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## Former Californians defeated in Japanese elections

Tokyo

Frank Takizo Matsumoto, 52, educated in California schools and Harvard university, was defeated in Sunday's Japanese election for the house of representatives in one of the major upsets, the United Press reported.

Matsumoto, formerly of Fresno, Calif., had been elected in every postwar election and this marked his first defeat in the race for three eligible seats.

He is a member of former from atom-bombed Hiroshima's first electoral list. He placed third.

Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu's Progressive party. He returned only recently from a survey of southwest Asia with a group of Diet members.

Another former Californian, Noboru Tanigawa of Hiroshima, whose parents still reside in Florin, was defeated as a Liberal party candidate.

## Two Reno Issei take naturalization exams

Reno

Two Reno Issei residents are now awaiting a call to be sworn in as U. S. citizens.

Both of them took their naturalization examinations in English, Mrs. Shizuko Iwakire last month and Masayuki Nishiguchi two weeks ago.

## Fort Lupton Sansei—symbol of cancer crusade in Colorado—dies of leukemia

Denver

The need for funds to fight cancer was symbolized early this month by the metropolitan press in Denver with a touching story and picture of three-years-old Stanley Kiyota of Fort Lupton.

Medical science was struggling to prolong his life. The little lad, son of the John Kiyotas, was suffering an incurable disease—leukemia, a cancer of the blood cells. Her mother has remained constantly by his bedside at the Children's Hospital since last October, when he was stricken.

Stanley was visiting his maternal grandmother in Fort Lupton when it was noticed his lips were pale white. A doctor diagnosed it as leukemia. He was administered the latest in drugs, underwent many transfusions in effect to postpone death that was inevitable.

Last Apr. 10, little Stanley died from the baffling disease. Funeral services were held for the plucky youngster at the Platteville Methodist Church at 2 p.m. the following day, but when mourners came out, they found that the snowstorm which lashed central Colorado had grown in such intensity that his burial had to be postponed to Monday.

Leukemia—the cancer about which science knows little—claimed another victim, this time a cheerful, chubby tot.

The following day the Associated Press reported discovery a chemical "X" which may be a key to leukemia. It was described by Drs. Thomas F.



VIOLET TOKIE NIIMI

Honolulu's Cherry Blossom Festival Queen

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu

Once it got underway, there was little doubt that the first Cherry Blossom Festival here would be a success. The advance buildup had been so well planned that practically everybody in Honolulu knew about the ambitious project of the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce.

As a result the attendance by the public at the many Festival events was large and the reaction afterwards was generally favorable. Financially, the project ended "in the black," quite an achievement for a first-time enterprise.

So the Japanese Jaycees fully expect to have another Festival next year and make it an annual event thereafter.

Dougherty and Jules A. Frank of the Univ. of Utah Medical School to science writers on a tour sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

This chemical causes production of white blood cells. Leukemia means too many white blood cells and overgrowth of blood-forming organs. Learning why leukemia occurs could lead to better controls of it, the report stated.

Los Angeles

Dr. Ryojun Kinoshita, director of the City of Hope cancer research laboratory, was among scientists presenting a report to science writers touring cancer research projects under the guidance of the American Cancer Society.

In the report to the science writers, the famed Japanese scientist announced that he has used one of science's deadliest cancer-causing chemicals to arrest cancer in animals.

Dr. Kinoshita said the cancer-causer, methylcholanthrene, had its palliative effect on Yoshida rat sarcoma the most malignant type of tumor.

Another chemical, TEM (triethylene melamine) did the same job, he explained, but worked six times faster and actually cured the cancer. Both substances apparently prevent the cancer cells from dividing, causing them to grow old prematurely and die.

Trials of TEM in human cancer, however, have been disappointing, producing only temporary improvement in only one disease: leukemia or cancer of the blood.

## Japan Ass'n float wins non-state trophy in D.C. cherry blossom festival

Washington

An estimated crowd of 70,000 spectators braved a chilly night to witness the colorful Cherry Blossom Festival parade Thursday last week.

Taking part in the parade were 30 floats 22 bands and 15 marching units.

The floats brought praises from the spectators who lined the mile-long route. In the State Society sponsored floats, Puerto Rico was awarded first place.

Top honors in the non-state sponsored group went to the float entered by the Japanese American Civic Association, of Washington, D. C.

Aboard the float, dressed in colorful kimono, were Sumiye Kinoshita, Janet Shima, Mary Tasaka and Carol Tsuda.

The girls stood in a miniature garden with cherry trees and flowers in bloom. Two stone lanterns stood in the foreground while a "torii" graced the background. It was the only float featuring a cherry tree.

## McCarran act test case finds law constitutional

Seattle

The McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act was subjected for the first time to scrutiny by the court here in a test case to halt examination of aliens returning from Alaska.

Three judges, Homer T. Bone, John C. Bowen and William J. Lindberg, held the act was within the Constitution in requiring aliens coming from Alaska be checked by immigration authorities.

The Cannery Workers' Union Local 37 (ILWU) had challenged some of its members employed in Alaska fish can-

## Associate director Ishikawa resigns for Japan position

Salt Lake City

Resignation of Sam Ishikawa, associate national director of the Japanese American Citizens League, was announced today effective Apr. 30 by Masao W. Satow, national director.

Ishikawa will sail for Japan in June to accept a position with a news agency.

He first joined the JACL staff in September, 1947, as Eastern regional representative, assisted the Washington ADC office and made field trips to key communities where no JACL chapters exist with respect to the JACL ADC legislative program.

In subsequent years, he directed the Southern California regional office, visited Hawaii to conduct ADC fund drives, assigned to JACL evacuation claims research project.

"His invaluable assistance assisted in expediting the entire program," Satow commented.

As interim director of the San Francisco regional office, he initiated the JACL-ADC California legislative program at Sacramento in 1951. He was appointed associate national director for financial projects in August, 1951.

At the last National convention, he was assigned to the endowment fund and has been instrumental in building the fund to \$33,000 to date. National Headquarters will take over the project after his resignation.

neries faced possible exclusion from the country and loss of property rights.

The court ruled the situation was the same as its power to require examination of persons seeking re-entry into the United States from a foreign land.

## Introduce legislation to restore crosses on graves of war dead in Punchbowl

Washington, D.C.

Chairman Wesley A. D'Ewart (R., Mont.) said his House subcommittee will hold public hearings on a bill to have the Army restore white crosses (the Star of David and the Wheel of Righteousness) on graves of war dead buried in Honolulu's National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific.

He said the hearings may begin next month. The bill was introduced Apr. 2 by Hawaii Delegate Joseph R. Farrington.

Rep. D'Ewart was a member of the Subcommittee when, at the Army's request, it rejected similar legislation in the Democratic Congress last year. But he told a reporter he has an "open mind" on the issue.

Farrington said the bill's chances are "definitely better than last year." He noted that former Rep. Fred Crawford of Michigan, senior Republican on the Subcommittee last year who led opposition to the measure is no longer in Congress.

The Army removed temporary white crosses from the graves September 24, 1951, and replaced them with permanent flat stone markers.

It said it was acting in accordance with established policy at all national cemeteries. It opposed restoring the white crosses on grounds that it would set a precedent and cost money.

Farrington said his bill would restore the crosses on a temporary basis, at least until Congress provides the funds for building the amphitheater and other structures originally planned for the Pacific Memorial

Shrine in Punchbowl Crater. The cemetery now contains 14,000 graves.

A bill similar to Delegate Farrington's was introduced in the Senate by Sen. Francis Case (R., S.D.) and was referred to the Senate Interior Committee. Case told newsmen the removal of the crosses has made the cemetery look "like a pasture" instead of shrine.

D'Ewart said his House Subcommittee will ask the Army to submit a written statement of its current views on the issue before hearings are held. He estimated it would take a month for the Army's report to reach the Subcommittee because it will have to clear the White House first.

## Bussei start national clothing drive May 1

San Francisco

Forty-eight Buddhist churches of America will act as initial collection depots for the Old Clothing drive May 1 to 15, it was announced. This giant drive is the first of its kind sponsored by the various national and regional Buddhist organizations.

## CASUALTIES

### WOUNDED IN ACTION

Pfc. Thomas M. Tamashiro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Torachi Tamashiro, 1220 Hall St., Honolulu. Cpl. Atsumu Kajiwara, brother of Yutaka Kajiwara, Waialua, Oahu.

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# Washington Newsletter

MIKE MASAOKA

## National President present scrolls . . .

While he is out east on a personal business trip, National JACL President George J. Inagaki is taking time-out to present so-called "appreciation" scrolls to eight distinguished Americans who in wartime, when national hostility and prejudice were at fever pitch, befriended persons of Japanese ancestry.

With the exceptions of Dillon S. Myer, director of the War Relocation Authority, and Edward J. Ennis, director of the Enemy Alien Control Unit of the Department of Justice, no other Americans were more helpful to us as persons of Japanese ancestry in our most tragic hour, aiding us to earn a new and more respected status as a minority group in these United States.

Though the significance of their contributions may be little known to most Nisei and Issei, Inagaki knows, as well as any one, just how much they are responsible for the present enviable position we enjoy today. For it was he who eleven years ago came east to work with and through these individuals to improve the lot and life of evacuees who were then in government camps.

Along with many of us, our National President would have preferred that a mammoth testimonial banquet be tendered to each of them. But, since this was impossible, he was more than happy to personally present in the same informal, friendly atmosphere that he knew more than a decade ago long overdue expressions of appreciation to these eight outstanding wartime friends.

### JOHN J. McCLOY

As Assistant Secretary of War and one of the more influential members of Pres. Roosevelt's personal "war" cabinet, McCloy first advised against complete military dictation of the evacuation and relocation program.

