Tex.), Rep. Frank Chelf (D., Ky.), and the late John M. Robison (R., Ky.).

A point of interest is that the newly-elected Rep. John M. Robison, Jr. (R., Ky.), the son of the late Robison, is now on the House Judiciary Committee for the 83rd Congress.

In the 80th Congress, last sessions to be Republican-dominated, were enacted historic and precedent-setting legislation, sponsored by the JACL ADC, which included the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948, the Stay of Deportation of 1948, and the Amendment to the Soldier Brides Act.

Also for the first time pri-

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1952 JACL MEMBERSHIP REVEALED AS LARGEST POSTWAR FIGURE: 11,000

Salt Lake City

"Going our way?" is the theme of the 1953 membership leaflet of the Japanese American Citizens League, 20,000 of which are being distributed to the chapters this week.

The leaflet features a sketch by artist Michi Kataoka of Los Angeles, whose imaginative sketches for the JACL public relations brochure last year evoked much favorable comment.

National JACL Director Masao Satow disclosed that the 1952 active membership reached 11,017, the highest membership of postwar years. Approximately one-third of the national membership were from Northern California, and Chicago was the largest chapter with 1,119 members.

NEED MORE TEACHERS FOR SEATTLE'S ISSEI AMERICANIZATION CLASS

Seattle

Close to 400 Issei have signed up to study in Americanization classes at Edison Vocational School, formerly the Broadway High building at Broadway and East Pine, it was announced this week by Dr. Kelly K. Yamada, Seattle JACL chapter president.

Fifteen classes in Japanese started this week with Seattle Public School System teachers in charge.

At present there are six bi-lingual instructors, but a call for four more was issued. The teaching staff includes Iwao Matsushita, Mrs. Lily Fujii, Claire Suguro, Mr. and Mrs. Tak Imai and Mrs. Kelly Yamada.

Pacific Citizen holiday edition articles on immigration and naturalization inserted into Congressional Record

Washington

Articles on the new Immigration and Nationality Act which appeared in the last Holiday Edition of the Pacific Citizen were inserted into the Congressional Record of January 19 by Rep. Louis E. Graham (R., Pa.), announced the Washington Office of the JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee this

week.

Praising the Pacific Citizen Holiday Edition as an outstanding piece of journalism, Congressman Graham told the Washington JACL ADC office that because he felt the articles deserved the attention of other members of Congress, he had asked for their insertion into the Congressional Record.

The holiday edition commemorated the historic passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act granting equality in naturalization and repealing the Oriental Exclusion Acts of 1924.

The articles inserted in the Congressional Record were con-

tributed to the Pacific Citizen by Sen. Pat McCarran (D., Nev.) and Rep. Walter H. Judd (R., Minn.). They described in the articles the background of the Immigration and Nationality Act, the provisions in it, and the congressional fight accompanying its enactment.

Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the JACL ADC, in expressing appreciation of the publicity given the articles and the P. C., noted Congressman Graham's long years of sympathetic interest in the problems of persons of Japanese ancestry.

As the ranking Republican of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization during the last three Congresses, Graham has been particularly helpful to JACL ADC efforts to liberalize immigration and naturalization laws, stated Masaoka.

Graham's fight to provide equality in naturalization dates back to the days of the original Judd Bill, when together with Rep. Frank Fellows (R., Me.) he sought to erase the racial ineligibility clause from our nationality code, declared Masaoka.

In all probability Graham will be the next chairman of the key House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, the JACL ADC official declared.

Akagi resigns from JACL-ADC post

Washington

Richard Akagi, assistant Washington JACL ADC representative, submitted his resignation, to take effect not later than Mar. 31, it was announced yesterday.

Akagi, who resigned as Midwest regional JACL director last March, worked in the Washington office during the congressional fight on the immigration and nationality law. He revealed he will return to New York where his family resides.



The "Orientalettes," international sextet of Wayland College, Plainview, Tex., bring a touch of Oriental beauty and mystery to the cowboy lore of the Texas plains. Appearing at numerous programs as above are (left to right) Helen Goto, Honolulu; Elizabeth Luk, Hong Kong; Mildred Kong, Kiyono Nagatani, Honolulu; Misako Hirabe Yokohama; and Matsue Nagata, Kekaha, T.H.

Official 442nd RCT history available for last time

Washington

To commemorate the organization of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team ten years ago on Jan. 28, the Washington JACL ADC Office is making available at a special price the remaining copies of the official Infantry Journal history of the famous Nisei outfit.

Entitled "Americans — The Story of the 442nd Combat Team," it was first printed in 1946. Since that time, it has been reprinted. Written by Maj. Orville C. Shirey, an original 442nd officer, the 151-page book sold and is still listed at \$5 a copy.

The Washington JACL ADC office purchased the last 900 copies from the Infantry Journal, making them available on a "first come, first serve" basis for half the original price — \$2.50 a copy. An additional 50 cents to cover the cost of wrapping and postage will be charged those ordering by mail.

Campaign maps in color, illustrations, and photographs of the Combat Team are featured.

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WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER . . .

Now-if-can-be-told stories of personalities who changed Army attitude to organize 442nd told

Washington, D. C.

January 28 marks the tenth anniversary of the turning point in the history of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

On that date, Secretary of War Stimson announced the organization of a special combat team to be composed of Japanese American soldier volunteers.

On that date, the flood tide of hate against persons of Japanese ancestry which reached its peak in the evacuation, began to recede.

"It is the inherent right of every faithful citizen, regardless of ancestry, to bear arms in the nation's battles. When obstacles to the free expression of that right are imposed by emergency considerations, those barriers should be removed as soon as

humanly possible. Loyalty to country is a voice that must be heard, and I am glad that I am now able to give active proof that this basic American belief is not a casualty of war," Secretary Stimson declared in his public announcement.

"This action was taken," he added, "following study by the War Department of many earnest requests by loyal Americans of Japanese extraction for the organization of a special unit in the Army in which they could have their share in the fight against the nation's enemies."

On Feb. 1, the Army activated the 442nd Central Postal Directory, the first of its kind.

That same day, President Franklin Roosevelt endorsed the idea of a Nisei combat team, saying:

"No loyal citizen of the United States should be denied the democratic right to exercise the responsibilities of his citizenship, regardless of ancestry. The principle on which this government was founded and by which it has always been governed is that Americanism is a matter of the mind and the heart; Americanism is not and never was, a matter of race or ancestry. A good American is one who is loyal to this country and to our creed of liberty and democracy. Every loyal American should be given the opportunity to serve this country wherever his skills will make the greatest contributions—whether it be in the armed forces, war production, agriculture, government service, or other work

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DENVER DATELINE . . .

New Mountain Plains 1000 club chairman Imatani proposes charter plane for him to cover big district

Denver

James Imatani of nearby Henderson, is another native-born Coloradan who refuses to take back seat to any of us upstart West Coast evacuees who came swarming into Colorado since 1942.

A prominent and natural leader in the rural area just north of Denver, around the rich farming district near Brighton, Jimmie was recently named 1000 Club chairman in the Mountain-Plains JACL district replacing George Furuta, who returned to L.A. by our Nat'l Director "Deacon" Satow.

Jimmie came in the other day, and looking over a map of the Mountain-Plains JACL district, which stretches from the Canadian border to the sun-kissed beaches of the Gulf of Mexico suggested we charter a plane for him to cover the district.

Actually, the Mountain-Plains district included eight states, starting on the north with Montana and extending to Texas. If we were to include our Southern division, which would take all of the southern tier of states not serviced by the Chicago Midwest office and the New York Eastern office, and which stretches to Miami at the southern tip of Florida, Regional 1000 Club Chairman Imatani would theoretically cover one-half of the geographical area of the U.S., touching some 19 states.

(The total area of the United States is about 3 million square miles; the Mountain-Plains JACL region, including the southern division, extends over 1½ million square miles . . . Is it any wonder that the Mountain-Plains people talk big, act big and are big?—A trait acquired from Texans, no doubt!)

Jimmie won't be traipsing all over this stupendous real estate. But, if you live in this Mountain-Plains district, don't be surprised if you hear at some future time from 1000er Imatani, asking for a touch for Nat'l JACL.

The thing that does surprise us, however, is that while the Imatanis have a manorial home with all the luxuries of a country estate, presided over by a most charming wife, Sumi who efficiently rides herd on the four Imatani youngsters, Jimmie is always taking off for somewhere . . .

His latest jaunt took him into Texas with Kody Kodama of Fresh Vegetable Packing Co., and as we hear it, for a wonderful time in romantic Monterey in Old Mexico. We doubt there are any JACLers south of the border, but we do hear that the senioritas in Monterey are the most beautiful in the western hemisphere. At any rate, Imatani does get around, managing his produce and pickle-manufacturing business,

so he'll be covering the territory and he'll see you about 1000 Club donations too!

DENVER COME AND GO . . .

Dolorously (or was it deliriously) we told you of Denver departures last week. First it was the Danny Yoshimura's last week to L.A.; then the Dr. George J. Kubo's this week; and next week it will be the Louis M. Minobe's from near Derby.

But, with the annual Western Stock Show here last week-end, we've had visitors too. Masa Masutani came out from North Platte, Neb. to see cowpunchers do their stuff, and to look over some high grade livestock. Jim Muroya, out of Greeley, came south into Denver, to help make the Sam Yago's permanent residents of the Queen City of the Plains—naturally Denver.

From Japan was K. Takagi of Osaka, visiting a mining machinery manufacturing plant in Denver. Sab Tani acted as interpreter, impressed by the interest that Japanese engineers are showing in construction projects.

