



## ENTRY OF 500 ADOPTED BABIES GETS HOUSE O.K.

Washington

Entry of 500 adopted children under the age of 6 outside of annual quotas would be authorized in a bill which has passed the House and is now in the Senate.

The bill was amended to include those children adopted by United States citizens while serving or employed abroad regardless of whether they are at the present time living in overseas areas.

The original bill, which was introduced by Rep. Walter (D., Pa.) and endorsed by the JACL, was more restrictive in its terms and provided that its benefit would extend only to those children who are adopted by American citizens then serving overseas either in a military or government capacity.

According to the Committee report considered by the House, this legislation was temporarily designed to relieve American servicemen and civilians abroad who have adopted these orphaned or semi-orphaned children from unnecessary delay.

The report stated numerous private immigration bills are now pending before the committee.

"Basing an estimate on the number of such private measures in the preceding Congress, it is believed that approximately 500 such measures would otherwise require committee consideration," the report concludes.

The Washington office declared that this is the second JACL-endorsed measure that has been approved by the House. The other would expedite naturalization of aliens now serving in the armed forces.

## 180 Loomis Issei finish Americanization studies

Loomis

Graduation exercises for 180 prospective American citizens of Japanese ancestry were held last week. Classes were conducted by Placer Evening College, sponsored jointly by the JACL and John A. Stecker American Legion Post.

Kay Takekoto was chairman of the Americanization program. Instructors were:

Bruce Denison, Placer College; Tadashi Yego, Placer JACL pres.; Susumu Kawano, Loomis Methodist Church; Kelvin Mitani, Benji Takahashi and Noboru Haruyama.

## Hope abandoned to locate fisherman missing over 10 days off California

Pasadena

Hopes of locating a missing Issei commercial fisherman reported missing since May 14 were abandoned early this week. The search for Matajiro Okayama of Pasadena, operating out of Long Beach, was instituted by the Coast Guard on Wednesday last week when he was long overdue at Monterey.

The air search station at San Francisco announced some 8,000 square miles of sea were patrolled in search of the little 32-foot jig Otilie, last seen by Torazo Kuwatani of Monterey, while both were fishing off the Farallone Islands, some 30 miles west of San Francisco.

Kuwatani reported that both of them lost their anchors and



Stella Nakadate, 16, was crowned queen of the sixth annual Festival of Friendship, an East Los Angeles playground intercultural expression to "Let's work, play and live together". She was sponsored by the East Los Angeles JACL chapter. She stands 5 ft. 4 in., weighs 118 lbs.

—"Nag" Nagatoshi Photo

## Punchbowl cross advocate honored

Washington

A national award was given to an Illinois newspaperman for his eloquent campaign to restore white crosses in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl.

Announcement was made here that Arnold Burnett, managing editor of the Peoria Journal has been given the "Christopher Award." He has been carrying on a persistent campaign for restoration of the crosses, the Star of David and the Buddhist Wheel of Righteousness for nearly two years.

The paper is now nationally known for its stand on this issue.

The Christophers is a non-sectarian organization founded in 1945 by the Rev. James Keller, a Maryknoll priest. Awards are made annually in the fields of journalism, books, magazines, TV radio and movies and music.

## CASUALTIES

WOUNDED IN ACTION

Pvt. Isao Aruga, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kaneharu Aruga, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Cpl. Kensei Ogata, son of Tomi-take T. Ogata, Rt. 3, Lodi, Calif.

## Proscribed list conveys impression all groups communistic, says CL

Washington

Because it conveys an erroneous impression Communist and Communist-front Japanese organizations are active in the United States, the National Japanese American Citizens League urged the Attorney General to drop the names of 21 prewar, now defunct, Japanese organizations from his list of subversive organizations.

Prior to the May 12 listing, Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., was told by the Washington JACL office that organizations were divided into three categories: totalitarian, fascist and communist.

The new list makes no classification as to origin or motivation and lumps some 254 organizations, "implying to the public at large that these organizations are currently actively engaging in subversive activities" against the United States, the JACL said.

"Moreover in the light of present public attitudes, the impression is conveyed that, since more of the designated are 'communists' or 'communist-front', all the listed organizations (including the 21 Japanese organizations) are in the same category."

"Such an impression does violence to the American concept of fair play and invites unwarranted and damaging suspicion against persons of Japanese ancestry in this country," Mike Masaoka, JACL representative who signed the letter, charged.

The letter continues:

"This alone supplies an excuse and an invitation for that minority among Americans to indulge in racial discrimination against persons of Asian ancestry and constitutes a direct threat to our important foreign relations with the friendly government and people of Japan."

Since few, if any, alien Japanese because of their age seek federal employment, this list (which was drawn up for employment purposes) is being used for secondary purposes for which it was never intended, it was alleged.

On the basis of prewar membership in now defunct organizations, the JACL letter documented its effects in the denial:

- 1) Of discretionary relief for suspension of deportation to parents of American-born citizens,
- 2) Of re-entry permits to resident alien Japanese, and
- 3) Of visa applications to former residents stranded in Japan because of war.

## Nickname made legal as last civilian act before reporting for military duty

Los Angeles

Dr. Kisakazu Ozaki wanted to change his name.

So he petitioned Superior Judge Arnold Praeger for legal authority. It was granted.

So now it's Dr. Kei Kisakazu Ozaki.

The doctor said he desired to have his lifelong nickname incorporated in his name as his last civilian act before entering the United States armed forces.

## Australia admits Japanese as tourist

Tokyo

A Japanese university student will be the first Japanese national to be granted entry into Australia on a tourist basis.

Mitsuo Uehara, of Keio University, will leave here for Sydney by plane on June 4.

## No. Calif. fact-finding committee on proscribed organization acts

San Francisco

Information on a number of prewar Japanese organizations, now defunct but still proscribed by the U.S. Attorney General as subversive, has been compiled and forwarded to Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL

representative, it was reported by Haruo Ishimaru, regional director here.

The fact-finding committee, which was formed several weeks ago when Masaoka conferred with community leaders, was headed by Attorney Victor Abe and Ishimaru.

Data on the following organizations in Northern California has been submitted:

Hokubei Zaigyo Shoko Dan (North American Reserve Officers Association), Zaibei Nihonjin Heiyaku Gimi Shakai or Heimu Shakai (Japanese Residing in America Military Conscription Association), Dai Nippon Butoku Kai Military Virtue Society, Zaibei Nihonjin Kai (Japanese Association of America), Jikyoku In Kai (Current Affairs Society), Nippon Yogo Kyokai (Japanese Protective Association), Sokoku Kai (Fatherland Society), Nippon Kaigai Kyokai (Japanese Overseas Convention, Tokyo, 1940), Kaigai Dobo Chu-o Kai (Japanese Overseas Central Society), and the Koku-ryu Society (Black Dragon Society).

Ishimaru also learned from the local Immigration and Naturalization office that as long as these organizations remained proscribed, naturalization may be delayed or even denied to former members who conceal their affiliation.

Possibility of deportation proceedings or withholding re-entry permits to former active members of these groups was also mentioned.

Assisting the committee were Bishop Nitten Ishida and K. Ogitani.

## GOV. KING NOMINATES NISEI TO HAWAII BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu

Since the power of patronage is all-important to a political party, Republicans in Hawaii are enjoying the unaccustomed pleasure of dominating the scores of appointments to Territorial boards and commissions.

For the past 20 years, the appointing authority for such boards and commissions has rested with Democratic governors appointed by Democratic presidents.

All this changed when President Eisenhower took over. He named Samuel Wilder King as the first Republican governor of Hawaii in two decades.

A staunch friend of the Nisei, Gov. King has recognized the Nisei in his appointments. His first named a Nisei, Howard Hiroki, as Territorial Treasurer. Then he approved the selection of several Nisei to No. 2 administrative positions.

In making appointments to boards and commissions he selected Nisei for nine of the 404 appointments which he sent to the Senate on May 19 for confirmation. These were in addition to several other lists of names he had submitted earlier. Some boards are required by

law to have representation from both the Republican and Democratic parties; others are not so required. Where bipartisan representation is required, the Governor has named a majority of the members from his own party. Republican members control all other boards as well.

The nine Nisei nominated in the latest list and confirmed by the Territorial Senate were:

Board of Commissioners of Public Instruction—Dr. Katsumi Kometani, of Honolulu, reappointed (4 yr. term); and Shizuichi Mizuha of Maui, (3 yr. term).

Dr. Kometani is a dentist and a former Army captain with the 100th Infantry Battalion. Mizuha is a businessman and chairman of the Republican county committee on Maui.

Board of Public Lands—Tadashi Sugiyama of Hawaii, (4 yr. term).

Board of Regents, Univ. of Hawaii—Jack Mizuha of Kauai, 2 yr. term; Dr. Katsuyuki Izumi of Maui, reappointed (3 yr. term).

Mizuha is a practicing attorney and was a delegate to the national Republican convention in Chicago last year. He was a captain in the 100th Infantry Battalion. Dr. Izumi is a physician.

Honolulu Police Commission—George M. Eguchi of Honolulu, (6

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# Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

## Memorial day, 1953 . . .

On May 30, 1863—90 years ago a group of Southern ladies in Columbus, Miss., laid flowers on the graves of both the Union and Confederate dead in a hillside cemetery, thereby originating this national holiday on which we honor our dead who fell in battle in the defense of our country and our ideals.

This Saturday, throughout the nation, Issei and Nisei will join their fellow Americans in paying homage to our fallen heroes of all our wars.



MASAOKA

At Arlington National Cemetery, continuing a seven year tradition that began immediately after World War II, the Washington Chapter of the JACL, on behalf of the 88 chapters in the National Organization, will join with the President in laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier as a mark of respect for all of America's heroic dead. In all probability, as in the past, the JACL may be the only non-veterans organization to participate in the annual services.

After public ceremonies in the great Amphitheater and at the Tomb, members of the Washington chapter will begin their own labor of love.