He staked his professional opinion that Nisei could be trusted in the armed services, thereby influencing the President to authorize the formation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the use of Nisei troops in the Pacific over the objections of many cabinet officers including Navy Secretary Frank Knox.

Whenever Congress attempted to transfer control of the WRA to the military, he resisted such efforts. Even after the war, when he was President of the World Bank and later High Commissioner to Germany, he took the time and trouble to testify before congressional committees and urged them to approve both the evacuation claims and naturalization bills.

### NORMAN THOMAS

As the respected leader of the Socialists and director of the Post-War World Council, he was the first American of national stature to question publicly the constitutionality of evacuation. Even before the evacuation program was completed on the west coast, he suggested that the government should compensate the evacuees for their property losses.

### PEARL BUCK

This eloquent Nobel Prize winner vigorously wrote and spoke in defense of the loyalty of the Nisei and called attention to the international repercussions of the evacuation program, especially in Asia and particularly in Japan.

### JOHN W. THOMAS

Then secretary of the Department of Cities of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, he gave clearest and firmest expression to American Protestantism's concern over the wartime plight of the Japanese in this country; he aroused the religious bodies to the social and economic needs of the evacuees and insisted upon the

Christian-like treatment of both Buddhists and Christian Japanese by the churches in all of their many projects.

As director of the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council, he aided thousands of Nisei to continue their education outside the camps.

### READ LEWIS

As director of the Common Council for American Unity, he assumed the leadership in enlisting the interest of national organizations headquartered in New York City in the plight of the evacuees. Even up to this date, he has taken a leading part in urging equality in naturalization for the Issei.

### ROGER N. BALDWIN

As the aggressive and beloved wartime leader of the American Civil Liberties Union, he was among the first to challenge the legality of evacuation; he helped organize the test cases which defined the rights of the Nisei and the Issei; his was the influential voice that was raised with government and congressional officials respecting civil rights violations to the Japanese minority.

### CLARENCE PICKETT

As wartime executive secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, he represents the invaluable work performed by the Quakers before, during, and after evacuation, good works which probably more intimately than any others touched the daily, personal lives of the evacuees.

### COL. CAMPBELL C. JOHNSON

As the administrative assistant to Gen. Hershey of the Selective Service System, he cooperated with Saburo Kido, national JACL wartime president, to protect the rights of the Nisei under the draft; he encouraged the organization of the 442nd and the use of Nisei in military intelligence; he was largely responsible for the restoration of Selective Service to the Nisei in 1944.

He fought for the acceptance of the Nisei in the Navy, Marines, and Air Force, as Officer Candidates, and for equality of treatment and consideration in all branches of the armed forces.

## More comments . . .

Every one of these honorees could easily have had this whole column devoted to their humanitarian services but the limitations of space prevented us from adequately describing their wartime activities in our behalf.

Excepting McCloy and Col. Johnson, who were both in government service at the time, all served as National JACL

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## IN HONOR OF

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer presented a \$150 check for first prize to Miyo Endo, 21, of 1820 Jackson St., for the winning entry in the Moulin Rouge poster contest. Her poster titled "Pike St. Market" was her first prize-winning picture although she said she has entered several other contests. She is a third-year Cornish School art student.

Tosh Hosoda, Bridgeton (N. J.) High school senior class president and football star, was elected president of the City Council for Youth Activities. He serves during national boys week, May 4-9.

First Nisei to be elected president of the Emerson School PTA, San Francisco, was Mrs. George Morishita, one of the charter members since its reorganization in 1948. She is also organizer of the girls scouts of the First Evangelical and Reformed Church.

Michael Mamoru Yaki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack I. Yaki of 15302 Sylvanwood ave., Norwalk, was named one of the delegates to represent Excelsior high at the American Legion Boy's State in Sacramento this summer.

## San Mateo Issei in graduation

### San Mateo

Approximately 140 Issei received their certificates of graduation upon completion of a 10-week Americanization course here Apr. 11.

Ceremonies were held at the Buddhist hall. Certificates were presented by Philip Morse, director of the San Mateo Jr. College adult center, who congratulated the Issei for their diligence in preparing for American citizenship.

Congratulations were also extended by: Municipal Judge Fred Wycoff, John Yumoto and Dr. Andrew Yoshiwara, JACL pres. Ikuo Takahashi expressed appreciation on behalf of the class. Instructors were: Robert Ross, Yuji Imai and John Yumoto.

## Sumitomo bank opens new Los Angeles office

### Los Angeles

Well-wishers and prospective depositors attended open house last Saturday at the newly remodelled site of the Sumitomo Bank (California) on the southwest corner of 1st and San Pedro streets.

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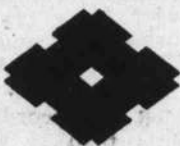
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# Tokyo Topics

TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

## Nisei theologian . . .

Thirty years ago, Dr. Raymond Takuichi Oshimo, 54, came to Japan as an exchange professor. He stayed and the 110-born minister-teacher served as pastor of a church in Tokyo and in Osaka, off and on the past 20 years. Most glowing fact of his service is that Dr. Oshimo is the only Nisei holding a highly responsible teaching post in Japan today.



He is head of Doshisha University's theological section. In the field of education, his name ranks among the top. Among the Nisei in Japan, he is deemed among the successes. He is also mentioned as a prominent clergyman in Japan.

He and his wife, second daughter of Dr. Danjo Ebina, former president of Doshisha for many years and a Tokyo pastor will be visitors in California this summer.

## Doshisha . . .

Doshisha, situated in Kyoto, was one of the first Japanese institutes of higher learning to welcome Nisei students. Nisei have also served on its faculty, such as the Rev. Masaichi Goto and Miss Kimi Mukae.

Doshisha was founded by Joseph Hardy Neesima, who went to the United States in 1864 as a stowaway from Hakodate. He worked his way across the American continent to enroll at Amherst College, where in 1870 he was graduated with a bachelor of science degree.

He had slipped out of Japan during the last years of the Tokugawa Shogunate when severe punishment was dealt anyone caught leaving the country.

He returned to Japan, founded his university and died in 1890. His death did not stop the growth of Doshisha. His friends carried on and fostered the relationship between Japan and America.

There's a three-story building south of the Sokoku Temple in Kyoto, known as Amherst House. On its wall is a tablet commemorating Neesima as a "heroic pioneer of modern Japan, ardent friend of America, illustrious son of Amherst College and founder of Doshisha University."

Amherst House, a student dormitory, was constructed in memory of Stuart Nichols, first American student representative at Doshisha. Nichols went to Japan in 1922 and was received at Doshisha as a teacher. He completed his two-year assignment and returned to America. But he died of tuberculosis.

Upon his death, his mother, Mrs. Martha Nichols, donated a memorial fund to Amherst College for Doshisha. The fund was used to build Amherst House in Kyoto, completed in 1932 at a cost of \$45,000.

Not far from the tablet honoring Neesima is another which reads:

"In memory of Stuart Burton Nichols, first student representative of Amherst College at Doshisha University, 1922 to 1924, whose broad vision and friendship for Japan led to the erection of this building."

During World War II, the House was ordered to be closed, then requisitioned by the Navy. But authorities of Doshisha decided to use the building as its administrative center.

In 1947, Otis Cary of Amherst came to Japan as a repre-

## CAPSULES

"Japan's birth rate (8.7 births per 1000 population in five years) shows one of the most rapid declines ever recorded by a major nation since the advent of modern censuses," declared Dr. Robert C. Cook, acting director of the Population Reference Bureau in Washington.

"Christ in Bronze" will be Japan's first film made directly for export. Based on a novel about the persecution of early Christians in Japan, it will be made by Shochiku with veteran director M. Shibuya at the helm. It will be in black & white and completed in time for the Venice Film Festival.

Saburo Oshita of the College of Pacific, Stockton, was a member of the delegation representing Yugoslavia at a model United Nations sponsored by the International Relations clubs in six Western states at Berkeley last week.

Mme. K. Horiuchi, J. Shimoda and Alice Satow were present at a recent tea in honor of volunteers for the Detroit Red Feather campaign.

Amy Okugawa of La Junta, Colo., was among graduates of the La Junta Mennonite school of nursing recently.

Soprano Alice Sasaki sang "One Fine Day" from Puccini's Madame Butterfly opera in the Sacramento High School music honor society presentation at Crocker Art gallery.

Bill Hosokawa Denver Post Sunday magazine editor, was the principal speaker at the Apr. 14 Press Council luncheon.

Henry Sakemi, Indio rancher, was elected president of the Coachella Valley Farmers Association. Jack Izu of Indio is among the new directors.

Lt. Paul Hirai, recent graduate from a basic officers course, is now back with his National Guard unit in Ontario, Ont.

## Japanese warbride files for naturalization

Cleveland  
Mrs. Toshiko Osumi Bowman, 23, formerly of Tokyo, applied for citizenship here last Mar. 25 so that she may join her husband, Sgt. Donald Bowman, 23 who is now stationed at Landhurst Germany, it was learned this week.

Sgt. Bowman was stationed in Tokyo when he met and married Toshiko in February, 1951.

## Minnesota judge swears in first two Issei as citizens in Northwest area

St. Paul, Minn.  
A 67-year-old Japanese who attained pre-eminence in several fields of medical science tucked an American citizenship certificate in his pocket in St. Paul federal court Apr. 15 and exclaimed: "It's great to be an American!"

He is Dr. Kano Ikeda, pathologist at Miller hospital, St. Paul, and an associate professor of pathology at Univ. of Minnesota. Moreover, he is a recognized specialist in radiology and internal medicine.