We have a Japanese exchange student, Yukio Ikuchi, majoring in sociology at Denver University, and surprisingly student Ikuchi is doing an extensive social study of Denver Japanese. When he completes his master's thesis he'll know more about Denver Nihonjin than most Nisei around town.

by Min Yasui

By Mike Masaoka

TOKYO NEWSLETTER . . .

by Tamotsu Murayama

Second-hand TV sets from America in hands of 4,000 residents in Japan

Tokyo

Daily telecasts in Japan will begin this year. Some 4,000 TV set owners will enjoy what will be telecasts. The sets are chiefly American-made second hand ones.

Dr. T. Ichioka of Los Angeles has invested ten million yen in the Japan Television Company, headed by Matsutaro Shoriki. Sixteen more million yen has been invested by Jutaro Narumi and his group in Los Angeles.

The TV corporation is capitalized at one million yen, fully paid.

In connection, August Shigekazu Narumi, whose father operates the Los Angeles Mercantile Co., is the only Nisei on the Board of Directors. He was an Eagle Scout with the Koyasan Troop 379 before coming to Japan in the prewar days.

August has been one of the prime movers to reactivate the boy scout movement in Japan. He is now the Scout Executive of the Tokyo Boy Scout Council. He is also on the Japan Olympic Committee. He qualifies as one of the Nisei businessmen who is making good in Japan today.

Senator Camillo Osias, who is a very strong candidate for the next presidency of the Philippines, convinced me as a man of sincerity and ability. His mission in Japan has been for the reparation negotiation being carried on between the two nations. The Senator won the hearts of every Japanese he has met.

There is no doubt that Japanese-Filipino relations must be improved before anything of importance can be done in the Orient. It is also fundamental for the improvement of Japanese-American relations.

The Japanese government is offering to pay \$500,000,000 during a period from five to seven years. The reparation is to be paid on a "goods and services" basis. Japan can send her skilled technicians and manpower to aid in the rehabilitation of the Philippines.

Mrs. Osias also won the admiration of the Japanese people by visiting the Yasukuni Shrine, where Japan's unknown soldiers are interred.

Senator Osias is deeply interested in the release of the Japanese war prisoners as promptly as possible. "War is over. Let's join our hands to work for the future" is the spirit with which he is approaching this delicate subject.

Dr. Masayoshi Morino, Univ. of California graduate and former wrestling champion, is one of the outstanding influences at the National Police Office of Japan.

Dr. Morino's name has been standing out very prominently among the occupationists because without his interpretation of Japanese background and customs, nothing could have been accomplished. He actually reorganized police system of today.

Morino was called to the grand jury hearings on the case of Sgt. David Provoo, which is now being tried in New York City.

A Nisei Kabuki student made

a prominent news item in Tokyo. She is Miss Miyoko Watanabe, Univ. of California graduate and a dramatic instructor at Nippon University of Tokyo. She said she came to Japan to study Japanese dramatics and dancing. She is a student of the Fujima School of Classical Dancing.

Miss Watanabe recently presented the classic, Fujimustume, at a dacing recital. She stated that she wants to devote her entire life to Kabuki studies.

Dr. Kikuo Taira of Fresno, Calif., inspired many Japanese leaders when he came to Japan last fall as chief delegate of the American Buddhists to the Second World Buddhist Conference.

Japanese people had begun to think that all Nisei from America were Christians. Now they know that there are good Nisei Buddhist leaders abroad. Taira pointed out many shortcomings of Japanese Buddhism, including the dogmatic attitude of the main sects. Taira made many pertinent comments and statements which were publicized widely in periodicals and magazines.

Japanese Buddhists were happy to receive the challenges, such as those hurled by Dr. Taira. They inspired the Japanese leaders.

Due to his English speaking ability, Dr. Taira accomplished and gained more at the conference than any other Japanese.

The official language at the conference was English.

The Japanese leaders have had their conception of the Nisei changed. More thinking and scholarly Nisei should come to Japan to bring new ideas to stimulate the Japanese people in Japan.

Memorial services for the late Roku Sugahara were held at Tokyo Union church with the presence of his brother, Kay, Goro Murata, Peter Takahashi, Henry Shimanouchi, Clarence Yamagata, Mrs. Ruth Ishikawa, Mr. and Mrs. Shinosuke Komatsu, president of Nippon Bussan.

Rites were conducted by the Rev. Russell. Roku had died of cancer in New York City on Dec. 17, it was learned.

Kay Sugahara is president of the Mackay Overseas Co. of New York, importers and exporters. He is making real good in Japan. He handles a large quantity of pearls and silk. Reports are that he made a "killing" in scrap iron. This former L. A. boy is often seen at the Imperial Hotel where big business deals are made.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER . . .

This week belongs to the younger generation getting diplomas from schools; heart-warming incidents glow

Los Angeles

We can say this week belongs to the younger generation. It was a week which sounded the trumpets. To the strains of "Pomp and Circumstance," hundreds of senior and junior high school seniors marched up stages of their school auditoriums to receive diplomas.

Nisei and Sansei graduates did well in every field of school endeavor. Scholastically, they achieved top ratings.

To a prewar junior or senior high school student, having a Japanese American as student-body president was a rarity. Today, we count them on both hands.

To be exact, seven Nisei and Sansei graduates from Southland junior high schools were honored with the top student post this past semester. It's a hard record to beat. Not all were boys; two of them being young ladies, very shy but possessing leadership charm.

Versatile kendo artist Torao Mori broke into print. He won

the senior sabre championship of Southern California after slashing through 10 opponents. The fencing king competes in the state championship to be held in San Francisco in May.

The Japan-born fencer, married to a Nisei, was in Japan during the war years. The strander-wife returned to the United States, instigated a private bill for her husband's return.

Two heart-warming stories in the local metropolitan dailies attracted our attention.

One told of an ex-serviceman, Frank Nagatani, who flew into Los Angeles from Chicago with his motherless three-month-old daughter Jenny. She is now in the care of his aunt, Mrs. Lucy Yoshida.

Mrs. Nagatani had died at childbirth in St. Louis. The former Army cook at Ft. Leonard Woods (Mo.) is acting as "mom and dad" for the little girl. He was jobless. His plight was treated with win-some photographs—a uniformed Nisei with a cute tot on his

lap and a nipped bottle. The following day he was swamped with job calls.

The other concerns Mr. and Mrs. Al Young of Hollywood. The elderly couple is looking for a handicapped person of Japanese ancestry in need of a new wheelchair.

"We've known quite a few Japanese Americans before the war. Since we're giving out free wheelchairs to persons of other racial extractions, we want to do the same for some Nisei," Young said.

Off the cuff: Ever try finding a nice place to eat Sunday afternoon in the Southwest of Los Angeles? Your newsboy failed in his attempt to entertain writer Jobo Nakamura on a luncheon date.

Nakamura visited L.A. a fortnight ago, attended the first annual Methodist Laymen's conference. After driving around for half an hour, we ended at a drive-in for two pairs of hot dogs. L.A. Tokyo has more places to eat than all Seinan put together.

by Henry Mori

Anti-American sentiment growing; must be cleared to check Reds

—V—

Much is said about anti-American sentiment coming to the front in Japan today. To a certain degree, there is reaction from the occupation "oppression," the control exercised by a conquering nation over the defeated.

Pressure to rearm is creating animosity.

Extra-territoriality question over American servicemen and those of the United Nations in Japan is being agitated by the newspapers.

Japanese feel that U. S. tariff is unfair and is depriving them of a market. The trade ban on Communist China is also used to antagonize the people who feel that Chinese trade is their salvation.

The passage of the immigration and naturalization law was not capitalized by American diplomats to the fullest extent.

The difference in living standards is a source of envy and jealousy. When Japan is being asked to pay for occupation costs, the issue becomes good agitating material.

About 22 American "cultural centers" are being maintained throughout Japan. These could be used more aggressively to teach the democratic way of life.

Other issues, such as the payment of the costs of occupation, war criminals, and so forth will be sources of irritation. They must be ironed out to build Japan up as a strong ally of the United States.

There is no doubt that the tourist trade is an important industry for Japan, especially from the United States. A recent report stated that at least 600 tourists are already signed up in parties to visit Japan from Hawaii and the mainland. Anyone with connections or friends can enjoy it by going alone. However, a first timer sees more of the special sights through arranged trips. There are many places denied the ordinary visitor.

Even buying expeditions are more fruitful through proper introductions.

Every American is told that "Kabuki" is a must. And yet, the tickets are not easy to ob-

tain. The best shows are sold out in advance.

Those who have taken the boats claim that this is the best way to go. With the savings possible on fares, one can spend the money in Japan. Because of the time consumed, however, a busy person would prefer to go by plane.

The tourist can start with the Northwest Airlines and return on the Pan-American Airways or vice versa. A pleasant trip would be to stop over a week in Hawaii. A round trip ticket will permit the inter-changing of the planes. For instance, I started Los Angeles on the Western Air Lines to Seattle; then took the Northwest Airlines to Tokyo; returned to Hawaii on the Pan-American; and made the final lap from Honolulu to Los Angeles on the United Airlines.

To all Nisei, Japan is a foreign country. This is the first impression that strikes the visitor. It is a nice place to visit with money to spend. After all, the American dollar increases 360 times. No matter how inflated Japanese prices are, goods are cheaper than in the United States.

People are courteous. There is a great deal of formality. Individuals still do not count to any extent. The fact that over 80,000,000 people live in an area smaller than California with less cultivated acreage and less natural resources makes it apparent that the most serious problem concerns population. Birth control is not an immediate solution.

Japan may some day become communistic in desperation. The danger cannot be overlooked.

If Japan is lost to the western allies, it will be a greater catastrophe than China coming under the Soviet domination.

The MacArthur purge gave younger leaders the opportunity to take the reins of government and industry. But there has not been sufficient time for them to become entrenched.

