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NISEI NAVY ENSIGN REFUSED SALE OF FHA-INSURED TRACT HOME IN L.A.

Long Beach
Nisei are still experiencing discrimination in housing. The Pacific Citizen learned yesterday.

Atsuko Emoto, ensign in the U.S. Navy, is being denied the right to purchase a home for herself, her parents and family at a housing tract called the Carson Park Mutual homes near Lakewood.

Miss Emoto is assistant military personnel officer at the Terminal Island Naval Station. The incident was first reported to the So. Calif. JACL regional office by the Long Beach chapter last week. The case was referred to Frank Chuman, JACL legal counsel, who has advised other Nisei in the past on steps to take in order to protect against similar practices prevalent in many new housing developments in the Southland.

According to Ensign Emoto, she paid a \$100 deposit last February upon selection of a house design and a corner lot on the project map shown her by the project manager. Last week, she was informed by letter she could not purchase the house. That evening, she visited the project manager who

advised her the sale was cancelled because of her ancestry.

The Nisei naval officer has protested the action to the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce, the California real estate commissioner, the state Attorney General, Federal Housing Authority, Gov. Earl Warren and others.

Chuman has conferred with local FHA officials, who now say her loan would be insured if Prudential Insurance Co. approves.

To the many community agencies and organizations rallying to her support, Miss Emoto adds: "So, now it's up to Prudential."

She took her naval training in Bainbridge, Md., and was commissioned Aug. 15, 1952. She has a brother now fighting in Korea.

House passes alien in armed forces naturalization measure

ANTI-ORIENTAL RULE IN CALIF. CONSTITUTION GETS SENATE ACTION

Sacramento
Action Mar. 31 in the state legislature included passage by the Senate of the Assembly Constitutional Amendment 21 legislation introduced by Assemblyman Edward Elliott of Los Angeles removing the restriction in the Constitution which denies Oriental aliens who are bona-fide residents of California the right to own personal property.

Washington
A bill to provide expeditious naturalization of aliens serving in the armed forces was passed by the House unanimously and sent to the Senate, the Washington office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported this week.

Introduced by Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.) and endorsed by the JACL, the measure extends benefits of a special wartime law which waives statutory waiting periods and some of the educational requirements to aliens serving in the United States armed forces who wish to be naturalized.

It will also provide overseas naturalization in the

field of lawfully admitted aliens who have served honorably or who are now serving in the armed services between June 25, 1950 and June 30, 1955, which is the expiration date of authority to induct men under current selective service law.

Benefits are not confined to veterans of the Korean hostilities.

The House passed a similar bill last year, but failed in the Senate at the objections of Sen. Herbert Lehman (D., N.Y.) who wanted to include all aliens regardless of legal entry or not.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, recalled that under the JACL-sponsored amendment to the wartime expeditious naturalization law, more than 50 Issei who served in World War II became citizens. Among them was Y. Baron Goto, recently honored with the degree of Doctor of Humanities by the Univ. of Hawaii, who served with military intelligence.

He estimated that perhaps as many as 10 Issei would qualify for benefits of the proposed statute.

Five Southland Issei sworn in special naturalization rites

Los Angeles
Five prominent Issei will be naturalized American citizens in special ceremonies this morning by Federal Judge Ernest A. Tolin, witnessed by local civic dignitaries.

Mayor Bowron, Supervisor John Anson Ford, State Attorney General "Pat" Brown and Consul General Yoshida head the list of leaders.

The first Southlanders of Japanese ancestry will be sworn in with a group representing 40 different nations. Following the ceremony, the Issei will be honored at a luncheon at the San Kwo Low, co-sponsored by the JACL and So. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

New citizens are artist Sueo Serizawa, 43, who was born in Yokohama; Dr. James H. Hara, ear-nose-throat specialist born in Okayama who came here in 1905 and president of the Japanese Medical Society here; the Rev. Alfred T. Okamoto, 50, Seventh Day Adventist minister born in Tokyo; Gengoro Nakamura, 63, insurance man born in Okinawa who came to the U.S. in 1906 and a 1922 graduate of the USC Law School; and Henry M. Hachida, 66, Nagasaki-born real estate agent who came here in 1905.

Rousing reception accorded Crown Prince Akihito in Honolulu; San Francisco ready to greet him tomorrow

By L. NAKATSUKA

Honolulu
A young man with a big trip ahead of him touched on foreign soil for the first time in his life Apr. 6. Crown Prince Akihito of Japan obviously was slated for a rousing reception but the welcome he received in Honolulu exceeded the expectations of the greeting committees.

The Crown Prince himself appeared to be happy over the excitement his visit created. After 14 hours in this city, he left with thanks for the "heart-warming welcome accorded me."

The 19 year old heir to the Japanese throne was the first member of that country's royalty to visit Hawaii since 1931 when an uncle of Akihito, Prince Takamatsu, stopped here on his way back from England.

Akihito is on his way to England to represent his father, Emperor Hirohito, at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. His itinerary will cover 30,000 miles over a six month period, spanning 14 countries.

In all more than 10,000 people cheered the Crown Prince from the moment he arrived by ship from Yokohama to the time he boarded the same ship to continue his voyage to San Francisco.

Surrounded by a suite of

Pro-America women favor retention of M'Carran law

Oakland
Retention of the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act in its present form was urged last week by the national board of Pro-America association, which concluded its three day meeting here last week.

The action was conveyed by telegram to Pres. Eisenhower by the all women group.

nine officials, the Crown Prince first met the press offport, then an official welcoming party of officials, headed by Governor King, at the dock.

In appearance, Akihito is smaller in stature than his advance photos made him out. But he has the polished dignity of a son of an emperor trained in protocol from an early age. Akihito is 5 feet 4 inches tall and weighs 114 pounds.

His arm movements, as he waved to the crowds, showed the result of much studied practice, and his strides were long and measured.

Thousands jammed the pier as the Crown Prince started his parade through a short distance of downtown Honolulu. He laid a wreath reverently at the National Memorial Cemetery at historic Punchbowl, where are buried American war dead of World War II and the Korean conflict.

Crowds assembled also at the Japanese consul general's residence, where Akihito was cheered with loud "Banzais" each time he waved to his admirers.

At the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, on Waikiki Beach, where he and his party stayed, more crowds gathered. And, of course, the press corps, radio-men and TV men were swarming about wherever he went. Twenty Japan newsmen are accompanying the Crown Prince. A few will drop out.

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CLASSMATE ANTICIPATES ARRIVAL OF AKIHITO IN UNITED STATES

Tokyo
Robert Kiyoshi Togasaki, awaits the coming visit of Crown Prince Akihito to America. Robert or "Bobby" is a former classmate of the prince, now studying in America.

The Crown Prince spent the wartime evacuation days with "Bobby" at Nikko, and studied at the Peers School in Tokyo with him after war-end. "Bobby," who has been a popular figure among the Crown Prince's classmates, is now studying at Haverford College, Pa. He was also a pupil of Mrs. Elizabeth Gray Vining, former tutor to the Crown Prince. "Bobby" is the youngest son of George Togasaki, president of the Nippon Times.



Enjoying the beautiful pool under warm Arizona sun at the Hotel Westward Ho in Phoenix, headquarters for the third post-war biennial Pacific Southwest District Council convention are (left to right) Cherry Tsutsumida, Lynne Takesuye and Mary Kobashi. The convention will be held May 1, 2, and 3, with swimming available at all times for delegates and boosters at the hotel.

—Byron R. Shaw photo.

Denver physician's car pilfered by bandits

Denver
Dr. George Takeda of Denver reported his car was robbed while parked in front of his Champa St. office. Missing was his physician's bag containing instruments, some narcotics, a camera and a pair of binoculars.

Nisei doctor heads heart station

Detroit
Recognizing the importance of research, the Michigan Heart Association is helping finance 21 research projects. One includes new facilities at the Receiving Hospital where Dr. Lloyd T. Iseri directs treatment with a mechanical kidney. According to Dr. Gordon H. Scott, dean of the Wayne University medical school, the new heart station has the best of the latest equipment including the artificial kidney.

Dr. Iseri is studying the relation between high blood pressure and kidney function. It looks toward more adequate treatment of dropsy and the easing of hypertension.

A patient gets dropsy (swelling of the limbs—edema) when a weakened heart fails to handle fluid in the system, it was explained. Dr. Iseri is studying the effects of various salts in the blood on cardiac dropsy.

Watsonville Issei

Watsonville
Dr. Kichiro Koda, 64, resident in the United States since 1905, has filed his petition for naturalization in superior court here Mar. 30. He was among 10 Santa Cruz county petitioners.

Girl mayor

Gardena
Lily Kamiya, Gardena High School girls' league president, acted as mayor of Gardena for a day during Girls Week.

CASUALTIES

Washington
As hopes for an armistice in Korea increased, the Department of Defense informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League that three more Nisei had been added to the list of American casualties in the Korean war.

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Cpl. Fumio Fukui, friend of Sumi Shimura, 1948 Fashion Ave., Long Beach, Calif.
Cpl. Manabu Imano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Yochi Imano, Wainee Village, Lahaina, Maui.
Cpl. Satoshi Kurozawa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jukichi Kurozawa, P.O. Box 223, Kailua, Hawaii.

Washington Newsletter

MIKE MASAOKA

Cherry Blossom Time . . .

Though the official Cherry Blossom Festival takes place this weekend in Washington, the real peak for the blossoms around historic Tidal Basin was reached two weeks ago. This weekend, though, the double-blossoms along Hains Point will be in all their glory so that the half a million visitors to this town won't be disappointed.

No season is more beautiful than springtime in the nation's capital though some prefer magnolias and the dogwoods, probably most beautiful among the flowering trees are the Japanese cherry blossoms. While those that line the Tidal Basin are most well known, Japanese cherry trees grace many of the streets, gardens, and parks of this area. In some of the suburbs, like Kenwood in nearby Maryland, both sides of every street in that wealthy residential community are lined with Japanese cherry trees.



MASAOKA

The first Japanese cherry trees were sent to Washington by the mayor of Tokyo as a goodwill gesture almost fifty years ago. Today, completing the cycle, cuttings from these trees are being returned to Japan to replace those diseased or destroyed during the war.

These magnificent trees stand as a living memorial to peace and friendship and the ever-growing cooperation between the two nations.

But, it was not always like this.

Just 11 years ago, in the spring of 1942, a "hate Japanese cherry trees" campaign was launched in Washington by pseudo-patriots who urged that every "Jap" tree be cut down and burned in retaliation for the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

Editorials disagreed upon its merits and debates raged in Congress and in the District Commissioner's Chambers as to whether such action was justified.