They will visit each of the 21 graves of the Nisei who died in World War II who are interred in Arlington. They will add their own floral tributes to those which a grateful nation has placed on every grave. They will say a brief prayer of thanks to every Nisei soldier dead.

And they will leave the flowers and wreaths which the families and friends of the deceased have sent to beautify the graves on this special day.

To this writer this little publicized project is the most touching and inspiring of the National programs, for it signifies the appreciation of the Japanese American community to those who by making the supreme sacrifice during our most critical years made possible our status today. They earned by their blood our acceptance in this land.

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Among the white tombstones that dot the hillsides of our National Cemetery, overlooking the Potomac and the city of Washington, just as in battle, there is no distinction because of race, color, creed, or national origin. The Nisei dead slumber next to comrades in arms of every nationality and religion who fell with him in Italy, France, Germany, and the far reaches of the Pacific. The enlisted man shares his hallowed place with the commissioned officer and the general. There is no racial or rank discrimination in this soldier's Valhalla.

On this Memorial Day, when Nisei are fighting and dying in Korea let us call the roll of honor of persons of Japanese ancestry who, wearing the uni-

form of the United States, made the supreme sacrifice in order that we today might have a happy future in this land.

Near the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier rears the huge masthead of the Battleship Maine. On that memorial to the dead of the Spanish American War are six Issei names, the first persons of Japanese ancestry officially to be killed in action with American forces.

They are Mas Ohye, Isa Suzisaki, Kashitara Suzuki, Otagiro Ishida, Yukichi Kitagawa, and Tomekichi Nagamine, who went down with the Battleship Maine in Havana Harbor in the 1898 explosion that ignited the war with Spain.

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Though more than a thousand persons of Japanese ancestry served in the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) of World War I, fortunately there appears to be none who are officially listed as having been killed in action.

In World War II, 686 Nisei were killed in action, most of them with the 442nd Central Postal Directory in Italy and in France.

Up to date, in the restricted fighting in Korea 128 Nisei have died to defend the ideals of freedom and liberty.

In the light of these figures, when we consider how small percentage-wise are persons of Japanese ancestry in the population of America, it is easy to believe that Nisei Americans have contributed far more than their share to the nation's war dead.

Accordingly, our debt as the living Nisei is the greater to these honored dead. We must keep faith with them who gave us this opportunity to prove our faith. We must, in our living and by our living, prove worthy of their sacrifice.

This we can do by being exemplary citizens and human beings.

But more just as they took the lead, so we must assume the leadership in the common cause of justice and democracy, not for ourselves alone but for all Americans and for peoples everywhere in the world.

Even as they sleep in peace without discrimination as to race and color, creed and national origin, so we must build a world in which all men can live in peace, without fear or favor because of the color of their skin or their beliefs.

Only when we have accomplished this shall we have repaid their devotion. But, in striving for this goal, we shall be keeping faith with them who died that we might have this great opportunity.

## Fulbright scholar

Denver  
Willie M. Iritani of Denver, Univ. of Minnesota graduate in horticulture and graduate student at the Univ. of Idaho, has been named among 20 students to receive Fulbright scholarships for study in Japan next fall.

He has received a scholarship to do basic research in vegetables in Kyoto university. The Fulbright scholarship includes all expenses, tuition, travel, fees and books.

## May 30 orator

Los Angeles  
Henry Van Zeveren, VFW past commander for the 5th Los Angeles district, will deliver the principle address tomorrow at Memorial Day ceremonies at Evergreen Cemetery. Prayers by both Buddhist and Protestant ministers for the 66 Nisei war dead buried in the veterans plot will be offered.

Van Zeveren was instrumental in forming all-Nisei VFW post in Los Angeles several years ago.

## U.S. military police kills Nisei CIC agent

Honolulu  
Sgt. Shigeru Yoshinaga, 28, Nisei army counter-intelligence corps member who was killed in Hokkaido by a U. S. army military policeman early this month, was a local resident.

He joined the army soon after completing his junior year at Farrington High School here in June, 1942. He served on Okinawa and for the past five years has been with the CIC in Japan.

Surviving him are his wife, Kikue; a son Shigeru, Jr., 5, his mother Mrs. Umeko Yoshinaga, a brother Hiroshi, now with the army in Korea, and five sisters.

## Over \$300,000 in vested property to be returned to Honolulu Nisei

Honolulu  
Tamotsu Hata, a dual citizen who was in Japan during World War II, will receive the

## Li'l Tokio Nisei to be ordained Maryknoll priest

Maryknoll, N. Y.  
The Rev. Thomas T. Takahashi of Los Angeles is in the class of Maryknoll seminarians who are to be ordained to the Roman Catholic priesthood next month.

He will be the first California-born Nisei to become a Catholic priest. A barber before the war in Li'l Tokio, he was in Manzanar before studying for the priesthood. He is to celebrate his first Solemn Mass at Maryknoll church in Los Angeles June 28 and has been assigned to Japan.

## Seek high schoolers for 'Anytown, USA' camp

Los Angeles  
"Anytown, U. S. A.," a program made successful the past two years since its inauguration by high school principals here, is well underway for next Aug. 16-23 at Idyllwild Pines. Nominations of Anytowners, teenagers from eighth to 11th grade preferred, are being accepted by the sponsors, the National Conference of Christian and Jews, DU 5-1747, Stewart G. Cole, camp adviser.

The intensive program is focused on high school leadership. Fee is \$25 per person.

## IN HONOR OF

Two women seniors—Toyoko M. Okiyama and Yaeko Sakai—were elected into Phi Beta Kappa at the Univ. of Washington.

Masato Kawasaki, 7800 NE Glisan St., Portland, Ore., of Roosevelt High School was awarded a national scholarship in engineering by Harvard university.

The Multnomah County Medical Society auxiliary scholarship for nursing students at the Univ. of Oregon was awarded last week to Ayako Terada Nampa, Ida.

Refusing a \$500 scholarship to Pepperdine College, Jane Masumura, student body president at Roosevelt High School, Los Angeles, was notified that she has been granted a half-tuition \$300 scholarship from Univ. of Southern California. She intends to become a teacher.

Joan Togo of Honolulu was recently initiated in the Armstrong College (Calif.) chapter of Beta Phi Gamma, national collegiate journalistic fraternity, for her outstanding work on the editorial staff of the yearbook.

Ted T. Okamoto of North Platte, Neb., plans to use the \$1,200 Samuel Avery fellowship at the Univ. of Nebraska for his doctorate in organic chemistry.

Among students named to the Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic fraternity, was Mrs. Katie Misaka of the Univ. of Utah.

## Aaronsburg Assembly invites JACL to anti-discrimination conference

Salt Lake City  
National JACL president George J. Inagaki has been honored with an invitation to attend the June 19 to 21 weekend at the Aaronsburg Assembly in Aaronsburg, Pa., JACL headquarters reported this week.

The Aaronsburg Assembly is a movement to help preserve democracy and create a worldwide resurgence of faith and belief in the dignity of man. On Oct. 23, 1949 the all-white, all-Protestant community of Aaronsburg (pop. 321), pointed out to 30,000 men and women

who attended the 150th anniversary of the founding of Salem Lutheran church the tal principle that it took of all colors and creeds to America.

The purpose of this gathering is to bring together 100 of "America's most distinguished citizens" and "little" people to discuss means to combat and threats to democracy and give courage to men and women throughout the world.

The invitation to Inagaki personally signed by seven prominent Americans:

Rabbi Philip S. Bernstein, Ralph J. Bunche, Gen. William Donovan, Sen. James H. Duff, S. Supreme Court Justice Frankfurter, Rev. Daniel A. P. and Dr. Channing H. Tobias.

Gov. John S. Fine of Pennsylvania also extended Inagaki personal invitation to attend Aaronsburg Assembly with expenses paid by the entire community and with accommodations provided at Pennsylvania State College nearby.

Inagaki, who indicated he has accepted the invitation, declared that the signal extended to him was in recognition of the JACL as an organization which has played an effective role in bettering the status of minority groups in the United States.

## Detroit ADC

Detroit  
Current ADC fund drive has passed its halfway mark and the committee headed by Sud Kimoto reports success thus far. On the committee are:

Peter Fujioka, Setzu Furukawa, Tom Hatanaka, Louis Furukawa, Tom Hatanaka, Paul Joichi, Shig Kado, Wally Gawa, Art Matsumura, Joe Masashita, Shig Ochi, Ben Ouchi, Togasaki, Frances Yamaji, Kay tsushita and Harry Sakada, of Ann Arbor.

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# Tokyo Topics

TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

## Haji or Romaji . . .

An age-old controversy has ended by the Japanese Ministry of Education when it announced its "final" decision on the romanization of the Japanese language.

The romanization of the Japanese language is fundamentally a method of presenting the Japanese language to foreign students in an easy form to avoid confusion.

The controversy has been waged between the Hepburn and the Japanese systems of romanization. When the American forces came to Japan in 1945, the Japanese style of romanization was reverted to the Hepburn system.

"Fuji" became "Fuji."

Everybody, thus, knew he was at the foot of Mt. Fuji. Signs and posts throughout Japan were easily understood and no one had difficulty finding out where he was. However, the Ministry of Education since the end of occupation organized a Romaji Deliberation Committee to study romanization again. Hepburn members left the conference, it was understood, because the Japanese style group assumed an eccentric and dogmatic viewpoint.

"Fuji" is now "Huzi."

While the decision of the Ministry of Education stands, the Foreign Office has refused to recognize the Japanese style. Official documents will continue the Hepburn system, although other "official" papers would henceforth use the Japanese style.

It also means railroad stations and other names must be rewritten to comply with the fantastic Japanese style. Tourists from foreign countries will find travel difficult since travel guides here use the Hepburn system.

