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Aiso first Mainland Nisei named judge, to L.A. municipal bench

Sacramento
John F. Aiso, 43, last week became the first Nisei in California's history to be appointed a judge when Gov. Warren named him to the Los Angeles municipal bench. Warren named him to fill a

vacancy made by the death of Municipal Court Judge Ben Rosenthal.

In World War II, Aiso enlisted as a private and rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel, the highest held by a Nisei. As head of the Japanese Language

School at Ft. Snelling, Minn., he supervised the training of more than 6,000 Nisei who served in military intelligence during the war.

(The JACL's part in the appointment of a Nisei judge is found in The Sou'Wester column this week.—Editor.)



Proud new citizens take the oath of allegiance as a mass naturalization ceremony in Honolulu Sept. 17, the largest swearing-in program in Hawaii's history. Of the 209 naturalized, 136 were Japanese nationals.

LARGEST MASS SWEAR-IN RITES OF HAWAII INCLUDES 136 JAPANESE

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu
Superlatives were used to describe the mass naturalization of resident non-citizens in Honolulu last Thursday (Sept. 17).

Two hundred nine men and women, 136 of them Japanese, took the oath of allegiance to the United States—the largest swearing-in ceremony in Hawaii's history.

Eight hundred spectators witnessed the event—the largest crowd to attend a naturalization session.

The ceremony took place in the large auditorium of McKinley High School—probably the first time in Hawaiian history that a U.S. district judge transferred his courtroom to a place outside to hold such a session.

Hawaii's Governor Samuel Wilder King called it a "most heartwarming sight." Hawaii's Delegate to Congress, Joseph R. Farrington, said it was the "most inspiring thing I have seen here at McKinley auditorium."

For seven months, these naturalization sessions have been held in the staid, somber courtroom of Federal Judge J. Frank McLaughlin for aliens seeking citizenship under the Walter-McCarran Act. The first group of Japanese and others who became eligible for naturalization under the new law was sworn in last February. Since then, once a month at first and later twice a month, the ceremonies have been staged in the judge's courtroom, with special speakers and other arrangements to give it a patriotic note.

For Citizenship Day observance Thursday last week the 209 new citizens were treated to something even more special.

Besides the Guest speakers, military officers, legislative leaders and church and other officials were present on the platform.

The Honolulu Junior Chamber of Commerce, which sponsored the event, saw to it that it was a notable occasion. Bunting and flags decorated the hall.

The Pearl Harbor Marine band struck up "The Stars and Stripes" to bring two columns of snappily marching color guards down the aisles from the rear of the auditorium to the stage.

The new citizens occupied seats in the center of the auditorium. All wore red, white and blue paper leis; some wore flower leis in addition. One elderly Issei had a tiny American flag stuck to his coat pocket.

A choir composed of employees of a telephone company sang the Hawaiian anthem. Then came the roll call, the court clerk reading the number of the petition and the petitioner's name.

By far the largest number had come from Japan. Others had come from China, the Philippines, Samoa, from various countries of Europe and from Canada.

The naturalization examiner recommended all those present to become citizens. As is his custom, Judge McLaughlin selected at random various individuals to ask them the question: "Why do you want to become an American citizen?"

A portable microphone was taken to those selected. An Issei carpenter told the judge

Eisenhower signs U.S.-Japan treaty of friendship, commerce & navigation

Denver

Pres. Eisenhower signed the Treaty of Friendship, Commerce and Navigation between the United States and Japan on Sept. 16 to complete ratification of an agreement first signed by representatives of both governments last Apr. 2.

The pact becomes effective one month following exchange of ratification. Consisting of 25 articles and attached protocol, it accords nationals of the other country the "most-favored national" treatment with respect to entry, residence, sojourn, protection of person and property, access to court, business activities, acquisition of property rights, taxation, exchange control, import and export trade, commercial travel, navigation, transmit and other rights "essential for the maintenance and development of trade and commerce and interchange of economic activities between the two countries."

1954 Printing Week emblem designed by Nisei artist

Dallas, Tex.

A Honolulu artist, Hiromu Maehara, 2885 Kalihi Valley Rd., is first place winner of the Printing Week stamp design contest sponsored by the International Association of Printing House Craftsmen.

The award was officially announced at the international convention of the association held here last week.

The design will be the official emblem of 1954 Printing Week. It will be featured in newspapers, industrial publications and on posters, match covers, programs, enclosures, booklets, street car and bus signs, blotters and stationary throughout the nation.

With the advertising department of the Honolulu Advertiser, Maehara is a graduate of the New York School of Design and taught at North Shapleigh Art School in Maine and the American School of Design in New York before returning to Hawaii.

New Canadian editor

Toronto

George Nishimura, originally of Vancouver, B.C., succeeded Ken Adachi as English editor of the New Canadian, semi-weekly Japanese-English publication here. Adachi, who is to continue his studies, joined the staff in 1948.

JACL TO JOIN GOV'T FIGHT ON JOB BIAS

Washington

The National JACL will cooperate with the newly created Government Contract Committee, recently established by executive order from President Eisenhower. The committee replaced President Truman's Government Contract Compliance Committee and the earlier wartime Fair Employment Practices Committee.

The Committee assigns to the heads of contracting agencies primary responsibility for obtaining compliance with the non-discrimination clause required to be included in all government contracts and sub-contracts.

Principle difference, it was explained by the Washington JACL office, is that the new order authorizes the committee to receive complaints of alleged violations and to forward them to the appropriate contracting agency. Each agency is also required to report to the committee what action was taken.

While largely advisory, the Government Contract Committee is expected to reduce the area of employment discrimination. Vice-Pres. Nixon was named committee chairman.

The Washington JACL Office, as a cooperating organization, will represent persons of Japanese ancestry before this committee. Accordingly any Nisei or Issei who believes that he is being discriminated in employment involving either the government or government contract because of his race should communicate with his chapter officials or a JACL office.

SIX SAN DIEGO ISSEI BECOME U.S. CITIZENS

San Diego

Citizenship Day here saw 96 new Americans taking the oath of allegiance at a naturalization hearing presided over by Superior Judge Arthur L. Mundo. Six were from Japan. They are:

Florence Himeko Asakawa, Yutaka Nakamura, Tsutaye Sato, Sumi Miyashita, Ainosuke Esaki and Moritaka Tsuneyoshi.

Fresno

Among the 101 new citizens of Fresno County honored last week by the American Legion Post No. 4 and the Fresno City and County Schools were 12 Issei, recently naturalized.

They are: Selma-Sada Abiko, Bill Tatsuchi Hashimoto, Yoshio Kajitani, Matsuno Taketomo, Shotaro Takikawa; Fowler-Toyo Kazato, Ted

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Naturalization barred to Issei who requested draft exemption by alienage

San Francisco

Citizenship will be denied to persons who expressly requested exemption from U.S. army service on the basis of alienage during World War I or II, it was advised today by the Nationality and Status Section of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in San Francisco.