Now Dr. Ikeda can travel in this country or abroad without restrictions imposed upon an alien.

Dr. Ikeda knows what these are from the several trips he

representative of the college to reorganize Doshisha along the lines of the educational reform established by the Occupation. He also reopened Amherst House. He returned to America in 1951 but in response to repeated request made by Doshisha students, returned and is today teaching at Doshisha, living at Amherst House. He is the grandson of Prof. Otis Cary who began teaching at Doshisha in 1892.

Today, Doshisha has 8,500 students including several hundred women. There are 200 faculty members.



## 2 hurt as scooter collides with auto

Stockton  
Two persons were injured Apr. 17 at Center and First streets in the collision of an auto and motor scooter.

Loretta R. Loft, 36, driver of the auto was treated in Emergency Hospital for shock, and Stephen Y. Ueda, 16, 301 W. Ninth, operator of the scooter, suffered lacerations and was taken to San Joaquin General Hospital.

## Naka'suka

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several years ago and have developed into strong attractions for the tourists.

In time, the Cherry Blossom Festival should attain the same prominence as the two other promotions. This year's crowds were nearly all Issei and Nisei residents.

The selection of Miss Niimi as The Festival Queen appears to have been a happy choice. The comely Honolulu coed, an honor student at the Univ. of Hawaii, not only possesses beauty and personality but also poise and a cultured voice and diction.

She looks becoming in kimono or gown and her stage presence is admirable for a girl of 22 years. She is 5 feet 2 inches tall and weighs 100 pounds.

She carried herself with dignity at her coronation. After receiving her crown, she danced the first dance with Gov. King.

Seventy two contestants were entered originally in the Queen contest. Of fifteen finalists, Miss Niimi placed first. Her prize includes a free trip to Japan and gifts galore from local merchants.

The first group of Japanese to be naturalized in Southern California were honored by the Los Angeles community luncheon following their swear-in ceremony in the court of Judge Ernest Tolin (center). (Left to right) Dr. James H. Hara, naturalized; George Temple, L.A. immigration office; Meiji Sato, Japanese C. of C. president; Sueo Serisawa, naturalized; Judge Tolin; Rev. Alfred Okahira, naturalized; George Inagaki, National JACL president; Henry Hayashida, naturalized; Gongoro Nakamura, naturalized; and Frank Chuman, JACL legal counsel.

—Roy Hoshizaki Photo.

## Oregon state legislature passes civil rights bill, fear referendum

Salem, Ore.  
The anticipated dispute in the House over the Senate-passed state civil rights bill did not materialize and was passed by the House of Representatives with a majority of better than 4 to 1.

The 46-11 vote of the House represented even stronger approval for the measure than it received in the senate where the vote Mar. 16 was 21-9.

The bill now goes to the governor. The bill prohibits hotels, motels, restaurants and amusement places from discriminating against persons because of race, religion or national origin, and allows those discriminated against to sue for up to \$500.

Several speakers agreed to the likelihood that the bill may be referred by hotel and restaurant operators, as was the Portland civil rights ordinance which was defeated

by the people in November, 1950.

However, Rep. Hatfield, Salem, argued against referral because, he said, he feared the "evils of the type of campaign we would have."

"There are organizations operating in the Northwest which are founded on the master race doctrine," said Hatfield, citing their activities during the presidential campaign last fall. "We don't want their kind of stuff in a campaign on this question."

Hatfield reminded the preponderantly Republican house (49 of 60 are Republicans) that the Republican platform calls for protection for minorities, and warned against the international effects of continued discrimination in this country.

"What we do here will have its repercussions throughout the world," he asserted.

Pointing out that California and Washington have similar laws, Hatfield called for Oregon to "become the 21st state in the union to have civil rights legislation on the books."

Rep. Weatherford, Wallowa, agreed with others on benefits of the bill for the many it would help, but said injury would be done by the minority who would abuse it.

"It discriminates against a

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## Crossroads manager resigns from post

Los Angeles  
Jack Matsuzaki has resigned as business manager of the Crossroads, Nisei weekly here. He is now engaged in a business venture in Boulder, Nev. The Crossroads last week announced Robert Uno, founder of the newspaper, as managing editor.

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Kenji Nakane of the Chicago Resettlers Committee has estimated there are 3,000 Issei living in Chicago. The average age is 61 years. His calculations are based on census figures taken in the ten relocation centers in 1944 and other available government reports.

The breakdown:

CHICAGO ISSEI POPULATION: 1953		
Age Bracket	Male	Female
45 - 49	31	30
50 - 54	119	119
55 - 59	240	258
60 - 64	250	260
65 - 69	359	120
70 - 74	400	125
75 - 79	200	55
80 - 84	100	47
85 and up	60	14

**Around Chicago . . .**

**Roosevelt College** is now free of tax debt it inherited when it moved into the old historic Auditorium Hotel building. The college held its eighth birthday party Apr. 17 on the 10th floor library, considered as the best lighted library in the nation. In the eight years, it has served 25,000 regular students and 17,000 adults . . . Jerry Gerald's orchestra has been engaged for the **Inter-Club Council** dance at the Conrad Hilton South Ballroom May 9. It'll be semi-formal . . . Waseda's volleyball team will meet powerful George Williams College on May 2. George Williams won the national intercollegiate volleyball title last year and defends its title at the Omaha tournament May 6-9 . . . Progress on the expressway system to give motorists fast routes in and out of the Loop is continuing. The **Congress St. Expressway** is scheduled to be completed by the end of 1955 . . . LP records of Adlai Stevenson's recent presidential campaign speeches are in the making . . .

**Personals . . .**

**Sam Himoto** is now co-owner of Universal Pen Hospital, 72 W. Washington . . . **Enterprisers** held their annual bowling party at the Sheridan alleys Apr. 18 . . . **Cooperative Investors** held a dinner meeting at Hino-de's last Saturday . . . **Sangha YBA** of the Chicago Buddhist elected its 1953 officers as follows: George Oya, pres.; Eddie Nozawa, v.p.; Grace Nitta, sec.; and Joe Togioka treas. . . . Program director for Ellis Community Center, **Kenneth Tanke**, graduates from George Williams college this June. He is planning to become a YMCA worker.

**Calendar . . .**

May 2—Chicago JACL square dance, Olivet Institute, 9 p.m.  
May 2—Colleen's Bunny Hop, McCormick YWCA, 8:30 p.m.  
May 2—College volleyball, Waseda vs. Geo. Williams, 5313 S. Drexel, 8 p.m.  
May 9—"Mais Oui" semi-formal dance, Conrad Hilton Hotel, South Ballroom, 9:30 p.m.  
May 16—Issei Appreciation dinner, Olivet Institute, 7 p.m.  
May 21—Chicago JACL chapter meeting, 116 S. Michigan, 8:15 p.m.  
May 29—Chicago JACL chapter exec. board meeting, Olivet Institute.

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## Pacific Northwest district council ready for Portland confab in November

**Portland**

Oregon JACL chapters (Portland, Gresham-Troutdale and Mid-Columbia) will be hosts at the Pacific Northwest District Council's convention this year during Thanksgiving week-end here.

A new slate of officers for the district council was reported from the Apr. 12 session as follows:

Dr. Matthew Masuoka (Portland), chmn.; Paul Kashino (Seattle), v. chmn.; Henry Kato (Gresham-T.), treas.

It was decided that the host chapter for district council meetings would provide a recording secretary. The corresponding secretary will be appointed by the chairman from his own area.

Dr. Kelly Yamada, Seattle CL chapter president, reported on a very successful membership drive held this year. National Director Mas Satow conferred with delegates on chapter problems, on matters concerning endowment fund, naturalization program, evacuation claims, national JACL credit union, Kika Orei and the JACL supporting membership.

Mid-Columbia chapter will be hosts for the council this summer.

## San Mateo City Council chambers site of NCWN second quarterly session

**San Mateo**

The San Mateo city council chambers will be the site of the second quarterly Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council meeting Sunday, May 17, according to Yobu Tanaka, chairman of the host San Mateo JACL chapter's committee for the meeting.

This meeting will be followed by a banquet and dance at Benjamin Franklin hotel.

The chapter committee assisting Tanaka includes: Kaz Kunitani, Dip Yamauchi, Hippo Ito, Bob Sugishita, Kiyo Asai, Nig Yamada, Doris Ishimaru, Keiko Kai and Ann Sutow.

## Joan Nakamoto queen of Placer CL picnic

**Loomis**

After a week of rain and snow which damaged early spring crops, some 5,000 attended the JACL Placer County JACL community picnic Apr. 12. Joan Nakamoto, 18 daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Nakamoto of Penryn, was crowned queen of the picnic.

## WLA JACL carnival scheduled for July 4-5

**West Los Angeles**

West Los Angeles JACL's biennial carnival will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 4 and 5, at the local gakuen, it was announced this week. Richard Jeniye is carnival chairman.

Several organizations have already submitted bids for a concession in the carnival, it was stated.

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## CHAPTER MEMO

**Venice JACL:** Miss Kiyo Nishi was announced as chapter president this week, following the resignation of James Fukuhara, a relative newcomer to the area.

**Berkeley JACL:** First general meeting of the chapter is tentatively set for May 20 featuring a panel of architects and realtors discussing, "Buying and/or Building a Home." Mas Yonemura is moderator.

**Washington, D. C. JACL:** Dr. George Furukawa, chapter president, attended the American Chemical Society national meeting held in Los Angeles, where he presented his paper, "Thermal Properties of some Butadiene-styrene Copolymers."

**Cleveland JACL:** As community service project, a directory of Issei and Nisei in Greater Cleveland will be published in the near future.