The controversy became so heated that, this observer recalls, one kindly old lady had herself chained to one of the trees and threatened to shoot any one who tried to molest her or cut down any of the trees.

Fortunately, sanity prevailed and those who made a distinction between the Japanese militarists and Japanese cherry trees won out. The trees were not cut down and as today's thousands walk around the Tidal Basin to enjoy the white and pink loveliness of the blossoms few, if any, will remember that only a decade ago they may have been among those who would destroy what to them now is beauty.

A glance through the newspapers of the past several years illustrates how international relations affects even the names of trees.

In 1942, these were "Jap" cherry blossoms.

In 1943 and 1944, they became Oriental cherry blossoms.

In 1945, they became Korean cherry blossoms as horticulturists explained that blossoming cherry trees were indigenous to Korea and were transplanted to Japan several centuries ago.

In 1946, with victory, they once again became Japanese cherry blossoms.

Full circle . . .

Exactly 24 years ago, when the last Republican administration had been in office for a few months, the newspapers of the day noted that three major

issues were pending in Congress.

Ironically, they were (1) a national origins immigration bill, (2) limitation on Senate debate, and (3) the financial holdings of Andrew Mellon.

Times really don't change very much. With a slight shift of emphasis and personalities, the same issues were pending last week.

Newcomers to Congress

Recently, on the 20th anniversary of the inauguration of Franklin D. Roosevelt, a number of Democratic senators and representatives who were elected along with him celebrated two decades in congressional service. Many Democrats, it should be noted, have served much longer, with Sen. Walter F. George of Georgia beginning his service on Nov. 8, 1922 and Rep. Sam Rayburn of Texas beginning his 21 consecutive terms on Mar. 4, 1913. The all-time record is held by the late Rep. Adolph J. Sabath of Illinois who was reelected to his 24th consecutive term last fall. He first came to the House in 1907.

At that time, it was noted that not a single surviving GOP senator was a member of the Senate when the last Republican President, Herbert Hoover, was sworn in on Mar. 4, 1929. In fact, Pres. Roosevelt had been in office five years when the present senior GOP senator, Styles Bridges of New Hampshire came to Washington on Jan. 3, 1937.

Across the Capitol, the GOP longevity record is a little better. Ten Republican representatives witnessed the Hoover inauguration as members of the House and lived to tell about it to present members.

They are Representatives Daniel A. Reed and John Taber of New York, Thomas A. Jenkins of Ohio, Speaker Joseph Martin, Richard B. Wigglesworth, and Edith Nourse Rodgers of Massachusetts, Clifford R. Hope of Kansas, Charles A. Wolvertson of New Jersey, August H. Anderson of Minnesota, and B. Carroll Reece of Tennessee. Reece has not served consecutively, however.

New Yorker Reed is the granddaddy of the group, now serving his 18th consecutive term which began in 1919.

For the other 269 Republicans in the House and Senate, serving in Congress under a Republican President is a completely new experience.

Incidentally, by virtue of the seniority rule, all of the old-timers are chairmen of committees except for Anderson, Wigglesworth, Jenkins, and Reece. With the exception of Reece, they had the misfortune—for them—of selecting committees in which other Republicans had more seniority.

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KAMLOOPS JAPANESE TO PRESENT AKIHITO WITH COWBOY OUTFIT

Kamloops, B. C. Japanese Canadians of Kamloops will present Crown Prince Akihito of Japan with a complete riding outfit topped off by a white cowboy hat when the heir apparent to the Japanese throne passes through the city on Apr. 14 during his cross-Canada trip at 4 a. m. for a 15 minute stopover.

Knowing that the Prince is a noted equestrian, the Kamloops JC's will present him with riding breeches, boots and jacket as a souvenir of his visit to the city which is noted for its wild west stampedes.

Townsend Harris legionnaires given merit citations

San Francisco The Townsend Harris Post of the American Legion recently received a number of awards and citations in membership and service, according to Fred Tsujimoto, commander.

The Post received the Department Citation for Outstanding Service, the Eighth District Citation for Membership, and the Second Area plaque for being the first post to reach its membership quota. The plaque was personally presented by William White, department commander, at a recent Post meeting.

The Post is the oldest all-Japanese American post in the American Legion with veteran members of both World War I and II. "Membership in the Post is still open, particularly to Korean veterans," Tsujimoto stated. He explained that membership in the American Legion is not open to ex-GIs who entered the service after World War II and before the present Korean conflict; however, those who have actually participated in the Korean hostilities for a period 90 or more days are eligible for membership.

Agency office moves

Los Angeles The Golden State Agency of the Franklin Life Insurance Co. was headquartered at 3312 W. Jefferson effective Apr. 1, it was announced at 318½ E. First has been closed. Pugh revealed that his agency, with which many Nisei agents are associated, has during the month of March conducted the most business of any month since 1950.

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Nisei on Okinawa wounded twice, but did not get Purple Heart medal

Honolulu There is a Leatherneck now serving with the 1st Provisional Marine Air-ground task force, FMF, at the Marine Corps Air Station, who was twice wounded on Okinawa during World War II, but who doesn't rate the Purple Heart.

Reason? He was on the other side.

Seiyu Komesu, 21, who calls Milwaukee, Wis., his home, was a 14-year-old high school student when the marines stormed ashore at Okinawa. Attending Shuri high school on the Japanese island he "didn't believe we had really been attacked, we'd been told it was impossible."

The tall, soldierly-looking Leatherneck can smile easily now as he recalls. "It was April 1, 1945. We had the equivalent of April Fool's Day in the Japanese islands and everyone thought it was a joke. We soon

Driver falls from car; under wheel of second car, OK, gets reckless citation

Honolulu A motorist who fell out of his car while making a right hand turn off Ala Moana Blvd. was treated for tire marks on his face and other minor injuries after he was thrown under the wheel of another car.

He was then charged with careless driving.

Officer Lawrence Sukanuma, of the accident prevention bureau, said the car from which Manuel A. Orbina, 27, fell, then struck another vehicle driven by Paul Ichimura, 42, of 514 Winant St.

Taken to Emergency Hospital, Orbina's injuries were diagnosed as minor. He was treated for bruises to his knee, shoulder and ankle.

Officer Sukanuma said tire marks were visible on the man's face and that Orbina was thrown under the wheel of another car.

The driver told police he was suddenly "flung" out of the car while turning. It was the second time the same door opened while he was driving, he said.

found out differently." The Japanese military authorities ordered all civilians to evacuate Shuri, the island's second largest city, and hide in the hills, telling them "if you are captured the marines will certainly kill you."

The high school student was running through the mountains to keep ahead of the hard-charging marines when he received his first wound. It was a bullet through the arm.

"It wasn't a bad wound," says now, "and we were able to patch it up."

The next time he was wounded it was more serious. He put out of action by a machine shell. Picked up by the marines of the 1st Marine division, he was hospitalized and underwent four months' treatment before being released. By that time the war was over.

Komesu, who was born in Hawaii and is an American citizen, had returned to the Okinawa homeland of his parents with them shortly before the war started. In 1948 he returned to the mainland to attend the Milwaukee School of Engineering. He later became an electrician's helper for the Willis-Chalmers Co. in Milwaukee.

Komesu was inducted in January, 1952, in Milwaukee. He was given a choice of service, asked for the marine corps.



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Tokyo Topics

TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

babies in school . . .

Japanese school authorities surprised at the comparatively few number of so-called babies, a majority of them assumed to be of school age by year, enrolling in the semester just started this month. The Welfare Ministry has announced there are 293 children of mixed-blood in classes throughout the 45 prefectures of Hokkaido. The partial breakdown by prefectures shows the following:

ANAGAWA	66
OKYO	56
SAKA	18
ICHI	15
ITAMA	14
AGASAKI	13
OTHERS 10 & less	111

The prefectures not reporting students of mixed-blood are Miyagi, Fukui, Yamanashi, Iwate, Mie, Tokushima, Kagawa, Saga and Kagoshima.

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For the first time in the history of Japan, Japanese Negro children—37 of them—are going to school.

The Ministry of Education, in the meantime, has issued pamphlets dealing with problems connected to be confronted in schools with children of mixed-blood. At the same time, the education has been advised to solve this problem without prejudice and discrimination.

This "ainoko" problem is one of the first social challenges facing the Japanese as a result of the war.

Schools have been ordered to institute special or segregated classes for them.

Newspapers and magazines are extensively discussing this problem, urging readers to cooperate with the government in its program among the mixed-blood children.

The Tokyo board of education held a conference with social workers, teachers and others of mixed-blood children before the semester began to study the general problem.

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Aja-pah! . . .

A new word is sweeping the nation among the young and old, but it's predominant among the youngsters. "Aja-pah" is as popular as "you said it" or "bats" in America.

It was first introduced by radio, then taken without abandon by the movies and stage. Its meaning is "arabesque." It's an ordinary expression of surprise, but this "aja-pah" is said with a certain gusto and a movement of the shoulders which seems to be of Occupation origin.

"Gomen Nasai" is sweeping America, "aja-pah" is its counterpart in Japan.

If you lose everything in gambling, it's "aja-pah" . . . If you're disappointed in love, it's "aja-pah" . . . And if there's no money in your pocket, you throw both hands in the air and exclaim "aja-pah!"

Nakatsuka -

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to the West Coast, the rest will continue to England.

The surprise item on his Honolulu itinerary was a visit to the Waikiki Aquarium, where he spent much time viewing Hawaiian fishes. Like his father, the young man displayed more than usual interest in marine life.

That evening, after he boarded the ship again, he was temporarily flustered by a bevy of Nisei girls who crowded around him for photographs and autographs. The security men did not interfere. Then, as 3,000 spectators cheered on the pier, the ship sailed for the next welcome in San Francisco—Apr. 11.

Second group of Hawaiian Issei naturalized

Honolulu

The second group of Issei here were naturalized in the U. S. courtroom Mar. 26 by Judge J. Frank McLaughlin. There were 48 Japanese in this group. (In the first group, there were 56 Issei.)

After they took the oath of allegiance, the judge reminded the citizens that citizenship is a matter of the spirit, mind and heart and that for each right, there is a responsibility and for each liberty, there is a duty.

"Americans try," he emphasized, "to practice what they preach. We in Hawaii do it just a little bit better than in other parts of the United States."

