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Sgt. Miyamura awarded Medal of Honor

BIGGEST NISEI THROUGH WITNESS FESTIVAL FETE

By HENRY MORI
Los Angeles

An almost exclusive crowd of 2,500 Japanese-Americans jams the Hollywood Palladium for the 13th annual Nisei Week Festival coronation ball, shattering all previous festival attendance records.

They witness the crowning of Judy Sugita, Long Beach art student, as "Miss Nisei of 1953" who is honored in the first dance with Mayor Norris Poulson.

The young and old enjoyed the dance with Ralph Marterie and his orchestra until 2 a.m., and highly spirited couples go home after one of the biggest socials of the year.

That is the round-up capsule on the happenings Sunday night at that world famous Sunset Blvd. dancing showplace.

The ball was sponsored this year by the L.A. JACL coordinating council of six chapters.

And on Monday, city officials went all out to proclaim and morally support the annual celebration held in Li'l Tokio.

(1) Mayor Poulson reads the proclamation recognizing Aug. 13-23 as Nisei Week Festival, (2) City Council announces publicly a resolution commemorating the Festival, extending congratulations to the newly naturalized Nisei citizens, recalling the loyal deeds achieved by the members of the 442nd Combat Team, and wishing the Nisei Week Festival board much success on their nine-day celebration.

At Maryknoll School hall, as is the usual case, there were beautiful mothers and arm-raising offsprings, who'd rather stay home and chalk up living room walls, at the Festival Baby Show. Into the winner's circle as Prince and Princess of Nisei Week were Jeffrey, 3 yr. 10 month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hideo Matsunaga, and Debbie Lynn, 22-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Toshihiko Tsuchiyama.

The cute kids ride with the Queen and her court Sunday night at the head of the ondo parade in sleek convertibles. While the closing ceremonies on Weller St. are set for Sunday night, other week-end events include the talent show, flower arrangement and tea ceremony demonstrations, the carnival, tennis and golf tournaments.

And on Monday morning, the banners and lanterns decorating Li'l Tokio will come down.



Judy Sugita of Long Beach (seated center) was crowned queen of the 1953 Nisei Week Festival, which comes to a spectacular close this weekend with its traditional Japanese folk dancing through Li'l Tokio streets. Queen Judy's court of attendants are Ruth Fujimoto, Jeanne Inouye, Yaye Marumoto and Jean Yokota. —Toyo Miyatake Photo

Nisei slated to county attorney post in Hawaii

Hilo

Nelson K. Doi, the Big Island's "Man of the Year" in 1952, is slated to become Hawaii's County Attorney when the incumbent, Albert M. Felix, moves to the Circuit Court Bench in Honolulu.

Doi, who has been Deputy County Attorney since Felix was elected to and took office in 1949, is a 32-year-old-Hawaii-born lawyer.

He was a delegate to the constitutional convention in 1950.

Although the County Attorney's job is an elective post, it is filled by the chairman of the County with approval of the Board of Supervisors in the event of a vacancy.

Doi, who has called himself a nonpartisan politically, is attending a prosecutors' school being conducted by Northwestern University of Chicago.

New school principals

Honolulu

Assignment of 13 new principals to schools on Kauai, Maui and Hawaii were announced last week by the Dept. of Public Instruction. Eleven of them were Nisei.

Scene of returning POWs from Korea overwhelms reporters in T.H. every time

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu

If you haven't seen a prisoner of war's homecoming, you haven't seen human drama.

Three times now, I have had the opportunity of watching the joyful, tearful reunion of families at Hickam Air Force Base near Honolulu.

Each time, the scene has been overwhelming. It tugs at one's heart and brings tears to even emotion-toughened newsmen.

The most touching homecoming probably was the first, when Cpl. Susumu Shinagawa of Kauai returned in the initial group of sick and wounded POWs in "Operation Little Switch" several weeks ago.

That was the time when even "Iron Mike" wept. "Iron Mike" is Lt. Gen. John W. O'Daniel, the hard-bitten Army commander of the Pacific theater and a tough veteran of the Korean fighting.

There was hardly a dry eye among the spectators as Cpl. Shinagawa came off the plane, to be hugged and decorated with leis by jubilant parents and relatives.

Cpl. Shinagawa is still receiving medical treatment at Tripler Army Hospital near Honolulu.

Two Hawaii men were among the first to be returned in "Operation Big Switch" last week, the exchange of prisoners of war under the recently-signed truce.

Again, a small band of relatives were on hand at the air base for the welcome home. Every courtesy possible was extended the families by the Military Air Transport Service, which flew the POWs from Korea.

A small area for the relatives was roped off by military police while waiting for the four-motored plane to land. As the plane rolled to a stop, the relatives were permitted to group at the

foot of the debarking platform.

Because Hawaii is their home, the local men in each instance have been permitted to leave the plane before Mainland passengers.

Pfc. Yoshio Tamaki of Honolulu and Pvt. Joseph Kekipi of Maui were smothered with leis and embraces as they came off their plane. But they did not want to be photographed or interviewed by the press corps that has been meeting each returning POW. They said they had been photographed often enough in Korea and Japan.

Gov. Samuel Wilder King, who has personally welcomed every Hawaii POW on his return, prevailed upon the two, saying their families also wanted the pictures. So the press photographers got the pictures they wanted, to everyone's satisfaction.

Cpl. Tadao Naito and Pvt. George M. Sayre were Hawaii's latest POW returnees. They came home on Aug. 15, to be greeted in the same exuberant fashion by their relatives.

The old folks and the young ones—cousins, nephews, in-laws—were there, besides the immediate families.

The mother of Pvt. Sayre was shocked to learn her son was a litter patient. She had on advance notice of her son's condition.

But like all others who need medical care, he will get the best of attention at the Army's huge, modern Tripler Hospital.

So far 12 Hawaii POWs have been released by the Communists, although only five to date have returned home. The idea of bringing them back in one plane load has been suggested, so an organized community welcome could be arranged, but this procedure apparently has not worked out. So the POWs are returning one or two at a time.

Korean war PW told news on release from Reds

Freedom Village

Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura, 28-year-old Gallup, N.M., auto mechanic, returned to freedom from Communist captivity yesterday to learn he had won the nation's highest decoration for valor—the Congressional Medal of Honor.

One of seven children, Sgt. Miyamura was told by Lt. Gen. Ralph Osborne that the fact he had been awarded the honor was kept secret to protect his life while in captivity. He did not know he was the recipient of the Medal of Honor until he stood in front of TV and news-reel cameras and newsmen at Freedom Village.

He was awarded the medal for his valiant defense of a Korean hill overlooking the Imjin River the night before he was captured Apr. 24, 1951.

Addressed as the greatest VIP and the most distinguished guest to come through the center, Miyamura's mouth dropped upon hearing the news from Gen. Osborne. The slim, 5 ft. 5 in. lad could not hide his surprise.

The Nisei soldier estimated that 40 to 50 Chinese were killed in defense of a hill by machine gun squad. After they ran out of ammunition, he ordered his men to withdraw but four men remained with him hurling every grenade they had at the advancing Chinese.

Then, Miyamura stayed behind to cover the withdrawal of the four with an M-1 rifle. Then alone, he tried to escape from the hill. He was wounded by a Chinese grenade and then caught in a barbed wire entanglement where he was captured.

San Francisco

Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura and his wife Terry, 132 E. Terrace St., Gallup, N.M., are members of the Albuquerque JACL chapter, it was disclosed by National JACL Headquarters.

Gallup, N.M.

Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura, the nation's second Nisei Congressional Medal of Honor winner for valor, is a 1944 graduate of Gallup High School. He served in Co. D, 100th Infantry Bn. in Europe during World War II.

He married his wife, Tsuyako Terry, five years ago in Los Angeles. He was an auto mechanic when recalled to duty in 1951. His father, Y. Miyamura, operates the Lucky Lunch cafe.

His brother, Kay, is now in the Air Force in Japan. Three of his sisters are living in Los Angeles.

Three Nisei instructors at West Point for summer

West Point, N.Y.

Serving as demonstrators and assistant instructors at the U.S. Military Academy were three Nisei members of Co. G, 278th Regt. Combat Team, regularly assigned at Camp Drum, N.Y., but which is spending the summer here instructing yearling cadets in basic infantry subjects.

They are Cpl. Norimitzu Tanaka, Pfc. Shoji Tao and Pvt. Ted T. Sato, all of Hawaii.

Army Maj. Hisato T. Yamasaki, whose wife lives in San Jose, is now on duty at Ladd Air Force Base, Alaska. He was reassigned from Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

Nisei PW who broadcast message over Radio Peiping couldn't protest changes

Tokyo

A Nisei GI repatriate, who made a Christmas broadcast over Peiping Radio, told United Press this week that the Communist made changes in the text and "there wasn't much you could do about it."

Cpl. Tsuyoshi Nishimoto of Hilo said that several prisoners

made such broadcasts, but the Reds revised the scripts. He said the Reds did not tell them how the tapes were to be used other than that they were to be for "Peiping Radio."

He said the broadcast was relayed to Australia where someone heard it and wrote his family that he had heard the message.

Nishimoto said the Reds tried to indoctrinate prisoners and asked the mto write papers and make propaganda broadcasts. He said the degree of intensity of these practices varied from time to time depending upon whether they had a message they were trying to get across.

CASUALTIES

WOUNDED IN ACTION
Pvt. Richard Omori, son of Emily P. Omori, 1353 Liliha St., Honolulu.

MISSING IN ACTION
Pvt. Akira Uota, brother of Shoji Uota, Raisin City, Calif.

Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

Nisei Battle Casualties in Korea . . .

Several weeks have passed since the Armistice was signed in the so-called Korean action, thus bringing a cease-fire after 37 months to the fourth biggest war in which the United States has participated.

With our fellow Americans, we rejoiced that the fighting and bloodshed was over, at least temporarily, for we Nisei Americans also had brothers and sons and friends in that holocaust. We join with others of goodwill in prayer that the Armistice will be kept and that a just and lasting settlement of all problems can be had.



Last Nisei Casualties . . .

The last official casualty lists sent us by **MASAOKA** the Department of Defense show four more Nisei battle casualties, suffered during the final days before the cease-fire.

Wounded in action were Pfc. Frank T. Sonoda, son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Sonoda, 150 Lowell Ave., Salt Lake City; Pfc. Richard Omori, 1353 Liliha St., Honolulu; and Pvt. Isumi Fujimoto of Fresno, Calif. He is the son of Mrs. Hanaya Fujimoto, 890 Saiki-Gun, Gregozen-Mura, Hiroshima-Ken, Japan.

Missing in action was Pvt. Akira Uota, brother of Shoji Uota of Raisin City, Calif.

Final Casualty Figures . . .