There must be a two way traffic Japan and the United

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Women jurors serve for first time in Hawaii's history

By L. NAKATSUKA

Honolulu

Nisei women are experiencing a new role in Hawaii courts. For the first time, Nisei women, as well as women of all other races, have been made eligible for jury duty in Hawaii.

It took an act of congress and President Truman's blessing last year to make this possible, effective this month.

As a result, two Nisei women last week gained the distinction of having served on the first trial jury on which their sex was represented. They sat among a mixed jury of eight women and four men.

By coincidence, the case involved a female defendant, charged with a narcotics violation. It took the mixed jury an hour to hand down a verdict of guilty against the accused woman in a U. S. District court in Honolulu.

The Nisei women jurors were Mrs. Pat M. Fujii and Mrs. Amy K. Komiyama.

So far, however, no Nisei women have been called to serve on the Territorial Grand Jury.

Although progressive in many ways, Hawaii never got around until recently to asking Congress to give women the privilege of serving on juries. The ban on women jurors is contained in Hawaii's Organic Act, the Territory's "constitution," passed by Congress in 1900.

The Organic Act limited jury service to men. Slowly, on a national scale, equality for women became a campaign issue that resulted in a resounding victory when the 19th amendment was passed by Congress, giving women the right to vote.

But jury service still was denied to Hawaii women because the Organic Act remained in force.

The problem was one of getting Congress to extend jury service to women, since only Congress has the power to change the Organic Act.

It took many years to promote organized support for the move. First it had to be "sold" to the men folks, not always an easy task. It met cold reception, for instance, when a Senate committee in the Territorial Legislature "ice-boxed" a proposal for women on juries with

the comment that "women should stay home where they belong, cooking, sewing and washing."

Even without the support of the Legislature, Hawaii's Delegate to Congress, Joseph R. Farrington, introduced a bill in Congress in 1947, and again in 1949, asking for the necessary Organic Act change. But the bills failed to make much headway in Washington.

The movement gained momentum in 1950 when the Territory elected delegates to a State convention, whose purpose was to draft a proposed constitution in the event Congress granted statehood to Hawaii. Among the delegates were a number of women who performed creditably.

They helped write a provision wiping out the discrimination against women jurors.

With this example to follow, the 1951 Legislature went on record to ask Congress to change the Organic Act.

The House of Representatives in Congress approved Delegate Farrington's bill in 1951. Then last spring the Senate followed suit, and President Truman promptly signed the bill.

Hawaii now leads the territories and possessions of the United States in recognizing the equal rights of women before the law.

Giving them the right to jury service removed one of the few discriminatory practices Hawaii had imposed against women.

Redevelopment plans slate clearing of San Francisco Nipponmachi in late '54

San Francisco

Next October may be the start of the San Francisco redevelopment program which will affect several Japanese American families now residing on the 28-block Western Addition area.

A portion of the area, housing the greatest concentration of Issei and Nisei business establishments and family units here, will be affected early in the clearance program, according to schedules announced last week by the Redevelopment Agency.

ISSEI IN MAJORITY ATTENDING MIXED CLASS FOR AMERICANIZATION

Ontario, Ore.

Americanization classes commenced here this week with teachers principally from the Malheur County Teachers Association, which initiated the movement recently.

Last week during the registration, the majority of foreign-born signing were Japanese, but there were persons from Holland, Hungary, Germany, Russia, Lithuania, Poland, England, Australia, Switzerland, Korea, Denmark, Greece and Bulgaria.

Teachers, including Supt. Arthur Kiesz, are giving up two nights a week to teach without compensation.

The program is expected to be completed by February, 1956.

Some 2,200 occupants on the northside of Geary Street between Franklin and Divisadero will have to be relocated between October, 1953, and October, 1954, to afford widening of the street.

The south side of Post Street between Gough and Divisadero will be cleared between October, 1954, and March, 1955. This strip involves some 40 to 50 Issei and Nisei business firms and many families.

Some 2,450 persons, including many Japanese, will be involved in the third step when the area roughly bounded by Webster, Laguna, Eddy and Geary streets will be cleared between March and September, 1955.

The final step involves land bounded by Geary, Eddy, Laguna and Gough streets to be cleared between September, 1955, and February, 1956.

The agency hopes to begin selling cleared land to private builders in December, 1954, completing that phase by October, 1958. No assurance was given present Japanese tenants in this area of priority to repurchase lots in order to construct a "Ginza Bazaar" as was projected by the No. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

Four AJAs named for distinguished Jr. C. of C. awards

Honolulu

Four AJAs were named winners of the 1952 distinguished service awards by rural Oahu and neighboring island Junior Chambers of Commerce.

Irwin I. Tanaka, 25, was announced winner of the Wahiawa award. He is program secretary of the Wahiawa Branch YMCA, organized 16 boys' clubs and conducted leadership training, participated in Red Cross and Red Feather drives.

Deputy County Attorney Nelson K. Doi, 31, president of the Hilo JCC, won the Hilo award. He has been active in community affairs.

Yasunobu Kesaji, 33, won the Maui award. He has been active in church and Boy Scout activities, is supervisor of the Maui probation department.

Shizuo Hashimoto, 30, insurance man won the Kauai award for his community work including Aloha Week and Red Feather campaign.

Award Korean combat vet Army commendation ribbon

Honolulu

A veteran of Korea, Cpl. Robert I. Yugawa of Honolulu, was decorated with the Army Commendation Ribbon for meritorious service in combat by Lt. Gen. John W. O'Daniel, commanding the U. S. Army, Pacific.

The ceremony occurred at a Schofield Barracks parade recently.

Stockton, Lodi Issei classes increasing

Stockton

Hundreds of applications for naturalization were being taken out by Japanese, Walter Peyton, chief of the local immigration office, revealed this past week.

Mrs. Marie DeCarli, instructor of naturalization classes for Japanese at Stockton College, said there are 130 enrolled at the present time and "we are expecting a 100 more," she added.

She also had a class started in Lodi where 104 persons enrolled. "We're being swamped," she lamented. "They're all taking out applications and going to school to become citizens."

Dental school alumni

San Jose

A two-day session of the U. C. Dental College alumni association found four Japanese American dentists from this area last week-end. They included Drs. Yuta Hongo, Saichi Nakahara, H. T. Yamasaki and Utaka W. Yamakama.

JACL-ADC pledges Ike support

Washington

Cooperation of the Japanese American Citizens League with the new administration's efforts to secure a stable peace was pledged this week by George Inagaki, National JACL President, and Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the JACL ADC, on behalf of the organization in letters to the newly inaugurated President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Vice-President Richard M. Nixon.

In the letter to the Chief Executive, the JACL officials noted that many Nisei had served as members of the 442nd Central Postal Directory, under Eisenhower's command in the European Theater of Operations during World War II. "Now as then," stated the JA-

CL letter, "we look to you to lead us to that day when men may live and work in a world of peace, unshackled from the fears of tyranny and want."

In the letter to Vice-President Nixon, the JACL officials de-

clared: "Your election to this high office brings to the post a new awareness of the hopes and needs of persons of Japanese ancestry, many of whom were and are your friends and neighbors in California."

Propose strandeds be admitted to ease labor shortage in British Columbia

Vancouver, B. C.

In a move to pave the way for Japanese immigration, admittance of strandeds to alleviate the agricultural labor shortage in interior British Columbia was proposed by British Columbia Japanese Canadian Citizens Alliance.

The proposal was presented to the Interior Vegetable Growers and the Interior Marketing Board conventions held last month at Kelowna, it was learned this week.

It was prepared in conjunction with the National JCCA objective to lift restrictions affecting re-entry to Canada of persons of Japanese ancestry.

Walter E. Harris, Canadian minister of citizenship and immigration, has recently stated that an official statement on policy would be issued.

The Interior Vegetable Growers are on record to import displaced persons from Europe to meet the labor shortage.

The Nisei group's proposal included transportation advances, school privileges and suitable living quarters.

Community picnic

Loomis

The date for the annual community picnic under sponsorship of the Placer County JACL chapter has been set for Apr. 12, it was announced by Tad Yego, chapter president, following a recent cabinet meeting.

Japanese dancers ready for ABC-TV appearance

New York

Michiko and Fumiko Murayama, professionally known as Fujima Asasoga & Fujima Tomisoga, visiting the United States at the invitation of Helen Traubel of the New York Metropolitan Opera Co., will appear on the Nancy Craig Hour, ABC-TV, Feb. 2.

The Japanese dancers will present their interpretation of the overture to a Japanese drama, "Shinkyoku Urashima," a Rip Van Winkle tale.

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Who's Who as Chapter Presidents



SHIGERU RICHARD HORIO
San Francisco JACL

Born in San Francisco, 32, son of Mr. and Mrs. Toyoji Horio. Attended Lowell High (San Francisco), UC Berkeley, U. C. Medical School, transferred because of evacuation to Univ. of Utah School of Medicine, graduated 1944. Physician for 3 years. Expect to be called before summer as captain in Army medical corps. Was volunteer office boy during early evacuation days, Salt Lake City office; on board of governors, S. F. chapter, 1950.

Chapter plans: to stimulate and organize wider participation from age standpoint, emphasis primarily on the younger people who will eventually be the leaders; try to draw back older ones, possibly as business and professional group.

Member of Buchanan St. YM-YWCA, Booker T. Washington Community Center, S. F. Council of Civic Unity, Diplomate—American Board of Internal Medicine, usual medical societies, No. Calif. ACLU, Unitarian Church.

Goes for tennis, woodwork (making things for the children), religious, philosophic discussions.

Married: wife May, David 8, Kathy 4 and Patty 3.

Residence: 1835 Buchanan St., San Francisco.

Salinas Valley chapter cabinet installation rites

Salinas

New officers for the Salinas Valley JACL will be installed at a dinner-dance Jan. 31 at Loma Linda. Haruo Ishimaru, No. Calif. regional director, will be installing officer.