The Hepburn system:

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ta chi tsu te to  
na ni nu ne no  
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ma mi mu me mo  
ya i yu ye yo  
ra ri ru re ro  
wa i u e wo  
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za ji zu ze zo  
da ji zu de do  
ba bi bu be bo  
pa pi pu pe po

The Japanese system:

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ga gi gu ge go  
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da zi zu de do  
ba bi bu be bo  
pa pi pu pe po

## Apartment site may upset Honolulu civic plan

The city's master plan is being contested in court for the first time by a private holder of lease land on Waikiki Beach. Shigero Shigenaga filed action in court compelling the city-county of Honolulu to grant him a building permit. He intends to build a three-story \$65,000 apartment-hotel on a leasehold site.

The mandamus action was filed by Attorney Shiro Kashiwa. Shigenaga stated he filed application on Mar. 18 for a building permit, which was allegedly rejected on grounds that the area has been designated by the Master Plan as a future park site and that the land may someday be condemned.



The Rev. Dr. John M. Yamazaki and his wife, Mary Tsune, of Los Angeles were among the four Issei naturalized American citizens in recent ceremonies officiated by U.S. Judge Ernest A. Tolin (center). —Rafu Shimpo Photo by Miyatake

## Chicago JACL-ADC appreciation fete honors 128 active Issei campaigners

Chicago Tahei Matsunaga and Yoriaki Nakagawa, who alternated as chairman of the Chicago JACL-ADC drive from 1946 to 1952, and 126 others who actively participated in the drive, were honored at an Appreciation Dinner held at Olivet Institute on May 16. Some 250 persons attended the function which saw Noboru Honda ably taking charge as toastmaster.

Mike Masaoaka, principal speaker, paid tribute to the Issei for their sacrifices and their loyalty in their children. The Japanese people were no longer second class citizens but were now eligible to become naturalized and eventually citizens of their adopted country. He said "the Walter-McCarran Act will stand as a monument as an ultimate triumph of justice".

Among the things made possible by passage of this bill was naturalization for all people, aliens in 12 states can now receive old age pension, as citizens Issei can now apply for civil service jobs, and it eliminated racial discrimination. Under the bill 185 Japanese nationals per year can now enter the United States. Forty-eight other countries have

smaller quotas than this, he pointed out.

Matsunaga and Nakagawa were presented plaques in appreciation of their ADC work. Scrolls were presented to others. An award was presented to Jack Y. Yasutake posthumously. His son Rev. S. Michael Yasutake, accepted the scroll.

Greetings were extended by: Otoshiro Kuroda, Consul General of Japan, Abe Hagiwara, Chicago chapter pres.; Shigeo Wakamatsu, Midwest District Council chmn. The talks were interspersed with musical selections by Kyoko Morishita who was accompanied by the Shinko Band and Tomonao Iino.

—LOUISE SUSKI  
Chicago JACL

Stockton Issei takes naturalization exam in Japanese as individual

Mrs. Masano Ikeda of Stockton is believed to be the first Issei applicant for American citizenship to be allowed to take an individual examination in Japanese, according to Sam Itaya, president of the Stockton JACL chapter.

Mrs. Ikeda received notice to appear May 13, at the Northern California District Office of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization in San Francisco for her examination.

At the request of the Stockton chapter, Haruo Ishimaru, N.C. JACL Regional Director, served as interpreter and assisted her file a petition. Two daughters, Mrs. Frances Takemoto and Mrs. Ruth Nakawatase, served as witnesses.

Mrs. Ikeda is a graduate of the local citizenship class. Itaya said the Stockton chapter was honored to have one of its graduates accorded the distinction of being probably the first Issei in the entire country to be allowed to take an individual examination for citizenship in Japanese.

Two Sacramentans naturalized May 19

Sacramento Twenty-three aliens and a native born citizens were repatriated in naturalization ceremonies held in federal district court by Judge Dal M. Lemmon on May 19. Among them were two Japanese.

Toimoye Jennie Honda is the repatriated citizen. She lost her citizenship by marrying a Japanese alien prior to 1931.

Under provisions of the Walter-McCarran law of 1952, she was able to regain her citizenship rights merely by taking the oath of allegiance to the United States.

Kay Genko Baishiki of rural Sacramento was the other Japanese who gained American citizenship.

A careless pedestrian usually gets hit in the end.

## Japan fashion design contestant wins trip to study in Florida school

New York Out of 5,000 entries in the fourth national Japanese fashion award contest, 200 were flown here for final voting by local fashion writers. It was discovered two entries tying for the Tina Leser award were by Miss Michiko Konishi, 24.

Announcement of the Leser award was made last week. The contest is co-sponsored by the Mainichi newspaper chain in Japan and American designer Leser in cooperation with Kanegafuchi Spinning Co. and Pan American World Airways.

It was instituted four years ago to create Japanese interest in modern fashion designs that would retain Japan's native and traditional influences.

Miss Konishi will receive a year's tuition at the Florida Gulf Coast art center at Belleair and a \$100 a month maintenance.

She was a student of the Chiyo Tanaka Dressmaking School in Japan later becoming lecturer at the school and designer for Kurashiki Rayon Co. She received the first Leser award in 1949.



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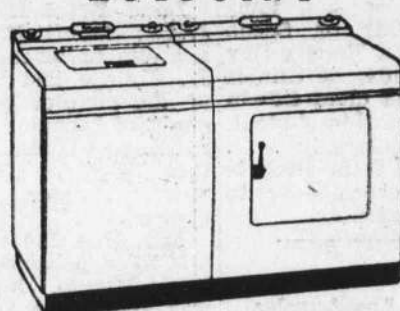
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## Chicago Corner

SMOKY SAKURADA

Rep. Charles Jenkins (R., Chicago) introduced the Stratton Administration-backed fair employment bill last week in the state legislature. It sets up a five-man Illinois equality of employment opportunity commission appointed by the governor with advice and consent of the senate.

The bill declares as public policy of the state:

"That the right of equal employment opportunity is a fundamental right that should be protected by this state by law."

"Denial of equal employment opportunity because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry and the consequent failure to utilize the productive capacities of individuals to the fullest extent deprives much of the population of the state of earnings necessary to maintain a reasonable standard of living, thereby causing many persons to resort to public charity."

Labor organizations as well as employer are to be affected.

Says the Chicago Sun-Times: "Instead of seeking to create a Fair Employment Practice Commission, it would set up an agency to perform the same functions but under the name of the Illinois Equality of Employment Opportunity Commission."

Previously rejected by the House Judiciary Committee, the controversial Broyles bills were revived by an 83-55 House vote last week. (One measure would require loyalty oaths from all public employees. The other sets up a legislative commission to investigate Communist and seditious activities.) Consideration of these Senate-approved bills is expected in early July. Gov. Stratton has already let it be known he opposes both of these measures.

### Around Chicago . . .

An all-girls outing on North Ave. beach June 28 will honor the 1953 high school and college women grads. **Girls Interclub Council** named Louise Ogawa and Marji Kikuchi co-chairmen . . . **Colleens** will have a potluck dinner at the home of their adviser, Mildred Sasaki, on June 6 . . . The Funia carnival at Waller High is set for June 4 . . . **Sorelles** and **Reginas** are sponsors of "Pastel Fantasy" dance at McCormick YWCA on June 20 . . . **City-wide Recreation** meets at Yukio Ozima's, 2833 W. Lynedale St., for an election. On the nominating committee are **Jeanne Mori**, **Yukio Ozima**, **Kay Nishimoto** and **Kiyo Yoshimura** . . . **City-Wide and War Brides** join hands June 20 at the 55th St. Promontory Point for a day of square dancing and mixers. War-bride made box lunches will be auctioned. **Tuney Otani** and **Mas Sori** are co-chairmen . . . The **Lakers** will have a golf tourney with a Filipino group.

### Personals . . .

**Louise Suski**, Chicago JACL publicity chairman, English editor of the Chicago Shimpō and former editor of the Rafu Shimpō English section, joins the editorial staff of Scene June 1 . . . Recent Honors Day ceremonies at Univ. of Illinois Navy Pier branch cited **Edwin S. Fujinaka**, Northside student, for his high scholarship . . . **Dorothy Kato** of Senn High is the only Nisei cheerleader to lead the 3,500 students.

### ELA cooking

Los Angeles

Simple Japanese dishes—mainly picnic fare like sushi and teriyaki—will be demonstrated and taught during the latter part of June at the home of **Alice Hatakeda**, the East Los Angeles JACL announced this week.

Reservations limited to 30 will be accepted by Miss Hatakeda, AN 4806.

## Group-interest survey pays off for Seattle Clers

Seattle

During the month of February the Seattle JACL chapter waged its most extensive membership campaign. It signed up over 300 members doubling its previous year count. During the drive, the question "What is the JACL doing?" has been fully answered by the highly diversified program.

**Cheryl Yoshihara**, social chairman, summarizes in the chapter May bulletin their activities for the year.

**Golf—Miye Ishikawa** and **Min Yamaguchi** are teaching advanced and beginners classes to both men and women each week.

**Flower Arrangement**—Mrs. **Masajiro Watanabe** is instructor.

**Cooking**—Classes will start in the fall in Chinese and Japanese dishes.

**Japanese Language**—Classes will start in the fall as available teachers are now busy instructing citizenship to the Issei.

**Trips**—Tentative plans for the summer include a moonlight cruise.

### EAST LOS ANGELES C.L. PASSES OWN 1953 GOAL OF 350 MEMBERS

Los Angeles

East Los Angeles JACL surpassed its goal of 350 members in the chapter this month and is 'way in front of other chapters in the Pacific Southwest District Council membership race.

The chapter **Mimeo Memo**, a monthly newsletter, credited the achievement to **Joe Yamamoto** and his committee.

### Ventura County JACL graduates dance June 12

Oxnard

The Ventura County JACL graduation dance will be held Friday, June 12, at Portuguese Hall with **Izzy Otani**, chapter president, extending an invitation to Los Angeles JACLers. **Jim Araki's** combo with vocalist **Lane Nakano** will play from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

### CHAPTER MEMO

**So. Alameda County JACL:** Mmes. **Haraguchi** of Alvarado and **Evie Morimoto** of Irvington were honored as the oldest and youngest mothers present, respectively, at the Mother's Day tea. Mmes. **Dorothy Kato** and **Sumi Motozaki** were co-chairmen.