Nisei Americans suffered a total of 706 battle casualties in the Korean fighting. This is an estimated three times the national average based upon population.

There were 110 Nisei casualties in the last month of the conflict. Since Nisei casualties totalled 696 on June 25, the third anniversary of that fighting, this also represents the highest monthly figure since the early days of the war when the Americans were being pushed back by the Reds.

The overall summary as compiled by the Washington JACL Office for the Korean campaign is as follows:

KILLED IN ACTION: 151 (includes 35 dying of combat wounds).

WOUNDED IN ACTION: 438.

MISSING IN ACTION: 94 (of this number, 22 were later reported killed in action, 21 identified as prisoners of war, leaving 51 unaccounted for).

Of the 151 dead, 116 are from Hawaii and 35 from the mainland. There were 102 from Hawaii killed in action and 14 died from combat wounds. Thirty-one mainlanders were killed in action and four died of wounds.

There were 301 from Hawaii wounded and 136 from the mainland.

Sixty-five Hawaiian Nisei have been listed as missing in action. Of this group, 15 were later reported killed and 16 POWs; 29 mainland Nisei were also reported missing with seven later listed as killed and five as POWs.

There were 19 Hawaiians captured and six from the mainland. The only one returned in the first or "Little Switch" POW exchange was from Hawaii.

A total of 501 Nisei from Hawaii suffered casualties and 206 from the continental United States.



One reason that Hawaii's casualty figures are so high is that the Fifth Regimental Combat Team which was among the first American troops to engage the North Koreans in 1950 was composed mainly of Nisei from the Territory. Another is that comparatively more troops from Hawaii have participated in the Far East action than from any mainland state.

Over-all, the fact that Nisei Americans are in the age group liable for Selective Service accounts for so many Japanese Americans having seen service. As one of the "youngest" minorities in the country, the average age of the Nisei is still about 25.

Moreover, many Nisei draftees were sent and are being sent to Japan because of their ancestry. Especially during the Occupation, it was thought that Nisei would not only serve as interpreters and translators but also their very presence would indicate to the Japanese that Nisei were part and parcel of the American Army. Thus, when the North Koreans invaded the South and all available troops in Japan had to be thrown into the fight, many Nisei who had never had any continuous training as infantrymen were shipped to Korea to engage the enemy.

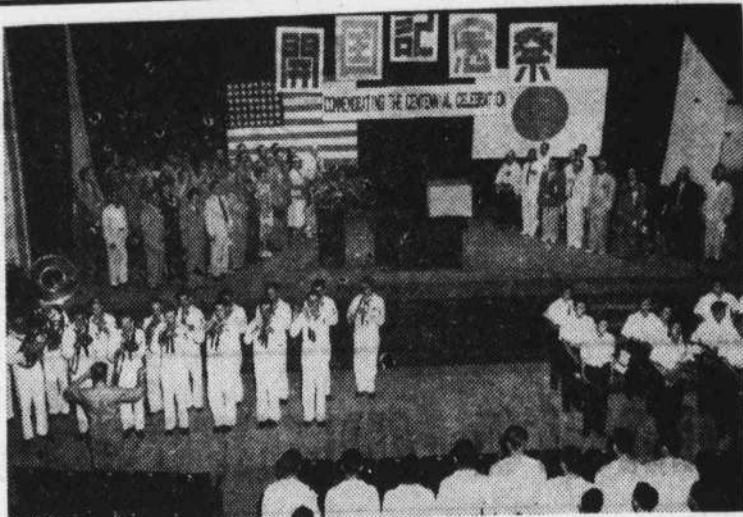
In the Korean War, unlike in World War II, however, Nisei Americans served in every branch of the service—the Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, and even in the Air Force. They held grades from privates to lieutenant-colonel. There was no special organization of Japanese Americans like the 442nd Regimental Combat Team of World War II; Nisei served as integrated parts of the United Nations fighting arm.

Many veterans of the 442nd and of G-2 in the Pacific war served in Korea. Many of the officers of the 442nd were recalled to duty and served in the Korean fighting.

Battalion commanders of the 442nd like Colonels James M. Hanley and Alfred Pursall saw action in Korea.

Probably the highest ranking Nisei to see service in Korea were Lt. Col. Walter T. Tsukamoto and Majors Bert Nishimura and Thomas T. Kobayashi. Lt. George Shibata, first Nisei ever to graduate from West Point and also the first Nisei jet pilot, was reported enroute to Korea just prior to the cease-fire order. He may have participated in a flight or two before the armistice.

Because the military no longer keeps personnel records on the basis of race, it is impossible to secure official figures on the number of Nisei who served in Korea and the decorations and citations they have been awarded. But, based upon the casualty figures which can be determined because of their "Japanese" names, Nisei Americans know that as in World War II they contributed their share to the national defense.



The U.S. Navy band stationed at Yokosuka, a baseball team and a delegation of U.S. officials recently participated in the Perry Centennial celebrations at Niigata. Three American vessels in Niigata harbor added to the festive occasion. To the right are the Japanese dignitaries including the governor and mayor, while to the left were visiting officials and citizens, including Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Shaw, Capt. and Mrs. Gregg, Baron K. Nakajima, Takashi Komatsu, Tsuyoshi Matsumoto and George Togasaki. The U.S. Navy Band was playing "Kimigayo" when the photo was taken. —Nippon Times Photo

Additional statehood hearings in Hawaii scheduled in fall may help

Washington
Chairman Hugh Butler of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee said that additional Statehood hearings may be held in Hawaii this fall.

Afterward, he said, he hopes to report out the Hawaii Statehood Bill next session as a separate measure not linked to a similar bill for Alaska.

He told the United Press here that he also is confident that the Hawaii bill will be favorably voted out of his committee.

The bill was approved by the House in the first session of Congress but lack of agreement in the Senate committee prevented further action. The Democrats in the group and Republican Sen. George Malone voted 8 to 7, that Alaska and Hawaii should be dealt with together.

Pointing out that the committee will hold hearings on Statehood in Alaska during the summer, the chairman indicated he expects this may soften the demands of Democratic senators to have the two territories considered jointly.

The Democrats insisted that the bills be linked because they reportedly fear that the Republicans favor Hawaii over Alaska.

"If we get through with the hearings and act on Alaskan Statehood, I don't anticipate much difficulty in getting Hawaii treated on its own merits," Butler said.

Furthermore, the Senator added, additional hearings may also be held in Hawaii in the fall.

Semanticist Hayakawa visiting folks in Osaka

Tokyo
Samuel I. Hayakawa, noted semanticist, his wife and 7-year-old son are visiting his parents in Osaka for the first time since 1935. He will return to his position as lecturer at the Univ. of Chicago in September.

On a recent stopover in Hawaii, Hayakawa said the Islands as a melting pot is a perfect place for improving language difficulties, and that if it could be done there, it could be done on a global scale.

● Shiz Kitamura of Ontario, Ore., estimated \$500 damage to his vehicle when he struck a cow on the highway.

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when Republican Sen. Guy Cordon, the sponsor of the Statehood bill, is scheduled to arrive in the Territory from a world tour.

Butler said he intends to have Democratic Sen. George A. Smathers join Cordon in Honolulu for the hearings. He said one of the witnesses still to testify is former Governor Ingram M. Stainback.

Smathers, a Florida Democrat and leader of the opposition to to Hawaiian Statehood, is also a member of the Interior Committee.

Butler said he is "quite confident" that once the committee clears the Statehood bill it will be passed by the Senate when it reconvenes for its second session now scheduled for Jan. 6.

Appeal ruling on citizenship case

Los Angeles
Katsumi Yoshida, denied naturalization by Federal Judge J. Frank McLaghlin of Honolulu, has filed an appeal from this ruling, it was announced last week by his attorneys, A. L. Wirin and Fred Okrand of Los Angeles, and Katsuro Miho of Honolulu.

The case is unique in that the question involved considers a provision of the McCarran-Walter Act which went into effect Dec. 24, 1952.

Yoshida came to this country as result of a suit filed on his behalf to determine whether he lost U.S. citizenship in Japan where he was drafted in the Japanese army. After arrival, after the Dec. 24 date, he sought to obtain naturalization under a provision of the old law which allowed this.

Judge McLaghlin ruled he could not do so.

GEN. MARK CLARK TO RETIRE FROM SERVICE

Washington
Gen. Mark W. Clark told a Pentagon news conference recently he applied for retirement from the Army effective Oct. 31. He said he made no plans as to what he will do when he doffs his uniform after 40 years of Army service.

Gen. Clark, now supreme commander of United Nations forces in the Far East, during World War II commanded the Fifth Army, of which the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team were component units.

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IN HONOR OF

Ken Hiramoto was among 16 Greater Clevelanders to win a Ford industrial arts award. In addition to a \$100 cash award and a gold pin, he will be given an expense-paid trip to Dearborn, Mich., to receive the honors in September. His project was a shadow lamp carved from plastic. He was graduated from Marshall High School last February and has enlisted in the service in April.

The Revs. Frank Iritani of Denver and Wesley Yamaka of Los Angeles were awarded the No. Calif. Young People's Christian Conference Kato Memorial scholarships last week. The award is made in memory of the Rev. S. Kato, who founded the conference in 1925. Rev. Iritani is presently serving the Buena Vista Methodist Church in Alameda. Rev. Yamaka is assisting the West 10th Methodist Church. Both are students at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Masajiro Shirachi, 53 Lincoln St., Watsonville, observed their golden wedding anniversary a few weeks early when their two daughters, Mrs. Rose Okamoto of Detroit and Mrs. Mary Yoshida of Dayton, O., were home for a family reunion. The elder Shirachis, who lived in the Watsonville area during all of their life, live with their son George. Two other children, Mrs. Eva Urabe and Harry Shirachi, joined the reunion.

Christine F. Ibara of Walluku, Maui, was among national winners of the National VFW Ladies Auxiliary essay contest. She won \$100 as fourth prize on the theme of "Democracy Is What We Make It." The 17-year-old girl was a spring graduate of St. Anthony's Girls' School conducted by the Maryknoll Sisters. National winners were only selected from entrants who won regional elimination contests.

Seikichi Taba attended the 10-day music institute in Seattle recently on a scholarship from the Salvation Army of Honolulu.

Lt. John H. Mihara of Pala, Maui, received his gold bars July 8 at the Ft. Riley (Kan.) Army officer candidate school. A Univ. of Nebraska graduate, he was a member of the last class scheduled for the post.

Elizabeth Kikuchi, daughter the Rev. and Mrs. Kenji Kikuchi of the San Diego Japanese Congregational Church, is to be the first Nisei school teacher in the San Diego school system, teaching English at San Diego High School. She is a 1952 Phi Beta Kappa graduate from Univ. of California at Berkeley.