Attorneys Victor Abe and Wayne Kanemoto and JACL Regional Director Haruo Ishimaru met with H. J. Hart, Chief of the Nationality and Status Section Thursday morning last week to discuss the problem of Issei men who were classified as 5-F during World War I and whose citizenship petitions are being held up for this reason.

Hart stated that it would be necessary for these cases to be cleared through a court ruling and informed the JACL that it

would be allowed to present briefs in behalf of Issei petitioners to attempt to change the adverse ruling of the Naturalization Section.

Hart further stated that Issei men planning to take trips to Japan should be very careful to check their status in order to avoid possibility of being refused re-entry into the United States. He pointed out that re-entry permits are not a guarantee of re-admission.

Later in the afternoon the two attorneys and Ishimaru met with George Inagaki, National President, and Masao Satow, National Director, to discuss the problem and conferred by phone with Mike Masaoka who plans to meet with the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization in Washington.

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Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

Questions and Answers on the Supreme Court . . .

Because President Eisenhower is expected to name a Chief Justice to the Supreme Court soon, his first appointment to the nation's highest tribunal, there is great current interest in the Court. To answer some of the questions being asked, this week we will list some questions and answers regarding the Supreme Court. We trust that our readers will approve this departure from our usual format.

Q.—Must President Eisenhower appoint a Chief Justice before Congress convenes?

A.—No. If he does not do so, Associate Justice Hugo Lafayette Black as the senior justice would preside until another Chief Justice is named.

Q.—Has the Senate ever rejected a nomination to the Supreme Court?

A.—Yes. The last rejected nominee was John J. Parker, appointed by President Hoover, who was turned down by the Senate May 7, 1933. One of the few leading Republicans with considerable judicial experience, he is now the chief judge for the Fourth Judicial District, the Court of Appeals for Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the Carolinas, and is among those most prominently mentioned at the present time as a possible successor to the late Chief Justice Vinson.

In an earlier case, a recess appointment was rejected by the Senate. John Rutledge was appointed by President Washington to succeed Chief Justice John Jay July 1, 1795 and presided at the August term that year. On Dec. 15, 1795, the Senate refused to confirm him so Washington, the only President to nominate more than one chief justice, named Oliver Ellsworth in his stead. Rutledge, incidentally, is listed as one of the 13 chief justices in American history.

Q.—Of the 13 men who have been Chief Justice, how many previously held associate justiceships on the Supreme Court?

A.—Only three, and of this trio two were elevated directly to the top spot from the bench.

The first associate justice appointed Chief Justice was Edward D. White, a Confederate leader who later served as Democratic senator and was named to the high court by Democratic President Grover Cleveland. Republican President William H. Taft promoted him to be Chief Justice in 1910.

The other associate justice named to the top position directly from the Court itself was Harlan Fiske Stone, Attorney General under President Coolidge, and who was appointed Chief Justice by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1941.

These two, coincidentally, were the only Chief Justices named by presidents of opposing political parties.

The third man to hold both an associate justiceship and the chief justiceship was Charles Evan Hughes, a Republican first named to the high bench by Taft in 1910 and then, after 14 years absence from the Court, Chief Justice by President Hoover in 1930. Hughes resigned from the Court to run for the presidency against Woodrow Wilson.

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Q.—Has any President served as Chief Justice?

A.—Yes. President Taft was the only chief executive ever to be named Chief Justice.

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Q.—Who is generally considered to be the greatest Chief Justice?

A.—The choice generally narrows down to between the first and the fourth, John Jay and John Marshall, with the latter usually being the winner.

Jay, the first Chief Justice, was one of the financial angels of the Revolution and its chief foreign affairs expert. When the federal government was set up in 1789, Washington offered Jay any post he desired. Jay took the Chief Justiceship and served until 1795.

Marshall held the post longer than any other. Appointed by President John Adams in 1801, he survived until 1835, almost to the end of President Andrew Jackson's administration. He looms so large on the judicial scene because the Supreme Court was in the process of building America's legal foundations during the years he presided.

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Q.—Who was the last Californian to serve on the Supreme Court?

A.—Associate Justice Joseph McKenna, who retired in 1925 after having served 25 years. The only other Californian to serve on the Supreme Court was Associate Justice Stephen J. Field, who served from 1863 to 1887.

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Q.—How does the present Court line up as "liberals" and "conservatives"?

A.—The two members most consistently "liberal" have been Justices William O. Douglas and Black. Justice Robert H. Jackson, who probably writes the most lucid opinions, according to most lawyers who practice before the Supreme Court, has voted often with the "conservatives". Justice Stanley Reed has voted with both sides. Justice Felix Frankfurter probably has been more "conservative" than most "liberals" wished. Justice Harold Burton, the lone Republican, is a moderate. Justices Sherman Minton and Tom Clark have often followed the "conservative" lead of the late Chief Justice Vinson.

Justice Douglas and Black have been the most vigorous dissenters, with Douglas recorded as having 19 written dissents and 19 dissents without formalizing his reasons during the past session just ended. Justice Black had 43 dissents in all and Justice Frankfurter 32.

Decision on California bedding plant marketing order not final yet, advises State Agriculture market bureau

Los Angeles

News of the California bedding plant marketing order being declared invalid by Superior Court Judge William J. Palmer last week stirred Issei and Nisei growers, nurserymen and gardeners throughout the state.

This week, the Bureau of Markets of the Dept. of Agriculture in Sacramento announced the marketing order is still in force except for cost enforcement until further notice.

The decision is not final and the marketing order is still valid, according to Henry Ishida, chairman of the Bedding Plant Advisory Board, which is still in full power to function.

The decision of the case of State of California vs. Robert A. Asamoto has led to some misunderstanding of the function of the board and order, which the advisory board chairman this week sought to clarify.

As background, Ishida told of inconsiderate price-cutting for sake of competition in the sale of bedding plants. The situation at one time showed a drop to 30 cents when costs were from \$1 to \$1.25. "There were no records of supply or demand, or the volume of business in the

state, or even decent accounting figures to determine costs, individually or industry-wide," he said.

Marketing order for California bedding plants was established after requests were made to the Dept. of Agriculture by bedding plant producers who sought assistance in orderly marketing of their agricultural product. The request was made after many seasons of destructive price-cutting.

A majority of the bedding-plant producers requested the State for establishment of a marketing order. In Southern California, 85 percent of the licensed bedding plant producers listed with the Dept. of Agriculture were included in the request. Over three-fourths of growers in the Southland are Japanese Americans.

After the sign-up, a public hearing was held. No objections were placed in establishing a marketing order. The state director of agriculture then studied the hearings records and finding the need of the industry, established a marketing order under provision of the Agricultural Code.

Rules and regulations of the marketing order are recommended to the state by the ad-

visory board, consisting solely of members of the industry whose major portion of business is in the production of bedding plants. Each resolution is studied by the director as to its legality and justice to producers as well as general public before approval.

"It is the members of the industry who recommend the amount of assessment to be collected from the industry, the use of the monies and all other phases of the marketing order," Ishida explained.