Mayor and Mrs. E. J. Raffetto, Superior Court Judge and Mrs. A. Brazil and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Caswell, publisher of the Salinas Californian will be honored guests.

To be installed are John Tera-kawa, pres.; George Higashi, v. p.; James Tanda, rec. sec.; Jan-ice Kitamura, cor. sec.; Oscar Itani, treas.; Lefty Miyana-ga, del.; Henry Tanda, alt. del.; and Grace Tanda, pub.



MASAO NARITA
Long Beach-Harbor Dist. JACL

Born in Seattle, 32, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chojiro Narita. Attended Kent High, El Camino J. C. (horticulture), evacuated to Heart Mountain, relocated to Caldwell, Idaho. Gardener since discharge from U. S. Army, MIT instructor at Camp Gordon, Camp Hood, Ft. Snelling, Camp Ritchie, Ft. MacArthur and Presidio Monterey. Past v. p. in 1951, served in chapter cabinet since its reactivation in 1947.

Chapter plans: to increase membership, more activities.

Member of Skippers, Mariners of Long Beach, Long Beach Japanese Presbyterian Church, scoutmaster of Troop 159, v. p. of Nikkeijin Kai Community Hall Board.

Goes in for deep sea fishing.

Married: wife Nobie, Charlene 6, Judith 4, Susan 3, Robert 2, Richard 1 (and expecting child in late April or early May).

Residence: 2211 W. 19th St., Long Beach, Calif.

CHAPTER MEMOS

Hollywood JACL: Election of officers and plans for a citizenship class are on the agenda of the general membership meeting Feb. 6, 8 p.m. at the Hollywood Gakuen.

Mile High JACL: Harry Sakata, 1953 membership drive chairman, announced a goal of 600 active members. This is over the 538 signed up in 1952. Members signing up more than 25 are to be guests at the annual membership dinner in April.

Placer County JACL: All seven games of the 1952 World Series were shown last week at the chapter meeting at Penryn Buddhist Hall. The films were shown through the courtesy of the Sacramento Baseball Club. Wet weather has hampered progress on overhauling the JACL office. To date, only a portion of the roof has been re-shingled and the drainage system around the building was expected to be completed shortly. George Makabe heads the building committee.

Paul Hoshi announced San Diego CL president

San Diego

Announcement of the 1953 San Diego JACL chapter cabinet members was made this week. Paul H. Hoshi is the new president.

He will be assisted by Masaki Hironaka, 1st v.p.; Hiomi Nakamura, Shig Honda, 2nd v.p.; Hedi Takeshita, 3rd v.p.; George Kodama, treas.; Art Kaihatsu, Kiyo Matsumoto, pub.; Roxy Takehara, rec. sec.; Terry Yamauchi, cor. sec.; Moto Asakawa, Mas Honda, ex-officio.

Watsonville CL reelects Bill Mine

Watsonville

Bill Mine, recently re-elected president of the Watsonville JACL chapter, will be installed at dinner-dance Feb. 13 at Deer Park Tavern. Dinner will be served at 6:30 and dancing to the music of the Havenaires follows at 9 p.m.

Other officers elected this month are Kenzo Yoshida, 1st v.p.; Tom Nakase, 2nd v.p.; Louis Waki, 3rd v.p.; Mrs. Chiyeo Shikuma, rec. sec.; June Sugidono, cor. sec.; Bob Manabe, treas.; Bill Fukuba, del.; Tom Tao, alt. del.; and Harry Yagi, aud.

Yoshida is installation m.c. Tickets are obtainable from Tao and Fukuba is in charge of arrangements.

THE MAILBOX

Odd Masquerade

Were it not for the tragic nature of the error involved it could be almost amusing to watch a member of a racial minority dress himself in the cloth of prejudice, which he presumes is fashionable with the dominant group, in the foolish hope that under such guise he might gain wider acceptance for himself.

This is in reference to the letter by Dr. M. M. Horii in the Jan. 13 issue.

Dr. Horii, admittedly, is not the first person to appear in this odd masquerade. The history of racial prejudice is cluttered with such characters. Nevertheless, it is surprising to meet at this late hour a Nisei trying to defend an act of racial discrimination which has injured a fellow Nisei.

If Dr. Horii suffers the illusion that his point of view is still that of the majority, he would be amazed to learn that the refusal of the local barber to serve a Nisei veteran, James Yoshida, aroused more public indignation in our community than any other incident we can recall in the last few years. Numerous letters from organization and individuals condemning the bigotry of the offending barber appeared in the local newspaper continuously for a period of several weeks. There were only two pathetic attempts to excuse discrimination, both relying on the same unimaginative and illogical arguments offered by Dr. Horii.

Rather than to shrug off racial prejudice, perhaps a more realistic and responsible policy would be to support the proposal of Dr. Ernest A. Hooten to set up a government organization which would "bend its efforts to the scientific development of every racial and national stock in our country and to the task of coordinating the efforts of each to further its own happiness and the advance of American civilization."

If we examine racial intolerance in its true light, we are forced to agree with Dr. Hooten that "it is a sepulchre, whitened without and full of festering corruption. It smells to high heavens and is an offense in the nostrils of all honest men."

Let no one say that Mr. Yoshida, who volunteered to fight fascism abroad with the heroic 100th infantry, lacked the sense of responsibility and the courage needed to oppose racism at home.

—BILL FUKUBA
Watsonville.

Oakland CL steering committeemen meet Feb. 4, public invited to attend

Oakland

A new JACL chapter got under way in Oakland last week as a steering committee met at the Utsumi Studio, it was reported by Tad Masaoka, presi-

Harley Nakamura elected president of Fowler JACL

Fowler

The Fowler JACL elected Harley Nakamura to succeed Dr. George Miyake as president of the local chapter, it was announced after a tally of the mail ballots last week.

Nakamura and his new cabinet were installed last night in Fresno at the joint installation dinner of all Central California JACL chapters.

Dr. Miyake will serve on the cabinet as immediate past president. Other new officers are: Yoshio Honda, 1st v.p.; Frank Sakohira, 2nd v.p.; Kaz Hiya-ma, treas.; Jane Tanaka, rec. sec.; Clara Honda, cor. sec.; Haruo Yoshimoto del.; George Teraoka, ath.; Thomas Toyama, pub.; Seico Hanashira, asst. pub.

Board of governors, city—I. J. Iwamoto, Shizuto Shimoda, Tom Shirakawa; Iowa district—Thomas Mayebo, Sunao Onaka, James Renge; West—Tak Ideta, Howard Renge, Hal Tsuboi; northeast—Frank Kimura, Ray Nishina, Shig Uchiyama; southeast—Hiro Asakawa, Makoto Mukai, Joe Yoshimura.

Mile High chapter nets \$550 at New Year ball

Denver

Mile High JACL's New Year's Eve ball and benefit netted some \$500, Sam Matsumoto, past finance chairman, recently told the cabinet members of the Mile High chapter. Approximately 150 couples attended the ball.

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Meiji Sato and Henry Hashimoto

by Kats H. Kunitsugu

Musings

Writers Then & Now . . .

This is the first literary experimental page of the Pacific Citizen, a page for creative writing which will be a regular monthly feature. This page owes its genesis to the resurgent Nisei interest in writing evidenced in the past two or three holiday issues of this paper.

We find a new crop of young writers who are earnestly working at short stories, verse, essays, after the drought of the 40's. We find enough of them at that stage where before they try for national recognition, they need to polish out amateurish touches, to establish contact with readers, to gain confidence from seeing their work in print.

Before the war, in the 30's, a prolific and enthusiastic group of Nisei writers flourished on the Sunday pages of the Rafu Shimpō and Kashi Mānichi. They wrote enough to fill a whole newspaper page every Sunday. They wrote beautiful lyrical verse, they wrote short stories with a touch of Hemingway or Steinbeck, they wrote quatrains in the manner of Omar Khayyam and they illustrated their work with linoleum cuts.

The disruptive influences of war and of evacuation put an end to one era in Nisei writing. It was not until the tail end of the 40's that a new generation of Nisei were mature enough to assay their experiences and turn to writing to express what was in their mind.

The other night, we trekked up to Mary Oyama Mittler's home again. Her hilltop house is kind of an unofficial headquarters for those with the writing bug in Los Angeles.

We talked about writers then and now and compared their efforts. We agreed that children of the depression though they were, the Nisei writers of the 30's had more of an ivory tower point of view; that is, they were more conventional in their subjects, for instance, than the writers of today.

The writers of today, we thought, tended to be more practical, more close to everyday life in choice of subject matter. They have fewer illusions, are more matter of fact. This opinion, of course, is open to debate, and the late Carl Kondo, who kept a voluminous file on Nisei writing, could have shed much light on this subject.

At any rate, we are looking toward persons like Hiroshi Kashiwagi, Albert Saijo, Al

Miyadi, Paul Itaya, Fred Kai, Mitsu Yasuda, Yurii Kyogoku and many others to engineer a modest renaissance of Nisei writing.

About the Authors . . .

NAOMI KASHIWABARA, Cal-Tech graduate, electronics engineer for Uncle Sam's Navy and bachelor - around - town, was quite impressed with Nelson Algren's "Things of the Earth: A Groundhog View" in the P. C. Holiday Edition, and in partial answer to it, has written "Winnemac in Retrospect."

Writes Naomi: "... Here's a little stuff I wrote you. It's pretty good, if I say so myself. I hope you can use it. If you do, will you please mail me about five copies of the P. C. carrying it? If you won't please tell me. I'll try to bear up like a man..." When in a satirical mood, Naomi also writes under the pseudonym of Philip Watanabe.