**Yellowstone JACL:** Mothers and Fathers were entertained with Japanese movies May 16 at the Rexburg (Ida.) Recreation Hall. Mrs. **Mary Hikida** and **Miss Taka Ugaki** were co-chairmen.

**Parlier JACL:** A car completely decorated with 1,500 balloons of every color and size won first prize in the annual Veterans Roundup parade May 17. There were 50 entries and the JACL entry proved exceptionally popular with the youngsters as the balloons were given to them at the end of the route.

**Long Beach Harbor District JACL:** **Saburo Kido** addressed a group of teachers of Harbor Jr. College last week as part of the chapter program on a study of Japanese in Japan and America at the invitation of the faculty. **George Nakamura**, chapter president chaired.

Mrs. **Sue Joe** rendered several solos, accompanied by Mrs. **Mary Minato**. Mrs. **Ruby Mio** was arrangements chairman.

**Detroit JACL:** The JACL-sponsored dance class held an after-class party May 15 to honor members who are leaving Detroit. Honored were: **Mike Hosokawa**, **Frank Hubbard**, **Sue Sakamoto**, leaving for Japan; **Shig Ochi**, for California, and **Roy Sako**, to Hawaii. (Special guests present: Cpls. **Stanley Oishi**, **George Omura** and **Frank Kagehara**, 99th AAA Gun Bn.)

### 25 CHAPTERS CITED BY NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS FOR MEMBERSHIP GAINS

Salt Lake City

The 1953 JACL membership bulletin issued May 22 reports 25 chapters have surpassed their 1952 memberships. Cited by districts are:

**Pacific Northwest:** Mid-Columbia, Puyallup Valley, Seattle.  
**No. Calif.-Western Nevada:** Berkeley, Oakland, El Cerrito-Richmond, Florin, French Camp, Placer County, Sequoia, Stockton.  
**Central Calif.:** Delano, Fowler Sanger.  
**Pacific Southwest:** East Los Angeles, Downtown Los Angeles, Pasadena, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara.  
**Intermountain:** Yellowstone.  
**Mountain-Plains:** Albuquerque, Mile-Hi (Denver).  
**Midwest:** Cincinnati, Detroit, St. Louis.  
**Eastern:** none.

### Pasadenans welcome dance instructions

Pasadena

Dance classes sponsored by the Pasadena JACL received a warm welcome from 50 students attending the first meeting held last Saturday at the Cleveland auditorium. **Roxas** and **Juanita**, professional instructors, launched the course with several Latin American steps.

**Florence Wada** and **Dr. Joe Abe** co-chair the project. A regular schedule is to be announced.

### Utah JACL graduates dance locale announced

Salt Lake City

The romantic setting of **Jensen Home**, 2730 Highland Dr., has been reserved June 13 for the Utah JACL Graduation dance, it was announced by **Dr. Shig Matsukawa**, local JACL chapter president.

Graduates of colleges, universities, high schools, nursing schools, business colleges and vocational schools will be honored by being admitted without charge to the semi-formal function. Non-graduates will be charged \$1.50. On the committee are:

**Jeannette Mitarai**, chmn.; **Frank Fujitusa**, **Doris Toma**, **Alice Kasai**, **Rae Fujimoto** and **Esther Aoki**.

### Sonoma County JACL elects Sugiyama president

Santa Rosa

The Sonoma County JACL chapter recently elected **Arthur Sugiyama** to head the organization for the year. He will be assisted by:

**George Hamamoto** (Santa Rosa), **Joe Furusho** (Sebastopol), **Tak Kameoka** (Petaluma), v. p.; **Johnny Hirooka**, rec. sec.; **Kanemi Ono**, treas.; **Edwin Ohki**, cor. sec.; **Fred Yokoyama** and **Sam Miyano**, soc. chmn.

### Nakatsuka -

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**Eguchi** is a former member of the Territorial House of Representatives and a chemist with the Hawaiian Pineapple Co.

**Board of Public Welfare**—**Dean Y. Ishii** of Kauai, reappointed (2 yr. term).

**Ishii** is a life insurance salesman.

**Kauai Police Commission**—**David M. Terui**, (3 yr. term).

**Board of Harbor Commissioners**—**H. S. Kawakami** of Kauai, (2 yr. term).

**Kawakami** is a prominent merchant and was a delegate to the state constitutional convention in 1950.

(Unless otherwise noted, all appointments listed are new.)

**Gov. King** recognized the Korean community by naming two from that racial element—**Wilbert Choi** on the Board of Agriculture and Forestry, and **Y. B. Chur** on the Board of Public Lands.

This was the first time any residents of Korean ancestry had been appointed to a major board.

All other racial groups active in politics—Caucasians, Hawaiians, part-Hawaiians and Chinese—are also represented on the boards and commissions.



## CLUB NOTES

Chicago

Had hopes to make this column a monthly deal . . . but my 1000ers are either too modest or too lazy—not one note or one scrap of paper did I get from any of you! (\$%&Y-@) . . . If you are too modest to write about yourself send me a choice bit about another 1000er.

### Hail, Phoenix! . . .

Phoenix was out to beat San Francisco and Chicago as the CONVENTION CITY . . . From all reports, THEY MADE THE GRADE . . . Delegates are still raving—everyone was in such high spirits that we set a new record for new members and renewals . . . At convention time, there were 70 paid-up 1000ers in the PSWDC—35 joined or renewed at the meeting for an increase of 50 percent . . . Nice going—

The printed program announced the final item of the luncheon honoring **Sen. McFarland** as "floor to **Masao Satow**, JACL National Director"—and take the floor the Deacon did with a fight talk of the 1000 Club . . . Or I should have said, he wiped the floor with all previous records for new members and renewals at district meeting—26 new members and nine renewals.

There are 21 1000ers in the Arizona chapter—a new chapter record, incidentally . . . First to sign up was **Z. Simpson Cox**, ex-chairman of the Arizona Democratic party who was honored at the meeting with **Sen. McFarland** . . . 1000ers got into the spirit of the cowboy atmosphere by wearing green ribbon cowboy bowties with "1000 CLUB" stamped on them in gold . . . But the authentic-looking cowboys with ten-gallon hats and western boots were **Bill (Coach) Kajikawa**, **Goji (Fashion Model) Iwakiri** and **Johnson Sakata** . . . Johnson had the gait to boot (ouch!).

**Doc Roy Nishikawa** was reading the list of new 1000 CLUB members at the final banquet and read names like **Mary Wakamatsu**, **Minoru Takiguchi**, **Masaji Inoshita** and **Lindy Okabayashi**—just breezing along. Then he stumbled over **Roy Hoy** . . . He confessed later that he was looking for Roy's last name . . . Buick and Hudson dealers in Phoenix placed several new cars at their disposal of the convention committee—and as luck would have it—our bossman **Callahan Inagaki** makes a timely and appropriate appearance, blowing into town with a brand new Buick.

New 1000er **Karl W. Samuelson** of Palo Alto, who happened Turn to Page 6

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# Golden Gate Scenes

HARUO ISHIMARU

The big item for the May 17 weekend was the second quarterly meeting of the Northern California - Western Nevada District Council hosted by the San Mateo JACL chapter.

This District Council holds meetings regularly on the second Sunday of February, May August, and November. However, the practice has been to postpone the date in May one week due to Mother's Day.

These confabs are getting bigger and better. About 90 official and booster delegates attended the business session which started at 1 p.m. in the City Council Chambers and approximately 150 the dinner and dance following.

I think Omar, the tent-maker, expressed it quite apropos when he said: "Myself when young did eagerly frequent Doctor and Saint, and heard great argument About it and about: but evermore Came out by that same door where in I went."

—The Rubaiyat

Naturally, the main purpose of these district council sessions is to discuss the perennial problems affecting Japanese Americans. Methinks JACLers have heard some of these same matters hashed over from various angles for the past 25 years.

Among major decisions concluded were to continue the Northern California regional office through December of this year, to adopt resolutions requesting the expediting of evacuation claims payments and naturalization for the Issei, removed of now defunct prewar Japanese organizations from the United States Attorney General's proscribed list and, in terms of Califor-

## DECADE AGO

Pacific Citizen, June 3, 1943  
Dillon Myer answers Dies Committee, says not one instance of disloyal activity reported among 12,000 in WRA camps.

War Dept. allows return to Pacific Coast Nisei civilians of special category. Nisei GIs allowed furloughs to West Coast. Tidings, L.A. Catholic weekly, attacks Mayor Bowron's racist talk of taking citizenship away from Nisei.

Gov. Warren signs bill designed to prevent Nisei in civil service from claiming back salaries.

nia legislation, to push Assembly Bill 2059 which would give state old age assistance to aliens residing in the United States for 25 years or more.

The San Francisco chapter announced sponsorship of a Northern California JACL track meet June 14 at Kezar Stadium, inviting all chapters to submit names of high school and college athletes in their area to participate. (How about a rolling-down-the-hill race with the regional director challenging any super heavyweight?)

The bustling San Francisco chapter also won the bid for the next District Council meeting to be held on Aug. 9 in conjunction with a welcome reception for National Headquarters. Hope to see a lot of out-of-towners for this event.

Stockton and French Camp chapters combine forces to host the two-day District Council convention in November at the inland port city of Stockton.

The keynote of the district council meeting was struck by Saburo Kido, wartime National JACL president, who was the dinner speaker at Benjamin Franklin Hotel. He talked of his experiences in Japan.

Drawing from his observations, he exhorted the Nisei to widen their horizons and to assume responsibilities in bringing the Pacific. He pointed out that one of the major concerns of the Nisei should be to promote and maintain amicable relationships between their country, the United States, and the home of their ancestors, Japan.