The marketing order is self-sustaining, funds collected from the assessment paying for the Order as well as its pro-rata share of expenses of the state bureau of markets.

"The establishment of the marketing order raised the morale of the industry sharply," Ishida continued. "Using the cost survey conducted by the Advisory Board as a guide, the producers were made to realize the lack of knowledge of their cost, since many kept but few records."

"Free family labor was often not included as part of cost, as well as other expenses required in the production of bedding plants," he said.

Advertising and publicity campaigns were initiated also to create public interest in bedding plants, thereby increasing demands to help stabilize the industry.

Similar marketing orders for other agricultural products, such as lettuce, corn, raisins, peaches and wine, have been in effect to the benefit of a large segment of Japanese in agriculture.

"When does free enterprise end and unfair trade practices begin?" Ishida asked in conclusion. "A huge majority of the producers now consider cost of production and marketing, and are seeking to raise the comparatively low standard of living of the industry to a normal level in a sensible manner, using the provisions provided in the Agricultural Code."

IN HONOR OF:

Nisei surgeon-chemist awarded top Lilly award for blood research

Senior research fellow in chemistry, Dr. Harvey A. Itano of Pasadena, Calif., was named recipient of the 1954 Eli Lilly and Co. Award in biological chemistry, the American Chemical Society announced at its annual meeting in Chicago last week.

Dr. Itano, a graduate of Univ. of California, received his M.D. degree from St. Louis University in 1945 and his Ph.D. degree from Cal-Tech in 1950. He is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Masao Itano, Sacramento.

The \$1,000 award is made in recognition of contributions to fundamental research in biological chemistry and is presented annually to an outstanding young American chemist.

John Mizuno was announced first prize winner in the modern water color professional field division at Utah State Fair.

The Tom Sashihas of Cleveland were kept busy with honors brought them by their children this past summer. Son Tom received his M.S. in chemical engineering from Ohio State University and will continue his graduate studies at OSU with a DuPont Fellowship. Daughter Diane (Mrs. Roy Ando) was graduated from Huron Road School of Nursing, Cleveland, and is now serving as instructor in nursing arts. Elder Tom was proprietor of Iwaki Drug in prewar Li'l Tokio.

Recipient of an \$800 scholarship to Harvard, Vincent Aoki, 2338 So. King St., Honolulu, will study pre-med this fall. He attended the citizenship encampment in New York in 1952 and the National Conference of Student Councils at Evanston, Ind., this year.

Jane T. Sakamura of Lanai is spending her junior year at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., upon being awarded a Dole scholarship.

Toshiko Ikeda, a Mormon convert in Tokyo, was granted a scholarship to attend Ricks College, Rexburg, Idaho, this year. She originally hails from Kofu.

Japan's highest decoration, the Grand Cordon of the First Class Order of the Rising Sun, was awarded to Gen. Mark Clark, retiring U.N. and Far East commander, by the Emperor of Japan. It was bestowed "in appreciation of the general's

distinguished services for defense of Japan and for betterment of Japan-U.S. relations."

The Nisei farm cooperative venture known as the Cortez Growers Co-op was cited as a successful venture in a recent California Farmer article. Headed by George Yuge, onetime JACL chapter president, the organization is a producer's non-profit association operated on a five-year revolving basis and all excess profits accumulated during the five-year period are rebated back to members each sixth year. There are 37 Nisei and 12 Caucasian members in the group that was started by 12 Nisei vegetable and berry growers in 1924. Don Toyoda is co-op manager.

Navy Lt. Harvey N. Kitaoka, who just received his second Air Medal, was on his way home aboard the aircraft carrier Princeton, due to arrive Sept. 24 at Los Angeles harbor. The Los Angeles youth lives at 2720 S. Orchard, is a graduate from the Univ. of Illinois, and served in the Army during World War II. He has been in the Navy for two years, flying jet planes.

Ruby Nakagawa, honor graduate of Fowler (Calif.) High School, is attending Pacific College, Seattle, on a four-year scholarship, majoring in chemistry.

Tak Muto, San Fernando floriculturist, was honored by the California State Florist Ass'n meeting in Fresno for his outstanding service in uniting growers for research.

Attends Mexican fete

Los Angeles

John Watanabe of the East Los Angeles JACL chapter represented the local JACL at a celebration of Mexican Independence Day last Sunday at the Eastside Jewish Community Center. Other ethnic groups were also represented in the festivities.

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CATHOLIC INTERRACIALIST FEATURES NISEI STORY

Chicago

Feature article in the September issue of the Catholic Interracialist, formerly the Harlem Friendship House News, relates the personal experiences of Mary Minamoto and her family on Dec. 7, 1941, evacuation, relocation and resettlement.

"The Minamoto family suffered their part in one of the saddest cases of hysteria in American history," its editorial of the month commented. "The reparation for this injustice which has been called our worst wartime mistake, Congress in the last session passed legislation which will pay approved claims under \$2,500 which were filed before Jan. 1, 1950, as well as few larger claims."

Miss Minamoto recalled the incident of Min Yasui having a glass of beer in Portland after curfew hours, hoping to be locked up to test the constitutionality of the order. He had to telephone the police twice before being locked up. She wrote of the hopes of voluntary evacuation to Payette, Idaho, but giving that up, being housed to the Portland Livestock Pavilion, assembly center for evacuees, her first train ride to Minidoka and her short-term leave to Salt Lake City.

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TOKYO TOPICS:

First modern Japanese newspaper front-pages Salt Lake City story

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA
Japan Bureau, Pacific Citizen

Japan joins hands with the United States in celebrating Newspaper Week this year beginning Oct. 1.

It is extremely interesting to find that the very first edition of a modern newspaper in Japan contained a "news item" from Salt Lake City concerning the Japanese Ambassador, then Deputy Prime Minister Tomomi Iwakura. The first daily, Tokyo Nichi Nichi Shimbun, was dated Feb. 21, 1872.

The Iwakura Embassy had arrived in San Francisco on Jan. 1, 1871, aboard the steamer America. The party was anxious to meet as many Japanese as possible at the Golden Gate City, but was disappointed in rounding up 37 callers. (The 1870 Census reports only 15 Japanese in the country.)

Fifteen days later, the party left for Sacramento and continued their journey eastward to Washington, D.C. On reaching Salt Lake City on Feb. 4, they were snowed in and compelled to stay until Feb. 21. During the party's stay there, they were treated with great kindness by the authorities and citizens of the territory of Utah. At a banquet honoring the Embassy, Iwakura offered a toast:

"On this, the first day of the fifth year of the reign of the Emperor, I propose the health of the President of the United States."

The Nichi Nichi, in its first edition, reported (a year later) the above incident as follows:

"The Embassy left San Francisco on Dec. 22. A severe snowfall was experienced during the trip. On Dec. 26, the Embassy arrived at Salt Lake City and is still staying there. The party suffered much these few days. 'Salt Lake City is a place by the lake, surrounded by high hills and is prosperous. The inhabitants are followers of Mormonism. There is a very big temple. The religion permits its

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Among a group of 34 Seattle Japanese residents naturalized and last week honored at Seattle JACL's "I Am An American" Day dinner were (left to right) Frank Yoshito Kitamoto, Yozo Watanabe, H. S. Kawabe, Mrs. Miyoshi Nishimura, Seiji Baba, Mr. and Mrs. Yasukichi Chiba.