**Eden Township JACL:** Tok Hironaka is in charge of the annual movie night tomorrow at Ashland Grammar school where "Kunisada Chuji" will be screened. The project is in appreciation to the community Issei who have assisted the chapter.

**Detroit JACL:** A Greyhound mystery tour on Friday, May 1, has been arranged to honor those who took part in the chapter's membership drive this year with the winning team as guests. Roy Kaneko should be contacted immediately for reservations. Special guests are: Rose Leong, Art Matsumura, Kay Miyaya, Ken Miyoshi, Shig Ochi, Alice Satow and Tom Tagami.

## Cleveland chapter report 302 signed up

**Cleveland**

Co-chairmen Bob Fujita and Mas Kimura have announced the Cleveland JACL membership drive this week stands at a total of 302 signed including 38 new members.

On the committee were:

Grace Andow, Ken Asamoto, Mickey Fujimoto, Lillian Hashiba, Margaret Iwata, Hide Kimura, Tetsu Makimoto, Tak Minato, Helen Nakagawa, Betty Nakao, Paul Ohmura, Howard Tashima, George Uchimiya and Sakae Yoshimura.

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by Den Morey . . .

## A Bike for Mike

"BUT, DAD, Mr. Adams bought another bike. And he ain't nine, yet."

Yone put down the coffee cup. "I don't care if Tom's father bought him two bikes. I said, no, and that's final!"

"But, Dad today's Friday and Sunday—"

"Mike," Molly said, "Don't bother your father. If you're through eating you better get ready for school."

"Gee whiz, Mom. You too?"

"Mike!" Yone said. Mike left the table without another word. However, Yone saw the black-haired youngster kick the sleeping cat before he disappeared into the living room.

When Yone turned around and saw Molly's face, he felt like a man who had just dropped a set of new dishes. "I said, no, and that's final."

Yone growled.

"I didn't say anything."

"No, but you were thinking . . . Well?"

"Why don't you buy him a bicycle, Yone? So we put off buying a television for a couple of months."

"You know, it isn't a question of money. It's about time Mike learned that he can't get everything just by coming to us and demanding. Why, when I was a kid, if I wanted something, I'd work for it. And even then I had to get my parent's approval. And as for a bike, I was in the seventh grade before I got one."

"You shouldn't be comparing the present with the time when you were a boy. You're unfair."

"I'm unfair? Why, Mike's only nine and he gets more—"

"So Mike's only nine and gets a weekly allowance of 50 cents. And he's got more playthings than a lot of his playmates. Still all that doesn't mean that he doesn't need a bicycle."

"I didn't say he won't get a bike. Maybe, next Christmas—"

"But, Yone, that's just it. He needs one for Sunday. He was planning to go with his friends on a bicycle trip to Lake Meredith. You can't possibly deny him that!"

Yone grounded the cigarette butt in the ash tray. "No, I won't buy him a bike and that's—"

"Okay, that's final!" Molly said. "Oh you—" Molly tossed the half-eaten toast onto her plate and quickly stood up. Then, without looking up toward Yone, she began clearing the breakfast table.

Yone started for his wife, but stopped short. He left the kitchen to dress for another day as a draftsman at the Pepco Engineering Company.

IN THE EVENING, when Yone drove the car into his

driveway, Molly suddenly appeared out of the shadows. She jerked the door open before the car had come to a stop.

"Yone," she screamed, "Mike hasn't come home! I called everybody—talked to most of his friends who passed by here, but no one has seen him since school was left out. Why, I even called the police, but they just asked a few questions and hung up."

"What shall we do, Yone? What shall we do?"

"Now, take it easy, Molly." Yone drew his trembling wife into his arm. There's nothing to worry about. You'll see."

"But he's never so late without a reason."

When they entered the well-cared-for living room, Yone asked, "Now, who was he last seen with?"

"Tom Adams. But I called the Adams at least three times, but I couldn't get them."

"We better try again."

While his wife paced the floor before him, Yone began dialing. Suddenly a dull sound resounded from the front porch. Molly dashed to the door and flung it open. Mike came in smiling.

"Oh, Mike darling!" Molly hugged the boy and kissed him repeatedly on the cheek.

"Why Mom, something wrong?"

"Wrong? You've got . . . Where have you been, Mike?"

Yone said.

"I've got me a bike and—"

Mike began.

"Mike, I asked you, where have you been?"

"Gee whiz, Dad. Over at Tom's."

"Mike, do you realize what you're doing to your mother?"

"I'm sorry, but when I—"

"Don't you know better?"

"Gee whiz, Dad. I said I'm sorry. Mike backed away from his mother and pouted.

"Sorry! Why—why—" The blood rushed to Yone's face.

"Mike, you go up to your room."

"Right now?"

"Please, Yone," Molly said.

"Yes, right now."

"Gee whiz, Dad. I just—"

"Mike!"

Mike spun himself and ran up the stairs stumbling.

After forcing his stomach to take food, Yone went upstairs to bed. Molly, having decided it was too early to retire, stayed in the kitchen. However, it wasn't long before, Yone heard her footsteps go into Mike's room next door to his. Yone relaxed when he heard the rattle of silverware against the plates. Although Yone knew he wouldn't tell his wife about what he heard, come tomorrow, he knew that Molly purposely made enough noise to attract his attention—that she was feeding Mike.

by Teru Izumida . . .

## INTERLUDE

The moon,  
Thin-lipped, looks on  
Where  
Pantaloons mourns.  
At his feet  
Shattered fragments  
Of his broken heart.

"Cruel One!"  
He murmurs.  
O, Joy has left.  
Ah, Death!  
But no. Not yet.

A lilting laugh  
Like the fairy tinkle.  
Of gay bluebells,  
And the pursuit  
Is on again!

Pantaloons,  
Your broken heart  
Lies on the walk.  
Why it's only  
A soda cracker.

THE WARM SUN rays coming through the window woke Yone. A good day for fishing, Yone thought. He decided to take Mike fishing after he had cut the lawn. Maybe Molly would want to go too. If so, they could leave today and stay through Sunday. Yone dressed enthusiastically. As he entered the kitchen, Yone smelled coffee. He found Molly busy setting the table. Yone took a deep breathe. "Morning, Molly. Where's Mike?"

Molly smiled a greeting then motioned him to the window. "What do you think of our Mike," she said.

Yone stretched himself over the sink and looked out. "You mean to tell me that he cut the lawn already?"

"Of course. Who else?"

"Oh, I see. Combining together to soft soap me."

"Yone!"

"Okay, okay, I was just kidding. By the way, where is he?"

"He said he was going out to the garage."

Yone found Mike in the garage. He was cutting an old hose with a rusty kitchen knife.

"Hello, Dad," he muttered.

Yone mussed the boy's hair.

"Come on, son. Smile."

Mike's round face broke into a smile. Yone felt happy. Suddenly, his eyes rested upon a shabby bicycle. Its handle was rusty and bent; its seat had been replaced by a burlap bag. Many of its wire spokes were either wrapped around each other or gone. But what held his eyes were the rims. They had no tires.

As Yone stood staring, Mike said "It's alright, Dad, I'm going to make the tires out of this hose."

"Hose?"

"Sure, Dad." Mike was eager. "See, I'm going to put the wire through the hose, wrap it around the rim and then tie the ends of the wire together. Tom said I could ride it then."

"Tom?"

"Sure, Tom Adams. This is his old bike. That's why I was late yesterday. I didn't have the tires so I had to push it all the way from his place. Gee, whiz, fifteen blocks is sure long, ain't it?"

"Did Tom give you that bike?"

"Now. But I could keep it as long as I give him 30 cents a week." Mike's eyes sparkled.

A lump formed in his throat and Yone quickly turned away.

Mike said, "Gee whiz, Dad. Ain't it right?"

Breakfast was waiting for Yone when he returned to the kitchen. However, his appetite was gone. He went straight to the living room and began to look for his top coat.

Molly rushed in. "What's the matter, Yone? Aren't you going to eat your breakfast?"

Yone shook his head. "I thought I'd take Mike downtown," he said. "By the way, we'll have to forget the television for a few months."

For a moment, Molly stood

by Kats Kunitzugu . . .

## Musings

AFTER EDITING the Pacific Citizen Literary Experimental Page for three months, I am relinquishing that pleasant task for an infinitely more hectic one. I have no choice in the matter now, because the decision was made eight months and two weeks ago when I knew I was going to have another baby.

While I prepare to spend sleepless nights and change endless diapers in about two or three weeks, regular editor Harry Honda and I hope that Mary Oyama Mittler will find some time from her busy schedule up on the hilltop to whiz the literary page into shape.

Readers of the P. C. will need no formal introduction to our Mary. Probably few persons in Los Angeles know quite so many interesting people as Mary does, and Mary does without half trying. She holds a perpetual open house for her friends and her friends' friends, a goodly chunk of whom are interested in things literary.

For the timid and modest Nisei writer, Mary is like an Avery Hopwood or Houghton-Mifflin Award. Somehow she gets him out of his shell, gets him to thinking that putting that story you are yearning to tell on paper is the most natural thing in the world and whatever made you doubt yourself in the first place?

## Some parting shots . . .

Paul Gallico did it, and he wasn't the only one or the last one by a long shot. There's something about calling "30" or "The End" to a career or to a phase of a career that brings the vinegar and salt side of a newspaperman's personality to the fore, and he gleefully sharpens up his best slings and arrows for the parting shot.

When we started this Literary Experimental Page, we hoped that in addition to contributions of short stories, sketches and poems, we would see a great deal of critical writing, particularly of material carried on the page so that the experimenting writer can gain something more than just a glow from seeing his baby in print.