Jeff Branscom, general agent for the Washington National Insurance Co. presented the "Chapter of the Year" engraved gavel awards to the winning chapters: Placer County, Livingston-Merced, and Sequoia—for their excellent programs during the past year. Prizes were donated by Branscom. Orchids to Kenji Fujii, originator and chairman of the "Chapter of the Year" program.

Special tribute was paid to Masuji Fujii, immediate past chairman of the District Council. Masuji is one of the stalwarts of the JACL. We are certainly grateful to these "oldtimers" who are keeping the ball rolling.

P.S. I would welcome news of chapter doings and personal achievements for this column; also any columnist with a particular pitch is welcome.

by Jack Matsuye

## Flight into Fantasy

SINCE TIME began through all his wanderings on earth, man has sought solace for his loneliness. This tremendous feeling of being alone was frightening. Imagine, no one to talk to, no one to love, no one to hate; even no one to fight with. A meaningless life, desolate, barren, frightening; hearing only the echoes of the sound he makes, hollow and empty and sterile. To conquer this feeling of loneliness even for a passing moment was what he strove for.

For Taro, as he wandered aimlessly along Market Street, it was one of those moments. Pausing here and there, looking at the merchandise displayed in the store windows, he sometimes glanced at passing couples whose faces were filled with either smiles, expectancies, or plain indifference. He envied them. To see others happy, busy, erasing their loneliness momentarily, served only to intensify his own feelings. For a moment Taro indulged in self-pity.

How lonely he was. No girl friend to cling to him and call him dear, to kiss him and look up at him with admiration in her eyes. He looked at passing couples, walking hand in hand, and thought of what he was missing. With heavy heart he turned away and found himself walking along Powell Street.

He glanced indifferently at the flower cart on the corner where one of the denizens of this lonely world was trying to eke out a living selling his flowers, at the dozing cabbie in his idle taxi, at the clattering arrival of the cable car emptying its load of passengers, now being pivoted on the huge swivel to go back from whence it came. In the midst of this busy, crowded corner he was alone, isolated apart, desperately trying to stem the tide of loneliness rising in his breast.

THOUGHTS OF work repeatedly plagued him. The sound of those machines, yammer, yammer, echoed and re-echoed in his ears. Production, production, production. The constant "on the go" feeling welled up in his breast, choking him, and a wild restlessness flooded his mind. He paused and shook his head trying to clear his mind from the dismal and sterile thoughts of work. Have fun and live while you can. Drink and be merry. Trite phrases passed through his mind as he kept walking.

Big, gaudy neon lights beckoned to him. Hawaiian Club, dine and dance. Like a moth attracted to light, Taro entered. Dimness greeted him.

For a moment he stood there watching the vagueness gradually taking shape. Flitting figures became waiters hurrying back and forth, the solid blackness turned into many

tables with people, and to the right the bright spot of light grew into the little band that was entertaining the audience.

Taro found himself at one of the many tables that ringed the small dance floor. At the moment couples were dancing to the swaying music. Sipping his drink, he looked around and saw people chatting, drinking, laughing; but all with someone. Only he was alone; drinking, thinking alone. He gulped his drink and felt the quickening of his pulse, and a rising headiness.

The floor show was on. A spotlight was turned on the platform focusing on the girl pianist who was announcing the floor show:

"Tonight the Hawaiian Club takes great pleasure in presenting..." He no longer heard her speaking. Instead he only saw her loveliness. The poise with which she held her head, the winsome smile that could not fail to enchant anyone.

Taro stared and stared, and felt his heart grow and grow, spreading throughout his entire being until he could no longer bear it. Tearing his eyes from her, he stared down at the floating ice in his bourbon and thoughts came into his mind.

God, how often he had wished for a girl like that. Beautiful, proud, talented. If a girl like that loved him, all barriers would melt under his irresistible onslaught. Everything would be within easy reach of his inspired persistence. He would go to the ends of the earth, to far flung heavens above. He would get the brightest stars for her to wear in her hair, the silvery moon as a brilliant brooch to grace her willowy neck. He would adore her, he would be hers to command.

DRINKING HIS bourbon Taro imagined his first meeting with her. Would he smile at her, approach her, and ask for a request number? Would he ask one of the waiters to ask for her presence at his table? He might accidentally bump into her as she left the platform, apologize, and introduce himself.

Perhaps he would even stay night after night at a ringside table until she could not fail to notice him. Then one night when the club was about to close up and she would be in one of those corner booths eating a little snack by herself, he would approach her in great dignity and compliment her performance. And as a natural consequence he would sit down and while she ate, he would talk very wittily about music, about artists and their work. And her performance, he would say, was the ultimate in artistry.

Leaving her with a pleasant impression of himself, he would return night after night, bringing flowers and candies

and jewelry, the paraphernalia of a lover's courtship. On her night off he would take her to the Fairmont, the Palace, the Mark Hopkins where he would dine and dance her until the wee hours of the morning. Holding her in his arms very tenderly, they would dance and dance and dance, cheek to cheek, dreamily with stars in their eyes. Then, one day, he would ask her to marry him. With a shy smile, eyes rimmed with happiness, she would say yes.

All the bells in heaven would peal out the tremendous happiness in his heart. Gone would be that terrible loneliness, the feeling of being left out as the world goes by, companionless. Instead he would have his darling by his side, consoling him in his moments of emptiness, of futility and frustration.

TARO SMILED at himself vaguely, felt the coldness of the night penetrating his dulled sensibility and shivered. Swaying from side to side walking in a zigzag fashion, he made his way into the deserted, lonely street in the early hours of the dissipating darkness a solitary figure wandering through the night.

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by Seiko Ogai

PICTURE BRIDE

My aunt was gay and twenty when she came  
From far Japan a happy bride-to-be,  
To wed the man—a picture and a name—  
In soft Hawaiian sunlight by the sea.  
She told us often it was yesterday,  
And not too long ago that they had stayed  
Together sharing griefs, working away,  
With memories of the sunny hours they played.  
In blue kimono she had swept the home  
Of her "haole boss" for forty years,  
Until she passed into eternal loam,  
No longer young, no longer holding fears.  
My aunt came from Japan, a picture bride.  
But she was well past sixty when she died.

# 10 chapters plan entries into S.F. JACL Oympics

**San Francisco**  
Top Nisei track and field athletes will participate in the San Francisco JACL Nisei Oympics at Kezar Stadium on June 14. At least 10 chapters recently indicated plans to organize a team.  
The host team expects to be represented by a sizeable team. Other squads are expected from:  
Watsonville, Berkeley, San Mateo, Oakland, Eden Township, Santa Clara County, Sequoia, Sacramento and Stockton.  
Entry deadline is June 1. Unattached entries are not being accepted by the track committee.

## WLA keglers win Arizona CL cup

**Phoenix, Ariz.**  
West Los Angeles JACL with a 2981 series won the Pacific Southwest District Convention team championship recently. Following up were P & G Market, 2899; and Orange County, 2809.

Tashima Bros. of Los Angeles with June Jue hitting a 548 won the women's team championship. All-event winners were Chiyo Tashima for the women and Hide Nakayu for the men. Other results:  
Singles—Perry Yamamoto, Glendale, Ariz., 612; Ray Ong, Phoenix, 610; Mike Kobashi, Glendale, 606.  
Doubles—Jim Kuhara-Joe Eto, Glendale, 1190; Bill Kobayashi-Eden Kanegae, O. C., 1183; Frank Mizusawa-Ken Uyesugi, O. C., 1176.  
All-Events—Hide Nakayu, WLA, 1825; Bill Kobayashi, O. C., 1806; John Yasukochi, WLA, 1779.  
High Game—Elden Kanegae, 235.  
Women's Singles—Flo Eto, Glendale, 572; Chiyo Tashima, L. A., 560; Dot Nakayu, WLA, 536.  
Women's Doubles—Dot Nakayu-Miyo Yasukochi, WLA, 1057; Chiyo Tashima-June Jue, L. A., 1026.  
All-Events—Chiyo Tashima, 1549; June Jue, 1547.  
High Game—Chiyo Tashima, 222.

### Baseball

At Denver, May 24: Denver Nisei 15, Garden Home Grange 3.  
At Sacramento, May 24: Mayhew A.C. 26, Lodi A.C. 8.  
At Los Angeles, May 24: Carmelita Provision 16, Nisei Trading 7.  
At Auburn, May 23: Placerville Bartletts 13, Placer JACL 11.  
At Loomis, May 17: Placer JACL 10, Roseville 4.  
At Seattle, May 17: Savoys 8, Naval Receiving Station 7.  
At Florin, May 17: Florin A.C. 11, Lodi A.C. 10.  
At Lodi, May 16: Lodi A.C. 2, McClellan Field, 1.

● Sadaye Hamada of Berkeley is the new executive secretary of the Northern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce, succeeding Ichiji Motoki, who has handled the post on a part-time basis.

## SPORTSCOPE

A vastly improved Waseda University volleyball team handed USC double defeat at the Trojan gym last week. Playing under U. S. rules, Waseda won two out of three 15-6, 10-15, 15-13. Under Far Eastern rules, it was Waseda, 21-11 and 21-17. The squad is expected to leave for Japan this weekend.

Dr. Art Sugino heads the So. Calif. Lake and Streamers, new Nisei fresh-water angling club.

Akio Sameshima is chairman of the recently organized Denver Nisei Racket Club. It meets Sunday mornings at City Park at 8:30.

Lyle Hunt of San Jose College, recent National AAU judo tournament champion will represent the United States in the international judo tournament in Paris this November. Promoted third-dan, he is the ranking U.S. collegiate judoist.

The first Japanese owner to saddle a winner at the Hollywood Park, Inglewood, is S. M. Kashiwagi whose Prompt Lady returned \$46.60 last week.

### SHIRLEY YAMAGUCHI OF MOVIE FAME LEARNING ART OF SELF-DEFENSE

**Tokyo**  
Japan's top actress, Shirley Yamaguchi, joined the Kodokan Institute in Tokyo last week to learn judo.  
The frail attractive actress will pull on a baggy coarse uniform daily to be thrown, and to throw, in the tough training on the matted gym floor.  
The course undertaken by the gentle actress reflects a "boom" in judo which in the past year has seen nearly 18,000 aspiring judo masters begin training to set a post-war high.