—Yuki Photo

Seattle JACL honors 151 naturalized Issei at 'I Am An American' Day tele

Most of them in their 60s now, 151 Japan-born residents of Seattle who were naturalized this past year were honored on "I Am An American" Day program and dinner Sept. 17 the Seattle JACL chapter at the Seattle Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

Paul S. Kashino, general chairman, said the new citizens were allowed to apply for citizenship papers under the McCarran-Walter Immigration Act passed late 1952. On the program speaking were Dr. Kelly K. Yamada, chapter president; Frank Hattori and H. S. Kawabe, who responded for the guests.

Rep. Thomas Pelly gave the main address.

In welcoming the new citizens, Pelly said:

"I know from a lifetime of association with members of Seattle's Japanese American community that there is no group which takes a civic responsibility more seriously."

"In extending best wishes and congratulations to our new American citizens of Japanese ancestry, we welcome them into a unique society . . . where our principles and established order are such that we have a firm foundation on which to develop common understanding and mutual respect."

Mr. and Mrs. Sakichi Soyajima, oldest couple present, 81 and 72 respectively, were excited as children when Judge William J. Lindberg pinned miniature American flags on

their coats.

Others on the program were George Okada, toastmaster; Ed Kiyohara, vice-commander of the Nisei Veterans Committee; Mits Katayama, solist; and the Rev. Andrew N. Otani of St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

CAPSULES

As the first Nisei called, George Ida, 30, of Toronto was summoned to serve on the Ontario provincial supreme court jury at Toronto in a case to be tried next week.

Among Denver girl scouts meeting the First Lady, Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower, at her mother's home was Irene Hashimoto, 1465 Ivanhoe St.

Apparently falling asleep at the wheel, Shoichi Komuro, 68, of Denver died of brain injury in a one-car accident last week on a mountain highway enroute to a fishing trip. Ken Nakamura, 34, owner of the car, suffered a broken nose and bruised nose and bruised left leg. The accident occurred east U.S. 24-285, eight miles east of Buena Vista, Colo. Komuro was pre-war publisher of the Stockton Times.



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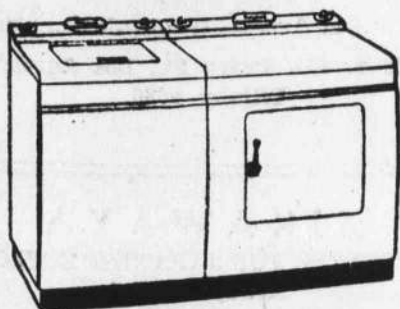
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The old age pension plan in Illinois is extremely generous in view of the fact that one does not have to be a U.S. citizen (as is the case in California), reports **John L. Yoshino**, formerly associated with Illinois Public Aid. In outlining the requirements for Old Age Assistance in the State of Illinois, he said an Issei without any means of self-support can apply for pension if he is 65 years or older and has resided in the state for at least one year. His personal assets must not exceed \$600 if married, or \$400 if single. Assets were described as items of money in the bank (or under the mattress), negotiable securities, cash surrender value of life insurance policies, other pensions. If the applicant is receiving social security benefits and his monthly check is less than the maximum of \$71 now being paid to Illinois pensioners, he may apply and get supplementary assistance. If the applicant has grown children living in Illinois who are able to assume full or partial support, the Dept. of Public Welfare will call them for explanation of their financial ability to support their parents.

Around Chicago . . .

The **Chicago Resettlers Committee** is holding its annual election meeting of executive board members today. The City-Widers had 48 attending their weekend outing at Forest Beach Camp in New Buffalo, Mich., recently. They will have a group discussion on Social Relationship Among Nisei Oct. 9, at **Tom Kanno's** residence, 4919 N. Winthrop Ave., on Oct. 9 with **Rose Fujimoto** chairing. The American Legion Auxiliary benefit show last week at Orland Park School featured Japanese classical dances by students of **Shizu Inbe**. Dancers were **Shizuko Hidaka**, **Sadako Fujii**, **Nancy Tadamaru**, **Raiko Hidaka** and **Mitsuko Nakashita**. The Chicago performances of the **Fujiwara Opera Co.** have been cancelled. Chicago public schools are mapping a campaign to reduce the amount of window breakage and other vandalism in school buildings which is costing taxpayers more than a million dollars annually. Visiting in Chicago was **Eiichi Tanaka**, Tokyo metropolitan police chief, who said his traffic problems are complicated by a great number of rickshas, carts and bicycles.

Personals . . .

Harumi Okada, Colleens president, and **George "Ham" Hamada** were married Sept. 12 and are residing at 5519 S. Dorchester. The New Name contest of the **War Brides Club** ends Sept. 30. It could either be Japanese or English. Entries should be sent to the Chicago Resettlers, 1110 N. La Salle St., Chicago 10. Best name wins \$20. **Joseph Maruyama**, 5309 N. Winthrop, formerly of Las Animas, Colo., is assistant employment supervisor at the International Harvester tractor works, 2600 W. 35th Blvd. He is doing a magnificent job as chapter 1st vice-president programming meetings on the third Friday each month. His wife is the former **Dorothy Suzuki** of Stockton. Their children are **Marsha**, 2½, and **Donald Wayne**, 3 months. They're members of the City-Widers, Lakers and the Buena Presbyterian Church. **Lt. James Tajiri**, who completed paratroop leader's training, has been assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Ft. Bragg, N.C. He was on furlough here at his mother's, 6237 S. Kimbark Ave. He is the brother of **Larry** (former P.C. editor), **Vince**, **Thomas** and sister **Mrs. Roberts**. Prior to his enlistment, Jim received a B.S. degree in accounting from Roosevelt College and was a law student at De Paul University. His other brother, **George**, is in Amsterdam, Holland, opening an wrought iron sculpturing and wall-paper design shop. He has a similar shop

Mountain-Plains district confab dates in query

Denver

The Denver JACL will play host to the Mountain Plains District Council at a conference scheduled for late November, according to **George Masunaga**, district chairman.

Presidents of the nine chapters in the region were queried this week by Masunaga as to their preference in dates for the meeting. Conference officials will select a conference date in keeping with the wishes of the majority of the chapters, the district chairman said.

The Denver JACL, headed by **John Noguchi**, will be in charge of all social events, and a number of outstanding affairs will be on the agenda. Local committees will be announced soon.

Pacific Northwest District Council confab set Dec. 5-6

Hood River, Ore.

Pacific Northwest District Council meeting here Sept. 6 began final preparations for their biennial convention to be held in Portland on Dec. 5-6.