T.H. Smith Act case on appeal

Honolulu
Defense attorneys in the Hawaii Smith Act case were allowed until Oct. 5 to perfect an appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals at San Francisco.

The order was signed by Federal Judge Jon Wiig. In process of appeal are the conviction and sentence of seven Hawaii residents (including four Nisei) found guilty of conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the government by force.

The defendants are free on \$15,000 bail pending a decision of the appellate court on the question of permitting them to remain on bond pending the appeal. In the event an appeal bond is denied, the group will be committed to Oahu prison to start serving prison terms ranging from three to five years.

Anti-Nisei fever rising in Japan

Reaction of Occupation-borne jealousy demands CL attention

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA
Japan Bureau, Pacific Citizen

Tokyo

It appears like foul play when Japanese newspapers here boldly single out the Nisei in Japan in various accusations at the same time Communist-inspired anti-American activities are banner-lined.

Immediate analysis of the current anti-Nisei fever indicates the antagonism was borne from revenge and jealousy of Occupation days. To the ordinary Japanese, the Nisei appeared the same outside of language and habit. The Japanese could understand why the Nisei had language difficulty, but they could not overlook the difference in behavior and mannerism. The Nisei were readily identified with the Occupation forces. They lived like Yankees, drove around like them and fraternized the girls.

During the early stages of the occupation, there were Nisei soldiers who threatened the Japanese at gunpoint, entered Japanese homes with

their heavy boots and shoes and who summoned Japanese government officials of all ranks to their offices, scolding them with inappropriate language. Even the regular U.S. officers never treated Japanese ministers of state in that manner.

Some of the Nisei businessmen here were associated with gamblers, smugglers and other notorious dealers. It was natural for the Japanese press then to play up these stories when the first opportunity came.

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It must be said that the Nisei strande during wartime was a pitiful lot. They were miserably treated. After the war, when they reinstated their citizenship, they became proud Americans. Thus, they looked down upon the Japanese as inferior. This sudden change of attitude to a member of their own kind was not easy to stomach for the native Japanese.

Consequently, the Nisei i,

whether in a U.S. uniform or in Japan was branded as "bad" and the Japanese press maliciously played along with this assumption.

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The Chubu Nippon Shimbun in Nagoya recently reprinted a letter-to-the-editor found in one of the Japanese language newspapers in America. It was written by an indignant parent of a Nisei soldier attached to the U.S. garrison force in Japan who had discovered what their son did. "Many of the parents do not realize how much their sons are being disliked in their native country," the Chubu Nippon Shimbun commented.

The letter said, "He did not save a penny although he was getting \$200 a month. It seemed his main work was to check on Communists, on blackmarketing, yet insisted he was forbidden to reveal the details. But the people he associated with were company directors and high government officials."

"On weekends," the letter revealed, "he went mountain-climbing, boat-riding or spent time with geisha girls. During the two years (he spent in Japan), he visited his grandmother only three times. When I asked him if other Nisei led the same sort of life, he said most of them did. Some even had two mistresses and led 'interesting' lives. It is indeed disgusting."

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There were some serious-minded Nisei that came to Japan, the Nagoya paper added. But most of them, when they came, had the impression they were of a higher order of human beings. The elevation from a meager life they led in the States to the minister-class and hob-kobbing with company directors has aggravated the relationship between the Nisei and Japanese here. The average Japanese thinks the Nisei is strutting about with a "no good Jap" attitude, the Chubu Nippon commented.

Where it was once the pride of the Nisei in America to be among the most law-abiding, the Nagoya newspaper says

1st Stockton Issei group naturalized

Stockton

The first group of San Joaquin County Japanese aliens eligible for U.S. citizenship under the McCarran-Walter Act was sworn in Aug. 13 during naturalization proceedings before Superior Judge George F. Buck.

Granted citizenship were: The Rev. Taro Goto and Tahei Nagaoka, both of Lodi; Mrs. Kaoru Ito, Morimitsu Ueda, Toamotsu Hayashi, Matsuyo Doi, Kaneo Ueda, Hikota Shibata and Chipo S. Omura, all of Stockton.

On the following day, Yone Tsujimoto of Stockton was among those naturalized in a two-day hearing before Judge Buck.

the situation has been in reverse in Japan. "Since the war, there has been an increase in sex crimes and other offenses among Nisei. One of the reasons is believed to be their indulgence in momentary pleasure in order to escape from fear of a World War III," the paper thought. "These phenomena—the increase of crimes and degeneration of the Nisei in Japan—have resulted from war," the Chubu Nippon concluded. "The grief of their parents in America must be great."

When newspapers and magazines concentrate their attack upon the Nisei in Japan with such stories, an organization like the Japanese American Citizens League should face the challenge.

Conscientious Nisei, worthy of their name, should come to visit Japan in order to reorientate the Nisei in Japan in the matter of integrity and pride. The situation is truly serious, despite the outlandish attacks and sensationalism in the press. It could further deteriorate conditions as it stands today.

The Japanese American Philatelic Society with its headquarters at 1631 Eighth St., Berkeley, now boasts 74 members, the latest being Toshio Shimada of San Francisco and Dr. Kenzo Sugino of Los Angeles. Its August meeting recently was held in conjunction with the three other regional philatelic exhibits in the Bay Area.

FLOOD RELIEF FUNDS MOUNTING PAST \$56,000

San Francisco

The Japan Flood Relief Fund drive in Northern California is expected to go over the \$20,000 mark, according to reports from the campaign headquarters here this week. The campaign was ended Aug. 15.

The local committee expects \$7,000.

In Central California, the Fresno area committee reported \$2,000 for Japan flood relief.

Los Angeles

Compilation of flood relief funds in Southern California this week shows some \$36,000 collected in the past few weeks and the campaign is still unfinished.

Both the Fukuoka and Wakayama prefectural societies here have announced \$15,000 each has been reached. The Kumamoto society reports \$9,000 and the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California, \$7,000.

73,000 view Japan arts in Seattle

Seattle

With a satisfied "that's that," the Seattle Art Museum has totaled up final figures on the month-long Japanese art exhibit and found Seattle greatly outdistanced New York in attendance records.

A total of 73,756 visitors was recorded for Seattle, while New York had 70,970 people attending the show. Paid adult admissions in Seattle were 56,027. Children, who got in free, and the opening night preview added 17,729 viewers.

Further feather in Seattle's cap is that Seattle had the exhibit a mere 32 days, while New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art showed the Japanese art objects for 46 days.

The Sacramento YBA "State Fair" dance features Clyde Mitchell's orchestra, Sept. 6, at the YBA hall.



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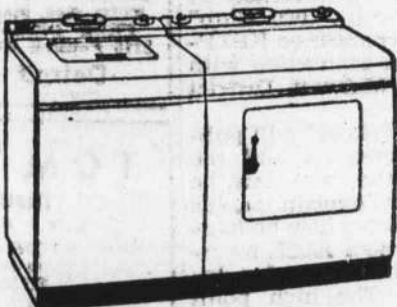
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Minneapolis

With "Midwest Pow-Wow" as the theme, delegates from the Midwest District Council's eight chapters—Chicago, Milwaukee, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit, St. Louis, Dayton and the Twin Cities—will soon be gathering here for their third biennial convention, Sept. 4-6.

Convention Chairman Dr. Sumao T. Nakano of the host Twin Cities chapter, members of his board and MDC officers are agreed that the convention theme is a "natural".

Minnesota, "land of the sky-blue waters", owes much of its heritage to the American Indians and, incidentally, to the poet Longfellow, Dr. Nakano explained. In the city of Minneapolis, for example, a lake, an avenue, and golf course are named after Hiawatha. Lake Nokomis is named after his mother and famous Minnehaha Falls, right inside the city, is named after his girl friend. What is more natural, then, that the Nisei, even though among the most recent Americans, should borrow the word "pow-wow" from the language of the oldest Americans, Dr. Nakano continued, to emerge with the spontaneous theme of Midwest Pow-Wow?

In the pow-wow spirit, a true Minnesota welcome is promised all delegates. Dr. Nakano confidently expects the coming Sept. 4-6 convention to top the two previous meetings in enthusiasm and genuine hospitality.

Opening event on the convention program will be a mixer at the University YMCA starting at 8 p.m., Friday, Sept. 4. Delegates can register during the mixer and also at the Hotel Radisson, convention headquarters, on the following day.

Delegates will get down to business at the 9 a.m. session Saturday, Sept. 5, and during the noon hour be guests of the Twin Cities chapter at a luncheon.

A general assembly after luncheon is open to delegates and boosters for official opening ceremonies. Delegates will be given full reports of JACL activities by National Director Masao W. Satow, and MDC Chairman Shig Wakamatsu. Frank Feger, executive secretary of the Minneapolis Mayor's Council on Human Relations, will be guest speaker.

Phoenix Photos

Los Angeles

Some two dozen 8x10 glossy photographs of the PSWDC convention at Phoenix will be shown to those interested in ordering them at the JACL regional office. The prints will be returned to Phoenix Aug. 27, when Regional Director Tats Kishida is expected to attend an Issei citizenship class graduation.

Coffee. He was one of the most efficient treasurers the local JACL chapter ever elected. He and his wife, the former Katherine Sawada of Seattle, motored along the eastern shores of Michigan to Mackinac Island, Sault Ste. Marie and into Canada.

Apologies: Last week, the item concerning Frank Takahashi should have stated he has been married for several years and that he vacationed in Miami. They are expecting their third child soon.

After the general assembly, delegates resume business at 2:45 p.m. On the agenda will be election of MDC officers for the next biennium. Boosters will be taken on a sight-seeing tour of the Twin Cities, Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The convention dinner on Saturday night, 6:30, will be held in the Hotel Radisson banquet room. The program will include remarks by Rep. Walter Judd, Mayor John Daubney of St. Paul and Mayor Eric Hoyer of Minneapolis, presentation of awards to outstanding Issei by Mas Satow and installation of new MDC officers.

George Grim, well-known columnist for the Minneapolis Morning-Tribune, is the main speaker. Harry Takagi will be toastmaster.

The convention dance follows the banquet from 9 p.m. at the same hotel. Dick Erickson's orchestra will play.

Starting at 1 a.m.—after the dance, that is—the "1000 Club" members will assemble for a "blowout" under direction of Harold Gordon, National 1000 Club chairman. This will last for an indefinite time. That it

CHAPTER MEMO

San Diego JACL: The second annual "Penthouse Serenade" dance will be held Friday, Sept. 4, in the skyroom of the San Diego Hotel from 9 to 1. D. Harvey's Melodians will provide the music, it was announced by Paul Hoshi, chapter president.