"You are full-fledged citizens now. There are no graduations in citizenship, except that the Constitution restricts candidates for the U. S. Presidency to native-born citizens. You can now, however, amend the Constitution and if any of you wants to become a candidate for President, you may as well start amending the Constitution now."

"We in Hawaii do not want to be second-class citizens. We want statehood for Hawaii as the 49th State of the Union so that we may attain the same rights and privileges of the other States in the election of the President and other matters."

Japanese national art tour extension denied

San Francisco

Possibility of securing the Japanese ancient art collection for a San Francisco exhibition was dimmed following receipt of a Japanese foreign office communication by the local Japanese consulate.

San Francisco, Los Angeles and several other cities had asked for the priceless art exhibit now at the Metropolitan Art galleries in New York City.

The request had been forwarded to the foreign office and an attempt is being made to extend the tour to several other American and Canadian cities besides the original five.

The foreign office note said that many of the valuable pieces were privately owned and their owners are opposed to any plan which calls for further handling of their beautiful works of art.

If their efforts fail, the foreign office note said plans will be made to secure a contemporary art exhibit for display in cities through the United States.

Truck overturned in collision with automobile

San Jose

A truck overturned and the driver suffered serious injuries last Friday night in a crash with a car at First and Keyes Sts.

The truck driver was Yoshinobu Takata, 25, of Box 119-A Cox Ave., Saratoga. He was treated for head injuries at San Jose Hospital.

Police said a car driven by Joseph A. Curtis, 69, of San Francisco, attempted to cross First St. at the intersection without stopping for a stop sign. Takata's northbound pickup truck was hit and overturned.

Hamanaka to head Seattle Nisei Veterans

Seattle

Joseph U. Hamanaka was elected commander of the Nisei Veterans Committee, Seattle, for the 1953-4 term last week in the Nisei Vets Memorial clubhouse, 1212 King St.

Vice commander will be Edward "Duffy" Kiyohara. Other top officers are:

Harry Fujita, rec. sec., and Frank "Bones" Yanagimachi, cor. sec. He succeeds Joe Nakatsu and was past editor of the NVC News-Letter.



Seven beauty queens representing their respective racial groups were chosen in the Univ. of Hawaii's 1953 Ka Palapala beauty pageant recently. They are (left to right): front row, Nani Lee, Hawaiian; Myra Todd, cosmopolitan; Jackie Young, Korean; and Helen Andres, Filipino; back row, Markie Winsett, Caucasian; Ethel Wong, Chinese and Agnes Takeuchi, Japanese. The Nisei winner is a freshman, majoring in pre-teaching. —Hawaii Times.

Nippon filmers start own 3-D

Tokyo

Toho Studios has started production of its own three-dimensional films, using a process called Tovision, similar to Natural Vision. A two-reel romance, "Jumping Out Sunday," is expected for release this month.

Shochiku Studio is contemplating use of Cinemascope.

Another firm, Shiga Bros. Laboratory, has developed a system called Panorama Cinevision, requiring no glasses and which can use existing equipment. A convex prism is added before the camera to reduce visual angle from 150 to 50 degrees; a concave prism is placed before the projector to reverse the angle on a semi-circular screen three times the normal size.

Miss Nippon of '52 has date with Cal student

San Francisco

Justin Haruyama, U.C. freshman, has made at least one date with Miss Nippon of 1952, Hinako Kojima, now a student at Mills College.

The plucky Nisei, it was recalled, was a stowaway from Japan last spring.

Akihito visit in Toronto arranged by JCCA chapter

Toronto

Japanese Canadians will be able to meet Crown Prince Akihito here Apr. 17 at the Univ. of Toronto convocation hall. The Toronto JCCA organized a welcoming committee.

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SEE CONGRESSIONAL O.K. FOR STAMP HONORING HAWAIIAN STATEHOOD

Washington

Most likely to win congressional approval will be a stamp honoring the admission of Hawaii to statehood, when and if voted, writes a columnist on philately in the Washington Post this week.

150 Sansei treated at Detroit Easter frolic

Detroit

More than 150 youngsters attended the Mr. & Mrs. Club Easter party for Sansei last Sunday at International Institute. Yo Kasai chaired the affair. Assisting were:

Fred Mitta, Mary Mizusaki, Mitzie Kinoshita, Judy Tanaka, Virgie Otsuki, George Matsuhira, Helen Fujiwara, Joan Kimoto, Martha Kawamoto, Alicia Miao, Fred Yoshida, Kiyoshi Ishimaru, Janice Ouchi, Mrs. Ken Takemoto, Irene Abe and Margaret Page.

Model car maker wins \$2,000 award

Detroit

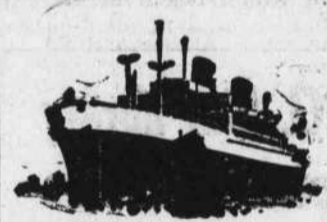
William Endow, 15, of Hood River, Ore., received a \$2,000 college scholarship award in the 1952 junior national competition for his model car from the Fisher Body division of General Motors Corp., it was learned this week.

The announcement of winners and pictures of winning models was made in the March issue of Guild News, official bulletin of the Fisher Body Craftman's Guild.

Chinese movie

Honolulu

A Chinese-Hawaiian film, "Mad Fire, Mad Love," was recently shown here. It was a full-length color feature made in Hawaii, photographed by Tom Matsumoto.



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Summer music . . .

The Chicago Park District symphony season begins its 19th series of free open-air concerts at the Grant Park bandshell on June 24 . . . The schedule calls for 31 concerts in eight weeks under nine conductors. Concerts are given regularly on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday with a few exceptions.

1st Baptist church . . .

Easter was the climax of the rebuilding program at the First Baptist Church, where the Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa is pastor. One of the area's gems of English Gothic architecture is being restored . . . His Easter sermon topic was "Who Will Roll Away the Stone?" the 120th Easter services of the church since it was founded in 1833.

Personals . . .

Arthur Okamura has opened his exhibition of art works and paintings at New Brown Gallery, 15 E. Grand Ave., last week . . . John Izumi, who operates an interior decoration shop (the Malihini), 5481 Lakepark, is in the midst of remodeling now . . . Mike Hagiwara, active Chicago JACler and member of Business Associates, has become partner in Stath Sandwich Shop, 67 E. Adams St. . . Mary C. Takahashi teaches flower arrangements on a 10-weeks adult education program at the Central YWCA, 19 S. La Salle St., on Thursday evenings . . . William Masaharu Marutani was conferred his Doctor of Law degree at the Univ. of Chicago recently . . . Robert K. Kaseguma of Delavan, Wisc., got his letter in wrestling from Univ. of Wisconsin this year.

Yoko Arakawa, 18-year-old daughter of a Buddhist priest, is chairing the general arrangements for Sigma Tau Sigma (Waller High school honorary society) carnival May 21 in the school's gym. When she becomes 18 next June 27, she will apply for naturalization as she is Canadian-born . . . Best poster awards for the Hyde Park High School music festival were presented last week to Aline Sumida, first prize, advance; Amy Nishi, first, and Arthur Hayano, third, beginners . . . Robert L. Birchman, active JACler, is chairing the Committee on Community Coordination for the NAACP.

Pfc. H. Nakagawa, 4958 Blackstone, and Pfc. Y. Ogata, 4331 Oakenwald, were among 126 Illinoisans on the troopship Gen. Weigel which docked in New York, Apr. 3, from Korea . . . Former U. of I. student Bernard Shinosaki, 6238 Dorchester, was recently promoted corporal. He is draftsman in the 12th AAA Group Hq., Karlsruhe, Germany.

Calendar . . .

Apr. 16-JACL meeting: "Whose Problem—the Aged Issei." Woodrow Wilson Room, 8:15 p.m.
Apr. 17-Olivet Institute carnival, 7 p.m.
Apr. 18-Armitage County Fair carnival, 7 p.m.
Apr. 25-Citywide Recreation dance, Larrabee YMCA, 8 p.m.
Apr. 25-Charmettes "Paris in April" dance, Olivet gym, 9 p.m.
May 2-Chicago JACL square dance, Olivet gym, 9 p.m.

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Four charming lassies and their supporters are making the Placer JACL fifth annual community picnic takes place this Sunday at the JACL Recreation Park in Penryn. The candidates are Joan Nakamoto (top left) of Penryn, 18; Amy Yokota (top right) of Newcastle, 20; Nancy Ann Aoki (lower left) of Loomis, 16; and Yukie Nii (lower right) of Lincoln, 20. Hugo Nishimoto is contest chairman. —Higashi Studio photos.

Florin chapter cited as first group exceeding '52 membership, now 127

San Francisco
The Florin JACL chapter is the first in the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council to exceed its 1952 membership, according to Haruo Ishimaru, Northern California Regional Director.

The chapter has signed up 127 members this year as compared to 101 last year. "Membership chairman Shiro Tahara and his committee are to be congratulated on their efforts," Ishimaru said, expressing hope that other chapters in the District Council would complete their membership drives in the near future. The Northern California area was responsible for almost a third of the total national membership in 1952.

Another achievement of the Florin Chapter was the recent graduation of a number of Is-

sei from the citizenship class on Mar. 25. The class was under the joint sponsorship of the Florin chapter and the Adult Education Department. Instructor was the Rev. Jun Fujimori of the Florin Methodist Church. President this year of the Florin Chapter is Bill Okamoto.

Satow on tour of Pacific Northwest

Salt Lake City
National JACL Director Mas Satow has been visiting chapters of the Pacific Northwest this week and will return to Headquarters here on Monday, April 13.

Last Tuesday, Satow spoke at a banquet in honor of graduates of the first naturalization class, sponsored by the Spokane JACL chapter.

On Wednesday he met with members of the Portland chapter and the following day with the Mid-Columbia chapter at Hood River, Ore.

An appreciation banquet honoring Issei residents and sponsored by the Puyallup Valley chapter will be held in Tacoma tomorrow with Satow as speaker.

A meeting of the Pacific Northwest District Council will be attended by the JACL official. The PNDC gathering will be held in Portland with the Gresham-Troutdale chapter playing host. District chairman is Dr. Matthew Masuoka of Portland.

On Friday, Satow is meeting the Seattle JACL chapter and will return to Headquarters on Sunday.

During his trip, the national director will discuss organizational problems and projects with chapters.

• Since the best people in the North and South worked together to elect Eisenhower, I believe they will continue to work together.—Sen. Karl Mundt (R., S. D.).

Stockton CL plans busy calendar of community events

Stockton

Extensive plans for the next several months, which will include a community picnic in May, an installation dinner in June and presentation of books to local libraries, were announced by Sam Itaya, president of the Stockton Chapter of Japanese American Citizens League.