Mrs. Martha Osaki (610 NW Davis, Portland) and **Henry Kato** (Rt. 1, Box 3630, Portland) were announced as co-chairmen of the two-day affair by **Dr. Matthew Masuoka**, district council chairman.

The schedule is tentative, but **John Hada** of the convention committee said all chapters would be informed as soon as the final drafts are made of the schedule, which includes a dinner-dance, golf, bowling, bridge tournaments, panel discussion and a outing at Mt. Hood's Timberline Lodge.

The Portland, Gresham-Troutdale, and Mid-Columbia chapters are co-hosts of the convention. Registration fee is \$5, which includes dance, banquet and outing.

Denver JACL to honor 24 Issei citizens

Denver

Twenty-four Issei recently winning their American citizenship will be feted by the Denver JACL at a fall social and dinner program on Wednesday, Oct. 21.

Dr. George Takeno, 1st vice-president, will be in charge, according to **John Noguchi**, president.

The affair will begin with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. at the YWCA. Special invitations will be sent to all Issei who participated in the "Citizenship Day" program on Sept. 17.

in Paris. Last month, he had three designs in the International Wallpaper Exhibit at Darmstadt, Germany. Sunday Tribune Graphic Magazine subject last week was smiling **Teruko Umemoto**, therapeutic dietitian at St. Luke's Hospital. A Los Angeles girl, she was graduated from Whittier College with a degree in dietetics after the war. Her husband attends the Institute of Design at the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Endowment Fund Contributors

San Francisco

JACL Headquarters reports an additional \$3,662.01 has been received since the last report of Sept. 16, making a total of \$52,923.82 received for the National Endowment Fund.

Recent contributors include: (Arizona) Glendale—Mr. and Mrs. K. Hashimoto \$50. (Colorado) Boulder—S. Togashi \$25; Denver—Ikuji Kumagai \$35, Yoshitake H. Kuritani \$25, Frank T. Sasada \$100. (Idaho) Sun Valley—T. H. Shigeta \$5.

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—Shizuo Kunimoto \$15, Mary Nakagawa \$35; Reedley—Joe T. Miyami \$50. Rutherford—I. Kiyota \$50; Sacramento—George O. \$25, R. Sato \$50; San Clemente—K. & T. Yoshida \$40. San Francisco—Kojiro F. Hedani \$25, Tokuji Hedano \$50, Mrs. Haru Hori \$35, Gisaburo Kasahara \$10, S. Nakai \$25, Teiko Kuroiwa \$20, Ry Omi \$32.50, I. Osaki \$20, Michiko Yokota \$40. Sanger—W. & H. Nakai \$25; Santa Barbara—Mrs. Nao Asakura \$55, Su-tezo Yamada \$30; Santa Maria—K. Nakamura \$20; Sun Valley—Toyohachi Nakamoto \$10, Tom Tsunuma \$15; Thermal—Mas Oshiki \$15; Ukiah—Chomatsu K. Ishii \$15; Venice—saoka \$61.29; Walnut Grove—Mr. & Mrs. Dan M. Aoyama \$50, Mrs. Yotsi Sasaki \$5.

CHAPTER MEMO

Omaha JACL: Two contributions recently acknowledged by the chapter include \$10 from Mr. and Mrs. Dick Muto and \$25 from K. Matsunami in memory of his late wife Yonayo who died July 27.

Hollywood JACL: Over 40 students are registered in the current citizenship class for Issei at Dayton Heights School, 607 N. Westmoreland. Instructor Mickey Moriawaki says additional enrollment will be accepted. The class meets Tuesday and Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m.

East Los Angeles JACL: Joseph Wakamatsu is instructor of the new citizenship class at Roosevelt High School, which began this week. Edison Uno, chapter president, added classes are on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 to 9.

Philadelphia JACL: Ben Ohama, chapter president, and William Sasagawa, EDC vice-president, represented the chapter on the speakers' platform at Citizenship Day exercises here last week. Philadelphia, the cradle of American democracy, recognized some 2,000 new American citizens naturalized this year at Independence Square ceremonies.

Downtown Los Angeles: A panel of real estate brokers is scheduled to meet at the regular chapter luncheon meeting Oct. 1 at San Kwo Low. Serving as moderator is Attorney Kay Uchima and panelists are Asajiro Nishimoto, Ty Saito and Frank Suzuki. Dave Yokozeiki is program chairman.

Detroit JACL: The chapter dance class held an outing recently at Bishop Lake.

San Francisco JACL: It's "Sports Night" next Tuesday at the Buchanan Y with a 49-er vs. Cleveland Browns football game of 1949 on film as an opener. Bylan Zlovovich will talk on bowling and another illustrated talk on golfing follows. Jerry Enomoto is chairman.

Among the 76 students receiving certificates of completion in American citizenship course sponsored by the Fowler JACL recently under the instruction of Gary Kadani and Mitsuzo Yamane was Kyoichi Fujito, 85, who was the oldest student.

Naturalization

Fowler

Mrs. Taka Taniguchi has been naturalized.

Tom Kamikawa, chairman of the graduation ceremony, was chairman of the Naturalization Course. Harley Nakamura greeted the graduates on behalf of the chapter. The students given diplomas were as follows:

Teruo Arasuna, Ichitoku Kuda, Yoshimi Nakahira, Hachiro Sumida, Gunichi Takata, Fred Kuda, Kiichi Iwamura, Sadami Shimoda, Chiyo Kuramoto, George Fujiwara, Rev. Yoshimasa Shigekawa, Umeko Shigekawa, Toyoso Kuramoto, Morimaki Komaki.

Tokio Shirakawa, Tsukasa Ueki, Taka Taniguchi, Tsunekichi Taniguchi, George Toyoda, Shunsuke Uchiyama, Masaharu Hori, Tom Takahashi, Shigeo Washiya, Izumi Washiya, Masao Nakamura, Yoshiko Hata, Tokusaburo Matsumoto, Gunichi Kanenaga, Mamoru Kuramoto, Kenroku Nakagawa.

Kyoichi Fujimoto, Shigetaro Hagihara, Otone Hagihara, Tane Hiya-ma, Yakichi Honda, Shikuichi II, Keiji Kato, Kaguichi Kawano, Kayo Kikuta, Fuki Komaki, Motoshiro urata, Masato Mayebo, Ayako Mayebo, Namito Masui, Chiyoto Matsumoto, Kaichi Matsuoka, Masami Matsuoka, Tadaichi Morimasa, Sadahei Mukai, Tokuchi Mukai.

Fujiko Nakagawa, Misa Ninomiya, Tamaichi Ochiai, Yoshi Ogawa, Kenso Okamura, Tora Renge, Mitsuyo Sakohira, Kikue Shirakawa, Mameyo Sumida, Fuji Tagawa, Tadaichi Tagawa, Chika Takata, Sunato Taniguchi, Asano Teraoka, Kijiro Tokubo, Yoshio Tokubo, Hina Tsuboi, Saichi Tsuboi, Toshi Uchiyama, Jiro Yamagiwa, Toyo Yamamoto, Hideichi Yamane, Masako Yamane, Kai Yoshimoto, Mitsujiro Yoshimoto, Hikoji Yoshimura.