West Los Angeles JACL: A series of 10 bridge lessons will start Aug. 28, 8 p.m. at the WLA Community Church Educational Bldg., 1913 Purdue Ave. Hisashi Horita will be the instructor. Interested parties should call Midori Nishi, AR-3-9117, or Haru Nakata, AR-3-1354 for registration.

MDC vice-chairman Oura dies from long illness

Milwaukee

Funeral services were held last week for Kazumi Oura, 33, chief test engineer of Kyle Corp., who died Aug. 10 of chronic neuritis. The 33-year-old Univ. of Wisconsin electrical engineer graduate was second vice-chairman of the Midwest JACL District Council and past Milwaukee chapter president.

Hollywood JACL to open new citizenship class

Hollywood

The Hollywood JACL chapter will sponsor another citizenship class beginning Sept. 15 at Dayton Heights School, Clinton and Westmoreland Sts. The Hollywood Adult School will conduct classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Miki Moriawaki will be instructor.

Early in the session, chapter members will aid new students in filing naturalization applications. The class is free outside of a 25 cents registration fee collected by the adult school. The fall course will last 10 weeks.

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won't be interesting to 1000ers would be the biggest understatement of the year.

Bright and early Sunday morning, Sept. 6, the golfers tee off at 6. Trophies for each flight and a special prize of a dozen golf balls will be available 1000ers through courtesy of Harold Gordon.

Official delegates will hold their final council session (if required) between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Sunday. However, MDC chairman Wakamatsu will make every effort to streamline the Saturday sessions to wind up business that day.

The three-day parley ends with an outing at Lyman Lodge on beautiful Lake Minnetonka at 1:30 p.m. There are boating, swimming and fishing facilities.

A unique feature of the convention is the chess tournament. Players are expected to register upon arrival in Minneapolis: Prizes for chess players and golf tourney winners will be given at the outing.

Cost of the "convention package" is \$11, which includes the mixer, convention dinner and dance, outing, souvenir program and registration fee. Advance registration of delegates is desired.

Convention headquarters will be at the Hotel Radisson, in the heart of Minneapolis' "loop" at 45 S. 7th St., between Hennepin and Nicollet Aves. For the convenience of JACLers, a block of 75 rooms has been reserved on a basis of "first come, first serve".

Since the MDC convention coincides with the Minnesota State Fair during that week, which is a busy period for local hotels, the reservations committee suggested accommodations be ascertained immediately.

BERKELEY JACLERS TO GREET JAPANESE MAYORS

Berkeley

Albert S. Kosakura was named as representative of the Berkeley JACL chapter to the eight-man executive committee to plan for the visit of 40 Japanese mayors and chamber of commerce officials to Berkeley Aug. 28-29.

He and George Yasukochi, chapter president, and Prof. Chiura Obata of U.C. were appointed to a gift committee.



CLUB NOTES

Minneapolis

Harold "Tokuzo" Gordon of Chicago, National "1000 Club" chairman, will appear on KSTP-TV, Sept. 4, in connection with the coming Midwest District Convention.

Naturally, "Tokuzo" will publicize the convention and the 1000 Club. At the same time, he is expected to explain to his television audience how he happened to become a JACL member and how he acquired a Japanese name. The high point will, undoubtedly, be reached when he sings a Japanese song in his own inimitable way.

Miss Bea Baxter will be the interviewing commentator.

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Around Chicago . . .

Purchase of 18 more hook & ladder fire trucks has been approved by the city council . . . Mayor Kennelly named Peter Bukowski, Cosmopolitan National Bank president, as chairman of the five-man commission to help form a new neighborhood redevelopment commission to clear slums and blighted areas . . . The Chicago War Brides are offering cash awards to anyone suggesting a new name for their organization. Best name gets \$20 while consolation awards of \$5 each go to three others. Suggestions should be sent to 1110 N. LaSalle St., Chicago 10 . . . The City Wide Recreation Council will have its outing Sept. 11-13 at Forest Beach Camp, New Buffalo, Mich. Reservations should be made by Sept. 4 at the Resettlers Office, DE 7-1076. The two-day fee is \$11.50, the Saturday fee is \$9.50. In charge is Kiyoo Yoshimura, aided by Setsuko Miyasaki, program; Jeff Sonoda, recreation; Frank Emoto, Gene Wakabayashi, transportation; and Yukio Ozima, kitchen.

Personals . . .

Betty Iwatsuki, 4514 N. Beacon St., formerly of Laramie, Wyo., and sister of Fumiko, is secretary for a patent attorney in the Loop . . . Her brother, Frank Iwatsuki, 6459 S. University Ave., is a mechanical engineer for Armour Research Foundation. His wife is the former Mary Nakako of Rock Springs, Wyo . . . Miss Kay Fujii, 937 W. Eastwood Ave., formerly of Seattle, works in the editorial section of Armour Research. Her parents are in Ann Arbor, Mich. . . Mrs. John Y. Yoshino, 415 S. Trumbull Ave., the former Mary Louise Seo of San Francisco, is the only Nisei at Liberty National Bank where she is secretary to a trust department officer. She was secretary to Mike Masaoka before evacuation . . . Mr. and Mrs. Kenji Seo of Kansas City, Mo., were recent visitors here. Kenji is a dental technician . . . Alice Watanabe, 2730 W. 15th Pl., formerly of San Francisco, is head of the Mt. Sinai Hospital library . . . Chiaki Takizawa, formerly of Oakland, is working with Veterans Administration in Danville, Ill . . . Mr. and Mrs. Shig Hashimoto, 5531 S. Kenwood Ave., took a two week trip to Manistique Lake in northern Michigan. Shig hails from Covina, Calif., and his wife, the former Kiyoo Sato, is from Palo Alto . . . Fukio Kitahara, ex-Montereyan, passed through here on his three-week's vacation touring the U.S. He is sole agent for a Japanese beverage machinery firm.

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Miss Riyo Sato, 5531 S. Kenwood Ave., formerly of Palo Alto, will visit Florida, Cuba, Yucatan, Guatemala and Costa Rica soon. She will meet the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Eaker in Costa Rica. Rev. Eaker heads the Methodist missions there and was student-minister at the Oakland Japanese Methodist Church before evacuation . . . The Bob Takiguchis, 4656 S. Woodlawn Ave., motored to Niagara Falls and through Canada. They reported Canadian Nisei very hospitable. Bob is formerly from Monterey, wife (Susie Kubota) from Salinas . . . Mrs. Helen Mukoyama of Oak Park and Marie Katsuko Otaka are caseworkers for the local Travelers Aid Society . . . The Dr. Frank Sakamoto have moved to 2107 W. Eastwood Ave. . . Ex-Seattleite George Tanaka, 3834 N. Wilton Ave., is an accountant for Superior

Scene from Golden Gate

HARUO ISHIMARU

Just as inevitable as death and taxes is the constant reminder that once a week an assignment of mine is to get out this column. Generally speaking, JACL staff persons are quite voluble and sometimes overly loquacious but I must confess that when it comes time to start knocking out a column, all of my ideas seem to vanish.

However, in the near future as soon as I can get the information from the "Chapter of the Year" committee, more should be said about this program which gives recognition to our District Council chapters for maintaining the best programs of the year.

For 1952, the Placer County, Livingston-Merced, and Sequoia chapters walked off with the honors; and our readers should know what makes each of these chapters tick. (So please "Chapter of the Year" committee, send me the information already asked so I can start shouting the merits of these especially active chapters.)

In the Groove . . .

What with the National Homecoming Banquet and the Third Quarterly District Council Meeting over and what with National Headquarters starting to roll along again, it seems that the national and regional offices are back in the groove.

New to our offices are Daisy Uyeda, National Office secretary, and Ichiro Sugiyama, part-time bookkeeper for National. Daisy is one of the sisters of the well known Uyeda family in San Francisco. Ich is already established in JACL work since he has been serving as treasurer of the San Francisco JACL Credit Union for the past years. Also new on the staff, whom I have mentioned earlier, is Nobuta Akahoshi, prominent Issei businessman of Oakland, who is working part-time as assistant to National Director Masao Satow as Special Representative on the Endowment Fund.

Besides these persons and our National Director are the regional office staff consisting of the same "old timers" who have been holding down the local office for the past two years.

All in all, there are six persons on the staff working out of our two offices now, and sometimes we have to fight for elbow room. (Methinks this is another reason for yours truly

to start peeling off a few pounds.)

Orchids . . .

Orchids to the Florin Chapter for their special contribution of \$300 to the National Office. We think they show excellent spirit and would like to herewith reproduce the letter accompanying the check:

Dear Mas:
We attended the (District Council) meeting on Sunday and after hearing the financial report, we were really hit by the lethargic attitude that has been shown by some chapters in their financial obligations. We realize the tremendous role the National Headquarters plays in keeping our organization a well-knit unit. It is a deplorable condition that we as individual chapters should not permit the personnel of your office to suffer.

The enclosed check for \$300 is a special donation from the Florin Chapter. I hope this small amount will in a small measure alleviate the condition.

I'm sure things will brighten up soon. We are fully cognizant of and appreciate fully all the wonderful work you are doing.

Appreciatively yours,
BILL OKAMOTO
President
Florin Chapter, JACL

Picnic Season . . .

Seems like picnic season is still underway for some of our chapters. Most recent was the Stockton Chapter outing in Pescadero and we note that this coming Saturday the Eden Township Chapter is having a weenie bake at Montara Beach.

Many of the other chapters have already held their picnics. We were intrigued by the description the Stockton Chapter gave their outing: "Fun in the Fog."

Living in San Francisco where there is paradoxically a premium on sunshine during the summer months and where we would like to get rid of the fog for a few days or weeks, quite startled to see that the fog was counted as a attraction by the inland chapter of Stockton. Kind of wish the JACL would take on as a project some method of exchanging weather. We would appreciate any ideas.



Scene of the National JACL Homecoming Banquet Aug. 2 at the San Francisco Buddhist Church hall shows a good portion of 200 persons in attendance. Honored were some of the Issei recently naturalized in San Francisco and Masao W. Satow, National JACL director. —Kido Studio Photo

CAPSULES

Howard Renge, World War II veteran with military intelligence in Tokyo, and Fordham law school graduate, is the first Nisei lawyer in the community of Fowler with offices at 211 E. Merced St. He is also active in the Fowler JACL.

Nearly 50 Issei are expected to be naturalized citizens in Denver on Sept. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sada Miura of Denver were honored at a surprise silver wedding anniversary party at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. T. K. Kobayashi. The husband is technician in the research laboratory at the National Jewish Hospital, while his wife Amy is employed at the Denver Veterans Administration. She was longtime associated with the YWCA.

Jimmy Makino and **John Ono**, recent visitors at the 442nd RCT Reunion in Hawaii, gave a colored-slide report of their trip to former members of Co. G., 442nd Infantry at a Los Angeles restaurant. They have approximately 400 slides.