Copies of "Americans" (History of the 442nd RCT) will be presented to city and school libraries just as soon as they are obtained here, Itaya said, as a gesture of friendship and to bring about a better understanding between the two peoples.

The plans resulted after a meeting Mar. 28 of the local chapter with Haruo Ishimaru of San Francisco, Northern California regional director of JACL, including the newly-elected local officers.

A seven-point program for the year was adopted which includes wider participation in community programs, encourage and aid citizenship classes, extend aid to other JACL chapters, closer co-operation with churches, civic and affiliated groups, support of state legislation, planned activities for parents and families and increase active membership.

Besides the community picnic in May and the installation dinner in June for which dates are to be set, Itaya said the local group will sponsor a semi-formal dance in July, a beach outing in August, a masquerade ball in October, a children's Christmas party and publish a monthly JACL newsletter.

Other executive board members are:

Hiroshi Morita, 1st v.p.; George Baba, 2nd v.p.; Yuki Shinoda, sec.; Fred Dobana, treas.; Tad Akaba, public relations; Tak Wakimoto and Ichiro Ogata, sgts-at-arms; chairman—Lou Tsunekawa, social; Henry Hayashino, membership; Shingo Umene, publicity; advisors—Jack Matsumoto, Nori Endow, Yoshimi Terashita and Joseph Omachi.

• Women are getting smart enough to know that not mother, but big brother knows best. After all, women do dress to attract men.—Designer Pauline Gordon.

CHAPTER MEMBERS

Southwest Los Angeles JACL
Other Los Angeles chapters are being invited to the Apr. 17 meeting at St. Mary's Park Hall. Dr. E. Allen Peterson, Hummel-Hummel fame, speaker. Dick Fujioka, 1st v.p., will be in charge.

Hollywood JACL
An informal house party at the Dan Abes, 3422 London St., has been planned for the chapter and friends on Apr. 18.

Spokane JACL
The chapter honored 202 Issei enrolled in citizenship classes here Apr. 8 at dinner in the Desert Hotel.

Fowler JACL
Some children and parents enjoyed "Family Night" recently. Movies were shown by Tom Shikawa. Jane Tanaka and Matsuye Osaki were in charge of refreshments.

Sacramento JACL
Nearly 250 including many Issei who have recently joined met at the "Let's Get Acquainted" party recently at Buddhist Hall. George Tambara was in charge.



Salt Lake City
The JACL 1000 Club membership renewals and newcomers for the month of March is as follows:

SIXTH YEAR
Harold Gordon, Chicago; Mas Satow, Salt Lake City.

FIFTH YEAR
Yoneo Bepp, San Jose; Karl San Luis Obispo; Dr. Roy Nishida, Los Angeles.

FOURTH YEAR
Yoshio Takahashi, Parma, Ohio; Sus Yokomizo, San Fernando.

THIRD YEAR
Harry Mizuno, Chicago.

SECOND YEAR
C. Shima, Ontario, Ore.

NEW MEMBERS
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Ontario Issei hold graduation feast

Ontario, Ore.
A graduation banquet for 100 Issei students of citizenship was held Mar. 22. The instructor, the Rev. Norio Yasaki of the local Japanese Methodist church, presided.
The class was sponsored by the Ontario VFW. The banquet was sponsored by the Ore-Ida Japanese Ancestry Ass'n.
Herbert Boss, naturalization officer from Boise, answered questions of students pertaining to the examination.
Clark Hamilton, Idaho state senator from Weiser, who helped initiate the class, spoke to the group. "If the situation were in reverse and I were in Japan, I doubt if I could have had the courage to attend classes and not become discouraged." He said it was not how well the seekers of citizenship did but their willingness of heart that counted.
In closing the class sang a traditional song in Japanese and "God Bless America."

Japanese entry wins all-Canada needlecraft embroidery competition

Toronto
Some 5,000 entries from all parts of Canada were examined for originality, excellence in workmanship and suitability of the type of needlecraft for the submitted article. And the Japanese embroidery depicting trees in a forest by Mrs. Kono Tanaka of Greenwood, B.C., was judged the first spot in the Star Weekly needlecraft contest last week.
Ill since early January, Mrs. Tanaka was overjoyed on hearing the good news at the hospital. She hopes to concentrate on teaching Japanese embroidery.
She is a graduate of a recognized embroidery school in Japan and five years ago began teaching to small groups in Toronto.

NISEI GIRL CANDIDATE FOR QUEEN OF IOWA'S DRAKE RELAYS MEET

Cedar Falls, Ia.
Charlotte Shibata, 21, was chosen Iowa State Teachers College candidate for queen of the Drake Relays to be held in Des Moines Apr. 24-25.
Student publications at the college selected the Maui Nisei, a senior majoring in elementary education and speech correction. She is a member of Sigma Alpha Eta, national honor organization in the field of speech correction and hearing.

Chicago Clerics to hear aged Issei panel discussion

Chicago
Why are the Issei afraid of the Home for the Aged? Can the Issei live a better life? These and other questions are expected to be answered at the next meeting of the Chicago JACL chapter on Apr. 16 when a panel discussion on "The Aged Issei—Whose Responsibility?" will be held.
Noboru Honda will serve as moderator. Members of the panel will include:
Kiyoshi Joichi, Mutual Aid Society; Rev. G. M. Kubose, Chicago Buddhist Church; Kenji Nakane, Chicago Resettlers Committee; Rev. Andrew Oyama, Church of Jesus Christ; John Yoshino, Illinois Public Aid.

Tri-State Buddhist altar nearing completion

Denver
The new altar of Denver's Tri-State Buddhist church is near completion. Sam Yoshikawa, master carpenter for the altar assembling project, said wooden pillars for the structure arrived last week.

CAPSULES

Tokyo bridge players have to go underground under extension of the "anti-gambling" crusade last week affecting the playing of bridge.

Jobo Nakamura of Berkeley has sold to Holiday magazine his story, "A Nisei Visits Japan," which was a collection of his columns in the San Francisco Hoboken Mainichi.

A Nisei skater suffered a broken leg during the Denver YBA skatefest. Henry Tazawa of Brighton, Colo., was hospitalized with a right leg broken in two places. He had stumbled and had been kicked by an unidentified girl.

San Jose State College holds Religious Emphasis Week Apr. 12-17. Discussing Buddhism will be the Rev. Kenryo Kumata of Los Angeles, Miko Maruyama and Nora Sato.

Madera's Japanese community picnic will be held this Sunday at the Steward and Ness picnic grounds near Hernon.

An active Baha'i lecturer and professor of English at Tokyo University, Robert Imagire of Reno, returned home after a five-year stay in Japan.

SOCIAL NOTES

Eden Girls: Brad Brown's orchestra will play at the spring informal dance Apr. 18 at Alta Mira club, 561 Lafayette, San Leandro. Rose Hara is the general chairman.

Oregon Issei writes own story of why he seeks citizenship

Ontario, Ore.
I. Kawakami, who is presently studying for his citizenship with 100 others here, referred to himself in the third person to present his experiences in the local community newspaper, the Argus-Observer, recently.
The article narrates the wishes of many Issei who came to America with hopes of returning someday to live in luxury on the money he earned here.
Instead, he found something new and gradually grew to wish to become a part of the new adopted country.

By I. KAWAKAMI

An old immigrant . . .

A story of an old immigrant from Japan . . .
He was a sensitive kid of 19, attending school in a country which called itself "the great Empire of Nippon." He was in the age of dreaming, "someday he would be . . ."
At the same time, he was entering second babyhood as he called it; that is, doubting on every subject, having big question mark on life, society, religion and what not.

One day he received a letter from his father, who was in the United States, asking him if he had any interest in coming to America. After giving serious thought to the matter, reading quite a few books on America, he finally decided to come to this country.
He crossed 4,000 miles across the Pacific, landed in Seattle some 30 years ago with the sole purpose of making money, then go back to the old and live a king.

Practice feudalism . . .

In those days the common people were like slaves, struggling for mere existence, no opportunity or hope. Feudalism was in practice all over the country.
Imagine, there were more than 20 pronouns meaning "you," from His Majesty down to "kora" (meaning "hey"). These different "yous" must be used to different persons according to rank or social standing. Who would not try to escape from a place like this, if he could?

Well, did his dream come true in the new country?
Did he find money or opportunity?
Yes and no.
He found both of them plentiful but he never could make even enough money to visit the old country.
It could be said it was too bad for him but it made him stay here. If he were successful like some of his friends and went back to the old country, where would he be today?
It was very lucky for him after all.

Dreams smaller . . .

Though he kept working hard and tried to make the dream come true, years went by. His dream became smaller. He could also see the reality a little clearer. His motto changed to "I might make . . . if luck ever beat my way" which never did. He gave up his dreams, got married and settled down.
In all these years, did he like his new country very well?
This answer is also yes and no.
He met many people, fair and square, made some real friends among all nationalities, enjoyed democracy, made a much better living than could be expected in the old country.
On the other hand, race prejudice and discrimination gave him countless unpleasantness. The phrase "Jap" on street corners; how much it hurt his feelings no one can tell. Then came that fateful day of Dec. 7, 1941. After Pearl Harbor came, the evacuation; then relocation; finally, he settled in this valley.

Miracle happens . . .

VJ Day made the "great Empire" occupied Japan. About the same time some miracle happened in the United States, too. He no longer heard the unpleasant phrase anymore anywhere; everyone became fair to his people. One

state after another repealed the anti-alien land law; Congress passed the McCarran-Walter Act.

First time in his life he became eligible to citizenship! Then came the voice over KSRV saying there will be a course for citizenship on Ontario High School sponsored by Ontario Teachers Association and VFW. It sounded too good to be true.

Somewhere in his head he asked, "What citizenship? What text book? Isn't your head gray?" But in his heart the word "citizenship" was so precious and so sweet, promising a bright future.

He summoned enough courage and went to class the opening night. He had not been in a classroom for the last 30 years so at first it seemed strange and out of place but he soon got used to it; learned so many things about history, civics, Constitution, etc.

During this course the most impressive topics were Liberty and Equality. Among his people they use the common phrase, "This is a free country," to express freedom in this country but in this class he learned that a man is free only if he doesn't step on the other fellow's toe.

True freedom, also must have accompanying duty. Liberty is never given to anyone for nothing but he must acquire it by performing his duty.

He also learned that equality means that men are equal

under the law. Otherwise it is a wide open competition according to his ability.

Point not clear . . .