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Nakatsuka -

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he had come to Hawaii as an infant and therefore knew no other country. A Filipino said, "This country has been very kind to me." A Norwegian said, "This is the land of opportunity and freedom." And so it went, each one voicing the simple yet deeply sincere motive that made him take a most important step.

The clerk of the court then administered the oath of allegiance to the entire group.

Congratulatory speeches were made by Governor King, Delegate Joseph R. Farrington who had helped draft the Walter-McCarran Act; Federal Judge Jon Wiig, and Col. Arthur Chun, Hawaii-born veteran of the Korean war.

A comely native-born citizen who became of voting age that day, Mrs. Lynell K. La Rue, led the assembly in a pledge of allegiance. The singing of the National Anthem, and the retiring of the color closed the court session.

The decorum and dignity of a courtroom had been maintained throughout the program. It was most impressive.

Entertainment then followed. In the typically cosmopolitan manner, it comprised of songs and other selections of Japan, China, the Philippines and Korea.

Sacramento

Japanese participated in the "I Am An American" Day program at the State Fair last Sunday with five numbers presented by the Hanayagi School of Japanese Dance. Lunches for the participants were furnished by the local JACL chapter.

Murayama -

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followers to have many wives. "Young, the founder of the religion who is still living, has 16 wives. There are no families, consisting of one man and one wife, in this city. The proprietor of my hotel has three wives.

"The Mormons were first expelled from New York and coming here established a large temple, creating a big city.

"Washington now sends a government official to this city and he is in charge of city affairs. Foreigners often visit this city for sightseeing. It is surprising to us that there is such a religion in a country boasting of civilization and liberty.

"There was snow over six feet on our way to here from San Francisco.

"The temperature is just about the same as Tokyo."

The Nichi Nichi said the report was extracted from a letter from a member of the Embassy party to a friend. The paper also explained that the letter-writer used the lunar calendar system.

Meanwhile, one Salt Lake City paper had this to report of the same incident:

"One of the principal members of the Japanese Embassy was waited upon yesterday by a messenger from the Prophet Bingham, requesting the Oriental Prince to call on the Western Prophet. His Highness remarked that it was not etiquette in Japan for persons of his rank, when among strangers, to make calls, but awaited the calls of people among whom they may be sojourning.

"The Prophet's messenger replied that the Seer and Revelator was very anxious to see the representative of His Majesty, but was sorry to admit that it was impossible for him to do so immediately. The Royal Ambassador inquired why the Prophet could not call? To this the messenger replied that the Prophet was unwillingly confined to his room in charge of federal officer. The Prince saw the point at once, and with a frown, said:

"We came to the United States to see the President of this great Nation; we do not know if he would like for us to call on a man who had broken the laws of his country and was under arrest."

The Nisei press has been in a habit of placing emphasis on what Japanese Americans are contributing to improve U.S.-Japan relationships. A unique project in Eugene, Ore., with similar objectives came to our attention recently as "Experiment in International Living" invited 10 graduate students from Japan to live in American homes for a month before they pursue their studies. The project was started by Dr. and Mrs. Milton V. Walker, after their daughter Margaret spent six weeks with a French family a year ago and wrote how much it added to her understanding of that country. . . . Ann Sullivan, staff writer for the (Portland) Oregonian, reports how the Japanese students fared in this gracious introduction to American living. —The Editor.

By Ann SULLIVAN

NOBLE PROJECT FOR STUDENTS

SEIJI ITO of Japan used to think American women lived a life of great ease—cocktail parties, afternoon bridge, much running around and with little attention to their homes.

Seiji had heard also that American men—of all things—frequently helped with the "houseworking," and that he must not be too surprised at this degrading pursuit.

Last month, Seiji, 23-year-old graduate student from Japan who will study maritime law this winter at New York university, has been changing his mind slightly.

As a member of the Ray Hendrickson family in Eugene for the month, he has learned and observed a thousand and one new and interesting things about America and how Americans live. No book could have done that for him.

He is one of ten Japanese graduate students who were staying in ten different homes in the Eugene area for the month before proceeding to the various American universities at which they will study during the winter.

Their visitations in the homes is part of a project in international understanding sponsored by the Experiment in International Living, founded in 1932 in Putney, Vt., by Donald B. Watt.

Since its findings some 5,000 Americans have lived as family members in 25 countries of Europe and the Americas, and more than 1,000 young people from other countries have done the same here.

This is the first year that the organization has sponsored the project in Oregon, although last year, Dr. and Mrs. Milton V. Walker of Eugene and Creswell spark plugged a visitation there of ten Austrian students—Fulbright scholarship winners—after their own daughter had so enjoyed a visit with a French family.

THE WALKERS are also guiding lights of the 1953 program for this Japanese group, and they have largely been instrumental in interesting the other nine families in assuming the obligation—and fun—of playing family to the Japanese.

Seiji Ito, who is 23, is a slender, frequently smiling Japanese youth.

His "home" has been with the Ray Hendricksons. Mr. Hendrickson is a jovial, youthful vice-principal in the Eugene High School. His wife, Virginia, dark-haired, dark-eyed, is a very busy person. She does lots of cooking, washing and sewing in their modest Eugene home, which also contains three children, yet she finds time for outside activities and some writing as well.

The children are Martha, 11; Jim, 9, and livewire Chris, 6.

Seiji has entered wholeheartedly into their lives. The children plague him to play bingo, and he finds most all of the family activities interesting.

The day the family packed for a week camping trip on Cultus lake (Seiji had to stay in Eugene because of other engagements) he helped them with their gear, and when the father, Ray, bent to the task of putting together a stack of tuna fish sandwiches, Seiji was willing to help.

After watching Virginia for a few weeks and particularly a hectic few days at the beginning of his visit when she also had a niece and nephew visiting the children, he has come to the conclusion that some American women at least are pretty hard workers.

Seiji had lots of fun accompanying her when she picked out a new washing machine, her first automatic. And he and the kids were all around when the first batch of clothing went through it.

Not all the visiting Japanese find it to their liking, and not all they find is easy to adjust to, but they learn how we do.

CHIHIRO KUDO, who will study business administration at the Univ. of Pittsburgh and eventually return to an insurance firm for which he works, lives with Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Wright. Mr. Wright is superintendent of the physical plant at the Univ. of Oregon.

They have a daughter 19 and a son 24, the latter attending the Univ. of Oregon dental school in Portland.

Chihiro has willingly helped with dishes and yard work along with other members of the family, but he will probably never get used to eating carrots and celery sticks raw.

The Irwins, who feed him very well, laughingly explain to him that carrots and celery sticks—raw—are included in many American diets on how to put weight on people. Chihiro weighs 95 pounds.

Generally, the Japanese have been much interested in human relations—family setups, entertainment, how children are handled, how young people act on dates, etc.

Most of the homes have children of varying ages, and these have proved excellent "teachers" of American manners and customs.

The Japanese don't necessarily agree with all of these, but they're intrigued with what they observe.