### 72-hole AJA golf tournament starts in July

**Wailuku, Maui**  
Headed by defending champion Willie Goo, about 125 golfers are expected to play in the 1953 Territorial AJA 72 hole Amateur Championships July 4-5 at Waiehu Course here.  
Golf observers on the Valley Island say Goo will be favored to win again. His latest score on the tricky Waiehu layout was a blazing 34-32—66 in recent tournament competition.  
The Maui AJA Golf Club is sponsoring this year's event.

### Boxing

At Los Angeles, May 26: Baby Moe Macias, 118½, TKO over Tommy Umeda, 120½, 9th round.

## Professional cyclists from Japan to compete in Canada, U.S. racing meet

**Toronto**  
Six professional Japanese cyclists will barnstorm Canada in late June, it was announced by William Elder, Canadian Wheelmen's Association, to race in several bicycle meets.

Elimination races are being staged in Japan by the Nippon Cycling Federation.

Following their Canadian races, they will race in Niagara Falls, N. Y. and Tonawanda, near Buffalo.

The Japanese cyclists coming to Canada are amateurs in the game which tops every other amusement in Japan as a business. Professional cycle racing is more money-making than movies, baseball, boxing and horse racing.

Last year Japanese bet the equivalent of 150 million dollars in city-owned pari-mutuels. What the outlawed bookies got is not yet known.

At one recent race upset, the bookies at the track started screaming, "It was fixed! It was fixed!" Equally outraged bettors started a fire and attempted to burn the place. The government slapped a three months moratorium on bike racing to let things cool down.

The money bet last year was exactly 10 times what Japan is spending on her new national safety force.

All the racing and the pari-mutuel betting are run by the cities—63 of them so far. Of the take, 75 per cent goes back to the bettors, 15 per cent is

### 9 Nisei gain spot in T.H. sports hall of fame

**Honolulu**  
Among the winners of the coveted Quarterback Club Certificates of Achievement and a spot in the Honolulu sports hall of fame were nine Nisei out of the 29 champions last week:

The champions are: Hiroto Hirashima, bowling; Tad Kawamura, boxing; Lawrence Kunihisa, baseball; Jack Yoshida, fishing (landed 17½ lb. bonefish for world's record); Norman Tamana-ha, marathon; Tokuchi Takushi, softball; Ford Konno, Yoshinobu Oyakawa, swimming; and Richard Tomita, weightlifting.

### NISEI SQUAD COPS TOP BOOSTER PRIZE IN CHICAGO A B C FINALS

**Chicago**  
Frank Noda, formerly of Watsonville, who sponsored the Frank's Jewelry team of er division trophy from er Division trophy from American Bowling Congress tournament director Sunday night.

The squad, captained by Frank Sakamoto, rolled a 2852 to walked off with \$250 and the trophy.

### Masters tourney winner

**Honolulu**  
Don Yagami, who won the all-events Armed Forces tournament recently, copped the championship of the first annual Masters Bowling tournament May 9. To get into the finals, he disposed five men, scoring a total of 2,990 for a 199 average.

## 1000 Club -

to be visiting Phoenix and attended the convention is the envy of Haruo Ishimaru, who is trying to figure out how he can increase his food capacity to build up some 100 pounds. Karl's 300 plus.

### Life membership

You've been reading about "life memberships" and "members"—here's the lowdown. National needed help in a big way around Christmas to meet payrolls and stuff. . . . usual loyal 1000ers were called upon to throw out the life servers. Some one suggested "life membership" in the 1000 CLUB be set at \$250. . . . have already kicked in the 250. . . . National puts it in a savings account as an emergency fund to be used when needed and then redeposit when the treasury gets caught up. . . . It has helped in a big way to tie over the rough spots. There's nothing exclusive about the "life membership". . . . All you need is a big heart—that ole feeling for the JACL, and incidentally, the 1000 Club.

### New chairman

Toru Sakahara is our newest 1000 club chairman for the Pacific Northwest along with Gichi Yoshioka for Northern California, James Imatani for Mountain-Plains, Dr. Tom Tamaki for the Eastern district and Noby Honda for the Midwest. . . . We're still trying to fill out the roll of Central Cal, Pacific Southwest and Inter-Mountain. . . . Any volunteers or suggestions?

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# Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

Two medical experts of Japanese descent impressed the delegates at the 49th annual session of the National Tuberculosis Association convention held at Biltmore Hotel last week with their papers on the metabolism of the fats of tubercle bacilli.

Reports were made by Cornelius Y. Chamori of Los Angeles, and Hisako Nishihara of Bath, New York.

The Nisei Week Festival queen contest is on, says the contest committee, but so far the response has been nil. Prizes of the 13th annual competition this year will do the selecting first.

They'll pick seven finalists from a list of nominated candidates; let the public decide, by popular vote, who will be queen and four attendants. In other words, there'll be two girls by the time the coronation ball rolls around, Aug. 15.

Meantime, in another quarter, 16-year old junior at Roosevelt High School, Stella Nakadate, won a queen's tiara during Sunday's Festival of Friendship celebration at Fresno Play-ground.

Stella is too young to compete in the Nisei Week race. She has to be over 18. She'll be ready in 1955!

An end to a 14-year career as mayor of Los Angeles came Tuesday night to Fletcher Bowron who took his defeat very gracefully.

On scene to take office, July 1, in City Hall is 57-year old Rep. Norris Poulson, Oregon-born accountant and fifth-term Republican representative from Los Angeles' 24th District.

Tin can theft of 4,000 one-gallon empties by some culprit from a Gardena nursery reminds us of the accumulated empty Pet Milk cans our two-month old Bennett has left around the kitchen floor.

Of course, to nurseryman S. Kato his misfortune is no joke. There's a shortage of tin cans we suspect. Kato says his loss is about \$160, but he isn't worried so much of that as he is concerned on the replacement possibilities.

Los Angeles had its nippiest morning 36 years Tuesday when the mercury dipped to 49 at 5:37 a. m., the weather bureau reported.

Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion hoisted a victory banner on Sunday following their successful campaign in getting the Dept. of California approve its resolution to condemn discrimination in the sales of homes because of racial or religious background.

The resolution presented by Jun Tanaka, a member of the 17th District American Legion, at a Santa Rosa meeting of state commanders and executives was met with hearty approval.

The backing of state Legionnaires means greater possibility for the passage of Assemblyman Elliott's anti-discrimination measure.

The Federal Court here recorded its first Issei couple to become naturalized citizen when Dr. and Mrs. John Misao Yamazaki of St. Mary's Episcopal Church were sworn in last Friday before Judge Ernest A. Tolin.

Also pledging his allegiance to the United States was Katsuma Mukaeda, Li'l Tokio legal counsel, who claims his residence here since March, 1908. His wife, Minoli, will be naturalized in the near future.

The fourth was Frank Suisumu Kurihara, prewar owner of Mitsuba Trading Co. Because of his good command of English, he took a stiffer exam, as compared to those whose language is limited to Japanese.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

FUJII—May 19, a boy of the Takashi Fujii, Seattle.  
HIKIDA—Apr. 19, a boy to the Togo Hikidas, Rexburg, Idaho.  
KAJIWARA—May 9, a boy to the Harumi F. Kajiwaras, Stockton.  
KATO—May 14, a boy Mark Reed to the Henry Katos, Warm Springs.  
KITAYAMA—Apr. 29, a girl Jean Sono to the Ray Kitayamas, Alvarado.  
MIYASAKI—Apr. 9, a boy to the Tommy Miyasakis, Sugar City, Idaho.  
NAKANO—May 3, a boy Roger Masumi to the Frank Masumi Nakanos (Takako Bessho), Los Angeles.  
NAKATA—A boy to the Hideo S. Nakatas, Denver.  
OKIMOTO—Apr. 16, a girl April Masako to the George Okimotos, Farmington, Mich.  
OWAKI—May 5, a girl Catherine Rae to the Joe W. Owakis (Frances Ann Nakamura), Los Angeles.  
SUGITA—Apr. 28, a boy George Steven to the Sugitas, Highland Park, Mich.  
UGAKI—May 18, a boy to the Ken Ugakis, Teton City, Idaho.  
UYEJI—May 20, a girl to the Toshio Uyejis, Seattle.  
YOSHIKAWA—May 18, a girl to the Jack Yoshikawas, Seattle.

### Weddings

AKAI-YAMASHITA—May 17, John Kiyoshi Akai and Susie Yamashita, both of Los Angeles.  
FUNO-AZEKA—May 17, Jack Yoshikazu Funo and Sumiko Lilian Azeka, both of Los Angeles.  
HASEGAWA-NISHIOKA—May 10, Andrew Hasegawa and Chiyoko Nishioka, both of Chicago.  
IKEDA-MIYAMOTO—May 11, Kazumi Ikeda and Emiko Miyamoto, both of Los Angeles.  
KIRIHARA-MORIKUNI—May 1, James Kirihara and Shigeko Morikuni, both of Chicago.  
KOYANAGI-OTAGURO—May 9, Elliot Koyanagi and Clara Otaguro, both of Chicago.  
KURACHI-MATSUMOTO—May 16, William Shoji Kurachi, Los Angeles, and Haruko Matsumoto, Glendale, Ariz.  
KUSANO-OKADA—May 16, Torao Kusano, Puente, and Emiko Okada, Baldwin Park, at Los Angeles.  
NAKAOKI-SUMIOKA—May 17, Jiro Nakaoki and Jean Reiko Sumioka, both of Denver.  
SAKAMOTO-OKITA—May 9, Jiro Sakamoto and Mariko Okita, both of Chicago.  
TERUI-MIZUNO—May 17, John Hayao Terui and Sumiye Mizuno, both of Los Angeles.