MICHI KAMEDA, author of the "Bent Twig," is a Chicagoan and mother of two tots. Devotees of Nisei writing may

remember her as the author of the realistic "Dice Girl" in a holiday issue of Crossroads some years back.

The author of "Gin Sour," **FRED S. KAI**, will be familiar to P. C. readers as the writer of "The Walk Home" in the recent Holiday Issue.

We are proud and happy to introduce this first literary experimental page with a book review of **Monica Sone's** "Nisei Daughter." Mrs. Sone, the wife of Geary Sone, bacteriologist at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, is mother of two sons and a daughter. She is also the Kimi of Betty MacDonald's book, "The Plague and I," in which the latter recounted their successful bout with tuberculosis. "Nisei Daughter" was born of a curiosity of Dudley Cloud, Atlantic Monthly Press representative, who wanted to know "what ever became of Kimi?" It was Cloud and Mrs. Sone's husband who encouraged her to write some 900,000 words while caring for one baby and expecting another until she finished her autobiography.

BOOK REVIEW
Nisei Daughter

When I left Heart Mountain Relocation Center, I was 19 years old and ready to enter college. I left Heart Mountain, therefore, with memories of a lot of high, good times. When people on the outside asked me what it was like in camp, with expressions that patently said, "How you must have suffered, poor child," I often found myself discoursing authoritatively on the effect of injustice on the Nisei character. In the face of such sympathy, I felt it would be frivolous and kind of low-brow of me to divulge that we often laughed in camp.

It's with a great sigh of relief and glad cries of welcome, therefore, that I greet the appearance of "Nisei Daughter" by Monica Sone. The theme of this Nisei autobiography is a serious one of how the author reconciled her two divergent cultural backgrounds—the Japanese and the American—through the acid test of World War II and evacuation. But Mrs. Sone tells her story with such high humor, such refreshing optimism and such joie de vivre that a non-Japanese reader would come to understand and like Nisei

as she without feeling the oppressiveness of conscience.

Now a conscience is a good thing to have and there are times when duty calls that we must answer, but in such a delicate matter as getting to know and like other persons, persons of another racial or cultural background, we'd like to do so without feeling duty-bound about it.

That is not to say that Mrs. Sone shuts her eyes to unpleasantness. The reader will feel acutely uncomfortable when she recounts how her family tried to rent a summer cottage on a desirable stretch of Puget Sound beach and were told evasively, "Sorry, we just rented it to some other people" or bluntly, "I'm sorry, but we don't want Japs around here."

"In the privacy of our hearts, we had raged, we had cried against the injustices, but in the end, we had swallowed our pride and learned to endure."

"Even with all the mental anguish and struggle, an elemental instinct bound us to this soil. Here we were born; here we wanted to live..." Thus she concludes one of her chapters. But the very next chapter she begins, "On my last day at Central Grammar School, romance burst into my life..." She then goes on to tell how this romance came to a tragic end because she had grown a head taller than the light of her life.

It is Monica Sone's gay sense of humor, her ability to see the laughter in things as well as her ability to laugh at her own foibles that make her book delightful reading. The chapter on her brother Henry's wedding is the funniest thing I have read since "Teahouse of the August Moon."

To Nisei readers, the book will also be quite a nostalgic experience, because Mrs. Sone has a photographic memory for details as well as a sure sense of selecting just the right ones to describe scenes, people and events. The chapters on the Japanese school Undo-Kai and New Year's will be read and re-read with pleasure as the author evokes scenes of our childhood with warmth and clarity.

As to whether this book is the Great Nisei Novel or not,

by Fred S. Kai

Gin Sour

The guy walked into my bar one afternoon and ordered a Gin Sour. I made it for him and then stood behind the bar for a full minute, maybe more, just staring at his face. I figure I made him a little nervous because he spilled a few drops off the top of the drink. He didn't like my staring so he stared back at me. He seemed about to say something so I figured I'd beat him to the punch.

"Visiting around here?"

"Just passing through," he said.

I noticed a little huskiness in his voice; maybe it was self-consciousness, maybe it was something else.

"You know something," I said, "I reckon you're the first Chinaman that ever came into my bar here. At least I can't recollect any off-hand right now. We don't see much of your kind around these parts here. I reckon there's a few in Birmingham though—you from there maybe?"

"No."

He took a small sip from his drink and put it down. He picked it right up again and took a bigger swallow. He shot a quick look around. There weren't many other customers at that time of day. Old Tom Hicks was at the other end of the bar, guzzling his usual beer, not paying much attention to the Chinaman. Jerry Smiley and Ed Carp were sitting at the corner table and making small talk over their drinks. They saw me look their way. Ed grinned at me and raised the corner of his eye with his fingers. I grinned back.

"How's the drink?" I said.

"It's okay."

He kept staring at me and I didn't like the way he was looking. Somehow I felt the way I do when a Coon gives me a snotty stare, acting like he's as good as a white man.

"You know, for a Chink you speak pretty fair English. I reckon you must have gone to school in the North, huh? I don't figure your kind are allowed to be born in this country, right?"

I could tell by the look on his face that that really got him. Let the yellow boy get sore, I figured. I can't stand the damn slant on their eyes anyhow.

He pushed the drink away; there was still some left in the glass. He reached into his pocket to pay up.

"How much?"

I didn't say anything right away. I saw him fish out a dollar bill and put it down.

The discussion is immaterial here, because I doubt if Mrs. Sone intended her candid autobiography to be such. When a representative from the Atlantic Monthly Press approached her to write a book about herself, after obtaining her name and address from Betty MacDonald, author of "The Egg and I," Mrs. Sone said she had never thought of doing any writing and that it was rough going at first. "My writing sounded just like a college theme," she comments simply.

She told Dudley Cloud, the representative, that "when I think of the reading public, I see only a vast sea of blank faces." Cloud sent her a photograph of himself and instructed her to write as though she were telling the story to him.

With Cloud's and her husband's encouragement, Mrs. Sone sent in some 900,000 words to Little Brown and Company, her publishers. "The editors really chopped into it," she says modestly, but we maintain that the memory and the ability to evoke past scenes so clearly and enjoyably is Mrs. Sone's alone. She has written a book of which she can be proud and of which the Nisei can be proud also.

We recommend and urge you to read it. —k.h.k.

He shoved it toward me and I figured he wanted to scam but fast.

"Let's see now. Man, my memory must be getting bad. What'd you have to drink? I can't seem to recollect off-hand, and since you drank most of the stuff up I couldn't tell that way, now could I? Maybe YOU'D better tell me, Mister Chinaman."

He got off the stool and faced me across the bar. I figured he was about three inches shorter than myself and didn't come close to my weight. No trouble with this boy if he starts getting smart, I figured. I glanced over at Jerry and Ed in the corner. They weren't talking anymore, just staring like crazy at the Chink.

"You know damn well what I had to drink," he said.

The boy IS getting smart, I figured. I looked over at Ed and Jerry and winked. They finally caught on that something was cooking with the Chinaman because Jerry grinned and took another swig of his beer. Ed just leaned back in his chair and watched.

"I told you once, Chinaboy, I don't remember what you had and seeing you don't remember either, I'll just figure you drank my Toddy's Special. So that'll be two bucks on the line."

The Chinaman didn't say anything. He just turned around and began walking out, leaving the buck on the bar.

I was going to yell but I figured, what the hell, I scared the poor bastard from yellow to green already. I couldn't help grinning over the time I gave him. I tapped a couple of glasses of beer and took it over to Ed and Jerry.

"Refills on the House, you bums."

"What happened with the Chinaman?" Jerry said.

I gave them the whole story and we all had a good laugh.

The Chinaman never did come from that Gin Sour.

by Michi Kameda . . .

Bent Twig

The twig curved, cowed by the snow that oppressed it; huddled against the pane. Not white, driven snow, but dirty, black snow that had passed the realms of hell on its way.

I could see the gates of iron opening and closing to the eager, and to the dispirited ones. Half-humans, some returned whole. "The doors swing out," I thought sourly—in half-hearted envy of those who had the courage to return from the world of animals. But for me, I am here to remain, secure in shelter and sustenance.

It was a shame she had not lived to see me, appropriately caged and subservient. Docile, acquiescent as she had never seen me. Except when I would dream of her twisted face and her forked tongue ranting and raving. "Disgrace to your name, degenerate, shiftless, worthless" and on and on and on. Then the dormant animal within me would revolt and I would awaken to find myself spitting curse for curse, screech for screech. Ah, yes, degenerate I am; spawn of the devil's pet shrew. The scythe of time had sapped the twig and it had bent and finally broken.

As I say, it's a shame she never lived to see the truth of her prophecies. But of the harpies in hell, hers must be the loudest cackle as she watches me in my cage.

I wonder if she heard the laughter that bubbled in my whole body as I split her head open; to quiet that ever blabbing tongue.

by Naomi Kashiwabara . . .

Winnemac
In Retrospect

Recently, a newspaper tells us, a class in English at M. I. T. was assigned "Babbitt" by Sinclair Lewis for reading. The professor then asked, "Would you rather be Babbitt or Sinclair Lewis?" Ninety per cent of the class answered, "Babbitt." When asked to criticize Babbitt, one student wrote, "He didn't make enough money." Another answered, "He had no hobbies."

This brings back to me my own engineering college days before the war. As freshmen we were required to read (force-fed) another of Red Lewis' greater works—"Arrowsmith." We took the book seriously. One of my classmates read it twice. Some of us secretly cherished it as a Bible to replace our waning faith in more orthodox creeds.

The subsequent details of my existence are lacklustre and not worthy of exposition. It

may be said, though, that Martin Arrowsmith and Naomi Kashiwabara have long ago parted company.