AND THERE'S one thing



Miss Atsuko Amagi, now doing graduate work at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. was among the 10 Japanese students living the past month in Eugene. She plays with the family dachshund. —Oregonian Photo

Makato Takagi, 22, particularly thinks he likes—the American custom of allowing boys and girls to pick their own life partners—"like on dates."

Makato has been hobnobbing with Mike Lynch, exactly the same age, 22. Mike son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lynch, with whom the Japanese youth is staying, is awaiting his call

to the army.

Makato is going to study political history at the Univ. of Wisconsin. His father, a professor of political history at Gakushuin university, is incidentally, a graduate of Harvard, coming here from his native country to study.

Makato's grandfather studied at Amherst.



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SPORTSCOPE:

'Barefoot Boy Makes Good,' Nisei wrestler gets crack at world title

Among the several Japanese wrestlers who have become famous—thanks to television—one made the grade last week and had a crack at the National Wrestling Alliance world's heavyweight title by tussling with Lou Thesz at the Minneapolis Auditorium.

Kinji Shibuya, advertised as the 231-lb. Japanese wrestler from Honolulu, gave the champ a bad time for the first 15 minutes with a series of judo chops and strangleholds. Stranger Lewis, Thesz's manager, protested several times about the illegal tactics. It apparently infuriated Shibuya all the more. He threw a handful of ceremonial salt in the eyes of the world champion, only to have it noticed by referee Billy Kuusito, who disqualified the Japanese Sandman for trying to obstruct the vision of the champ.

He apparently plucked the salt from a pocket in his trunks, but chose a moment when the referee was looking. A howling crowd of 3,900 saw the match end in 15m. 30s.

Before the championship bout, Shibuya has been wrestling in the Great Lakes area the past year and spent a few months in Canada without losing a bout. He started his wrestling in Hawaii and went to Minnesota when there were too many Japanese wrestling in the Texas territory.

Before growing his set of whiskers, Shibuya made his debut in the athletic world as a football player at Belmont High School, Los Angeles. As Bob Shibuya, burly linesman who lived in the Virgil District, he continued his gridiron workouts at Los Angeles City College and then to Hawaii, playing football with the Rainbows.

His former schoolmate, **Tsutomu Senzaki**, now of Minneapolis, calls him the case of a "barefoot boy makes good," as Bob wrestles barefoot. Says Senzaki, "Usual Japanese ritual and stuff, good showman. But better still, a good wrestler and he has plenty of speed."

Sixth-ranking **Leo Espinosa** of the Philippines scored an upsetting 7th round TKO over world flyweight champion **Yoshio Shirai** in a non-title ten-rounder last week at Osaka. The fight was stopped because of a bad cut over Shirai's left eye, cut open with a left hook in the first round.

The Filipino amazed 18,000 fans—largest crowd ever to see a fight in Osaka, jamming the Osaka ball park—when he floored Shirai in the 4th round with a long right swing. After an 8-count, Shirai went down for another 8-count again. The bell saved Shirai from a KO. . . . The fight was Shirai's one-up for his title defense against Britain's Terry Allen in October. In view of the cut, it may be postponed. (In the fight game, as in any game, over-confidence is a hard foe to floor.)

In the meantime, **Sad Sam Ichinose**, widely known fight manager who handled former world flyweight champion **Dado Marino**, is in Japan today setting machinery to send Japanese fighters to the United States to fight for the International Boxing Co. . . . It is understood the IBC would appreciate new faces and talent in the ring across the nation—New York, St. Louis, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and other cities where it operates. . . . Ichinose believes the Japan fighter who'll lead the parade is **Shigeki Kaneko**, 21-year-old featherweight. "He fights like Henry Armstrong. He's a growing kid and probably will be a lightweight soon," Ichinose has said. . . . Another interesting point brought up by the Nisei fight manager is that the Japanese boys are not affected by a military draft. (There's no army). . . . Whether Shirai's manager, **Dr. Alvin Cahn**, is willing to send Yoshio to the mainland for several bouts in view of the gates in Nippon which may never be attained in the states will be one of Ichinose's project.

Ex-Univ. of Oregon Swimmer Turns Coach

Maj. Sammy Lee, twice Olympic high diving champion, California-born Korean, is assigned as ear-nose-throat specialist at the 121st Evacuation Hospital, Seoul. . . . Two Hawaiian swimmers in uniform were first-place winners in a recent Army meet in Tokyo. **Cpl. Walter T. Fujioka** won the 50-m. freestyle and **Sgt. 1/c Susumu Takaki** won the 200-m. freestyle. . . . Ace middle distance swimmer and one of the main cogs of the Univ. of Oregon aquatic team of 1950-51, **Joe Nishimoto**, will coach Leilehua High School in Waipahu. He received his master's degree in counseling and guidance from Columbia University last year. During his stint in uniform, he won the 200, 400 and 1,500-m. freestyle events in the Army Olympics at Tokyo in 1946. Before going to Oregon, he spent a year at the Univ. of Hawaii then transferred to Ohio State University. At Oregon, he made the PCC All-Star team in the 100 and 200 breaststroke events.

Before Old Man Winter covers up the golf holes, midwesterners are in the midst of final tournaments. . . . **Sam Yamada**, undisputed king of the fairways among Japanese Canadians in Eastern Canada, won the low gross honors for the fourth straight year with a ripping 81-74-155 accomplished in a one-day tournament at the Toronto Rouge Hills Country Club. Encouraging note of this affair was the remarkable improvement among the younger set within the past few years. While the morning dew hampered the low-handicapped players, the afternoon scores were commendable. Yamada's putting was amazing, sinking at least five over 30 feet or better. . . . The **Midwest Golf Association** of Chicago held its annual tournament Sept. 13 at White Pines golf course. Outstanding scores were turned in by **Ken Ito**, 72-78-(14) who won the "A" flight trophy. . . . Other flight winners were **Mike Hori**, (22)-137 in the championship flight and **Dick Takaki**, 181 (38)-143 in the "B" flight. . . . **Mrs. George Hiura**, playing golf for the second year, won the Chicago Fairway Club tournament at Woodridge golf course with a 112 (40)-72. Other prize winners were **Michie Shimizu**, **Marion Yoshioka**, **Mrs. Alice Higashiuchi**, **Alice Tanahashi** and **Iku Wada**. . . . The 15-year-old golf sensation of Watsonville (Calif.), **Danny Hiura**, has qualified for the championship flight of the city golf championship. He is the youngest entrant in the championship flight this year. Other qualifiers include **George Ura** in the second flight.

The Ambassador **Eikichi Araki** trophy, emblematic of victory in the series of dual team matches between the Washington (D.C.) Duffers and the New York Aoba-Kwai, went to New York this year when Aoba-Kwai won 22 to 11 at the Riverdale Country Club Sept. 6. **Robert Endo** of Washington paced the meet with a net 70. **R. Kusumoto** took low gross with a 78 over a 71-par course.