The Rev. Dr. Alfred S. Akamatsu, recuperating from a recent surgery, is expected to his New York pulpit in September.

Casey Kasuyama was re-elected commander of the Los Angeles American Legion Perry Post 525 for another year. **Mrs. Sue Yonemura** heads its auxiliary.

Pvt. Billy Hatano of Sacramento is aboard the transport Gen. Nelson Walker which sailed from Inchon for San Francisco on Aug. 12. He was the first Mainland Nisei to be released in "Operation Big Switch" at Panmunjom.

Mrs. Satoko Hirano, born in Hiroshima in 1904 and mother of three sons who have served in the U.S. armed forces, was the first Lanai City resident to become naturalized. She received her certificate July 17 in Wailuku, Maui. Her son Yasuo plans to enroll at the Univ. of Illinois this fall.

Keisaburo Koda, Kikaken Kisei Domei president, has moved to San Francisco and is residing at 3771 Clay St.

Japan Air Line planes undergoing test flights

The first of a fleet of Douglas DC-6B aircraft for the new trans-Pacific air service between San Francisco and Tokyo via Honolulu and Wake Island is undergoing acceptance tests and will be ready for its inaugural passenger flight on Nov. 1, it was announced by Yoshito Kojima, executive director of Japan Air Lines Co.

The twice-weekly flights are limited to 38 passengers. American crews with years of trans-oceanic experience will operate the JAL fleet with bi-lingual stewards and stewardesses. The firm is independently owned and operated and in no way associated with any U.S. airlines interests, Kojima pointed out.

348 character witnesses

Encanto
In seeking citizenship, each applicant is required to have two character witnesses. When Yenkichiro Ito, 86, appeared before naturalization examiners recently in quest of U.S. citizenship, he had the support of the whole community.

Ito, who has lived for 64 years in California, mostly as a truck farm grower, carried with him a remarkable tribute from his friends and neighbors. He had 348 character witness signatures.

Much of the support derived from the esteem the community held for his civic spirit. Several years ago during a San Diego bus strike, he

used his truck to commute Encanto school children.

Ito's friends signed this pledge:

"We, the undersigned, having known Mr. Ito a long time and having learned of his becoming eligible for United States citizenship, do hereby endorse him as a future citizen, this being his most cherished wish after 64 years in California."

GUNMAN RISKS LIFE IMPRISONMENT TO ROB GROCERY OF \$1

Berkeley
A nervous gunman risked five years to life in San Quentin in an armed robbery Aug. 10 of a small neighborhood grocery store.

He escaped after he had cleaned out the cash register taking the lone dollar bill it contained.

Mrs. Tohru Koide had just opened the store owned by her and her husband at 1715 Ward St. when the man entered and asked for a package of cigarettes. When Mrs. Koide turned to face him he showed a revolver and demanded that she open the cash register, she told police. The man fled in an old model sedan.

Mt. View Nisei freed by Communists at 'Operation Big Switch' in Korea

Mountain View
The telephone at the home of George Sensusue Sukei started ringing Sunday night soon after word over the radio announced his son Sgt. Thomas T. Sukei had been among the 73 men released Monday (Korean time) at Panmunjom.

Neighbors came over also to be sure they hadn't missed the news.

"It's a wonderful feeling for all of us," said Mary Sukei, one of the sergeant's five sisters and brothers. "You know, we haven't seen him over four years."

A brother, George Jr., recently returned to the United States from army duty in Japan.

The family had not heard directly from Sgt. Sukei, getting news of his release from newspaper sources. They are planning a big family reunion and neighborhood celebration on his return.

Sgt. Sukei, 29, is a native of Mountain View, was relocated to Heart Mountain WRA camp and joined the 442nd RCT during the war years. After his discharge from the 442nd, he attended San Jose State College for a year and then re-enlisted into the Army, going to Korea after the war broke out. He was reported missing in action in April, 1951.

The Sukei family then waited 20 long months before getting word around Christmas last year that he was a prisoner.

ROCKY FORD GROWERS SEND FIRST MELONS TO PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

Denver
Three flats of Rocky Ford cantaloupes, the first of the season, were delivered last week for President Eisenhower, Gov. Dan Thornton and Palmer Hoyt, Denver Post publisher and editor. Delivering the melons and representing the Arkansas Valley Growers Association were Tom Nakayama, George Ushiyama, Shig Harada and Jinji Shiba, all of Rocky Ford.

Over half of latest T.H. naturalized group Issei

Honolulu
There were 46 more Issei citizens naturalized in the latest group of 83 to be sworn in by U.S. Judge J. Frank McLaughlin last July 31. They heard H. A. White, president of the Hawaiian Pineapple Co., say that he was proud that "this country can continue to attract new citizens in such large numbers".

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179 GOLFERS SEEK NISEI WEEK HONORS

Los Angeles
The biggest turnout of Nisei golfers for any single tournament was realized when the Nisei Week Festival committee was put to task this week scheduling 179 of them this Sunday in five flights over three different courses.

Golfers from faraway Puget Sound and Chicago, San Jose, Bakersfield and San Diego are battling for trophies, which are usually presented with hugs or kisses from the Festival queen and members of her court.

This year's tourney is handled by Wada, Asato and Omatsu Insurance Agency. In the past, the tournament was held at the Fox Hill-Baldwin Hills courses, but to accommodate the fifth flight this year, the Western Avenue course was signed up.

Aside from low gross, low net and flight award trophies, there will be prizes for the hole-in-one contest and the best dressed golfer of the tournament.

All awards will be made at the Fox Hills Country Club following the tournament at noon. All golfers are to report at 5:40 a.m.

The flight schedules:
Championship Flight (0-10 hdep)—Fox Hills.
Flight One (10-12 hdep)—Fox Hills.
Flight Two (13-16 hdep)—Baldwin Hills.
Flight Three (16-18 hdep)—Baldwin Hills.
Flight Four (18 hdep & up)—Western Avenue.

Nisei gets as far as 5th round of city golf meet

Chicago
Harry Sakamoto, a 5-handicap member of the Midwest Golf Association, got as far as the fifth round in the City Amateur Tournament at Jackson Park last week. He was bested 6 and 4 by Dante Vicini of Ottawa, Ill., who had earlier defeated George Koyama of Midwest Golf 4 and 2 in the fourth round.

Sakamoto survived in the fourth round of the Upper Bracket division after beating Francis Jordan of Cog-Hill, 6 and 5.

Koyama and Sakamoto won their round matches 3-1 and 2-1, respectively. John Doi of Midwest, a 9-handicapper, was dropped in a Lower Bracket third round match 4 and 2 by Mario Fiocca.

Sakamoto was also the August tournament winner of the Midwest Golf Association with a card of 73 for a net 68. John Doi's 78-9-69 was runner-up in the championship flight.

SPORTSCOPE

Carding a 107-30-77, Lillian Sakata was medalist in the qualifying round of the Honolulu Japanese Women's Golf club championships at the Ala Wai course.

When the Rural Red Sox garnered the Hawaii Baseball League championship several Sundays ago, it was their sixth such honor in eight years in the circuit. In the other two years, they finished second. Peanut Kunihiya is manager of the predominantly Nisei club.

Playing for the Schofield Redlanders of the Armed Forces League in Hawaii is Bill Nishita, erstwhile Univ. of California and Tokyo Giants pitcher. The team recently sported a 24 win and 22 loss standing.

Baseball

At San Jose, Aug. 8: Lodi A.C. 4, San Jose Zebras 3.
At Sacramento, Aug. 9: Florin A.C. 9, Sacramento Sakuras 5.
At Denver, Aug. 9: Denver Nisei 4, F. O. Eagles 2.
At San Mateo, Aug. 9: San Mateo Owls 15, Eastbay A.C. 8.
At Denver, Aug. 10: Denver Lions 12, Denver Nisei 3.
At Sacramento, Aug. 16: Florin A.C. 16, Mayhew A.C. 7.
At Los Angeles, Aug. 16: Nisei 7, Highland Park Merchants 0 (forfeit).
At San Jose, Aug. 16: San Jose Zebras 14, San Jose Blues 11.

Konno, Oyakawa win double victories at Indianapolis AAU outdoor meet

Indianapolis
Ford Konno and Yoshi Oyakawa copped double victories in the 1953 National outdoor men's senior swimming championships here last week-end.

Konno captured the 400 and 1,500 meter titles in the three-day meet. Konno bested Wayne Moore by three lengths to win the 400 meter race in 4m. 39.8s. He won the 1,500 meter race Friday night in 19m. 20s. He was six lengths ahead of Moore.

The Hawaiian Nisei ace missed becoming a triple-winner when he trailed Moore in the 200 meter event Saturday with a second at 2m. 10.5s.

Oyakawa was pushed to win the 100 meter backstroke by Albert Wiggins of Pittsburgh YMCA, who was a yard behind, Saturday with a time of 1m. 06.8s. Oyakawa had an easier time in the 200 meter dorsal event Sunday, won in 2m. 29.9s. As this is a new AAU event, his time automatically will be listed as a record.

Richard Tanabe of Hilo A.C. finished third to Moore and Konno in the 200-meter freestyle and sixth in the 100-meter freestyle events. Arthur Fujino of Hawaii Swim Club was sixth in the 300-meter individual medley and eighth in the 200-meter breaststroke.

L.A. Buddhist Coordinating Council bowling tournament in third running

Los Angeles
Living up to pre-tournament accounts, the huge field of entries in the third Pacific Coast Nisei Bowling tournament arranged by the L.A. Buddhist Coordinating Council came off smoothly last week-end at the Vogue Bowl.

Al's Pharmacy with a 3030 (470) won the men's team event from a field of 42 teams. LABCC No. 1 took the women's team in which 12 squads competed.

Paul Ishizawa, who took high scratch series with a 671, won the men's single at 721 (50). Min Imai was tops with a 252 high single game. There were some 190 competing.

Jim Abe and Gene Yamamoto copped the men's doubles with a 1264 (174). Aiko Fujimoto and Saji Mibu combined to cop the women's double with 1126 (116).

Sumi Kamachi took the women singles from a field of 40 with 600 (100). Chiyo Tashima and George Tsuji led 45 others in the mixed doubles with 1219 (58).

Taking all-event honors were Hit Ohara at 1910 (300), and Mas Hata at 1726 (252), men and women, respectively.

The leading finishes:
MEN'S TEAM

Al's Pharmacy—3030 (470): Mas Hama 499, Tom Ito 520, Fred Nakawata 475, Paul Takeuchi 466, George Ichien 600.

F & F Produce—2964 (378): Joe Murakami 548, Charles Miyadi 498, Nag Ushiyama 490, John Sakurai 525, Joe Tanaka 525.