### Engagements

AKADA-MORI—Yoshiye to Tom, both of Los Angeles, May 13.  
FUJIMOTO-FUJIMOTO—Mary Masuko to Ted Yoshito, both of Los Angeles, May 17.  
SAKAI-OKIYAMA—Elaine to Ebo, both of Seattle, May 3.

### Marriage Licenses Issued

KITAGAWA-HAYASHI—Tom N., 27, Stockton, and Fumi, 26, Acampo.  
MORITA-NOMURA—Roy Chiharu, 25, San Jose, and Alice Aiko, 25, Oakland.  
SAIKI-KUSHIMA—Teddy T., 24,

and May 19, both of Stockton.  
SAKAI-KAJIKAWA—Hisaji, 28, San Francisco, and Jean, 27, Hayward.  
TSUTSUI-HASHIMOTO—George S., 22, and Helen H., 22, both of San Jose.

### Deaths

AOCHI, Chujiro, 75  
Los Angeles, May 19; survived by wife, sons Sadayoshi and Yasuhara, daughters June and Mrs. Umeko Mori.  
ASAKAWA, Harry Kyoza, 67  
Stockton, (formerly of Rocky Ford, Colo.) May 19; survived by wife, three sons Dick, Roy, Bill, six daughters Evelyn, Gloria, Lilian, Mmes. Margaret Minjares, Shirley Mae Yagi, Betty Lous Shimasaki.  
CHIKARAISHI, Saroku, 76  
Chicago, May 13; survived by three sons Tom, Masashi, Dr. Ben; daughters Mmes. Sadami Morimoto and Satomi Nojiri.  
HASHIMOTO, Mrs. Hisano, 57  
Seattle, May 17; survived by husband Kikutaro.  
HORIUCHI, Tadayoshi  
Chicago, May 16; survived by wife and sons Tadayoshi and Tadaaki.  
INOUE, Motojiro, 69  
Long Beach, May 15; survived by sons Seiya and Kei, daughters Wakako and Mrs. Michiko Akamatsu.  
INOUE, Charlotte Sachiko, 6  
Sigurd, Utah, May 6; survived by parents Charles and Bessie, brothers Warren, Dwight, Dillon, and sister Elizabeth Ann.  
KANEKO, Ichimatsu, 67  
Tremonton, Utah, May 10; survived by wife, sons Floyd, Noble and daughters Mmes. Flora Tanaka, Dorothy Takahashi, Daisy Tsutsui, Ann Sugano.  
KUNYOSHI, Yasuo, 59  
New York, May 14; survived by wife Sara.  
MATSUDA, Tanekusu, 72  
Del Rey, May 12; survived by wife Naka, son Harry and daughter Mary.  
MIYAZAKI, Mrs. Chiyoko, 73  
Los Angeles, May 9; survived by husband Tota and son Tsuneyoshi.  
MORITA, Mrs. Tomeye, 62  
Salt Lake City (formerly of San Francisco), May 9; survived by son Tom and daughter Mrs. June Dote.  
NISHIDA, Mrs. Kiku  
Del Rey, May 19; survived by husband George, son Tsunejiro and Tadahihiro Hirata.  
NISHIMURA, (Daughter) 2 days old  
Montrose, Colo., May 19; survived by parents John Nishimuras.  
NUMOTO, Mrs. Fudeno, 75  
Seattle, May 7; survived by sons Ichi, Saburo, and daughter Mrs. Hamao Sanae Hirabayashi.  
OGISO, Toshiso, 74  
Los Angeles, May 18.  
OTANI, Mrs. Ai  
Los Angeles, May 16 survived by sons Shinsaku and Genroku, daughters Mmes. Hiroko Kamoto and Fukuko Sato.  
SASAJIMA, Kenzo, 15  
Los Angeles, May 14; survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Jiso, sister Fumiko.  
TAKANO, Masataro  
Fresno, (funeral May 14).  
WATANABE, Mrs. Sada, 69  
San Francisco, May 9; survived by Shigemi, daughters Mary, Ruby and Mrs. Misaye Uno.

## Scholars awarded John Hay Whitney opportunity fellowships for 1953

**New York**  
Six Japanese Americans received Opportunity Fellowships for 1953, the John Hay Whitney Foundation announced last week. They were among 52, showing special ability in their chosen fields, to receive grants up to \$3,000. The six winners are:

Frederic H. Chino, Chula Vista, teaching assistant at Stanford university; to continue work on Ph.D. in sociology at Stanford.  
Oscar Akio Iseri, Kent, Wash., now at Harvard; to continue study towards M.D. degree, has already contributed to important research in dental medicine.  
Miss Evelyn Kikuko Yama, Honolulu, working as assistant in social research laboratory; to begin study for M.A. in social psychology and plans to go to Japan for further study on problems of orphaned and deserted children.

Those receiving second

grants were:  
Miss Frances Suda, Honolulu, graduate student at Radcliffe College in Japanese history; will complete M.A. in East Asian regional studies.  
Takehiko Yoshihashi, Waterbury, Conn., currently student at Yale university, was chief of Japanese section, OWI, San Francisco; to continue work toward Ph.D. in international relations.

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

• Kenji Tashiro of Orosi was elected chairman of the vegetable division, Tulare County Farm Bureau.



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## Blind boy selects music career

### Honolulu

Someday, when Ronnie Miyashiro's childhood dreams come true, Hawaii may have its own Alec Templeton.

Totally blind but talented, the 11-year-old youngster has already decided on his future—music. When he recently won first prize in the opening series of a Police Activities League talent show he unhesitatingly deposited his \$75 gift certificate as a down payment on an accordion. In addition to the piano, he is studying the violin.

Asked if it were difficult to master the piano, Ronnie says, "Not hard. I like to practice. Sometimes I learn by Braille; but mostly by ear."

Favorites on his current repertoire include "Narcissus" by Nevin, and Schubert's "Moment Musicale" which he says he learned by ear.

James Gallet, Ronnie's music teacher, is enthusiastic about him. "Besides being talented, and having a favorable temperament and a keen, retentive memory, the boy is a born showman," he said. "To top it all, Ronnie possesses a characteristic rare among musicians—absolute pitch."

Ronnie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Taiji Miyashiro, 531-C Judd St., attends the Diamond Head school for the blind. Leonard Schweitzerhoff, field director for Police Activities League, several years ago, was crossing the school grounds when he heard the young pianist play. This chance meeting opened up a new world for Ronnie.

As for Ronnie's idol and ideal, it's Alec Templeton. When Templeton played here, Ronnie didn't miss a single night, with his instructor seeing that the two were introduced to each other.

## Fresno doctors honored, headed for army camp

### Fresno

About 100 friends attended the sendoff party held last week at Basque hotel here for Dr. Isamu Namba and Dr. George Suda.

## SOCIAL NOTES

**WLA Jr. Matrons:** More than 100 couples thoroughly enjoyed the Matron's benefit dance at the Santa Monica Elk's Lodge last Saturday. Mrs. Mitsuo Sonoda was emcee.

**No. Calif. YPCC:** "Action through Faith" is the theme of the Lake Tahoe conference of the Northern California YPCC from July 20 to 25 at Zephyr Point. Ministers to be present include: Revs. Abe Dohi, Caspar Horikoshi, Kiyoshi II, Henry Murakami, W. Oyanagi, Lloyd Wake and Frank Iritani.

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## EDITORIALS

## Chapter programs

Emphasis is shifting to purely local activities—devoid of the glamor of a grand cause. There is no doubt that JACL chapters are sighing with relief that a great job has been finished. But they also miss the excitement of a struggle of ups and downs which besets the progress of the bill for equality in immigration and naturalization.

The task of servicing community needs is a tedious job which requires as much manpower as canvassing ADC donations. And yet, something is lacking as far as the thrill of achieving something important is concerned.

No doubt the greatest satisfaction today comes from sponsoring naturalization classes. To see Issei parents, advanced in years, attend the classes faithfully is a thrill to make every JACLer proud of the fact that he had a hand in the movement to pass the Walter-McCarran Act.

Without the law, there would be none of these naturalization classes with their tremendous turnouts or to impress naturalization officials with the sincerity of the Issei to become American citizens.

It is reported that the avalanche of applications for naturalization has been nationwide. This explains the lack of N-400 forms to start the ball rolling towards eventual citizenship.

As we review the calendar of most JACL chapters, the first activity is the annual alien registration report. The fact that the government has been willing to have the JACL service the Issei has been a tremendous saving in time and avoiding inconvenience.

Another annual affair has been the community picnics. They are becoming bigger and bigger.

Many chapters are sponsoring athletic programs, chiefly bowling leagues. Some have basketball tournaments.

Cooking classes, flower arrangement, bridge lessons, and other group interests are coming into the program gradually.

Eventually we hope to see JACL chapters sponsor youth programs and own community centers.

The chapters are going to find that it is going to be more difficult to retain the support of the general community now that the legislative program is practically over.

On the other hand, there will be more time to build a firm chapter foundation. Addition of Issei on the basis of active or supporting memberships is going to bring new blood into JACL activities.

A Japanese section may have to be organized so that an Issei program may be undertaken.

There is going to be a tremendous increase in manpower for the chapters since Issei are willing workers and will have more time to help since a large number have their own business or are retired.

Now is the time for JACL chapters to start a new program. Every chapter must prepare itself to face the change that is taking place.

## THE MAILBOX

## First Texan

Editor: The May 15 issue headlines Mr. Saibara will be the "first Issei in Texas as citizen." I recall a lady in El Paso being naturalized earlier this year.

—S. I.

Los Angeles.

(For the record, we admit Miss Kimiko Yanagawa, 36, of El Paso is the first Texan to be naturalized on Jan. 5. She came when a youngster, graduated from high school and college in Texas, and is now teaching grade school. But we've applied the term "Issei" liberally to mean our parent, pioneering generation. —Editor.)

## Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry K. Honda

## Wetbacks

In the Pacific Southwest, as many as 56,000 "wetbacks" have been picked up in one month and the worst they get is a free ride back home . . . Federal law provides a penalty of two years in prison for second offenders but the effects of this provision is practically nil, according to immigration officials . . . The courts couldn't handle all the cases, in the first place, and there wouldn't be enough room in the penitentiaries . . . It used to be that deportees were flown to Guadalajara—1,500 miles south of the border—to discourage them. But they come back in greater numbers so they're being swept back just over the border . . . Immigration—legal or otherwise—means everything to gain and nothing to lose for them . . . While most of them would starve on the few cents a day they earn at home they could be paid from 50 cents to \$1 an hour in the States although many have been victimized by corporation farms which pay little or nothing . . . The fact that they're willing and able hands hasn't stopped pressure from big ranchers on officers to ignore wetbacks . . . In face of this problem of Mexican labor and immigration, every now and then there's an item in the press about contracting Japanese farm labor in the Pacific Coast states . . . History has shown Japanese to be true farmers—not mere laborers. The Japanese immigrants of the past quarter century have toiled from sun-up to sun-down to transform deserts into gardens, to improve his yield of careful farming . . . America needs the small-time farmer.

Newspaper and magazine management keeps a wary

eye on congress, which is cognizant of a \$700 million deficit this year for the post office . . . Biggest money-loser in the post office business is in the second class—used by newspapers and magazines at \$242 million. Third class for primarily advertising circulars loses \$191 million this year . . . Why the general public should be made to pay for circulars they seldom bother to read and hardly appreciate is beyond my ability to understand . . . The principle for second class privileges to publishers was effected for the sake of education when this nation was young. Today when other means of communication and public schools prevail, congressmen may be disposed to an era of less postal deficits.

Earlier this month, commentators and writers all broke out with a rash of estimates of President Eisenhower's "first hundred days" . . . Why 100? . . . Someone remembered FDR's hectic first hundred in 1933. But the classic Hundred Days, of course, were Napoleon's, from Elba to Waterloo.

An Issei came into the office the other day and asked protest against the 21 Japanese proscribed organizations be dropped . . . Since it's a near-forgotten issue, he concluded, why bring it back to light? . . . He left somewhat nonplussed when he was asked: "If the government had a murder charge against you, wouldn't you protest if you knew you were innocent?" . . . He didn't think the two charges were the same, but he was aware that a charge should be protested if it were wrong.

## From the Frying Pan . . .

## Ernie's Homecoming

Denver

Go to the supermarket or a department store. Make a bank deposit, pay an insurance premium or fly in a commercial airliner. Chances are you won't be served by a member of a racial minority group.

But the army's the place where all Americans, regardless of color or national origin, lose themselves in the anonymity of common service to the nation.

In the space below this column recently, Editor Harry Honda devoted some paragraphs to the emotion-filled Honolulu homecoming of Cpl. Susumu Shinagawa, one of the handful of captured Americans released by the Communists. I was privileged to see the somewhat similar homecoming to Denver of another American corporal, Ernie Contreas. It was just as tearful, just as poignant with human drama.

Shinagawa's parents were born in Japan. Contreas came from immigrant Mexican stock. Yet both are Americans who fought in defense of their birthright and who underwent the ordeal of a Red prison camp without absorbing the taint of Communism.

Men such as these are fighting the battle of all American minorities, even as their brothers in uniform a decade ago. They are helping to bring the

day closer when all Americans will have equal opportunity to earn a living in the highest capacity commensurate with their abilities.

At a homecoming fiesta for Contreas, I was impressed by the similarity between Japanese American and Spanish American customs. In the first place, the banquet was held at the Acapulco which used to be known as the Club Seven Seas when George Furuta and Helen Umezawa were running it.

In the second place, the invitation said 5 p. m., but it was 7:45 before the dinner got under way. That's standard "Japanese" procedure, isn't it?

The toastmaster was a disc jockey named Paco Sanchez who handled his chores in rapid-fire Spanish and an amusing brand of English. He kept the guests roaring with witticisms in both languages, and the English-only folks had to guess at what the laughter was about half the time.

Sanchez's performance reminded me of Tura Nakamura, perennial m. c. back home in Seattle who was equally adept at English and Japanese. Tura was the announcer on Jim Sakamoto's Japanese community radio programs and the commercials always took twice as long because Tura delivered them in both languages.

Almost every speaker at the Contreas banquet spoke in

two languages, too, although one older man spoke only Spanish and Ernie, a Mexican "Nisei" spoke only English.

I'm sorry to say I've heard some Nisei and Issei say disparaging things about Spanish Americans. Oh, sure, they have a crime problem, many of their youths are delinquents, some of them are a relief. But it's grossly unfair to lump them all in a little racial package and condemn the whole shooting match.

I wish all the Mexican-Americans could have been at Ernie's homecoming party. They would have seen a group of people so proud of Ernie that they were fit to burst. They were happy for him and for his family.

They were happy because Ernie, one of them, was a local hero and he compared himself as modestly and as humbly as a true hero should. They were proud that Ernie had been recognized because he reflected a little glory on all of them.

Except for the menu and the bilingual speeches, it could have been a homecoming party for an American soldier of impeccable Anglo-Saxon stock. But no party could have been more orderly, more filled with human warmth. After all, it was homecoming for an American hero named Contreas.

by Larry Tajiri

## Yasuo Kuniyoshi, American

When Yasuo Kuniyoshi was 13 years of age in Okayama, Japan, he was determined to do one of two things. He wanted to visit the United States so that he could learn English, and he wanted to go to military school. It was September, 1906 and the Russo-Japanese war had just ended. The elder Kuniyoshi, opposing militarism, decided to grant his only son the first of his two wishes.

Yasuo Kuniyoshi arrived in Seattle with "a vague idea that I should like to stay two or three years." He was to remain for 46 years until his death of cancer on May 14, 1953, in New York City. The boy who swept out a railroad roundhouse in Spokane, Wash., to earn his first American money, became one of the outstanding American painters of his time.

Kuniyoshi's paintings have been shown in many parts of the world in traveling exhibitions arranged by the U. S. State Department and he was honored last year when he was chosen as one of four Americans to be represented at an international salon in Venice. In the art world, Kuniyoshi also will be remembered for his long fight to create a lasting basis for economic security for the individual artist. He was an organizer and the first president of Artists Equity, a non-political organization formed in 1947 to further the economic interests of American artists.

"A lot of cockeyed things go on in the art world," Kuniyoshi once told Marion Tajiri of the Pacific Citizen. "Artists have been damned fools in the past. They're always giving things away for nothing."

Kuniyoshi's devotion to economic security for the artist stemmed in part from his own hardships in his teen years in America.

"My dreams of America and actually seeing America were two totally different things," he once recalled. "I thought nothing of money, expecting to pick it up practically from the streets."

At the age of 13 he found himself stranded in a strange country with no money, no friends and no job experience.

His job in Spokane lasted two days and he hurried back to Seattle. A few days later he bought a bag of peanuts with his last remaining pennies and sat on a dock in the Seattle harbor, watching the ships go by. It was his first taste of peanuts and he never ate them again.

The next day he got a job scrubbing floors in a Seattle office building and went to a mission school to learn English. He saved enough money to go to Los Angeles when the weather got cold and rainy.

He enrolled in a public school and it was there an art teacher suggested he study painting.

"I had always liked pictures, so I thought it was a good idea."

While attending the Los Angeles School of Art and Design, he earned tuition and eating money with odd jobs, including picking cantaloupes in Imperial Valley and harvesting grapes in Fresno in the summer. During the winter he worked as a bellhop at the old Natick House, then the finest hotel in Los Angeles. Forty-three years later he took his charming wife, Sara, to see the "big hotel" where he had worked for \$2.50 a week. He found only a dark and gloomy remnant of the past, a musty hotel forgotten in the crush of buildings that ring Los Angeles' Civic Center. (Today, it is no more—just a parking lot.—Editor.)

After three years in Los Angeles, Kuniyoshi decided to continue his art studies in New York. He enrolled at the National Academy.

To save carfare, Kuniyoshi walked 86 blocks a day, to and from art school. After several years at the Academy which is traditionalist, Kuniyoshi found more sympathetic spirits at the Art Students League, then the vortex of the artistic excitement a period when cubism had come from Paris with Marcel Duchamps' Nude Descending the Staircase.

Kuniyoshi maintained his relationship with the Art Students League, now one of the most famous art schools in the world, and taught there until his illness made such

activity impossible.

Looking out at the world from his studio on 14th St. in Manhattan and from summer places at Woodstock in the Catskills and Ogunquit in Maine, Kuniyoshi never lost his contact with the world, its people and its problems. He opposed Japanese militarism in the 1930s. Although classed as an "enemy alien," Kuniyoshi painted and spoke for the Office of War Information during World War II.

Kuniyoshi longed to be an American citizen and expressed great interest in the JACL's efforts to obtain passage of legislation to permit the naturalization of Japanese and other "ineligible" aliens. He was gratified by the passage of the legislation last year but was soon too ill to take advantage of it.

In 1948 Kuniyoshi, whose paintings hang in museums in all parts of the United States, received the singular honor of being the first living American painter to be given a retrospective exhibition by New York's famous Whitney Museum.

Kuniyoshi was the subject of a biography by Lloyd Goodrich which was published by Harper's several years ago. His legacy to his adopted country includes his paintings, his work for the economic welfare of his fellow artists and these words which he wrote in 1945 for a monograph, "Yasuo Kuniyoshi," which was published by the American Artists Group:

"We fought the Axis and our Allied might proved victorious. In spite of our great victory, our enemies' destructive ideology has not been conquered and as long as its evils persists we must be on guard.

"Today, those of use who paint . . . have a two-fold responsibility. First, we must be prepared to defend our own freedom as artists. Second, and most important of all, in spite of the grave threats looming all over the world, we must hold firmly with all those who believe in and encourage freedom of expression and democratic principles, so that—them and with them—we may continue to create a great American art."