College kids are wiser today than they are given credit for being. They reject the lure that leads to aimless wandering in lofty labyrinths. They do not look for Truth in the jails and alleys of Chicago. They know what they want. They are practical. Practical people do not chase will-o'-the-wisps through metaphysical jungles. One cannot feed wife and offspring on hyacinths or make payments on a washing machine by quoting Joseph Wood Krutch. They know this. Some people learn it the hard way.

The adventurous idealism of youth has given way to Babbitt, and the grand illusion of peace to World War II and Korea, and the young are old before they start.

442nd history -

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The contents include chapters on activation and basic training, unit training, port of embarkation, Rome-Arno campaign, Battle of Bruyeres Champaign campaign, Po Valley campaign, Occupation, and "Away from the Combat Team". In addition, the names, rank, and decorations of every member of the unit—442nd Infantry, 232nd Engineers Company, and the 522nd Field Artillery — are listed.

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Appropriation -

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sponsible for administering the evacuation claims program and paying its awards.

At present there are approximately 6,500,000 in unpaid evacuation claims awards, made under the JACL ADC-sponsored compromise settlement program.

On the attitude of the House Appropriations Committee will depend whether the \$6,500,000 due evacuee claimants will be appropriated this coming session of Congress, declared the Washington Office of the JACL ADC.

The committee has 50 members, the same number as was in committee the past 82nd Congress.

There are 30 Republicans and 20 Democrats on the Committee. This division of political strength is the exact reverse of the situation which prevailed in the 82nd Congress.

Of the 50 members on the Committee, only six are from western states where the bulk of persons of Japanese ancestry reside. They are Reps. Walt Horan (R., Wash.), John Phillips (R., Calif.), Allan Oakley Hunter (R., Calif.), Hamer T. Budge (R., Ida.), Sam Coon (R., Ore.), and Harry Sheppard (D., Calif.).

Although not a westerner, the person on this Committee who has been generally helpful to the JACL ADC program is Sidney R. Yates (D., Ill.) from Chicago's northside, stated the

Idaho Falls invitational basketball tourney set

Idaho Falls, Ida.

Invitations to Nisei basketball teams in western Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Pocatello and Rexburg were issued this week by the Idaho Falls JACL to participate in the annual invitational tournament.

It will be held this year at Bonneville High school gym on Feb. 19, 20 and 21.

Tournament chairman are Joe Nishioka, Shoji Nukaya and Bud Sakaguchi.

Placer County membership drive now underway

Loomis

A strenuous membership drive was underway last week by members of the Placer County JACL chapter, Joe Kageta of Loomis is chairman.

District chairmen are Ellen Kubo, Penryn; Roy Yoshida, Newcastle; Sam Ikeda, Auburn; and Muneo Masaki, Lincoln.

Washington JACL ADC office.

Other Committee members who in the past have been sympathetic to the needs of persons of Japanese ancestry are John Rooney (D., N. Y.) and Millet Hand (R., N. J.) from the Seabrook Farms district.

The former Rep. Henry M. Jackson (D., Wash.), who led the house fight for supplemental appropriation for evacuation claims in the 82nd Congress is no longer a member of this Committee. He is now in the Senate, having beaten Sen. Cain (R., Wash.) in the last senate

REPUBLICANS

Chairman John Taber (N.Y.), Richard Wigglesworth (Mass.), Ben Jensen (Iowa), Carl Anderson (Minn.), Walt Horan (Wash.), Gordon Cantfield (N.J.), Ivor Fenton (Pa.), John Phillips (Calif.), Errett Scribner (Kan.), Frederick Coudert (N.Y.), Cliff Clevenger (Ohio), Earl Wilson (Ind.), Norris Cotton (N.H.), Glenn Davis (Wis.), Benjamin James (Pa.).

Gerald Ford (Mich.), Fred Busbey (Ill.), Edward Miller (Md.), Charles Vursell (Ill.), Millet Hand (N.J.), Harold Ostertag (N.Y.), Allan Hunter (Calif.), Frank Bow (Ohio), Hamer Budge (Idaho), Charles Joanas (N.C.), Otto Krueger (N.D.), Roman Hruska (Neb.), Sam Coon (Ore.), Melvin Laird (Wis.), and Elford Cederberg (Mich.).

DEMOCRATS

Charles Cannon (Mo.), George Mahon (Tex.), Harry Sheppard (Calif.), Albert Thomas (Tex.), Michael Kirwan (Ohio), W. F. Norrell (Ark.), Jamie Whitten (Miss.), George Andrews (Ala.), John Rooney (N.Y.), Vaughan Gary (Va.), John Fogarty (R.I.), Robert Sikes (Fla.), Antonio Fernandez (N.M.), Prince Preston (Ga.), Otto Passman (La.), Louis Rabaut (Mich.), Sidney Yates (Ill.), Fred Marshall (Minn.), John Riley (S.C.), and Alfred Sieminski (N.J.).

Applicants rush to take advantage of immigration law

Washington

Nationwide rush to take advantage of the Walter-McCaran Immigration and Naturalization Act's provision has exhausted virtually all forms to be used under the new immigration and naturalization regulations.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service informed the Washington JACL ADC office that the Service's field offices all over the country have reported an unprecedented rush of applicants who are seeking

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essential to the war effort."

The response of the "Kanakas" and the "Kotonks," volunteers from the Territory of Hawaii and the mainland, to serve our country and the record of military gallantry which these young volunteers wrote on the battlefields of Italy and France are too well known to the Nisei to need recounting here.

Not too well known, perhaps, are some of the non-Nisei personalities who behind the scenes contributed so much to changing the Army's attitude from one of suspicion to that of invitation.

Most numerous in this category were many Army and Navy officers who had served in Hawaii and in Japan, particularly the former. Many of these high ranking officers personally intervened with Chief of Staff General George C. Marshall and Secretary Stimson on behalf of the Nisei. Some of the better known leaders included Colonels Fielder, Scobey, and Booth, and Commander Ringle.

The administrative executive of the Selective Service System, Col. Johnson, also urged his chief Gen. Hershey to "give the Nisei a break."

Probably more important than these military men were civilian policy makers like John J. McCloy, Dillon S. Myer, Elbert D. Thomas, Samuel W. King, and Joseph R. Farrington who used their great influence to persuade the President and the War Department to open up the ranks of the Army to loyal Nisei who were willing to volunteer for combat duty.

John McCloy was assistant secretary of war in charge of civilian problems. As a ranking member of the President's informal and unofficial "war cabinet," he played a leading role in securing official approval for the Combat Team. In later years, this reporter recalls that this distinguished American who became President of the World Bank and then American High Commissioner to Germany and is now chairman of the board of one of the biggest banks in the world, told a congressional committee that of all his acts as a public servant the one he wanted most to be remembered for was the part he played in making pos-

sible the organization of the

442nd. Dillon Myer as the aggressive, progressive director of the War Relocation Authority wanted a dramatic and irrefutable demonstration that Nisei were Americans in their hearts and in their minds. For the right of the Nisei to serve our country he fought with cabinet officers, War Department personnel, and members of Congress with the same tireless courage that he opposed those who wanted to intern all the Japanese under military guards.

Elbert Thomas, the scholarly Democrat from Utah, was then chairman of the powerful Senate Military Affairs Committee, as well as a ranking member of the Foreign Relations Committee where he was the recognized and respected expert on Japan and Far Eastern matters. A former missionary for the Mormon church in Japan, he had taught many Nisei and Japanese exchange students at the University of Utah. He raised his influential voice with the President and the War Department in support of this idea by which loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry could prove "their point."

The Delegates from Hawaii to Congress, first Samuel King and then Joseph Farrington, Republicans, gave eloquent expression and testimony from their personal experience of the loyalty of the Japanese population in the Territory. They spent unrecorded hours pleading that Nisei Americans be given the opportunity to prove that their Americanism was equal to that of any other racial stock.

There were many others in public and private life, including several FBI agents and intelligence officers, who also raised their voices in behalf of a suspect minority. Unfortunately, many of those who may have contributed even more than those we have listed still remain anonymous after a decade.

In commemorating the organization and the achievements of the 442nd, let us not forget that it was the unfailing faith in the Nisei of a few individuals that made possible the Combat Team upon whose glory so much that we have done and will do is predicted.

Add to the honor roll of the 442nd the names of those who even in our darkest hour gambled their faith and judgment that "Americanism is a matter of the mind and the heart," and not of race or ancestry.

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DYO—Jan. 6, a boy Daniel Masami to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Dyo (Mitsuko Fukui), Pasadena.

FUJII—Jan. 6, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Hisao G. Fujii, Denver.

FURUMURA—Jan. 8, a boy Glenn Jay to Mr. and Mrs. Togo Sadahiko Furumura (Grace Tadako Okura), Pasadena.

HASHIMURA—Jan. 1, a boy Steven Robert to Mr. and Mrs. Masato Hashimura (Gloria Kinn Ishihara), Los Angeles.

HIGURASHI—Jan. 11, a girl Paula Sachiko to Mr. and Mrs. Shigenaru Higurashi (Nobuyo Yamada), Los Angeles.

HORINO—Jan. 3, a girl Donna Jean to Mr. and Mrs. Kiyoshi Horino (Bonnie Mitsueda), Los Angeles.

ISHII—Jan. 10, a girl Jeanmarie Hana to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tadashi Ishii (Marjorie Miyeko Hoshizaki), Los Angeles.

KAWANO—Jan. 17, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kawano, Nampa, Idaho.

KAWAMURA—Dec. 9, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. George Kawamura, Fresno.

KAWASHIMA—Jan. 6, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kawashima, Denver.

KIMURA—Jan. 6, a boy Ronald Shuji to Mr. and Mrs. Kaori Kimura (Hanaye Matsushita), Los Angeles.

KIMURA—Dec. 10, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kimura, Fresno.

KOBATA—Jan. 4, a girl Kathleen Fujiko to Mr. and Mrs. Tamotsu Kobata (Aiko Yamashita), Los Angeles.