Contributions have continued to come in, but the critical give and take that we had hoped for was strangely lacking. Well, perhaps it is too much of an effort for most of us to sit down and write our opinions. Perhaps we wouldn't like to hurt the author's feelings. Perhaps the Literary Page offerings so far haven't been worth any comments.

At any rate, we would like to put down some personal opinions on the writings we have carried so far, knowing full well that no one's going to chase us with a hatchet into the St. Vincent's Hospital maternity ward.

## Characters . . .

Most of the short stories we have carried so far seemed to be too much concerned with the mechanics of plotting. More concern seems to have been lavished on clever twists of the plot to the detriment of characterization. There is not one character in any of the stories that had real depth, that made me feel that a real human being has been pictured, that real human feelings have been plumbed for our understanding.

Action, suspense, pretty descriptions and such are fine—in their place. They mean little to me unless they help to delineate the characters in the story more sharply and fully.

There also seems to be a naive and mistaken notion that writing about despair and the seamy side of life "ipso facto" brings a touch of realism to the story. It will be

still as if she hadn't heard Yone; however, she quickly recovered and fell into his arms and planted her warm lips on his. When Yone drew away from the kiss, Molly was laughing, but her eyes were shining with tears.

realism of a sort, but it will not necessarily be true. No matter how much embellished it is with true-to-life details. It will only be a snapshot of life taken by an amateur with a box camera.

It takes a great deal of living, it seems to me, to become a great writer or even a good, passable writer. A great deal of living plus an extraordinary perceptiveness of what life is all about plus the ability to express this perceptiveness clearly that nine times out of ten comes from long practice. A reasonable intelligence would seem to take care of the first requisite, the second is mostly inherited and the third takes guts.

Katherine Anne Porter, one of the finest practitioners of the art of short story writing, gives this advice in "The Days Before," a collection of her essays:

"First, have faith in your theme; then get so well acquainted with your characters that they live and grow in your imagination exactly as if you saw them in the flesh; and finally, tell their story with all the truth and tenderness and severity you are capable of; and if you have any character of your own, you will have a style of your own: it grows, as your ideas grow, and as your knowledge of your craft increases."

The key word in that paragraph is "grow."

## Thanks, but . . .

If any of my friends is planning to gift me with a copy of "Kiss Me Deadly," the new Spillane thriller, for my confinement, this is to let them know that we've already invested 35 cents for same. Thanks just the same.—k.h.k.



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## OLD MAID

The sculptured quiet of her room  
Was weighted with the air of doom,  
The desperate flutter of a moth,  
And the eternal sound of cloth.

The window framed a tree and hill,  
And all of heaven on her sill!  
But stubborn eyes! they strained to see  
Only what could never be.

There was no darkness, yet no light,  
And unquestioned went the night.  
No lacy spider wove the air  
In defiance of her stare.

Pursued by an unworded doubt  
She closed the door to lock death out.  
Not knowing of death's equal kin,  
She locked time's tall presence in!

by Chiyo Mori . . .



## Yoshitomi applies for membership in Professional Golf

**Cleveland**  
The first golf professional of Japanese ancestry ever to teach the game in Cleveland will be an assistant to Gordon Alves at the Euclid Beach golf school and driving range this summer. He is Kimbo Yoshitomi, a native of San Francisco, who came to Cleveland about four years ago.

Yoshitomi, 36, is in charge of a fairway club of some 200 Japanese residents of Cleveland, men and women, who frequent the Beach school for instruction.

Yoshitomi also is on of the greenkeeping force at Acacia Country Club. Alves, who has operated the Beach school for 15 years, said that players of Japanese ancestry have been practicing there for some five years.

He also hopes that Nisei may one day have a golf course and a club of their own.

Application to the Professional Golfers Association was submitted through Alves.

Yoshitomi, who is married to the former Shinayo Kikuchi of Alameda, Calif., relocated to Cleveland from Topaz WRA center in 1943.

## So. Calif. NAU 'AA'

### Cage All-Stars Announced

**Los Angeles**  
Section of the 1953 Southern California Nisei Athletic Union "AA" basketball all-stars on the basis of all-opponent votes was announced last week. It includes a sixth man for the first time.

The first string selections are:

Jim Miyano (Nisei Trading), Jerry Chan (Nisei Trading), Chisato Kubo (WLA Lucky Doks), Mervin Honda (Civic Inn), Yosh Nishimoto (WLA Lucky Doks) and Mits Takasugi (Nisei Trading).

## Yoshikawa wins N.C.

### 36-hole golf meet: 163

**Monterey**  
Fred Yoshikawa of Fresno who has been winning golf tournaments for some 30 years now took low gross honors at the Northern California Nisei championships last Sunday at Pebble Beach. He piced a 81 and 82 to retire the tournament low gross cup.

Other winners:  
Low net: Kiyoto Sakai (Watsonville), 82-91-149 (24)  
1st Flight: Harry Morofuji (Fresno), 88-92-150 (30)  
2nd Flight: Lawson Sakai (Watsonville), 94-92-146 (40)  
3rd Flight: Bob Santo (San Jose), 87-90-133 (44)

## Masaoka -

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sponsors in a period when even the Nisei were not enthusiastic about the organization.

They realized that an articulate spokesman for the evacuees was needed and they were willing to lend their distinguished and influential names as sponsors in order that much needed prestige and support would be given to the JACL in those perilous days.

These eight spent untold hours advising JACL officials as to our program and projects, arguing with government and congressional leaders for a better break for the evacuated, rallying individual and organizational support and raising funds with which to bring greater comfort and cheer to those in the camps and working and fighting for that recognition as loyal Americans which they felt that we, as persons of Japanese ancestry deserved.

Together with George Inagaki and the JACL, every Nisei and Issei who today can walk the streets in dignity and look to the future with optimism joins in thanking John McCloy, Norman Thomas, Roger Baldwin, Pearl Buck, Clarence Pickett, John Thomas, Read Lewis and Colonel Campbell Johnson for giving us the kind of opportunity that only democracy can present.

## SPORTSCOPE

Wrestler Kay Toyota was among those winning varsity monograms last week at San Jose State College.

Jim Nogioka of Seattle topped recent week-end salmon fishermen with a 30-pounder from Sekiu, Puget Sound.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Shiomi of Portland were named "skiers of the week" by members of the Aspen Ski School (Aspen, Colo.), where they vacationed recently.

Saru Taketa succeeds Dr. Tim Yamasaki as president of the Garden City Golf Club, San Jose. Dr. Yamasaki is to be inducted into military service.

Wilbur Fujii of Aloha Bowl, Honolulu, is secretary for a tournament aimed at sending 15 Hawaiian bowlers to the 1954 ABC in Seattle. Each entrant will bowl 75 games in five-game sets on 15 successive Saturdays.

## Japan-Hawaii amateur boxing series in summer

**Honolulu**  
There'll be about a two month lull in local amateur boxing activities now that the Territorial AAU Boxing championships have been completed.

Oahu amateurs resume their activities in June with the start of the Pre-Japan Tourney at the Civic Auditorium.

Purpose of the tourney is to decide on the Isle team membership for the international four smoker series against a Japan all-star team at the Civic Auditorium starting late August.

Champions and runnersup will qualify for the local squad.

The Nippon fighters are expected in town around Aug. 15 for a month's stay here.

Adrian DeMello, AAU Boxing chairman, reveals the semifinals of the Pre-Japan Tourney will be scheduled around same time as the arrival of the Nippon fighters.

Tentative departing date is Sept. 15 for Hawaii's visit to Tokyo to complete the home and home series. The Islanders will be in Japan for a month.

## Tokyo Giants mgr. predicts Oakland to cop PCL pennant

**Tokyo**  
Don't look now, but "Cappy" Harada, general manager of the Tokyo Giants, figures Oakland will win the Pacific Coast League championship this year. (This week, the Acorns started at the bottom of the heap, 9½ games behind the leaders, the Los Angeles Angels.)

Of all the teams he saw during the Giants' exhibition training games last month in California, Harada said the Acorns made the biggest impression.

"They have plenty of power at the plate and I believe they'll get good enough pitching to carry them through," is the way the visiting diamond figure sums it up.

The Giants' general manager assigns Seattle to the runnerup spot in the PCL and Hollywood in third position.

The San Diego Padres, managed by his close pal, Lefty O'Doul, will wind up in fourth place, he figures.

"With a few breaks, the Padres could go as high as second and maybe all the way," he said hopefully. "I can say one thing for them. They're a running team. Lefty has plenty of speed in the lineup."

He makes one additional prediction. Sacramento, he believes, is a dead cinch for the cellar.

"They just don't seem to have much of anything," he pointed out.

## Nippon runner cuts marathon running to all-time low

**Boston**  
Keizo Yamada, the 108-pound Japanese who careened to victory last Monday in the Boston A.A. marathon and slashed some seven minutes from the old record expects to gain nothing but satisfaction from his amazing victory.

The tiny 25-year-old athlete who flitted over the 26 miles, 385 yds. in 2 hours, 18 minutes and 51 seconds, told newsmen he expects his homeland will give him a "nice welcome" and nothing more.

Yamada, who turned the famous grind almost into a sprint, said he hardly noticed the deadly Wellesley hills, because he had trained by running over mountains back home. He explained:

"The hills back home are much tougher. The weather was perfect (bitter cold winds swept the entire run) and made me run better."

"Winning the Boston marathon is a great thrill to me. I was disappointed when I finished 26th in the Olympic marathon. I knew I could do better. I wanted to prove I was a better runner and I did it."

"Now, back to Japan. I am proud and happy. Maybe now I will get married."