One point which is not clear to him yet is the question of Civil rights. In Amendment Article V of the Constitution which states that "no person shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself."

Over the radio he hears so much about this right—"I refuse to answer the question—it might incriminate me." It seems to him that this clause is contrary to the common sense in ethics, morals and religion.

If one commits a crime, he should admit, confess and ask mercy, take the punishment, whatever it may be. This guarantee seems to him to be against all these teachings.

Will accept duty . . .

He could not understand why people should have this kind of right. It was discussed in the class a little but the time was so limited they did not cover it thoroughly enough to come to a clear understanding.

On the whole, they studied so many important lessons in so short a time he thinks most of the students are ready to take the test.

If he ever passes and is granted citizenship, not only will he enjoy the rights but will be more than willing to do his share of duty as a citizen.

Nisei boxer held for murder in Genoa, trial postponed in Italy for mental check

Honolulu
The murder trial of Charles Giso Arakaki, 25-year-old Honolulu who boxed professionally as Carl Arakaki, was postponed on Mar. 14 to "allow medical examination of his mental faculties," the Associated Press recently reported.

Charged with killing one man and attempted killing of four others on Apr. 19, 1952, the merchant seaman from Honolulu went on trial Mar. 13.

Details of the killing were not reported, but it was known

for a long time here that he was being held for murder. Arakaki's friends here received that news by mail last summer.

The press reports indicated Genoa police records show that he had hired a taxi and not being to pay for a long drive, threatened the driver with a pistol.

The cabbie pulled out his ignition key and fled afoot and the Honolulu allegedly shot at him. Immediately after, in attempting to force the owner of another car to surrender it to him, Arakaki is said to have shot and killed the man, a businessman in the city. He is accused of shooting and wounding four others while trying to avoid an angry crowd who had gathered after the killing, the AP said.

Arakaki's friends have not been successful in raising money for his defense. They have retained Yasutake Fukushima, Honolulu attorney. The case was taken over by the State Department last month.

IN HONOR OF

Pvt. Stanley Yoshioka, 22, of Honolulu, was graduated as honor student from the Ft. Ord Army clerk-typist school recently. The Univ. of Hawaii graduate is now attending the machine records school in Indiana.

Alice Kajitani was selected representative of the Del Rey Lions club in a zone speech contest to be held soon. She spoke on "Man's Search for Security".

Mitzi Okuda and Janell Kojima were awarded superior rating in the Salt Lake City Jr. Music Festival for their piano playing.

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Chicago sets '54 National JACL keg tourney dates

Chicago
March 5, 6, and 7 have been selected as the dates of the National JACL Bowling Tournament to be held at Hyde Park Bowl next year. Shortly after the Chicago chapter was informed that they had been awarded the 1954 tournament, chapter president Abe Hagiwara appointed a bowling committee to work on plans for this great sports event.

Members of the bowling committee which will plan this coming tournament include: Dyke Miyagawa, James Kozuma, Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, Harry Kozaki, Jun Oishi, Sock Kojima, Abe Hagiwara, Shigeo Wakamatsu and Dr. Frank Sakamoto.

Record entry for No. Cal. golf classic

Fresno
A record-breaking entry list of 157 for the coming annual Northern California Nisei Golf tournament in Monterey on the weekend of Apr. 18 and 19 was revealed last week by the sponsoring Fresno Nisei and Turlock Golf clubs.

The participants will vie for six prizes in each of the four flights—championship, first, second and third flights—with a special prize for the guest Issei flight.

The 36-hole medal play tournament will start with 18-holes on Saturday, Apr. 18 with the first foursomes teeing off at 7:30 a.m.

The first three flights will play the championship course at Pebble Beach, while the entrants with handicap of 21 or more in the third flight and the Issei flight will tour the Del Mar course.

Pairings were announced by the tournament committee for the first day. Those for the final 18 holes will be determined by the results of the first day's round.

Nisei cagerette

Wichita
Nancy Ito, Denver Nisei athlete, is one of the Denver Viner Chevrolet basketball team currently competing in the 25th annual National AAU Women's basketball tournament.

Salt Lake City queen

Salt Lake City
Yuki Sugihara, 18, West High School senior, was chosen queen of the 18th annual Salt Lake City JACL Invitational Basketball Tournament recently.

SPORTSCOPE

Youthful Clifford Tamura of Mid-Pacific Institute is the new class C tennis champion of Honolulu, beating Lt. Robert Newbrough, USNR, in the title match last week.

Three San Francisco Nisei bowling leagues were affected by a two-day strike of pinsetters last week and resumed play this week.

Ohio State University last week awarded varsity letters in swimming to Ford Konno and Yoshi Oyakawa.

Kikuo Moriya, Wheaton College runner from Tokyo, was second in the two-mile run at the Chicago Daily News relay Mar. 28. Winner was Aschenfeller of the New York AC, who did it in 9m. 8.5s.

Arch Ward of the Chicago Tribune mentions that Rocky Marciano credits a Nisei doctor, Yoshio Taki, for saving his boxing career. While in the army, Rocky smashed a knuckle on his left hand, and the medical men despaired he could ever fight again with effectiveness. Then stepped in Dr. Taki to improvise a pulley cast which left the knuckle as good as new. (We recall mention of the doctor as being from Portland, Ore.—Ed.)

40,000 turnout of fans may lure Jimmy Carter to meet foe in Tokyo

Tokyo
The manager of James Perry, outstanding Hawaiian boxer, challenged world lightweight champion James Carter to a title match in Tokyo on July 3. Perry's manager, Sad Sam Ichinose, sent the challenge to Willie Ketchum, Carter's manager in New York.

Ichinose's inducement to the hard-hitting Negro champion is the large crowds ranking boxers have drawn in Tokyo. It is one reason why Japan's world fly-weight champion Yoshio Shirai has been reluctant to go abroad for title bouts. He can draw a crowd of 40,000 to 50,000 in an outdoor bout in Tokyo compared to the 5,000 or less that fly-weights could attract in the United States.

If Carter does not want to put his title on the block, Ichinose said he is willing to have Perry meet Carter in a non-title match.

Nisei hurdler double winner for Watsonville High

Watsonville
Takeo Hirahara won both the 120 and 180 hurdle events for Watsonville high in a triangular meet here Mar. 28 with King City and Hollister. He did the highs in 16.5s., the lows in 22.1s.

Oyakawa cracks 100 yd. backstroke world record

Columbus, O.
Ohio State swimmers set two unofficial world records in special time trials at the Ohio pool on Apr. 1.

Yoshi Oyakawa, Jerry Holan and Dick Cleveland set a new 300 yard medley relay mark of 2m. 45.3s. The old record, 2m. 47.1s., was set by Oyakawa, Cleveland and Jack Taylor last year.

Oyakawa, swimming his leg of the relay in 56.1s. broke the world record of 56.5s. for the 100 yard back stroke held by Taylor. Coach Mike Peppe said he will petition the National Amateur Athletic union and the International Swimming federation to recognize the times.

San Mateo-Sequoia CL keg tourney success

San Mateo
A record breaking number of entries made the fourth annual San Mateo-Sequoia JACL bowling tournament a success last Mar. 28-29. Dip Yamauchi was tournament chairman. The results:

MEN'S SINGLES:	
Tosh Mori (R)	645
Hippo Ito (SM)	636
George Higashioaka (SM)	622
MEN'S DOUBLES:	
Vic Hirose, Dick Arimoto (R)	1255
Harry Higaki, John Enomoto (R)	1233
George Ikeda, George Amamoto (SM)	1210
WOMEN'S SINGLES:	
Kitty Uchida (SM)	626
Cherry Adachi (R)	602
Janet Inouye (R)	595
MIXED DOUBLES:	
Kitty Uchida, Toe Yoshioka (SM)	1241
Haru Sugishita, Geo. Sakamoto (SM)	1167
Alice and Tom Yamane (R)	1162
MEN'S ALL-EVENTS:	
Gen Utsumi (SM)	1833
George Ikeda (SM)	1821
George Sakamoto (SM)	1807
WOMEN'S ALL-EVENTS:	
Janet Inouye (R)	1246
Kitty Uchida (SM)	1153
Cherry Adachi (R)	1125

Nisei rugby star at California grid prospect

San Francisco
A recent column by sports writer, Will Connelly, indicated that Yosh Katsura, late of Berkeley High grid fame and now enrolled at Cal, may get a chance to play on the Bear varsity—at least Pappy Waldorf has his name scratched on his cuff.

Rugby coach, Dr. Hudson, recommended the Nisei to Pappy as the fastest man on his rugby squad, "quick as a panther."

Sacramento honors weightlifter Kono

Sacramento
The City Council congratulated the achievement of Tommy Kono, Nisei Olympic Games weightlifting champion, with a resolution presented to him Mar. 31. The resolution read in part:

"Resolved further, that the City Council highly compliments this young Sacramento athlete upon his distinctive achievement in the field of sports, to which he has risen through patient and careful physical training and determination to gain the crown;

"Resolved further, that the attainment of this award has not only won signal distinction for himself, his parents and instructors, but has now honored Sacramento with representation in the Olympic Internationale through this feat of one of its own citizens;

"Resolved further, that our plaudits be also conferred upon him for the various records and exhibitions he has staged with such great honors in other countries, both before and after the Helsinki meet;

"Resolved further, that the City Council also hereby extends to this outstanding champion its felicitations, and best wishes for a continuing record in athletic accomplishments and fame."

UTAH ISSEI STILL ELIGIBLE TO FISH & HUNT AS CITIZEN

Salt Lake City
In Utah, aliens are required to pay a higher fee for licenses to fish and hunt. Since 1943, through efforts of Henry Kasai and the Salt Lake City JACL, aliens "ineligible for citizenship" were accorded same rights to fish as citizens, provided the alien lived in Utah for 15 years. In 1947, the privilege was extended to include hunting.

With passage of the Walter-McCarran act last year, Issei automatically lost this special status. The law nullified provisions stipulating "ineligible

for citizenship." It was ironic the new law reacted against the Issei.

The 1953 Utah legislature adjourned without taking action to assist the Issei.

Kasai again went into action with assistance from the Utah Nippon Wildlife Federation, the Utah State Wildlife Federation and JACL. The Utah state fish and game commission last week passed a motion to permit aliens to obtain licenses at the same fee as citizens, provided they were 15 year residents of the state.

Chicago cagers favored to win Toronto invitational basketball series

Toronto
Chicago's all-star squad is the team to beat in the first Nisei invitational basketball tournament to be staged by the Toronto Nisei Basketball League on Apr. 17-18 at the new Central Technical School gym.