KORA—Jan. 16, twin sons to Mr. and Mrs. Taka Kora, Caldwell, Idaho.

KOZAKI—Jan. 5, a boy Rand Harold to Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. Kozaki (Kimi Nakagawa), Los Angeles.

MARUYAMA—Jan. 3, a boy Clifford George to Mr. and Mrs. George Tokumitsu Maruyama (Kiyoko Kawase), Los Angeles.

MATSUNAGA—Jan. 11, a girl Carol Lynn to Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Matsunaga (Yuriko Yamazaki), Los Angeles.

MORIKAWA—Jan. 5, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. George M. Morikawa (Neva M. Uyehara), Los Angeles.

MORINAKA—Dec. 31, a boy Dane Seichi to Mr. and Mrs. Itsuo Morinaka (Yuri Lillie Sumii), Los Angeles.

MURAMOTO—Jan. 5, a girl Jean Misako to Mr. and Mrs. Masami Muramoto (Mariko Komura), Riverside.

NAKAHAMA—Jan. 5, a boy Glenn Shigeru to Mr. and Mrs. Shiyei Nakahama (Norma Kuhara), Los Angeles.

NAKAMICHI—Jan. 14, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Kusu Nakamichi, Seattle.

NAKAMURA—Jan. 5, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Seichi Nakamura, Denver.

NISHIKAWA—Jan. 5, a girl Janet Masako to Mr. and Mrs. Masato Nishikawa (Yoshiko Nishikawa), Los Angeles.

ODA—Jan. 6, a girl Keiko Joyce to Mr. and Mrs. Kaichi Oda (Hiyo Otori), Los Angeles.

OGAWA—Jan. 15, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Etsuo Ogawa, Riverside.

OKASAKI—Jan. 11, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Otto A. Okasaki, Lodi.

OSAKI—Jan. 10, a boy James Motochi to Mr. and Mrs. Kenso Otsaki (Michiko Yoshimoto), Los Angeles.

SAKAMOTO—Jan. 8, a girl Etsuko Arlene to Mr. and Mrs. Sadao Sakamoto (Takeko Uyeda), Los Angeles.

SEIKI—Jan. 7, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Osamu Seiki, San Francisco.

SHIMABUKURO—Jan. 6, a girl Leota Christine to Mr. and Mrs. Toshi Shimabukuro (Esther Naito), Los Angeles.

SHIMAMOTO—Dec. 22, a boy Michael Ken to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shimamoto, Mt. View.

SHIMOI—Jan. 13, a girl Ann Akemi to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Y. Shimoi (Kiyoko Uchida), Los Angeles.

SHINMEI—Jan. 8, a boy Victor Mitsuo to Mr. and Mrs. Masamori Shinmei (Mitsuko Okamoto), Los Angeles.

TAKAKI—Jan. 8, a boy Michael Kazuo to Mr. and Mrs. Kazunori Takaki (Saeko Iketani), Los Angeles.

TANBARA—Jan. 15, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. George Tanbara, Seattle.

TAWA—Jan. 2, a boy Michael Tadashi to Mr. and Mrs. Moto Tawa (Yuriko Lillian Takeda), Los Angeles.

UCHIYAMA—Dec. 30, a boy Michael Isao to Mr. and Mrs. Isami Sam Uchiyama, Mt. View.

WADA—Jan. 17, a boy to Mr. and Mrs. Shingo Wada, Ontario, Ore.

WAKANO—Jan. 1, a boy Glenn Hideo to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ichiro Wakano (Miyeko Hata), Los Angeles.

YOKOI—Jan. 12, a boy Arthur Jiro to Mr. and Mrs. Hoshio Yokoi (Misae Kurabayashi), Los Angeles.

WEDDINGS

Sakurada-Shinmori — Ken Sakurada, Lyman, Neb., and Alice Sakurada, Douglas, Wyo.

Tateoka-Shimizu — Matt Tateoka, Riverton, Utah, and Ida Shimizu, Sandy, Utah, Jan. 16.

ENGAGEMENTS

Sazae Nishiguchi, Gilroy, to John Nishimoto, Stockton, Jan. 18.

Miyeko Nozaki, Los Angeles, to Jim Masato Nishimoto, Lancaster, Jan. 18.

Mary Chihara, Bainbridge Island Wash., to Stan Tsujikawa, Kent, Wash., Jan. 11.

June Toyoji to Hideo Kokita, both of Seattle, Dec. 27.

Joyce Kikuye Tokunaga to Hitooshi Tashiro, both of Brighton, Colo., Jan. 11.

Sets Inaba to Frank Tadashi Hata, both of Riverside, Dec. 31.

INTENTIONS

Ben M. Hatanaka, Stockton, and Lilly Soda, San Francisco.

Seiji Hamasaki and Mary Ann Tomiko Ouye, both of San Francisco.

Marcelo Laborte and Grace Kimura, both of San Francisco.

Isao Kuge and Lillian Masaye Ihara, both of Denver.

Akie M. Kawamoto, 28, and Pat M. Nabeta, 21, both of Seattle.

DEATHS

Mrs. Yaeko Hayashi, 27, Los Angeles, on Jan. 26, survived by husband, daughters Cathy and Laura.

Hikokichi Kadonaga, 74, Seabrook, N.J., on Jan. 24, survived by wife, sons Kiyoshi and Hideo, daughters Shizuko, Toshiko and Matsuko.

Kinsuke Kodama, 65, Seattle, on Jan. 19, survived by wife, sons Kinichi and Hiroshi Ben, daughters Mmes. Noki Terao, J. M. Wood and Miss Yuriko Kodama.

Yuki Mayemura, 56, Los Angeles, on Jan. 24, survived by husband Rinnemon, son Kazuo, daughters Mmes. Nobuko Yamasaki and Michiko Nakamoto.

Masakichi Miyamura, 66, San Jose, on Jan. 18, survived by sons Joey, Masaru, Huey, daughters Mmes. Matsue Momii, Marie Masuda and Hideko Murakami.

Takazo George Murata, 71, Seattle, on Jan. 20, survived by son Windsor and daughter Mrs. Ida Inouye.

Matsuzo Noji, 90, Reedley, on Jan. 17, survived by son Jack, daughter Mrs. Eiko Ono.

Senate judiciary -

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tion and the repeal of the Oriental Exclusion Acts were realized, said the Washington JACL ADC office.

The Republicans have expanded the Senate Judiciary Committee by adding two more Republicans to the group. There are now on the Committee eight Republicans and seven Democrats. The previous committee numbered 13 members, having seven Democrats and six Republicans.

Although the Republicans have opened two more places, there are actually five newcomers to the Senate Judiciary Committee—three Republicans and two Democrats.

The three Republican newcomers to the Committee are Sens. Dirksen (Ill.), Welker (Idaho), and Butler (Md.), Sen. Ferguson (R., Mich.) who was on the previous Senate Judiciary Committee was reassigned to another committee.

On the Democratic side, Sens. Johnson (D., S.C.) and Hennings, Jr. (D., Mo.) replaced Magnuson (D. Wash.) and O'Connor (D., Md.). Magnuson was given a different committee assignment and O'Connor did not run for re-election.

(Listed in order of seniority)

REPUBLICANS

Chairman William Langer (N.D.), Alexander Wiley (Wis.), William Jenner (Ind.), Arthur Watkins (Utah), Robert Hendrickson (N.J.), Everett Dirksen (Ill.), Herman Welker (Idaho), and John M. Butler (Md.).

DEMOCRATS

Pat McCarran (Nev.), Harley M. Kilgore (W. Va.), James O. Eastland (Miss.), Estes Kefauver (Tenn.), Willis Smith (N.C.), Olin D. Johnston (S.C.), and Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. (Mo.).

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vate bills for the relief of persons of Japanese ancestry were introduced and passed by Congress during this period.

(Listed in order of seniority)

REPUBLICANS

Chairman Chauncey Reed (Ill.), Louis Graham (Pa.), Clifford Case (N.J.), Kenneth Keating (N.Y.), William McCulloch (Ohio), Edgar Jones (Ill.), Ruth Thompson (Mich.), Patrick Hillings (Calif.), Dean Taylor (N.Y.), Usher Burdick (N.D.), George Meader (Mich.), Laurence Curtis (Mass.), John Robison, Jr. (Ky.), and Dewitt Hyde (Md.).

DEMOCRATS

Emanuel Celler (N.Y.), Francis Walter (Pa.), Joseph Bryson (S.C.), Thomas Lane (Mass.), Michael Feighan (Ohio), Frank Chelf (Ky.), Frank Wilson (Tex.), Edwin Willis (La.), James Frazier (Tenn.), Peter Rodino (N.J.), Woodrow Jones (N.C.), E. L. Forrester (Ga.), Bryon G. Rogers (Colo.) and Harold Donohue (Mass.).

SOCIAL NOTES

Los Angeles YBA: Big Bear is the site of the annual snow-hike Feb. 15. Chartered busses leave Nishi Hongwanji at 6:30 a.m., it was announced by George Nomi and Bobbie Kato.

WLA Buddhist Ladies Guild: A membership drive ending

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various types of relief under the new Act.

Particularly the huge number of persons applying for naturalization, apparently led by the Issei, has caught the field offices short.

A new supply of naturalization forms will be available, however, in all the field offices by the end of this week, the I and N Service told the Washington Office of the JACL ADC.

The run on naturalization forms has been almost matched by the demand for adjustment of status forms, declared I and N Service.