The 46-year-old Hawaiian marathoner, Norman Tamana-ha, who finished fifth in the same race last year, finished tenth but his time was a 13 minute improvement over his 1952 efforts of 2h. 51m. 55s.

The course record was set by Korean Yun Bok Suh in 1947 at 2h. 26m. 39s. Although no world mark in marathon is recognized, Yamada's time was the fastest to date. It bests the previous best efforts record in London by Jim Peters in 1952, who ran the Windsor-Chiswick race in 2h. 20m. 42.2s. The Olympic record held by Emil Zatopek of Czechoslovakia is 2h. 23m. 3.2s. at Helsinki.

Partial summaries:  
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22-Kyoshi Shinozaki, Japan 2:48.31

## Oregon civil rights bill goes to governor

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small group by telling a man he can't elect to serve whom he pleases," declared Weatherford.

"The 5 per cent who will abuse this law will make such an issue on the sponsors of this measure and make them wish they had never brought it up," he predicted.

Rep. Misko, Oregon City, voted for the bill with a troubled conscience.

"This is not the democratic process," he declared. "This legislation wouldn't be necessary if we were living the democracy we should be."

He indicated he recognized a need for the legislation, and also the right of an individual to say with whom he will do business.

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# Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

April shower doused arid Los Angeles this week. But the precipitation is far from the drenching the southland had last season about this time.

Out in Santa Barbara, however, an interesting experiment took place last Sunday.

Four big silver rockets containing rain-making warheads were fired near here. Robert D. Elliott vice-president of the North American Weather Consultants of Pasadena, said the test resulted in rain within 20 minutes.

It was the first attempt to seed rain clouds with rockets and proved successful, Elliott commented, adding the rockets, timed to detonate at cloud levels from 11,000 to 14,000 feet, contained tiny silver iodide.

It sounds too scientific for the lay man but he claims the rain lasted into the night.

## Citizenship test . . .

Issei who have been nursing fear of flunking naturalization tests can find strength from Mrs. John Misao Yamazaki, wife of St. Mary's Episcopal Church general missionary.

No doubt she was being modest, but the 66-year-old woman sought an interpreter at the time of the test. Her minister husband was not permitted to assist her.

She was asked eight questions, and wrote: "I go to school." The couple will be sworn in as naturalized Americans on May 22 before Federal Judge Ernest A. Tolin, the same jurist who granted U.S. rights to five other alien Japanese on Apr. 10.

Dr. Yamazaki has been one of southland's most active leader in fighting for citizenship for the Issei. He said his fervent prayers have been answered.

Each time news on the shoyu ban hits the streets, housewives scurry to their grocers for that extra can of imported sauce. But merchants here were skeptical about getting them out from under the counters. Most of them say their supply is gone.

Regardless of the shortage, those who have been negotiating with Washington authorities have expressed optimism. The situation is expected to be cleared up very soon.

Importers sometime meet unforeseen obstacles. The shoyu is made in Japan but soy beans are the products of Manchuria. U.S. doesn't want to do business with Red satellites. So the stuff is held up in San Francisco's foreign dock.

## Daylight saving . . .

The semi-annual time twister comes next Sunday when Daylight Saving Time begins its four-month schedule.

I've yet to solve the technicalities of the solar-saving program but it means you'll be losing one precious hour of sleep that Sunday—that is, if you get up according to the "old time." Then you'll be forced to get into bed one hour earlier theoretically, that night. I don't like it!

An anti-discrimination bill to prevent automobile insurance companies from refusing to write out policies to applicants on reasons of his racial background was sent to the State Assembly floor earlier this week.

I don't ride too heartily with this measure. I am of the belief that insurance companies, as long as there are operated legitimately, have a right to choose their clients. And not taking bad risks is part of their business.

## \* VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

ARIMA—Apr. 11, a boy to the Fred M. Arimas, Seattle.  
HORI—Mar. 5, a boy Stephen Ken to the Kats Horis, Chicago.  
HOSHINO—Apr. 10, a girl to the Hiromichi Hoshinos, San Jose.  
IKEDA—Apr. 10, a boy Wayne Atsumi to the Fred Ikedas, Cleveland.  
KAKU—Apr. 2, a boy to the Harry Kakus, Cleveland.  
KANO—A girl Jennifer Anne to the Cyrus Kanos, Boston.  
KATAI—Mar. 31, a girl Brenda Ann to the George Katais, San Jose.  
KAWANO—Apr. 3, a boy Jeffrey A. to the Woodrow S. Kawanos, Portland.  
KAWATE—Mar. 22, a boy to the Kenji Kawates, Selma.  
MAKIHARA—Mar. 30, a girl Naomi Ruth to the Wataru Makiharas, Gilroy.  
MARUYAMA—Mar. 18, a boy Donald Wayne to the Joe Maruyamas, Chicago.  
MATSUOKA—Apr. 11, a boy Gilbert Mitsuo to the Hiromitsu Matsuokas (Mitsue Ogawa, Watsonville).  
MAYEDA—Apr. 9, a girl Yoko to the Takao Mayedas, Gilroy.  
MIYAKAWA—Apr. 8, a boy to the Norman Miyakawas, Parlier.  
MIZUKI—Apr. 2, a boy to the James Mizukis, Seattle.  
NAGASAWA—Apr. 9, a girl to the Taki Nagasawas, Seattle.  
NAKASHIKI—Apr. 9, a girl to the Fred Kaiso Nakashikis, Gilroy.  
NAMBA—Apr. 3, a girl to the Shizuo Nambas, San Francisco.  
NISHIKI—Apr. 8, a boy to the Jack Nishikis, Palo Alto.  
ODA—Feb. 21, a boy to the Shinobu Odas, Seabrook, N.J.  
OKUBO—Apr. 13, a boy to the James K. Okubos, Detroit.  
OTANI—Apr. 2, a girl to the Shigetani Otanis, Seattle.  
OTANI—Apr. 12, a girl to Mrs. Yaeko Otani, Seattle.  
OTSUKA—Apr. 5, a girl to the Akira Otsukas, San Francisco.  
SASAKI—Apr. 6, a girl Judy Kaoru to the Ted H. Sasis, Oakland.  
SHIOZAKI—Apr. 7, a girl to the Yoshio E. Shiozakis, San Francisco.  
TAKEMOTO—Apr. 8, a boy Ronnie to the Jerry Takemotos (Yoshiko Shindo), Seabrook, N.J.  
TAKI—Feb. 20, a boy Dennis Kay to the George Takis, Chicago.  
TORIUMI—Apr. 3, a girl Janice Yuriko to the Shigeru Jim Toriumis, San Jose.  
YAMAMOTO—Apr. 17, a girl to the Hideji Yamamotos, Seattle.  
YAMAUCHI—Apr. 10, a girl Lesley Noreen to the Akira Yamaguchis, Cleveland.  
YASUTAKE—Apr. 5, a boy David Michael to the Rev. S. Michael Yasutakes (Ruth Tahara), Chicago.  
YORITA—Apr. 9, a girl to the Benjamin Yoritas, Seattle.  
YOSHIZAKI—Apr. 9, a boy Mark Jiro to the Akira Yoshizakis, San Jose.

### Engagements

AOYAMA-TATSUMI—Kazuko, Santa Ana, to Ben, Compton.  
HIKIDA-CHIN—May to Herbert, both of Seattle, Apr. 12.  
IIDA-NAKAMURA—Joyce, Gardena, to Mas, West Los Angeles.  
KAJITANI-NAKADATE—Clara to Dr. Kakuya, both of Los Angeles, Mar. 28.  
MORI-KUWATA—Sue to Dr. Hiroshi, both of Los Angeles, Apr. 5.  
NAGAI-KURIYAMA—May to Bob Kuriyama, both of Gardena.  
SASAKI-NISHIDA—Midori to Kenji, both of Reedley, Apr. 7.  
SHIOHAMA-YAMADA—Michiyo Rose to Easter Yoshio, both of Los Angeles, Apr. 5.  
SHINOHARA-IWASAKI—Susie Shizuko, San Diego, to Robert Yosh, Chicago (formerly of Sacramento), Apr. 5.  
TANAKA-TSUTSUI—Satoko, North Fresno, to Takashi, Selma, Mar. 22.  
TSUTSUMOTO-YOROZU—Helene to Arthur S., both or Seattle, Mar. 29.  
YAMASHITA-TAKAGI—Sadako, Long Beach, to John, Los Angeles, Apr. 12.

### Deaths

ENOMOTO, Mrs. Tatsuyo, 49 Redwood City, Apr. 14; survived by husband Sadakazu, sons William, Haruo, John Takeo; three daughters Edith, Mmes. Yuriko Oku and Rose Nakada.  
FURUKAWA, Yoshio, 50 Los Angeles, Apr. 7; survived by wife, sons Zenichiro and Sumitoshi, daughters Sumiye and Mrs. Hisano Kudo, mother Haru and brother Hisami.  
HIRANO, Mrs. Aki, 60 Fresno, Apr. 13; survived by husband Tasuke, five sons Yutaka, Kiyoshi, Sadao, Hideo and Mitsuo.  
IKEBUCHI, Iwakichi, San Fernando, Apr. 15; survived by son Tomio and daughter Mrs. Kimi Abe.  
INOUE, Bunsuke, 68 Los Angeles, Apr. 13 in Idaho; survived by wife, four sons Bunji, Toshio, George, Roy; four daughters Yuri, Hideko, Mmes. Fusaye Nagasaki and Mrs. Yae Ocoboc.  
IWAMURA, Jiro, 80 Seattle, Apr. 9; survived by son Katsuzo.  
KIYOTA, Stanley, 3, Denver, Apr. 10 survived by parents, John Kiyotas, and sister Karen.  
NAKADEGAWA, Rev. Clifford, 38 Ogden, Apr. 8; survived by daughter Emiko, mother Hatsuko, brother Roy, sisters Mmes. Mikako Nomura and Chizuko Kawano.  
NAKADEGAWA, Mrs. Chieko, 31 Ogden, Apr. 8; survived by daughter Emiko, parents S. Omura, brother and four sisters.  
NAKAMURA, Mrs. Masano, 59 Arroyo Grande, Apr. 6; survived by husband Hirojiro, three sons Hiroshi, Atsuo, Sueichi; four daughters Teruko, Mmes. Mitsuko Murakami, Shimako Okajima and Aiko Nakayama.