Star Nurseries—2939 (404): John Kuroda 522, Frank Yamamoto 480, Gene Yamamoto 484, Jack Yamamoto 523, Jim Abe 526.

Atlas Farms—2917 (300): Tok Ishizawa 606, Nob Ishizawa 518, Eddie Tsuruta 526, Lloyd Hann 555, Paul Ishizawa 516.

WOMEN'S TEAM
LABCC No. 1—2719 (442): Dot Shindo 512, Miye Musashi 407, Bette Uyemura 467, Tomi Aigaki 419, Susie Ito 478.

Lucky Doks—2654 (414): June Yamada 468, Misao Inana 426, Rose Yamasaki 429, Mabel Kitsuse 428, Jean Miyasaki 489.

Tamura—2568 (428): Irene Imanaka 414, Sherry Kobata 472, Mary Sato 412, Tosh Tamura 387, M. Matsushita 455.

MEN'S SINGLES
Paul Ishizawa 721 (50), Yuk Tamura 688 (88), John Kuroda 671 (74), Shig Nakagiri 661 (48), Jim Okada 654 (96), Min Imai 651 (68), Hide Nakayu 650 (60), Jim Mochizuki 645 (50), Ed Kurachi 643 (82) and Jim Abe 642 (74).

WOMEN'S SINGLES
Sumi Kamachi 600 (100), Sakaye Nakatsuru 595 (86), Carrie Sugimoto 595 (82), Eiko Nomura 585 (56).

MEN'S DOUBLE
Jim Abe-Gene Yamamoto 1264 (174), Shoji Sano-Hit Ohara 1255 (190), Bob Hayamizu-Tom Nakashima 1226 (140).

WOMEN'S DOUBLES
Aiko Fujimoto-Saji Mibu 1126 (116), Helen Fong-Beverly Fong 1107 (138), Neola Martin-Chiyo Tashima 1103 (50).

MIXED DOUBLES
George Tsuji-Chiyo Tashima 1219 (58), Jim Okada-Yuk Morinaga 1214

Japan's pro golfer hits 289 at Tam O'Shanter

Chicago
Yoshio Hayashi, Japan's top professional, shot 289 in the 72-hole "All American" golf championships at Tam O'Shanter to finish in 39th place, 14 strokes behind Lloyd Mangrum's winning 275.

Over the four-rouns, he shot 72, 70, 73 and 74.

Boxing

At South Gate, Aug. 17: Phil Kim, 143, TKO win over Baby Ike, 145, 5th round.

(1990), Ray Yamada-Mas Fujii 1175 (112).
MEN'S ALL-EVENT
Hit Ohara 1910 (300), Jim Abe 1890 (222), Eise Nakazawa 1871 (300), Hide Nakayu 1868 (180).
WOMEN'S ALL-EVENTS
Mas Hata 1726 (252), Shiz Shindo 1694 (264), Eiko Nomura 1677 (168).

442nd VETERANS OF HAWAII JOINING GOLF PROFESSIONAL RANKS

Honolulu
Ted Murata, for many years one of the finest amateur golfers in Hawaii, has announced he is turning professional.

Starting as a lefthander 26 years ago, the 31-year-old golfer now swings from the orthodox side and is regarded with the longest hitters locally. The Kauai-born linksman won his first title in 1939, the Inaugural Territorial Junior championship.

Since then, Murata won the Mississippi Open in 1943, the Italian Open in Rome in 1944, the Southern France Open and Belgium Open in 1945, and the Hawaiian Public Links crown in 1946 and 1947. He set the present Publinx qualifying mark of 139 (71-68) in winning the '47 title.

Bloomer Girls in league lead

Chicago
By winning 3-0 Sunday, the Bloomer Girls, in which Nancy Ito of Denver plays shortstop, took the lead in the National Girls Baseball League. They defeated the Bluebirds to break a three-way tie for first place.

The Bloomer Girls won three and lost two games this past week.

In the All-Star vs. Queens, defending champions of the National Girls Baseball League, game Aug. 10 (originally scheduled Aug. 3 but rained out), shortstop Nancy Ito of the All-Stars fumbled a ground ball in the last-half of the ninth inning to allow the lone and deciding run of the game.

The Queens won 1-0 in Parichy stadium before 2,500 fans.



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Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

Two more Japanese Americans in the medical profession have announced the opening of their offices for practice this week.

Dr. Harold N. Fujii, a staff physician at the Long Beach General Hospital, will occupy an office at the Gardena Medical Bldg., 16400 S. Vermont Ave.

In the field of dentistry, Dr. Ronald S. Matsunaga, June graduate from USC, opens his office at 3839 Wilshire Blvd. He will be associated with Dr. Leonard Dubin who has been in dental practice for over 25 years.

The biting smog in Los Angeles has caused one air pollution control expert from New York to brand Los Angeles as having the worst in the country—but then he blamed peculiar temperature inversions for the choking and irritating fume.

Dr. Leonard Greenburg, Manhattan's commissioner on smog control, thinks we have one of the finest control systems but must cope with the worst situation. He says we have 270 days of low temperature inversions yearly.

New York's main problem, Greenburg pointed out, is principally soot and fly ash.

"Kismet," a costly \$250,000 musical production, opened its four week run, Monday, at the Philharmonic Auditorium, in which Reiko Sato dances in the leading role of "The Three Princesses of Ababu." The Los Angeles Civic Light Opera Association sponsors the colorful show.

Dr. Michael M. Horii and his family, postwar residents of Gardena, are active in community welfare. This week, the sometime Li'l Tokio dentist, now practicing in Gardena valley, was named chairman of the Community Chest Red Feather appeal.

His wife, Laura, has volunteered in Chest work for more than 10 years in Los Angeles, Utah, and Gardena.

Dr. Horii, a graduate of USC, is immediate past president of Gardena Rotary Club, and currently on its board of directors. Mrs. Horii is active in Rotary and Parents Teachers Association.

Their daughter Joanne, 9, and Mike, Jr., 11, are in scouts organizations. Little Laurel, 4, will have to wait awhile.

Dr. Horii is remembered for his work in the JACL before the war.

Appliance dealer building apartment

Los Angeles
Tsuneka Yahata, local electrical appliance merchant, is the first man in the United States to receive a large loan from a Japanese bank since prior to the outbreak of World War II, it was reported by John E. Buckley of the Buckley-Dodd Construction Co., builders of Yahata's 22-unit apartment house here.

The Bank of Tokyo, Los Angeles branch, made the loan. Nearing completion, the 22-unit building is located at 2135 Beloit St., near Sepulveda and Olympic Blvds.

The building is on a lot 125 feet wide by 177 feet deep, with ample room for automobile parking and a standard-size swimming pool.

Jack handle slips

Honolulu
A 34-year-old Nisei suffered facial lacerations recently when a jack handle lever slipped and struck him on the left side of the head. Richard Nonaka, a contracting firm employee, was jacking up a house when the accident occurred.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

AKIBA—June 26, a boy John Jr. to the John Akibas, Cleveland, O.
ASAMOTO—July 18, a boy Wayne Noboru to the Nob Asamotos, Cleveland, O.
DOI—June 3, a boy Bruce to the Tom Dois, Cleveland, O.
FURUKAWA—June 6, a boy Chris to the Jim Furukawas, Cleveland, O.
HARADA—July 7, a girl to the George Haradas, Sacramento.
HASHIGUCHI—May 29, a girl Beverly Haru to the Mitch Hashiguchis, Cleveland, O.
HIRAI—July 7, a girl to the Yoshio Hiraies, Marysville.
HIRAO—July 20, a girl Marcia Diane to the Paul Kazuo Hiraos (Sherrrie Sakae Shimano), Los Angeles.
HIRATA—June 19, a girl Naomi to the Kenny Hiratas, Cleveland, O.
HASEGAWA—July 20, a boy Ronald Koji to the George Yasutada Hasegawas (Grace Yumimura), Los Angeles.
HIGASHI—July 26, a girl to the Toshio Higashis, San Francisco.
HOSOZAWA—July 23, a girl Elaine Keiko to the Tadayuki Hosozawas (Misao Honda), Los Angeles.
IMAI—July 3, a boy to the Akio R. Imais, Sacramento.
ITANO—Aug. 3, a girl Susan Gale to the Hiroshi Itanos (May Fusako Nakagawa), Los Angeles.
IWAHASHI—July 14, a boy Thomas Dean to the Sumio Iwahashis (Katherine Miyagishima), Los Angeles.
IYEMURA—July 23, a boy Mark Alan to the Henry Akira Iyemuras (Hanna Mary Miyasaki), Los Angeles.
KAMADA—July 25, a girl Katherine Yoshiye to the Hiroshi Kamadaes (Dorothy Kimiyo Nakahara), Los Angeles.
KAMEMORI—Aug. 1, a boy to the Michitada E. Kamemoris, San Francisco.
KAWATA—Aug. 1, a boy to the Ben Kawatas, Greenriver, Utah.
KIDO—July 27, a boy Gordon Selichi to the Isami Kidos (Katoko Azushima), Los Angeles.
KISHABA—July 20, a boy Bruce to the Susumu Kishabas (Kiyoko Nakamura), Los Angeles.
KITAMURA—July 20, a boy Ricky Rikio to the Osamu Kitamuras (Toyoko Nakamura), Los Angeles.
KUBO—June 27, a boy to the Arthur T. Kubos, San Diego.
KUSANO—Aug. 6, a boy to the Tak Kusanos, San Francisco.
MIZUNO—July 23, a boy Rickie to the Richard Mizunos (Arleen Grant), Los Angeles.
MURAI—July 31, a boy to the Hajime Murais, San Francisco.
MURAKAMI—Aug. 1, a girl to the Hiroshi Murakamis (Nobuko Toda), Los Angeles.
NABESHIMA—July 24, a boy Robert to the Harry I. Nabeshimas (Lily Shoji), Los Angeles.
NAKAMURA—Aug. 4, a boy to the Mitsure Nakamuras, Weiser, Idaho.
NAKAMURA—July 31, a girl Donna Linne to the Todd Torao Nakamuras (Fumiko Jean Uyemoto), Los Angeles.
NISHI—July 28, a girl Carol Sachiko to the Kenichiro Nishis (Akiko Fukuhara), West Los Angeles.
NISHIDA—July 7, a girl to the Terry K. Nishidas, San Diego.
NISHIZU—July 25, a girl Joyce Irene to the John Y. Nishizus (Trudes Tsuyako Osajima), Los Angeles.
NITTA—A girl to the Kay K. Nittas, Denver.
NOMOTO—July 18, a girl Adrienne Kikuye to the Mitsugi Nomotos (Mary Yoneko Oshima), Los Angeles.
OKAMURA—July 5, a girl Nancy Aiko to the Tokio Fred Okamuras (Helen Hatsuko Nozawa), Harbor City.
OZAWA—July 20, a girl Naomi to the Haruo Ozawas (Tomiko Kimura), Los Angeles.
SAKAI—July 18, a boy to the William T. Sakais, San Francisco.
SAKAI—July 14, a boy Wayne Kiyoshi to the Mitsuo Sakais (Mitsuko Hirose), Los Angeles.
SHIMESHIMA—July 31, a girl to the Kenji J. Sameshimas, Monrovia.
SANO—June 20, a girl Marcia Kim to the Minor Sanos, Cleveland, O.
SHIMOJI—Aug. 6, a boy to the Joe Shimojis, Pasadena.
SHIOJI—July 25, a boy Dan Yoneo to the Tatsuo Shiojis (Yoneko Miura), Los Angeles.
TAKEUCHI—July 29, a boy Brent Alen to the Sam Takeuchis (Yoshiko Murata), Los Angeles.
TAKUSAGAWA—July 21, a girl Robin Gail to the Kazuo Takusagawas (Helen Miyuki Inai), Gardena.
TANIKAWA—July 28, a girl Kerry Lynn to the Hideo Tanikawas (Shizuko Miyamura), Paramount.
TATEHARA—July 29, a girl to the Kiyoshi Tateharas, San Francisco.
WAGUCHI—Aug. 5, a boy to the Dr. Kasau Waguchis, Ontario, Ore.
YAMAMOTO—July 6, a boy Dennis to the Tatsuo Yamamotos, Cleveland, O.
YAMAMOTO—Aug. 3, a girl to the George Yamamotos, Redwood City.
YAMANO—July 30, a girl Linda Yukie to the Kazuyoshi Yamanos (Bessie Yamasaki), Los Angeles.
YAMASAKI—July 29, a boy Yamato Cain Jr. to the Yamato Cain Yamasakis (Yaeko Ishima), Los Angeles.