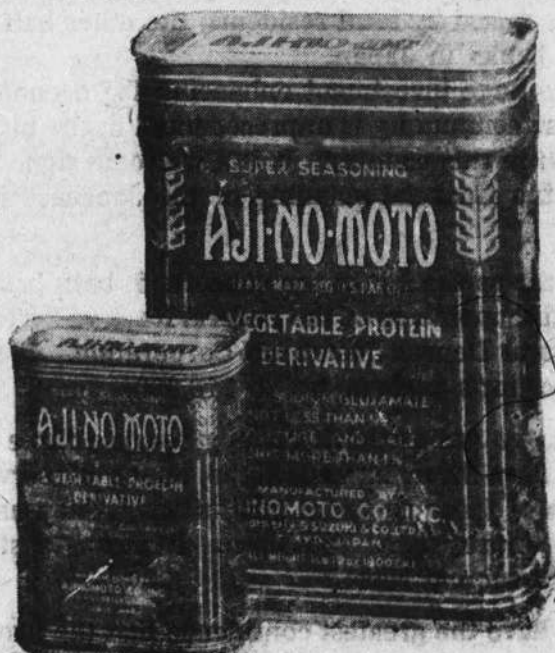
Despite criticisms which have been leveled against the new Immigration and Naturalization Act, persons of all racial and ethnic origins are applying under its provisions for adjustment of status, naturalization, and other discretionary relief and benefits, commented an Naturalization Service official.

Feb. 9 is underway. Mrs. Ruby Matsumoto and Mrs. Kiyo Nishimoto are opposing team captains, losers treating at the Feb. 18 meeting.



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More Leaders

JACLers of the Eastbay Chapter, which covered Oakland, Berkeley and Richmond districts, have decided to split into three chapters. Experience has already shown such a move is beneficial to all concerned—the individual member, the chapter, the community.

There is a prewar precedent for this geographic decentralization. The Bay District chapter of Southern California was divided three-ways, resulting in membership increase, thus rendering better service to respective communities.

During the war years, the Salt Lake City chapter was divided into the Salt Lake City and Mt. Olympus chapters. There was no loss of strength. Instead, membership was more than doubled. And the immediate result—true in every case—extended leadership opportunities to more members.

The Los Angeles Chapter, since the end of the war, has been quartered without any detrimental effects. Each of the four new chapters—Downtown Los Angeles, Southwest Los Angeles, East Los Angeles and Hollywood—thrives today.

Invariably, membership multiplied because greater mutual ties were established. The personal convenience of shorter distances to travel on meeting nights has heightened interests. A chapter in a smaller area can concentrate its public service program more effectively. And the community has responded to offers made by the chapter.

Most important has been the leadership training and experience afforded to a larger number of JACLers. At the chapter level, it is a key function to train as many leaders as possible.

We are advocates of functional organization. If circumstances permit, a large community can be divided into smaller areas in which a chapter can enlarge its service to the immediate community. And the by-product of this process results in more leaders from a greater membership.

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Joint Venture

Three JACLers merited recognition in the financial world recently.

The Tokyo Bank of California announced George Inagaki, national JACL president, and Dr. T. T. Hayashi, 1934 national convention chairman and onetime San Francisco chapter president, as a member of its board of directors.

The Sumitomo Bank of California announced Susumu Togatani, the Pacific Citizen Board chairman and former national treasurer, to serve on its board of directors.

Each bank will begin operation soon with a paid-in capital of \$1,000,000 and a surplus of \$250,000. One-half was raised by local residents, the other half by the mother banks in Japan.

This huge investment enhancing the economic status of the community is unprecedented in the history of Japanese in this country. It is a welcome sign. It will bolster the financial standing of the Japanese in California.

As far as the banks are concerned, both have been admitted as members of the Federal Reserve System and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. It insures the depositor's account up to \$10,000.

But, we are especially happy because three of our leaders have been extended the honor of serving as directors of these financial institutions. They undoubtedly are representing the Nisei. It means a stronger unity of Issei and Nisei.

We have the greatest confidence that the two banks will be extended wholehearted support. We hope to see them grow and serve the people and community as well.

Times Call for Toughness

Denver

Every once in a while, usually after a hearty meal and a glance at my expanding waistline, I become concerned about the weakening moral fiber of Americans. I feel at these times that Americans are getting soft when these times call for toughness.

Did you ever stop to realize that few people other than Americans worry about overweight? I suppose the fundamental reason is that we have too much to eat and not enough physical exertion to keep in shape, and I don't know a better way for going soft.

I think it was Jack Dempsey who said in explaining why there are so few first class heavy weight boxers these days: "You've got to be hungry to become a champion." Out in the Orient, common folks look on fat men with admiration. Ordinary people are thin because they don't get enough to eat. Anyone who has sufficient money to eat so much that he gets fat is, of course, an object of envy.

I was reading the other day about what a rough time the Apaches gave the U. S. Cavalry late in the last century. There were only a handful of these Indians but the army never really defeated them. Big reason was that the Apaches were so mobile. They'd start across a desert on horseback, riding the horses to death. Then the Apaches would eat the horseflesh and walk the rest of the way. In this fashion they could average 70 miles of travel a day, taking their women and children with them. That's toughness, and it meant survival.

I hope we'll never have to go to such extremes to protect our freedom, but it's something to think about.

Talking about physical fitness, our Mike used a wrestling hold he learned from watching television and pinned the big kid from the next block in a bout in our back yard.

Apparently this kid went home and studied his own television set because he came back the next day and challenged Mike to another match. This time he shoved Mike's face into the dirt and skinned it so that Mike looks as if he has freckles.

Mike is going to have to wait awhile before he hollers for a return contest. Our TV set is inoperative lately as the result of Mike and Susan engaging in a long, loud argument about which channel they were going to tune in on. Upshot was that they lost

their television privileges for a week, and Mike's wrestling lessons have been postponed.

It used to be that kids went around reciting nursery rhymes—you know, the stuff about Bo Peep, Little Jack Horner, the pig that went to market and the rest of that stuff. Our Christie, aged 2½, doesn't know any of them. But she can recite a half dozen television commercial jingles.

Matter of fact, she sings them to herself when she's playing alone.

Went into a store the other day and a middle-aged Japanese American woman came out to see what I wanted. First impulse was to speak to her in Japanese out of deference to an Issei—old west coast custom, you know. But since I hadn't used Japanese in a long time the words got stuck so I talked to her in English.

She replied likewise in English. Her diction was perfect, and then I realized that she was a Nisei too. I'll have to get used to the idea that many Nisei are approaching (or actually in) middle age and are beginning to look like the Issei did in the Li'l Tokios a dozen or so years ago.

VERY TRULY YOURS . . .

by Harry K. Honda

Machine Age Translators

Wonders of the machine age never cease . . . During the war years, the translators in the military intelligence section were constantly sought, exposed to a concentrated dose of schooling and then assigned to some forward area . . . Science may come to the rescue.

A current scientific journal suggests an electronic language translator for 1953 . . . It means a machine will be able to convert a foreign language—Russian especially because it is considered one of the most complicated—into readable English . . . At a 100 words per minute at that . . . The experiments, so we hear, are underway and technicians feel such a machine is entirely possible and practical. The problem is more linguistic rather than electronic.

What is involved is a sorting

JOURNEY THROUGH JAPAN . . .

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States to create better understanding. More Japanese should be permitted to visit the United States, for business, pleasure or as students.

The question which is often raised is, "Why can't the American consuls make it easier for Japanese to go to the United States as it hardly takes any time to obtain a Japanese visa to enter Japan?"

The ancient culture, fascinating gardens, exotic foods, impressive natural beauty—all these make Japan a place worthwhile to visit.

I am glad I finally had the opportunity to visit Japan.

One of these days I may write about the good times Mike and Etsu, Miho and his wife as well as my wife and I had while traveling together or separately to the various parts of Japan.

Hito Okada of Salt Lake City has asked that I write about the personal side of the trip since this will be the only way he would learn of our doings in Japan and Hawaii. I may get into the mood upon popular request. As it is, I believe I have taken too much space. It is better to stop before Editor Honda says that it is getting too dry and lengthy.

and classification of Russian-English equivalents . . . What probably stirred our scientific dreamers was the copious supply of Russian technical data. It takes days and weeks to translate them at the various schools and universities. And much of the work is unnecessary waste . . . In this period of cold war, it is important for American scientists to know as much as possible the extent science has marched in Russia . . . A machine to reduce this labor of translation through electronic computation, hence, was the answer. Already we know months of mathematical calculations are reduced to seconds and minutes by this electronic "brain" . . . The journal further explains that a TV camera or scanner is used to pick up the picture of the word, then transmitting a combination of impulses which produce its English equivalent from the machine's "memory" . . . Even if the translated grammar weren't perfect, it would satisfy curiosity in most cases.

Translators might be dispensable in the machine age, but front-line interpreter still will be. Or will a machine able to distinguish sounds produce into another language graphically or orally what was received?

OPINIONS FROM OTHER NEWSPAPERS:

Hawaii Statehood

It looks like one of the first major achievements of the upcoming Eisenhower administration is going to be statehood for Hawaii. California Senator William Knowland said legislation to this effect will be introduced with prospect of passage, after he and other Republican leaders had conferred with the president-elect.

Statehood for Hawaii and Alaska are often discussed together. Actually there is a sound justification for statehood for Hawaii where it is questionable with respect to Alaska. Hawaii has the population and tax base to support statehood, while Alaska, vast in area, lacks both. It costs money to operate a state, while Uncle Sam puts up for a territory.

Probably Hawaiian statehood has been held back so long because the bulk of the population there is of native or Asiatic origin. Caucasians, who form the vast majority of people in the continental U. S. A. are a rather small minority in the Hawaiian islands. A new race is being formed there by inter-marriage of the various racial elements.

Hawaii's senators probably won't be white men, as, if and when the islands become the forty-ninth state. But what of it? They will represent the people who elected them, which will be their function. And we strongly believe they will be just as loyal Americans as the senators from the other states. —Ontario (Ore.) Argus Observer.