### Weddings

ASADA-TANIGUCHI—Seabrook, N.J.; Mark Asada and Itsuko Taniguchi.  
HIRAI-MATSUMOTO—Seattle, Apr. 12; Fred Hira, 24, and Fumiko, 23.  
FUKUHARA-NISHIKAWA—Denver, Apr. 19; Warren Fukuhara, Denver, and Margaret Nishikawa, Alamosa, Colo.  
KAWANO-KIRA—Fresno, Apr. 18; Mack Kawano and Fumiko Kira, Kingsburg.  
KIKUCHI-FUJIMURA—Chicago, Apr. 12; Akira Kikuchi and Mikiye Fujimura (of Los Angeles).  
MAYEDA-MIZOBE—Sacramento, Apr. 5; Bryan Mayeda, 30, Loomis; and May Satsuki Mizobe, 23.  
MIGAKI-YAMADA—Seattle, Apr. 12; Thomas T. Migaki, 24, and Amy Yamada, 21.  
MORIKAWA-NAKAGAWA—Los Angeles, Apr. 11; Kiyoshi Morikawa and Misao Nakagawa.  
NAKASAKO-EGUCHI—Los Angeles, Apr. 12; Isao Nakasako and Violet Sachiko Eguchi.  
OKUNO-KUBO—San Francisco, Apr. 13; Kinichi Okuno and Masaye Kubo.  
PITCHER-AKAHOSHI—Los Angeles, Apr. 11 Kenneth Roy Pitcher and Helen Teruko Akahoshi.  
RICH-KIKUCHI—Chicago, Apr. 11; Charles Rich and Kikue Kikuchi.  
SANTO-OUCHIDA—San Jose, Apr. 18; Roland Yoneji Santo, 26, and Sakaye Ouchida, 23.  
SERA-HONDA—Los Angeles, Apr. 12; Tadayoshi Sera and Marie Mariko Honda.  
TAKAHASHI-KITASAKI—Los Angeles, Apr. 11 Ko Takahashi, Garden Grove, and Tomiko Kitasaki, Santa Ana.  
TERAMOTO-NAGAO—Los Angeles, Apr. 12; Francis Takeo Teramoto and Maxine Masami Nagao.  
YAMASAKI-NAKAO—Seabrook, N.J.; Noboru Yamasaki and Alice Nakao.  
YOKOYAMA-NORIMATSU—Seabrook, N.J.; Taro Yokoyama and Clara Norimatsu.

### Marriage Licenses Issued

CHEN-FURUKAWA—Edwin Y., and Jessie Y., both of Portland.  
GYOTOKU-TAKUKAWA—George and Tomi, both of San Francisco.  
HANASHIRO-KUNISHIGE—Seico, 29, and Satoe Helen, 20, both of Fresno.  
HANADA-MIZOKAWA—Pete I., 31, and Miyuki, 26, both of Portland.  
ISHIMITSU-YAMAMOTO—Kiyoshi, 27, and Yoshiko, 21, both of Seattle.  
KANNO-MIYOSHI—Noboru and Utano, both of San Francisco.  
KATO-NAGAI—Robert and Louise, both of San Francisco.  
KOSHIYAMA-SHIGEMOTO—George, 30, Sunnyvale, and Teruko T., 25, San Jose.  
MOTO-MUKAIDA—Henry, 29, Oakland; and Doris Chizuko, 26, Berkeley.

### ONLY HIGH SCHOOL

## MEMBER OF PORTLAND, JACL HEADS TEA

Portland Agnes Inouye of Lincoln High School, only high school member of Portland JACL, was in charge of the annual Oriental tea held in the new school.  
Hostesses were Oriental students attired in their ancestral costumes, headed by Mrs. Barabara Sono, a Japanese warbride who attended Lincoln three years ago and has aided since then in planning the annual tea.

## Seabrook girl citizenship award

Seabrook, N.J. Irene Aoki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shozo Aoki of Seabrook, a fourth year secretarial student at Bridgeton High School, was presented the DAR Good Citizenship award for 1953.  
The award is presented annually to the senior girl possessing unusually fine leadership, service, patriotism dependability and scholarship qualities.  
She represented the Greenwich Tea Burning chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, at the state meeting of award winners held recently at Trenton.  
She has been homeroom officer for four years active in the commercial club of which she is vice-president this year, members of the glee club, honor society and executive committee of the Class of '53.

## SOCIAL NOTES

Sorelles (Portland): "Lazy Rhythms" is the theme for a third anniversary dance May 2 at the Central YWCA. The teenage group is active in the Junior Red Cross. A Mothers' Day tea is slated May 10 at the Y. Betty Ishida is president.  
Orchellas (L. A.): A new group, sponsored by the Japanese Union Church and the Church Welfare Bureau of the L. A. Church Federation, is headed by Beatrice Ginoza.

Engagement: Midshipman Takeshi Yoshihara of Renton, Wash., and Elva Ann Kiyo Uyeno of Wainae Oahu, will be married in Baltimore this summer. He will graduate from the U. S. Naval Academy this summer and continue his study in engineering, while she is a senior at the John Hopkins School of Nursing.

## Chicago Buddhists plan for EYBL conference

Chicago The eighth annual Eastern Young Buddhist League convention will be held at the Chicago Buddhist Church, May 29-31. George Morisato is convention chairman. "Blueprint for Action" is the theme.  
The League is comprised of seven chapters: New York, Philadelphia, Seabrook, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Chicago YBA and Chicago Sangha.

## Pianist debut

Los Angeles Miss Janet Yamada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshimi Yamada of this city, will be presented in her debut piano concert May 2 at St. Mary's Episcopal parish hall. She will be featured in two-piano selections with her instructor, Mrs. Mary Amano Minato, formerly of Seattle, and widely-known concert pianist.

## Whereabouts sought

Los Angeles Letters for two former employees of the Santa Fe railroad at Clovis, N.M., I. Nakashima and Fukue Nakashima, are being held by the Clovis postmaster. Information of their whereabouts should be sent to the Pacific Citizen, 258 E. 1st St., Los Angeles.

## Buddhist leader dies

Seattle Jiro Iwamura, 80, of Hiroshima died here Apr. 9. He came here in 1898, pioneered the organization of the Buddhist church and active as restaurant owner, educator and publisher of a news magazine, Gibijin. A Japanese war veteran, he fought in the Boxer Rebellion and the Russo-Japanese war before making his permanent residence.

## 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 an award.  
Joe Chikara Sakagaki, formerly Star Rt., Rosamund, Calif.  
Shoichi Samura, formerly 238 S. Beaudry, Los Angeles.  
Shinn Yamashita, 2127 Irving St., San Diego 13.

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All-Nisei Posts

The general attitude has been to discourage segregated units among veterans organizations. Everyone was encouraged to join existing community American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars posts. But refusals, here and there have been the stumbling blocks unless there was some leader who served the role of bringing in Nisei veterans.

This situation led to the inevitable formation of all Nisei posts.

After these many years, there is no doubt that those who are interested in more Nisei veterans participating in the program of these national organizations have come to the conclusion even segregated units are better than none.

We are reminded of the yeoman work the American Legion and VFW posts did in aiding the movement to have the immigration and naturalization laws passed.

The all-Nisei posts were very effective in their appeals. If all the Nisei had been assimilated into the general stream of the veterans' organizations, it can be debated whether much support could have been rallied.

If Nisei veterans feel more secure or desire to be affiliated with an all-Nisei unit, it is better they be given the opportunity to function accordingly.

An all-Nisei post need not necessarily remain as such. Gradually, non-Nisei members can be inducted into the unit and eventually break down its segregated feeling.

Human emotions being as they are, we feel the formation of segregated unit cannot be discouraged. Ultimate consideration is whether it is better to have the Nisei become an identifiable part of these great veterans organizations through a segregated unit or be an assimilated non-entity.

We believe all Nisei veterans should be affiliated with some veterans movement. This is more important than the question of how they should be counted.

Publicity Scores

Racism is still not dead. Although the general atmosphere for persons of Japanese ancestry has improved far beyond our expectations, we are faced with discriminatory practices here and there. The barber in Watsonville; the white policy in new private housing developments and others remind us that the fight for equality still continues.

Experience shows that all of us must have courage and organizational support. There are too many Nisei who want to take the easy way out. In the first place, most of us shun publicity. Consequently, every effort is made to conceal our troubles by bowing to pressure.

When contracts to purchase homes are cancelled with an offer to buy up the agreement under pressure or if the neighbors show hostility, the attitude becomes "why live in a place where you are not welcome."

The repetition of such weak-kneed attitudes merely encourages the racists to become bolder. This creeping encroachment to limit the area wherein minorities may live creates an unhealthy situation for the future. Such being the case, anyone who becomes embroiled in such situations must be determined to fight it out. It concerns the welfare of us all.

Once the challenge is accepted, the general public can be aroused. The goodwill that is latent will rise and condemn the racists. A public airing of the situation is wholesome. It will serve to educate the American public as to what is transpiring in their neighborhood.