YANARI—Aug. 2, a girl to the Thomas Yanaris, Palo Alto.
YANO—July 1, a girl to the James M. Yanos, San Diego.
YONESAWA—July 23, a girl Valerie Yasuko to the James Y. Yonesawas (Yaeko Akiyama), Los Angeles.

Engagements

IIDA-OWAN—Frances, to Tom, San Francisco.
SUTOW-INOUE—Terry, Long Beach, to Tomoji, Lomita.
TAKAGI-HITOMI—Lucille Setsuko, Los Altos, to Dick, Sacramento.
TSUJI-OUCHI—Mitsuko to Kengo, both of Parlier, Aug. 1.
YAMASAKI-KAWAMOTO—Suyeko, Cauthers, to Kiyoshi, Reedley, Aug. 9.

Marriage Licenses Issued

CHIN-KAWACHI—Robert Chin Min Chin, Pacific Grove, and Bessie Keiko Kawachi, Berkeley.
KONDO-HAYASHI—Noboru Kondo and Patricia Toyoko Hayashi, both of New York.
MURAMOTO-HORI—Roy Naoto Muramoto and Barbara Nobuko Hori, both of Oakland.
NAJIMA-NAKANO—Dale Hideo Najima, Oakland, and Irene Miyoko, Berkeley.
ONG-ISHIDA—Jack Ong and Janet Ishida, both of San Francisco.

Weddings

FUJITA-ISHIBASHI—Aug. 9, Mitsuo Fujita and Sumako Ishibashi, both of Los Angeles.
HAMAGUCHI-NAKAMURA—Aug. 9, Yoshiaki Hamaguchi, Pasadena, and Himeko Nakashima, Los Angeles.
HAMAMOTO-SARUWATARI—Kazuichi Hamamoto, Hilo, and Barbara Saruwatari, Santa Barbara.
HORI-HAYASHI—Aug. 9, Toshimi Hori and Kiyoko Hayashi, both of Pasadena.
KAWAKITA-YAMANE—Aug. 16, Sachiro Kawakita, San Mateo, and Midori Yamane, San Francisco.
MIKUMI-WONG—Aug. 8, Donald Satoru Mikumi, Carmel Valley, and Loretta Wong, Honolulu, at Los Angeles.
OGI-SHITAMOTO—Aug. 9, Mamoru Ogi and Mary Toshi Shitamoto, both of Gardena.
SAKAMOTO-HAYASHI—Aug. 9, George Sakamoto and Betty Hayashi, both of Sacramento.
SEKI-WATANABE—July 5, Lloyd Seki and Chuckie Yaeko Watanabe, both of Los Angeles, at Wickenberg, Ariz.
SHIMATSU-SUZUKI—Aug. 9, Mas Shimatsu, Gardena, and Jane Suzuki, North Redondo Beach, at Los Angeles.
SHISHINO-RYOZAKI—Aug. 8, Hayao Shishino, Los Angeles, and Mitsuko Ryozaiki, Long Beach.
TAKAYAMA-INAMI—Aug. 15, George Takayama, Reedley, and Setsuko Inami, Madera.
WINTERBURG-ASAKI—Wayne Winterburg, Washington, D.C., and Kiyoko Asaki, Hanford, Calif.
YAMAKA-SASE—Aug. 9, Rev. Wesley Naoyuki Yamaka, Los Angeles, and Rose Akiko Sase, West Los Angeles.

Deaths

KOBATA, Ukichi, 66: Los Angeles, Aug. 11, survived by wife Kimi, three daughters Mrs. Shizuko Horita, Mrs. Harumi Miyake and Mrs. Shigemi Komatsu.
MIYASAKO, Miyo, 71: West Los Angeles, Aug. 10, survived by husband Kazuichi, two daughters Mrs. Mitsuko Uchida and Mrs. Wakayo Tominaga.
NOMI, Yasuji, 70: Los Angeles, Aug. 13, survived by wife Kotome, son Teruo, five daughters Emiko, Mrs. Hiroye Watanabe, Mrs. Sadame Ito, and Mrs. Kiyoko Katayama.
SHIGA, Masako, 40: Los Angeles, Aug. 10, survived by husband Yoshisada, son Masayoshi, daughters Mrs. Shizuko Iwamoto and Mrs. Teruko Sakai.
SUMII, Takeo Ray, 48: Cleveland, survived by wife and two sons Richard and Steve.
YAMASHITA, Shoichi, 64: Alameda, Aug. 2, survived by wife Kimiyo.

BUDDHIST EXECUTIVE

SECRETARY APPOINTED

San Francisco
Hitoshi Tsufura, former associate editor of the Asian Student Weekly of the Committee for Free Asia here, was appointed executive secretary of the Buddhist Churches of America by its board of directors. He assumes his post at the BCA Headquarters, 1881 Pine St.

He is a graduate of the Univ. of California at Berkeley, and has been active in Bussei circles, having served as Western Buddhist Sunday School Teachers League president, WYBL research chair and moderator of BCA-Berkeley Buddhist study classes.

Lafadio Hearn's grand-daughter

Tokyo

Lt. Gordon Charles Brandes is going to return home soon to Milwaukee with his wife, Ranko Koizumi, 23, whose grandfather was Lafadio Hearn.

Miss Koizumi and Lt. Brandes of the Far East Air Force were married last week.

Lafadio Hearn, originally a British subject, came to Japan in 1891 as correspondent for the New Orleans Times Democrat. He was so enamored with Japan and its way of life that he married a Japanese girl, took the name of Yakumo Koizumi when naturalized a Japanese subject.

Hearn wrote a series of novels and sketches celebrating the romantic aspects of traditional Japanese life.

Hawaii branch of ACLU headed by Rev. Komuro

Honolulu
A charter group of 58 persons announced organization of the Hawaii branch of the American Civil Liberties Union, now 32 years in existence fighting for civil rights.

The Rev. Harry Komuro, pastor of Harris Memorial Methodist Church, was chosen temporary chairman. On the executive board are Daniel K. Inouye and Matsuo Takabuki.



Over 100 Issei attended Americanization classes sponsored by the East Los Angeles JACL chapter, receiving certificates at completion of the course Aug. 12 at Roosevelt High School. Shown above are (left to right) Joseph Wakamatsu, instructor; Frank Kurahashi, Katsujiro Iseri, class presidents; Mrs. Toshiko Nakamura Rowe, instructor; and Junosuke Nomura, 82, and S. Masuda, 74, oldest students of the class. Assemblyman Edward E. Elliott (D., 40th Dist.) presented certificates. George J. Inagaki, National JACL president, gave the principal address. Kay Kokubun, accompanied by Ritsuko Kawakami, sang "God Bless America" and the National Anthem. Greetings were extended by Dr. Vernon Hodge, school principal, and Kenneth Temple, representing the Immigration and Naturalization Office.

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EDITORIALS

Nisei Week Ball

Frankly, we didn't think Li'l Tokio was ready to stage its Nisei Week coronation in the elaborately gorgeous Hollywood Palladium with a top-flight band of Ralph Marterie. The Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council took a bold step assuming the committee work of the ball. Its precaution against loss of revenue included a "pay and work" decision even for committeemen.

Now that success has blessed the grand inaugural of Nisei

Week in the "biggest and best" fashion, the Japanese American community hereafter won't abide with something less. The Coronation Ball on the first Sunday of Nisei Week at the Palladium is as much a part of the Festival tradition as the colorful "ondo" parades that conclude the eventful week.

Aside from community response, the behind-the-scenes work of the Nisei Veterans Association, its Women's Auxiliary and the Women's Athletic Association leaders can't be forgotten. The fruits of community-wide cooperation were not only distinctive but conclusive. Such success is never a one-man venture.

Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry K. Honda

Issei Programming

One of the exhilarating moments which caught my pencil's attention at the recent JACL Homecoming affair in San Francisco several weeks ago occurred at the quarterly session of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council . . . Now that Issei are becoming naturalized in appreciable numbers, chapters are quite concerned with programming to induce Issei membership . . . Since some of them have been naturalized, as citizens they can hold office in the Citizens League . . . In matters of politics, there is no question of establishing separate organizations. But in matters of social activity, the problem appears very real to the present chapter leaders . . . Especially in the rural areas where chapters are the hub of community life, it so seemed . . . It was either creating a separate division with their own officers and program or letting them join the chapter and work out a suitable program jointly . . . This concern for a local problem at the district level may likely be extended for national consideration at the 1954 convention in Los Angeles . . . At least, an open discussion by interested chapters may be of mutual benefit.

But to return to the first line of thought—the exhilarating moment—one aged gentleman, balding and certainly past 60, raised his hand at the council session, asking permission to address the delegates who were perturbed about the new Issei citizens in chapter activity, primarily geared to Nisei interests . . . As far as he was concerned, there shouldn't be any distinctions of age among citizens. Equal membership privileges would be the best solution—not a separate Issei

MINORITY

Disturbances described as "almost juvenile" necessitated a cordon of 750 police on 24-hour watch at the Trumbull Park housing project in south-side Chicago last week when racial violence flared after a Negro family moved in. Unruly crowds as many as 3,000 gathered, smashing car windows.