Others invited are the Michigan Dukes from Detroit and two hometown teams, the Mustangs and Rebels.

As of last week, the Robabes and Saints were battling for Chicago Aye league honors and the right to represent the Windy City.

The Detroit Dukes have top-flight men with three Chinese stars, Al Chang, Al Chin and Larry Wong, and an erstwhile Californian Herbie Sugiyama. The Mustangs, who have dominated the Canadian scene

Windy City golfers plan initial meeting Apr. 18

Chicago
Cyril Wagner, golf pro at Tam o'Shanter the past 10 years, will address the first membership meeting of the Midwest Golf Ass'n at Olivet Institute Apr. 18. Dr. Randolph Sakada, president, will preside.



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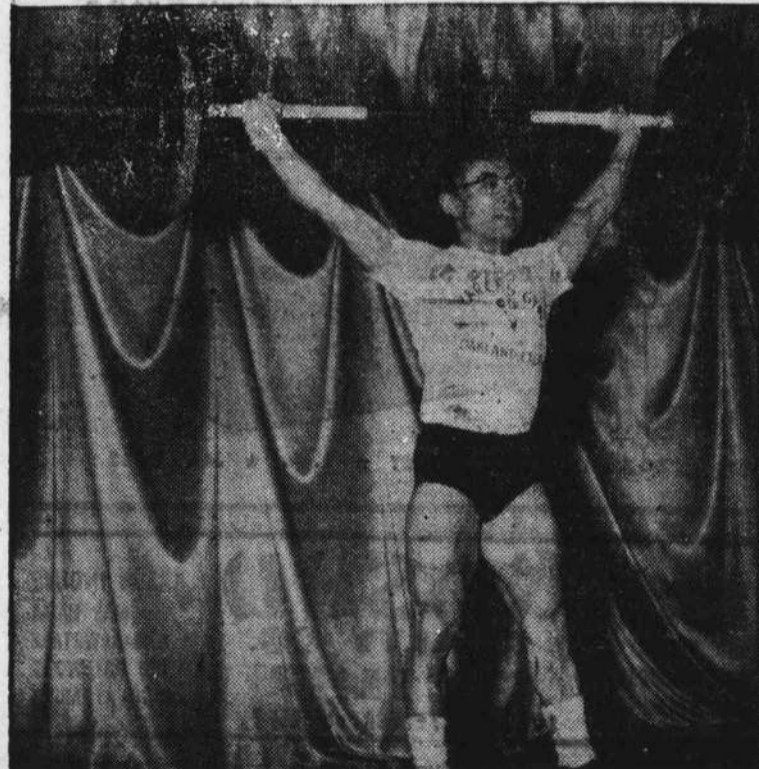
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Mits Oshima of Sacramento bettered by 10½ lbs. the national weightlifting record here last Saturday in the California AAU meet by snatching 225½ lbs. in the 132-lb. division. He lifted a total of 675½ lbs. to win the division title. Itsuo Morinaga was second in the same weight division with a 595 total.

—Rafu Shimpō photo.

Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

1953 Nisei Week . . .

One of the biggest problems in running off the annual Nisei Week Festival is the selection of an efficient executive secretary who is available to work full time. The compensation is inadequate.

Lil' Tokio merchants who, each year foot the bill to have the summer celebration "boost business," are bumping into the same situation again.

At a luncheon meeting held last Tuesday, some 15 members of the Downtown Merchants Association, sponsors of the seven-day extravaganza, voted to retain Kiyo Yamato who took charge of the 1952 event. Whether he would accept the job is still unknown.

Yamato, who married one of the prewar Nisei Week Festival queens, Shizue Kobayashi, is an old hand at running the show.

The 1953 affair is expected to be more Oriental in nature than most of the previous affairs since more Issei merchants will have a hand in the making up of the program.

One official at the meeting did not elaborate on the matter but he thought the postwar festivals were almost a "hand-me-down" from prewar successes.

Most of them appealed to the teen-age Japanese Americans, he commented, although he offered no further suggestions.

One of the big drawing cards which past Nisei Week officials have not capitalized on, we thought, was to attract the interest of hundreds of Caucasian ex-GIs just back from the Orient.

There is definitely a better flow of Caucasian patrons roaming in and out of Japanese restaurants and gift stores.

If the calendar of events can be focused to see "Things Japanese" then the merchants may reap the needed profits to assure a successful Festival.

Fraud . . .

A bimonthly magazine published in La Crecenta charged in its May-June issue that the time has come for Congress to pay up its awards to approximately 25,000 claimants. The sum involved was about \$15 million, the magazine stated.

The name of the magazine: Frauds and Its Answers.

The Los Angeles Adult Buddhist Coordinating Council raised \$2,100 within a short span of one month to assist southland Issei indigents.

Given to Masami Sasaki, social welfare chairman of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, was a check for \$1724 after all expenses for the campaign were deducted. The Rev. Reikai Nozaki, chairman of the Buddhist council, made the presentation.

In Sacramento, several Japanese-American organizations including the JACL are ready to testify in behalf of a bill which would establish eligibility of non-citizens for state old-age assistance providing they have lived continuously in the United States for 25 years.

CLASSIFIED ADS

PERSONAL

Anyone knowing whereabouts of following persons should write the Pacific Citizen, care of the JACL Regional Office, 258 E. 1st St., L.A. Tokuyue Sakaji Iwasaki (believed to be in Chicago.) Entitled to award.

Joe Chikara Takagaki, formerly 1st Lt., Rosamund, Calif. Shochi Samura, formerly 238 S. Leaudry, Los Angeles. Shinn Yamashita, 2127 Irving St., San Diego 13.

* VITAL STATISTICS

Births

ARIU—Mar. 13, a boy Don Gene to the Hideo Ariu (Virginia Hideo Takemura), Los Angeles.
ASANO—Mar. 18, a girl Meri Lynn to the Toshio Asanos (Teruko Yanagimoto), Monrovia.
ENOMOTO—Feb. 28, a girl Reiko Joyce to the Ray W. Enomotos (Yoneko Matsuyama), Los Angeles.

FUJII—Mar. 18, a boy to the George D. Fujii, Seattle.
FUJII—Feb. 17, a boy to the Tamotsu Fujii, Reedley.

FUKUI—Mar. 11, a girl Joyce Teru to the George Shoji Fukui (Chiyo Sasada), Los Angeles.

GOISHI—Feb. 21, a girl to the Henry Yoshinobu Goishis, Biola.

HASABE—Mar. 24, a boy to the Takao Hasebas, Ontario, Ore.

HASHIBA—Mar. 18, a girl Joy Hifumi to the Shoichi Hashibas (Nagiko Tanabe), Los Angeles.

INOUE—Mar. 16, a girl Patrice to the Masaru Sid Inouye Mariko Matsumoto, Los Angeles.

ITO—Mar. 1, a boy to the Martin L. Itos, San Diego.

ITO—Feb. 27, a girl to the Harry Itos, Sacramento.

ITO—Mar. 13, a boy to the George S. Itos, Long Beach.

ITO—Mar. 4, a boy to the Paul T. Itos, Elk Grove.

IWATSURU—Feb. 21, a boy to the Akira Iwatsurus, Florin.

KAMINAKA—Mar. 25, a boy Wayne Tsuya to the Mitazu Kaminakas (Ayako Kobayashi), Watsonville.

KAWAMURA—Mar. 12, a girl Sally Yoshie to the Yoshio Kawamuras, Sacramento.

KIMURA—Feb. 15, a boy to the Woodley Hajime Kimura, Kingsburg.

KITAMURA—Mar. 11, a girl Betty Jane to the Kazuo Kitamuras (Helen Hifumi), Los Angeles.

KOCHI—Mar. 10, a girl to the Gerald Kochis, Santa Ana.

KOIKE—Mar. 17, a boy Clifford Hideo to the Hideo Ray Koikes (Hiroko Mori), Los Angeles.

KUNITOMI—Feb. 16, a boy Darrell S., to the Jack Yoshisuke Kunitomis (Masa Fujioka), Los Angeles.

KUWATSUKI—Mar. 11, a boy Sen Clyde to the Rev. Bunpo Kuwatsukis (Chieko Takahashi), Los Angeles.

MATSUI—Feb. 21, a girl Ito to the Yukio Matsuis, Bryte.

MATSUOKA—Mar. 26, a girl to the Toru Matsuokas, Seattle.

MIKAWA—Mar. 5, a girl to the Ben Mikawas, Lodi.

MIYASAKI—Mar. 6, a boy Robert Misao to the Thomas Shiro Miyasakis (Rose Chiyo Kumagai), Los Angeles.

NAKAMOTO—Mar. 12, a boy Steven to the Takashi Thomas Nakamotos (Sachiko Sakurai), Los Angeles.

NAKAMURA—Feb. 16, a girl to the Hideyoshi Nakamuras, San Diego.

NAKAMURA—Mar. 8, a girl to the Isamu S. Nakamuras, San Diego.

NAKAYAMA—Mar. 14, a girl Naomi Susan to the Masaki Michael Nakayamas (Tomiko Yamasaki), Los Angeles.

OKAMI—Mar. 15, a boy to the Terumi Okamis, Parlier.

ONO—Mar. 17, a girl Francine Ann to the Frank Taro Onos (Chiyeo Yamasaki), Los Angeles.

OTOMO—Mar. 11, a boy to the John Otomos, Selma.

OUCHIDA—Mar. 7, a girl Bonne Gale to the Nobushige Ouchidas, San Jose.

SAKAGUCHI—Feb. 18, a girl to the Shozo Sakaguchis, Orosi.

SASAKI—Mar. 11, a girl Renee Sanae to the Satoru Sasakis (Aya Tanaka), North Long Beach.

SECHI—Mar. 9, a girl Janet Chiyo to the Hideo Sechis (Mary Matsuye Kawamoto), Pasadena.

SEKI—Mar. 8, a boy to the Kunihiko Sekis, Long Beach.

SHIMAZU—Mar. 13, a girl Eileen Fumiko to the Mitsuo Shimazus (Grace Chizue Oki), Los Angeles.

SHIMOMURA—Mar. 17, a girl to the Michio Shimomuras, Seattle.

SOGA—Mar. 7, a girl Janet Masako to the Tom Takizo Sogas (Toshiye Ishioka), West Los Angeles.

SUGIYAMA—Mar. 16, a girl Janice Miyuki to the Fred Hiroto Sugiyamas (Kazuko Jane Sugiura), Los Angeles.