In many instances, while the policy may be against discrimination, those at the lower levels may be the perpetrators. An appeal to their superiors of the top leaders brings desired result. But this cannot be achieved if the Nisei capitulates at the first "boo" directed at

From the Frying Pan . . .

A-Partying We Go

Denver

For three years now I've been trying to get up to the luau that students from the Hawaiian islands put on each spring on the Univ. of Colorado in Boulder. From what I've heard, these luaus are the kind of parties that a fellow is a darned fool for missing. They serve up a terrific lot of exotic chow, put a platoon of beautiful girls on display, and everybody has more fun than anything.

Come to think of it, I've never seen anybody have more fun than Hawaiians. As a group they seem to have absorbed more than a little of the pleasant warmth of their mid-Pacific isles. They're quick to anger—like tropical storms—and quick to laughter. Mostly it's laughter.

This Saturday there's to be another luau, and the committee with infinite patience and goodwill has sent me another invitation. So I shall make another effort to show up, and perhaps they'll show me how I should waggle my hips.

Talking about parties, the most deadly ones I've experienced are the ones the Japanese used to throw in Shanghai. All the guests were stag, and the hostesses were a variety of geisha, most of them oddly shaped.

The objective of these parties was to get stinko as quickly and thoroughly as possible. At least that's the way it looked to me—a teetotaler since I was nine years old. The Walker Black Label and the beer and hot sake disappeared in astonishing quantities, at alarming speed, at these clambakes and in no time at all things were quite boisterous.

Pretty soon there'd be loud noises that were a poor facsimile of song, and some wobbly dancing. Then someone would get maudlin, and someone else would get insulting and not long after that a couple would have to excuse themselves for a while, only to come back somewhat green at the gills. By nine o'clock everybody would be ready to go home. I never could see the fun of those parties.

Still talking about parties, the first one I ever went to on my own was a blowout for the eighth grade class at the home of one of the girls. There weren't any chaperones around, as was befitting a party of grownup eighth-graders.

The big wheel of the class was a grade-C Casanova named Vic Santulli. He wound up by sitting on a couch with each arm around a girl. One

by Bill Hosokawa

was named Florence and the other Gertrude, as I remember, and Vic showed his impartiality by kissing one and then the other with equal fervor. This went on for quite a while.

It struck me as an unusual practice at the time but I didn't brood about it, perhaps because I didn't think it looked like much fun. I didn't realize until some years later how much fun I'd been missing. Oh well, live and learn.

Never did find out what became of Vic. He had a brother named Rob and one day they staged a fight that for sheer ferocity and gore outdid anything I've seen since the prize fight ring. Rob knocked a knuckle out of joint and Vic's nose was broken. That was the first broken nose I ever saw.

Vic and Rob dropped out of high school before we'd mastered Algebra II. I must admit that algebra was a trying subject and I, too, was sorely tempted to chuck it all. Years later I used to see Vic hanging around a corner grocery store where they sold comic books and had a soda fountain. Most of the time it looked as if Vic was helping to hold up the wall. He knew how to live, that boy did.

Very Truly Yours . . .

No Senators for Hawaii

by Harry K. Honda

A New York congressman, Frederic Coudert by name, has put before the House an interesting resolution in connection with the Hawaiian statehood question . . . Last January, the House Republican declared he was opposed to statehood for Alaska and Hawaii unless they, barred from representation in the Senate . . . He pointed out the fact that right now states with only 19 percent of the entire U. S. population elect 50 senators while the remaining 81 percent of the population is represented by only 46 senators . . . This situation would be worsened if Alaska and Hawaii are admitted. He charged the campaign to make them states "strikes at the foundation of representative government in the United States."

Clearly, we admit a minority of voters possesses the majority voice over all congressional actions since all legislation must have approval of

both houses . . . Admission of Hawaii with its half-million people, if compared with the 15 million in New York, means one Hawaiian citizen has the same power as 30 citizens in New York in the Senate . . . The disproportion would even be greater with the admission of Alaska with its 100,000 citizens . . . This balance divided by a House representing people and the Senate representing the states has prevented the steamroll of the majority to trample on the rights of minorities.

The senator from New York may represent 7½ million people, but the point to remember in government is that it operates on the theory of the "consent of the governed" . . . Because one man happens to represent more people doesn't mean he's that much more right . . . One of the generalizations I've gained in the study of government from this distance is that legislators actually do not seek public opinion. Public opinion

manifested at election time is far from adequate . . . Public opinion is most diversified and lacks any analysis . . . Polls led us to believe the public would vote for Dewey by a landslide in '48, and the outcome of the '52 election too close to guess . . . The accident of numbers has gravitated thinking to claim that the opinion of the majority constitutes "public opinion" But isn't the opinion of the minority still an integral part of the public? . . . Since "public opinion" has become the expression of the majority opinion, the congressman from the populous Empire State reasons the man representing more constituents is entitled to keep the present proportion, certainly not less.

His question is fair and pertinent concerning disproportion . . . But other effects of Hawaiian statehood in terms of domestic politics and international relations far outweigh the validity of this question.

Opinions from Other Newspapers . . .

Settling the Southlands

In his forthcoming book, "The World and the West," Arnold J. Toynbee accuses the western civilization that came out of Europe with having been the aggressor against the world for four and a half centuries—up until 1945.

Now he sees the world turning and engaging in aggression against the west, with the use of western technological methods. This is an interesting survey of history, but it may not be as ominous as it sounds.

One factor of the aggression.

We appreciate the feeling of anyone who tries to shun the limelight. The way of least-resistance appeals to many. But if we wish to improve the environment for all persons of Japanese ancestry we must be prepared to make the sacrifice by fighting every inch of the way against discrimination.

sion of the east against the west developed since the war and may be effective in strengthening the free nations against the spread of Communism from the east. This is the large-scale migration of Orientals from China and Japan to South America. It is not new, but it has been stepped up.

In the last five years, 10,000 Chinese have gone through the port of San Francisco on their way to southern countries. In Cuba alone there are now more than 30,000 Chinese settlers, who also make up large proportions of the populations of Jamaica, Trinidad and Venezuela. (In some of the southern republics, Chinese were among the earliest immigrants, and have intermarried with other races.)

Wealthy Chinese fleeing Shanghai ahead of the Communists have gone to Brazil, where more than 300 families of them have taken up residence in Sao Paulo. There

they invest in the flourishing textile industry.

Brazil is also the most attractive country to the Japanese, who now have a colony of nearly half a million there, largely settled since the war. These industrious immigrants have given Brazil's cotton, coffee and other agricultural production a lift. Three thousand of them are being settled in the Amazon area to try expanding rubber production and promote jute growing. Another 30,000 Japanese have immigrated to Peru.

While Europeans are still flocking to Latin America, the influx of Orientals there is more welcome. They are more inclined to take to the soil, develop the land to produce more food. This kind of "aggression" on the part of the east against the west could prove a blessing to the entire world, provided there is an assimilation of races as a bulwark against nationalism.

MINORITY

Judge Alexander Holtz of the District of Columbia last Tuesday ruled racial segregation in federal public housing projects is legal where equal facilities are provided. It was the first ruling of this kind on segregation in federal housing. The jurist ruled "Under the so-called 'separate but equal' doctrine, which is still the law under Supreme Court decisions, it is entirely proper and does not constitute a violation of constitutional rights for the federal government or for any public utility subject to federal or state regulation, to require people of the white or colored races to use separate facilities, provided equal facilities are furnished to each."

Negroes in Montgomery, Ala., will choose an unofficial "mayor" and "city commission" in a special election Apr. 30 in which anyone over 18 can vote regardless of poll taxes or registration. They'll use city voting machines, but winners will have no voice in municipal affairs except as spokesman for their race.

A man who does not believe in God has asked the federal bench in San Francisco to reverse a lower court ruling that he is not entitled to citizenship. Because he can't swear on the Bible, Wladyslaw Piywacki has been denied citizenship by Federal Judge McLaughlin of Hawaii.

An Arkansas federal judge, John E. Miller, in effect abolished state-approved "Jim Crow" practices on public conveyances in awarding a Pasadena (Calif.) Negro attorney the verdict against Arkansas Motor Coaches, Inc., this month. The judge declared that the question of civil rights supercedes a state statute that compels segregation.

There has been improvement in race relations in Illinois, but the progress has been slow, according to the fifth biennial report of the Illinois Commission on Human Relations. Chief problems are employment and housing, both augmented by a 70 percent increase in the state's non-white population in 10 years.

DECADE AGO

Pacific Citizen, Apr. 29, 1943  
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt visits Gila River WRA camp, found no pampering of evacuees and urges release of loyal Nisei.

National JACL files "amicus curiae" briefs in evacuation test cases to be heard before U.S. Supreme Court, May 10.

Elmer Davis, OWI director, quotes "Pacific Citizen" editorial in radio talk on Japanese executions of Tokyo raiders, that "Japanese Americans feel just the same about outrage" as other Americans.

Sen. Stewart (D., Tenn.) revives bill to intern Japanese Americans in Congress following announcement of Japanese execution of Tokyo raiders. His bill seeks to place all Japanese in custody.

San Mateo County board of supervisors opposes induction of Nisei into armed forces or be released from relocation centers.

Sen. Murray (D., Mont.) urges release of evacuees as cleared by FBI; U.S. cannot afford to keep 106,000 Japanese in idleness.

South America can become the birthplace of a new breed of men tracing their ancestral cultures to the east as much as to the west. This could be the answer in resolving the ancient conflict of cultures and religions that has gone on to plague the world for centuries of recorded history. We may not live to see its culmination, but it is something to hope for in centuries to come.—Denver Post.