President Eisenhower acted to strengthen bars against discrimination on grounds of race, creed or color by adding civilian, including some Negroes of national repute, to the committee established by President Truman of government representatives. It will have "much broader" enforcement powers.

A \$50,000 damage suit for discrimination on a cross-country Greyhound bus was filed by a California Negro, who told the Interstate Commerce Commission he suffered hardship and his health was permanently impaired when he was forced to give up his seat in the front of a bus en route from Los Angeles to Texarkana to sit on "some type of hump or lump" as all rear seats were taken.

division . . . What proved his point, and the delegates applauded his advice, was the suggestion the Issei men and women should not be addressed as "ojisan" and "obasan" . . . It reminds them unnecessarily of their age . . . They should be addressed by their proper names; their first name if you know them well . . . Even Haruo Ishimaru of the San Francisco regional office later added that when he made his visits of out-of-town chapters, the Sansei youngsters refer to him as the "fat ojisan", which could conceivably characterize the one-time wrestler in the same age classification as an elderly Issei . . . As for all-round chapter programming, Pat Okura, national JACL second vice-president, reported his Omaha chapter schedules at least two meetings a year of specific interest to the various interest-groups . . . Half of the chapter membership is non-Japanese, he said. Therefore, meetings of an educational tone about Nisei problems or Japanese culture would draw them . . . Events catering to the family members, like a picnic, would attract the family members . . . And there were dance parties to attract the younger members of the chapter . . . Indeed, such is a realistic approach to local programming . . . The ideal of getting every member to attend every monthly meeting would be self-evident and 100 percent attendance would be automatic. The wartime emergency meetings come into this category . . . But today, conditions are near normal in community life. A JACL chapter would do well to cater to a particular need at a particular time, rather than be disappointed in not finding a general theme everytime . . . Perhaps, the problem of integrating Issei citizens into chapter activities is in between somewhere . . . At the Homecoming Banquet dance, there were some Issei fox-trotting on the floor. To those Issei citizens who step in line with the present calendar of chapter events, they should be addressed as if he were a Nisei friend . . . Probably the Issei who is more accustomed to the Oriental tradition of filial piety would prefer a separate Issei division. And they would deserve the Japanese titles of respect: "ojisan" and "obasan", I'd say.

Behold the modern pioneer
Upon his westward thrust;
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"Las Vegas and Go Bust."

Add: Just to show you how tough the government is, we can tune off Dick Haymes if we don't like it, Uncle Sam sends him back to Argentina . . . It is said the mental maturity of a person is in inverse ratio to the number of gadgets he hangs on his car . . . While Franco seeks the return of Gibraltar from Britain, the old pile as a symbol is still impressive. But modern war methods have reduced its might until now the insurance company is stronger than the rock.

From the Frying Pan . . .

Vacation Post-Mortem

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver

Some wise man once said vacation trips are for the purpose of making you happy to come home, happy enough to stand the place for another year. That's the way we feel after nine days on the road. We reached home at a quarter to one ayem, found the place hadn't been rifled, the roof hadn't fallen in, and no one had tried to burn the joint down.

In fact a neighbor boy had mowed the lawn (as per understanding, and for a financial consideration) and in the house looked quite presentable.

The fact that none of us suffered from anything more serious than sore behinds (from sitting too long) is either (1) a tribute to the sanitary standards of Wyoming restaurants or (2) testimony as to our rugged constitutions. And so back to work.

Our Peter (age 5) and Christie (3) were arguing about something trivial the other day when Pete gave way to exasperation and called his sister stupid.

"I am not stupid," she retorted. "I'm smart."

"All right," said Pete, "if you're so smart, what's two and two?"

Without a second's hesitation, Christie replied: "Two

and two is three."

I waited to hear what Pete would say to his mathematical falsehood. But of course he didn't know the answer and it seems he was overwhelmed by the authoritative ring in Christie's voice.

He lapsed into the gloomy silence of a small boy who has been outwitted by an even smaller sister.

On our trip we drove 1,950 miles and didn't have so much as a flat tire or an overheated radiator. We've come to take that sort of trouble-free performance for granted in our automobiles. This journey was in marked contrast to one I made with Yoichi Masuda a couple of decades ago.

Both of us were working, after a fashion, for Jimmie Sakamoto's Japanese American Courier in Seattle. I had a car of sorts and Yoichi had ambitions to swing through our circulation territory and sell some subscriptions. So we set out for Portland, 190 miles away. There on a Sunday night the clutch went out, and we were due to leave next morning.

The mechanic in the only garage I found open insisted he couldn't repair the clutch that night and take care of the gas-buying trade at the same time. I finally persuaded him

to take on the job by offering to help him. So he loaned me a pair of coveralls and we made the repairs together. Yoichi, of course, couldn't do us any good so he went back to the hotel and got himself a good night's sleep.

Early next morning we started up the Columbia river highway with Yoichi picking up a few subscriptions in Hood River and The Dalles. Then we cut back into Washington and hit a 50-mile stretch of highway populated exclusively by cottontail rabbits. Exactly midway in this stretch the rear end began to clatter loudly and finally broke down with a horrible grinding sound. Yoichi hitch-hiked into Toppenish and sent out a wrecker which hoisted up the rear end and towed me backwards for 25 miles.

Heading back to Seattle over the Cascade mountains, one of the headlights blacked out on a sharp curve. We limped into the next town on one headlight, expecting it to go out and leave us in darkness at any moment. When we got home we discovered we had spent more money for repairs than we had collected for subscriptions.

Such was the way of cars, and Nisei journalism in the allegedly good old days.

Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

Quaint, Charming, Stereotyped

Continued popularity, of those sturdy perennials of the musical theater, "Madame Butterfly" and "The Mikado", have been responsible for countless attempts to approximate the successes achieved by Giacomo Puccini and Gilbert and Sullivan.

Almost every year, when the autumn crocus is in saffron bloom and hopes burn brightly along Schubert alley, there are works in progress with Japanese and Asian backgrounds. Few of these, however, survive the first frost, if they reach the production stage at all.

A notable exception is Rogers and Hammerstein's "The King and I," now in its third year and doing very well. Yul Brynner is once again playing the King of Siam and Yuriko Kikuchi and Michiko Iseri are still weaving their terpsichorean magic in their duet as Eliza and The Angel in the ballet sequence born of the Uncle Tom legend, "The Little House of Uncle Thomas."

It is significant, perhaps, that the productions with Japanese and Asian settings which have achieved such remarkable success are those with stylized settings and action. Cho-Cho-San, The Lord High Executioner and, possibly, the court ladies of 19th century Siam all hue closely to a stereotype, albeit a pleasant one in most instances. Mary Martin in "Lute Song," Florence Bainter in "The Willow Tree" and Florence Reid in "The Shanghai Gesture," all Broadway successes with Chinese settings, projected the type of Oriental character which audiences have come to accept.

Attempts to present dramas

DECADE AGO

Pacific Citizen, Aug. 21, 1943
Sgt. Kazuo Komoto's family in Gila River WRA camp notified soldier wounded in Southwest Pacific.

California Atty. Gen. Kenny creates alien land unit to check alleged evasions of state laws by evacuees.

Further influx of evacuees into Denver area discouraged by WRA.

American Legion opens drive to return relocation camps to U.S. military control.

and musicals with contemporary settings have not done as well. Even Ted Pollock's interracial drama of occupation Japan, "Wedding in Japan," which received good critical notices in two off-Broadway productions, the first with Michiko Okamoto as the girl, did not achieve a formal Broadway production. The second time "Wedding" was presented last year it was closed by the sponsors following protests from a Nisei group that the Japanese characters were presented as racial stereotypes.

This year's entry on Broadway is John Patrick's dramatization of the Vern Sneider novel, "The Teahouse of the August Moon," a play with a background of the U.S. occupation on Okinawa. As the PC reported last week, a 24-year old girl from Tokyo, Mariko Niki, has been chosen by the noted actor, Maurice Evans, to play the leading role of Lotus Blossom. Mr. Evans, currently starring in "Dial M for Murder," will direct the play which, on the basis of its title and name of its leading character, should be quaint, charming, stereotyped and successful. John Patrick is the author of a wartime drama about Britons in Burma, "The Hasty Heart," which was successful on both stage and screen.

All plays which project the accepted Japanese or Oriental stereotype are not necessarily successful. Last summer the Schuberts dusted off a musical which had been a big hit on Broadway before World War I and sent it out for a tour of the provinces. It was called "Geisha Girl" and it didn't get to Broadway.

About three seasons ago some of Broadway's top talent was involved in a musical version of the Donn Byrne novel, "Messer Marco Polo," and Shirley Yamaguchi was engaged for the distaff lead. A New Haven opening was set and a theater engaged for the Broadway opening. After weeks of rehearsal the project was called off, ostensibly because the entry of the Chinese Communists into the Korean war made any production with a Chinese background a risky one. It could be, of course, that other factors, including libretto trouble, may have influenced the decision to abandon

the production after a considerable amount of money had been expended on settings and costumes.

Among the films the sensation international success, "Rashomon," presented a drama of 12th century Japan, while Japanese productions with modern settings have not been popular overseas. "Rashomon," of course, was a work of cinematic genius, winning both the Venice International and the Hollywood Academy awards. Taken from an Akutagawa novel, "In the Forest," it had an upbeat ending which does not appear in the book. The young novelist committed suicide in a fit of despondency over the future of Japan and the world at a time when the militarists had come to power in pre-Pearl Harbor Japan. The film "Rashomon" ended with a hope for a better world and the end of man's inhumanity to man.

"Adventure in Tokyo," a Shochiku production about post-war Japan, has been exported to the United States but has not proved popular, although it is a good, serious film about a doctor who serves the poor, who live in the rubble of modern-day Tokyo. At least a dozen films have been prepared in Japan to exploit the interest engendered by "Rashomon," but "Adventure in Tokyo" is the first to be accepted by American distributors.

American films produced in Japan have been similarly unsuccessful, including such mistakes as "Tokyo File 212," "Night in a Geisha House" and "The Invisible Worm." All of these, of course, were shoe-string productions with little, if any, artistic merits and the fact that all were about present-day Japan should not prejudice the argument that a post-war picture with the merit of an Italian "Shoeshine" or a "Bicycle Thief" would not prove popular.

It would seem, of course, that the entrepreneur with money to invest in a Japanese or Asian drama, musical or movie would do best to stick by the old stereotypes of the quaint, charming, child-like little people of the Orient since that seems to be the impression with which the drama-goers of the western world are most comfortable.