TAGAWA—Mar. 27, a boy to the Nobu Tagawas, Reedley.

UJIMORI—Mar. 4, a girl Bette Miyoko to the Tomio Ujimoris (Sumi Kitahata), Los Angeles.

YAMAMI—Mar. 16, a girl to the Koshike Yamamis, Costa Mesa.

Weddings

DOI-HORI
Los Angeles, Mar. 29. Kinichi Doi, 27, San Pedro, and Sachiko Hori, 19, Seaside.

FUJIOKA-ROMAI
Los Angeles, Mar. 29. Robert S. Fujioka, 24, Los Angeles, and Pola Fusa Komai, 24, Gardena.

FUJITA-NISHISAKA
Seattle, Mar. 29. Kazuma Fujita, 31, and Yoshiko Nishisaka.

GOSHO-EDAMURA
Seattle, Mar. 29. Tatsuo Goshos, 30, and Kazumi Edamura, 27.

HIRATA-ISHII
Seattle, Mar. 29. Hajime Hirata, 30, and Michiko Ishii, 25.

KONRAI-YUASA
Sierra Madre, Mar. 28. Delvin T. Konrai, 24, Hawthorne, and Sumiye Yuasa, 28, Los Angeles.

MATSUEDA-SAWAHATA
Los Angeles, Mar. 29. Roy K. Matsueda, 27, and Grace C. Sawahata, 23.

MIMURA-KURAKUSU
Los Angeles, Mar. 15. Masuyuki Mimura, 27, and Teruko Terry Kurakusu, 28.

MUROMOTO-SANBO
Seattle, Apr. 4. Minoru Muromoto, 26, Bellevue, Wash., and Jean, 21, Seattle.

NAKAGAWA-HASEGAWA
Denver, Mar. 29. Harry Nakagawes Hasegawa.

NAKAZAWA-YAMAGUCHI
Westminster, Mar. 28. Koki Nakazawa, 28, Tolleson, Ariz., and Mitsueko Yamaguchi, 30, Westminster.

OHARA-HACHIYA
Parlier, Mar. 21. Mas Ohara and Miyo Hachiya.

SAKAGUCHI-SERA
Reno, Feb. 22. Minoru Sakaguchi, Pasadena, and Sally Shizuko

Sera, San Francisco.
SEINO-KATAOKA
Pasadena, Mar. 29. Dr. Victor K. Seino, 38, North Hollywood; and Ruby Kataoka, 29, Los Angeles.
TAMAKI-KUSUMOTO
San Francisco, Apr. 4. Osamu Tamaki and Setsue Kusumoto, Hollister.
TANOUYE-FUJII
Denver, Apr. 2. Paul Tanouye and Esther Fujii, Alamosa, Colo.
TAKEUCHI-OGAWA
San Francisco. Shoichi Takeuchi and Agnes Ogawa.
WAKIMOTO-MATSUYAMA
Chicago, Mar. 29. Hideo Wakimoto and Kiyoko Matsuyama.
YAMAMOTO-KAWAHARA
Seattle, Mar. 29. Kiyoo Yamamoto, Portland, and Kazuko Kay Kawahara.
YANO-TOKUDA
Pasadena, Mar. 29. Hideo Yano, 39, Culver City, and Aiko Tokuda, 36, Pasadena.

Engagements

EBISUDA-NAKAMICHI — Toshiye, Parlier, to Tom, West Fresno, Mar. 24.
NIIZAWA-NISHI — Betty, Cupertino, to George, San Jose, Mar. 29.
OTANI-KUNIBE — Mary, Petaluma, to Henry, Sacramento.
TAKANO — SEKIYA — Haruye, Parlier, to Takeo, Fresno, Apr. 2.
YAMANE — KUMAMOTO — Lily, Delano, to Yasuyuki, Fresno, Mar. 29.
YAMASAKI-KANEKO — Jean to Sam, both of Sacramento.

Marriage Licenses Issued

DAVIS-YOSHIMOTO — Leland L., 30, Van Nuys, and Sumiko, 21, Los Angeles.
FUJIMOTO-HIYAKE — Jim, 24, and Miyoko, 20, both Los Angeles.
HARANAKA-HIRAHARA — Ben, 32, and Fusaye, 32, both of West Los Angeles.
ISHIBASHI-WATANABE — Tadao, 24, North Hollywood, and Hideko, 21, Pacoima.
ISHIBASHI-YOSHIMOTO — Hiroshi, 29, and Midori, 24, both of Los Angeles.
MORITA-NISHIHARA — Richard Y., 29, La Jolla, and Toshiko, 26, Los Angeles.
NAKATA-NAKATA — Ismar, 26, and Shinae, 28, both of Los Angeles.
NISHINAKA-KIMOTO — Henry, 32, and Akiko, 32, both of Los Angeles.
OCHIDA-OKAGAWA — Thomas T., and Mary Y., both of Seattle.
OKAMOTO-SHINTAKU — Jim, 27, Acampo, and Yoshiko, 22, Isleton.
SAKUMA-OGAWA — Ralph S., 35, and Tomi, 39, both of Los Angeles.
TANIHARA-IZUHARA — Tom T., 31, Los Angeles, and Kay K., 27, Artesia.
WADA-HAMAGUCHI — Robert M., 22, Shirley S., 20, both of Los Angeles.
YANG-OGIHARA — Richard L., 23, and Sue F., 25, both of Los Angeles.

Deaths

AMANO, Suekichi, 75
Los Angeles, Mar. 26; survived by wife Tamiyo, four sons Isamu, Hiroshi, Makoto and Shigeru; three daughters, Sachiko, Mmes. Chikako Kinoshita, Chizu Omoto; and 10 grandchildren.
FUJII, Mrs. Mary Misao, 40
Seattle, Mar. 24; survived by husband George S., son John Susumu; daughter Rayko; mother Mrs. Shinayo Murakami, brother Richard K. Murakami and sister Mrs. Shizue Kumagai.
FUKUSHIMA, Hikaru, 30
Salt Lake City, Mar. 31; survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Buntaro, brothers Tadashi and Taira, sister Mrs. Fumiko Makihara.
JOGUCHI, Shiuchi, 52
Salt Lake City, Mar. 27.
KUSUMINE, Mrs. Toshi, 63
San Francisco, Mar. 30; survived by daughters, Mary, Helen, Frances, Mmes. Misao Hiroshima and Miyuki Iida.
MATSUDA, Mitsuo, 23
Glendale, Ariz., Mar. 23; survived by parents, Mr. and Mrs. Katsue Matsuda, and sister, Mrs. Mieko Tsutsumida.
NAKAGAWA, Jokichi, 70
Watsonville (formerly of Santa Maria), Mar. 30; survived by wife, sons David, George, Eddie, daughters Dorothy, Mmes. Lucy Yoshihara, Fay Hashitani and Sumi Inouye.
SUZUKI, Maj. Naoji, 50
Honolulu, Mar. 18 survived by wife and mother, five brothers, Rev. Yaichi (Chicago), Tokuchi, Tokue, Masachi, Masaji; four sisters (Mmes. Haruko Suzuki, Natsuko Imai (Fresno), Miyoko Imoto, Masako Nishina).
TABATA, Yataro
San Mateo, Apr. 3; survived by wife and son Nobuo.

KITCHEN TIPS

Mom, who appreciates something different, will like these easy-do 'burgers for Saturday evening quickies. Ground nuts give them cruchy texture and unique flavor.

NUT 'BURGERS

1 pound ground beef
2 teaspoons grated onion
Dash of pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup ground peanuts or almonds
1/4 cup water
Combine ingredients; shape into flat patties and fry in a little hot fat.

HAWAIIAN 'BURGERS

1 pound ground beef
6 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon ginger
Shape meat into 8 patties. Mix other ingredients in a small bowl and stir until sugar is dissolved. In a heavy skillet, heat a little fat.

Dip hamburgers into soy sauce mixture, drain and fry in the hot fat until brown. Salt is not needed in the patties as the soy sauce provides all the seasoning necessary. 4 servings.

OKAZAKI, Masako, 21
San Jose, Mar. 28; survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Hachisaburo, brothers George, Harding, Ben, Sam, Sueo, Leo, Yoshiro, and sisters Shizuko and Tome.
YASUTAKE, Jack Kaichiro, 62
Chicago, Mar. 30; survived by wife, sons Michael, William Toshio, Joseph, and daughter Mrs. Mitsue Yamada.

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Group examinations

After 160 Issei successfully passed the first citizenship class taught in Japanese earlier this year by the San Francisco Public School adult education division, the immediate problem of examination was shorn of its snags by a mass examination. Its results were rewarding.

With a second class in San Francisco ready to end its studies of American history and government soon and another group in San Jose as well, the San Francisco naturalization examiners are considering similar plans to question Issei applicants.

The San Francisco office is certainly progressive in its attitude to pursue this course. Such privileges, it is stated, have been extended only to those who complete citizenship classes conducted by the public schools.

We believe this dispensation granted to our Issei is not discriminatory to applicants of other nationalities. The Issei have been long denied the rights of naturalization. When this right was extended to them, it was only natural a rush would follow. To make up for lost time, we believe every possible means should be exerted.

If the normal procedure is followed, many of our Issei, being over 50 years of age, would miss the opportunity of taking the oath of allegiance as an American citizen.

The numbers attending naturalization classes throughout the United States and Hawaii prove thousands are going to apply for citizenship.

It is only fair that our aged Issei be allowed to qualify as citizens as soon as practicable. Since the naturalization service has limited personnel and facilities, ways & means to accommodate the enormous legion of Issei applicants must be provided. Group examinations are a compelling factor to this end.

An example has been set by San Francisco. We hope naturalization offices in other districts recognize this expedience to help our Issei become citizens at an early date.

Claims budget

There is simply no justification for further delay in paying the claimants their due awards. The Attorney General has already approved the amount for payment of losses sustained by evacuation.

This week, there was encouraging news from Washington. The Budget Bureau would forward a supplemental appropriations bill in the amount of \$8.7 million to the House soon. The good work of the JACL and its representative, Mike Masaoka, has been demonstrated again.

As promising as this news may be, it is merely the first step. Everyone recalls how successful Sen. Homer Ferguson was in dropping the evacuation claims appropriations from the 1952 budget bill after the House approved it. To have the item restored, Mike Masaoka, who was on one of his trips to the West Coast, hurried back. It required the support of the Arizona senator to mend the fences so that \$13 million were appropriated.

Steering this supplemental appropriations bill through the Senate is not going to be simple. Sen. Ferguson is now a Republican leader in the appropriations committee. If he should be of the same mind as last year, the evacuation claims item is due for rough sledding. It will not be surprising, therefore, to see some trimming of the \$8.7 million along the way.

Only desire for chopping the amount would be a Republican gleam to eliminate a few million dollars off the budget and thereby help to keep taxes down.

• We are now in the atomic age when we must realize that our children will have to have some knowledge of the atomics as of the gasoline engine today.—Scientist Dr. F. A. Rohrman.

From the Frying Pan . . .

Unplumbed House

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver
Our plumbing developed such troubles a few days ago that we had to quit using it altogether. This means that at bedtime it was necessary to assemble the youngsters, make certain that each was equipped with toothbrush, towel and other gear, and herd the bunch out the back door, across the alley and into the bathroom of a long-suffering neighbor.

Then, when the ablutions were completed, it was back across the alley and into our unplumbed (that's a nice word) house. A cold, sodden spring snowstorm didn't help matters a bit.

All this was a lot of fuss, bother and inconvenience until suddenly it occurred to us that, only a short decade ago we were taking this sort of suburban plumbing system as a matter of course. So were about 100,000 other Japanese Americans.

The War Relocation Authority neglected the small matter of piping water to and from our one-room apartments, and that was a little inconvenient when the snow was flying with the mercury at 10-below.

At the time, however, we thought WRA's facilities were pretty nifty. That was because we'd come through a period remembered wryly as the WCCA interlude. The less

said about that, the better. As for our house, Grandpa used to say you never appreciate what you've got until you haven't got it any more.

Our Susan brought home some Easter type things she'd made at school. They were of paper, looped sort of paper chain fashion, and nothing unusual until I took a close look at one. Then I discovered that the loops were made fast with staples. Whatever became of the good old schoolroom paste-pot?

Is there to be no limit to progressive education?

By chance we looked into the matter of credit recently and discovered, much to our amazement, that the man who's burdened with debts has the best chance of getting quick credit.

But the cash-and-carry guy pays a penalty for putting his money down on the spot when he buys something. He's considered a bad risk because he hasn't "established credit," even though he's favored with a six-figure bank balance.

Say you go into a bank and ask for a loan. They want to know who you work for, and how much do you make, do you own your own house or

are you paying rent through the nose. They also want to know whom you owe money to.

If you tell them you charge your groceries, have an account at a couple department stores, owe the finance company for your car, television set and you're buying your wrist watch on time, they figure according to present day business procedure that you're a pretty safe bet when it comes to repaying the loan.

But tell them you pay cash for everything you buy, that you have everything paid for, and that you don't like charge accounts because all the bills come at once on the first of the month, they look at you as if you were Sam Insull.

They want a dozen character references, the maiden names of your grandmothers, and ask whether you've ever been ticketed for overtime parking.

Charge accounts, I've discovered, are essential to prove a person's solvency. It's an unfortunate state of affairs that makes my wife very happy.

Overheard while Susan was explaining a Bible story to her little sister: "Well, this man Samson were his hair in a pony-tail and that's what made him strong. But if someone cut off his pony-tail, then . . ."

by Harry K. Honda

Washington's Cherry Tree

Very Truly Yours . . .

Mike Masaoka this week writes of the Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, D.C. He reports the first Japanese cherry trees were sent by the mayor of Tokyo as a goodwill gesture . . . But in the Chicago Tribune last week, apparent contradictions were noted concerning the subject matter: How did the Japanese cherry trees first get to Washington?

The Associated Press last year reported: "This is how Washington got the trees. David Fairchild, an explorer, brought 25 trees back from Japan in 1906. Their beauty attracted the attention of Miss Eliza Scidmore . . . who called on Mrs. (William Howard) Taft to tell her about the trees. Yasuo Uchida, then Japanese ambassador to the United States . . . arranged for the gift of trees."

But the mystery widens as further search on the subject was made. "In 1907, Mrs. William Howard Taft accompanied her husband, then secretary of war, to Japan. She was so impressed by the blossoms that she (later) had 80 planted along the Potomac." That was reported by the Chicago Tribune in 1948 . . . WPA Guide to Washington published in 1937 says "the first cherry trees were the gift of Mrs. Taft in 1907" . . . The same book was re-edited in 1942 and said: "The first cherry tree, the gift of Mrs. Taft in 1912, is several hundred yards west of the John Paul Jones statue" . . . The New York Times in 1930 mentions Mrs. Taft "planted the first one as a gift from Tokyo" . . . "To Eliza Scidmore . . . is due the credit for the cherry plantings in Potomac Park," declares Paul Russell of the Dept. of Agriculture, 1925 and 1930. "In 1909, (she) suggested to Mrs. Taft that an avenue of Japanese flowering cherry trees would add charm to Washington," continues Russell. "Mrs. Taft, who had once lived in Yokohama . . . at once ordered a number of trees from a Pennsylvania nursery. Dr. Jokichi Takamine, a chemist of New York

and Tokyo, happened to be in Washington at the time. He offered to present 3,000 trees for planting in Potomac Park. . . . and modestly arranged to have the trees presented through the city of Tokyo" . . . The Associated Press this year adds: "Yukio Ozaki, 93, the man who sent the Japanese cherry trees to Washington more than 40 years ago, is running for reelection to Japan's Diet. (Ozaki was mayor of Tokyo in 1912) . . . Actually, the quotations are not as contradictory as they seem. By taking the edges off a little, the bits fit together into a story which is probably not far from the truth.

Behold a breathless
Burning whiteness,
Wearing beauty's
Wing of lightness!

Open to sunlight
Warm with spring,
Star-like it burns
All quivering!

Kathryn Wright.

(That's a verse in praise of a cherry tree in bloom.—H.H.)

• **DRAW POKER**—The California state assembly voted 60 to 4 to ban draw poker. In the days when the Bear Republic was first admitted, any fellow who proposed such an invasion of "inherent rights" was chased across the border as an enemy . . . Foremost experts in character reading, telepathy and mathematics have defended draw poker as a serious exercise in pure science and not gambling . . . Since pioneering days, laws have been popping up to abolish various games of chance. But it was always made clear that draw poker depended more on control of facial muscles and knowledge. . . . Nobody until this year has dared challenge an institution which is to California as much as the gold in the Mother Lode country . . . There's a town called "Poker Flat" up there and California is said to have developed a great group of "scientists" who engaged in draw poker. . . . Undoubtedly, some of the

oldtimers will regard the action of the "beardless whippersnappers" as degenerating.

• **TRIVIA**—The new Webster dictionary adds "nuts" as "an exclamation of disgust, or scorn" . . . The suggestion of investigating Reds in the churches isn't a bad one. The experience of going to church never hurts anyone . . . The late Steve Hannegan has been credited with booming the bathing beauty contests, but a considerable part of the credit should go to the beauty . . . And who's the man who'll come out with a gadget which will permit the TV set to turn itself off whenever it feels sufficiently ashamed of itself?

• **ROLLING ALONG**—With this issue, we roll 6,000 issues a week . . . It's remarkable when we expected a drop because of the change in format and the confusion created by moving to Los Angeles . . . There are still adjustments being made on our subscription list as many ask about non-receipt of the P. C. or report a duplication. It takes time, but the address plates will be in order soon . . . Whereas brickbats came our way in the beginning, bouquets greet us these days . . . Financially, we are trying to keep our heads above water. The lean months are still to come. The management pointed out we still need 2,000 or more new readers to make ends meet the next five or six months when we will begin work on the 1953 Christmas edition . . . Our readers can help us, if you please, by (1) becoming our boosters and salesmen—if each reader solicits a new reader, it would be a tremendous boost; (2) letting our advertisers know their advertisements are noticed and appreciated—the fact that JACLers went to one business firm which had inserted Christmas greetings earned us a six-month contract; and (3) having renewals made promptly or even ahead of time . . . The P. C. staff is happy in being able to keep the budget balanced. But we need more readers (especially in the Los Angeles area) and advertisers to launch the ambitious plan to increase our pages.

Gift subscriptions

Editor: I have enclosed personal check for a gift subscription to the Pacific Citizen to be mailed to Miss Umeko Kagawa, 3400 Brook Rd., Richmond 27, Va.

Miss Kagawa, daughter of the world famous Japanese Christian leader, Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, is studying at the General Assembly Training School in Richmond.

It has been a pleasure to meet and talk with her. During her nine months in Virginia, she has travelled nearly every part of the state talking before church people. I understand she plans to spend this summer travelling through several states in the East and enroll in the fall at Yale university. With this opportunity to travel and meet many people, I am sure she would have a message that would be interesting and valuable to Nisei.

Hampton, Va.

(Gift subscriptions have been a popular feature with many of our readers and JACLers. —Editor.)

MINORITY WEEK

"In Kansas, it's against the law for an alien to become a barber," writes a contributor who must have done some research on the subject. "That's OK's aliens as barbers, but not as funeral directors. In Minnesota, an alien may be either—but not an auctioneer. Massachusetts permits alien auctioneers but not alien jockeys. Kentucky sanctions the latter, but no alien plumbers. In Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina aliens may do anything they wish—except run a pool room."

Mrs. Leah Sykes Young of Courtland, Va., mother of five children, and later taking five orphans, was chosen as Virginia's candidate for "Mother of the Year." Virginia had many "Mothers of the Year" before, but none like Mrs. Young, a Negro.

Chicago's Negro population in 1920 was only 4 percent of the total count. This year with about 500,000, it is 14 percent.

Doors of all state-supported colleges and universities in Missouri would be open to Negroes under a bill passed by the House of Representatives last month.

Doors of Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla. are now open to persons of all races instead of only Negroes. Change in the charter was suggested by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Mrs. Ruth Wilson, both board of trustees members.

A DECADE AGO

Pacific Citizen, Apr. 15, 1943
Gen. DeWitt opposes return of evacuees; utters "a Jap's Jap" and "it makes no difference whether he is an American citizen or not" before House naval affairs subcommittee.

James Hatsuki Wakasa, 34, of Topaz killed by shot fired by M. P. sentry.

Some 2,600 AJAs from Hawaii arrive at Camp Shelby to start military training. Gen. Pence, commander, tells arrivals "each of you is a symbol of loyalty—the loyalty of the Japanese American population both of Hawaii and the mainland."

Gov. Warren says state actively opposing return of evacuees, predicts thousands will return.

Santa Barbara county supervisors oppose return of evacuees.

FBI directors says Japanese in Hawaii not responsible for espionage before Dec. 7, 1941, acts committed by espionage and consular agents.