Bloomer Girls edged out of Nat'l Baseball title

Chicago

The National Baseball Girls' World Series went the whole route of nine games and the Mitchell's Maids won 5 games to 4 over the Bloomer Girls, in which Nancy Ito of Denver plays at shortstop and who was among the top homerun hitters of the loop.

Last Sunday, the Bloomer Girls knotted the series 4-4 by winning 2 to 1, but the Maids defeated the second-half leaders 5-1 Monday night to nab the title.

Nisei gridder dies from neck injury in practice

Honolulu

Funeral services for **Yuichiro Doi**, 20-year-old Honolulu youth who was fatally injured last week in football practice at Midland College, Fremont, Neb., were held Sunday at Nuuanu Memorial Park Mortuary.

Born Apr. 16, 1933, in New York City, he was the only son of Isami Doi, well-known artist, and Mrs. Doi, 1312 Alani St.

A freshman, Doi was hurt making a tackle in scrimmage. Doctors said he suffered a dislocated neck.

175-YD. HOLE MADE IN ONE SHOT BY MINNESOTAN

St. Paul Minn.

Toshio Akamatsu scored a Sept. 13 with a five iron shot hole in one at Como golf course on the 175-yd. 10th hole. He wound up with a 75. In the foursome were Dr. Terami, Dr. Ito and his father, J. Akamatsu, all of St. Paul.

MEXICAN 1,500-M. MARK KONNO ESTABLISHES NEW

Mexico City

Ford Konno of Honolulu broke the 1,500-m. Mexican national swimming record with a 20m. 20.4s. performance Sept. 18, winning by 50 meters over his contenders **Cesar Borja** and **Toniuteh Gutierrez** of Mexico. The time was far below Konno's Olympic mark of 18m. 30s.

N.Y. Giants

Tokyo

The New York Giants will play 14 games against the top Japanese professional baseball teams, making their debut here Oct. 17 against their namesakes, the Tokyo Giants.

The visitors are being sponsored by the Yomiuri Shimbun. The New Yorkers are the first Major League team to play in Japan as a unit. Baseball Commissioner **Ford Frick** will accompany the U.S. team.

New citizens —

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Morito Miyasaki, **Shizue Nagata**, **Tami Ohara**, **Ayako Okamura**, **Del Rey**, **James Mitsuzo Yamane** and **Taka Taniguchi**.

• **Nobuo Matsumura** is the new U.S. region manager for the Japan Air Lines, which is expanding its technical and operational personnel before inaugurating its San Francisco-Tokyo air service this fall. He is assuming the duties of **Yoshi Kojima**, executive director, who is presently in Tokyo.

THE SOU'WESTER

TATS KUSHIDA

John Aiso is the first Nisei in the United States to be appointed to a judicial post although Nisei in Hawaii have served as magistrate (justice of the peace) and as a temporary appointee to the circuit court.

His appointment to the L.A. municipal court brings credit to all persons of Oriental extraction, recognition that Oriental Americans, and in particular Nisei, have been accepted in the full sense of the phrase, "the main stream of American life."

We knew John in pre-war days when he used to attend (perhaps more regularly than we) Sunday services at **Rev. K. Unoura's** Christian church on 20th St., now the All People's Community Center. At that time, I was a member of a group of young guys called **Anchovies** affiliated with the Japanese YMCA for which our present national director, **Mas Satow**, then served as executive secretary in Li'l Tokio.

Gov. Earl Warren's action in appointing John to his judgeship is most timely in the light of **Larry Tajiri's** column in the PC last week. Larry had documented the metamorphosis of Gov. Warren from his anti-Japanese actions and pronouncements of the pre-evacuation and war years to the man "who has grown in stature with each successive term" at Sacramento. We heartily agree with Larry's appraisal of the new governor Warren.

Some of us had discussed the possibility of John being appointed a judge as long as three years ago. Then this year, around March or April, we talked about the possibility again with **Dave McKibbin**, former JACL counsel on evacuation claims, who had been associated with him in the law firm, Aiso, Chuman and McKibbin.

This spring, a bill had been introduced in the state legislature providing for the creation of 18 new judgeships in the Superior Court of Los Angeles County, raising the short-handed court to 80 judges. John was already a Commissioner of the Superior Court, having been appointed Oct. 1, 1952 and serving under **Judge Stanley M. Barnes**, presiding judge of the Superior Court and who this summer was appointed Assistant U.S. Attorney General in charge of the Anti-Trust Division in Washington, D.C.

As a commissioner, John sat as judge pro-tem in the presiding Judge's department and also served as a roving commissioner, spending considerable time in both Los Angeles and Glendale. He sat on cases involving domestic relations, attorney fees, temporary alimony, child custody, probate and the gamut of everyday legal cases. He has tried more than 70 cases not to mention the 6 to 15 a day orders to show cause.

With the creation of these 18 new Superior Courts (through various sources we felt confident that the bill would pass in Sacramento), we were pretty certain that some of the judges

now serving in the Municipal Court would be elevated to the Superior Court, thus creating vacancies in the former.

Our thinking was that instead of urging John's appointment to the Superior Court, it would be more realistic and reasonable to expect his favorable consideration for the lower court.

His legal ability, judicial temperament, community status and a half-year's experience as a Superior Court Commissioner well qualified John as any candidate for judge.

Immediately without publicity or fanfare, JACL set about to utilize every resource at its command to call to the attention of those in key places the outstanding judicial qualifications of John Aiso.

Among those contacted were Gov. Warren himself; Senate Majority Leader **William F. Knowland**; and the Hon. **Phil S. Gibson**, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of California, who is also chairman of the Commission on Qualifications of Judicial Appointments.

We enlisted the support of the Chinese American Citizens Alliance through its grand national president, attorney **Y. C. Hong**; the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People through its legal counsel, the eminent attorney, **Loren Miller**; and the Republican National Committeeman from California, **McIntyre Faries**, a personal friend of John's, who himself was appointed to the Superior Court last week.

JACL officials and staff members exercised every influence in high places to urge John's appointment.

Judge Aiso, as he will be addressed henceforth, will be sworn in soon, either before or at the same time as the six other appointments to fill pending vacancies in the Municipal Court.

John will fill the actual vacancy created by the death a few months ago of Judge **Ben Rosenthal**, presiding judge of the Municipal Court of the Los Angeles Judicial District which includes 40 judges. Judge Rosenthal's term expires in the fall of 1958 so that John's first election campaign will not take place until then.

Whether Judge Aiso will be assigned to handle the traffic court, arraignments, small claims, etc., he won't know until the assignments are made. The Municipal Court has jurisdiction in cases involving up to \$3,000. His salary will be \$15,000 per year.

The Japanese American community is indeed fortunate in having someone like John who possesses such high qualifications. His appointment was essentially based on his own merit. No one is more deserving of this wonderful recognition and he will unquestionably perform creditably in his new capacity. We are proud of the privilege to have participated in his achievement.

One of the gratifying aspects of his appointment is that it was made without John him-

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Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

★ To the 43-year old John F. Aiso of Hollywood goes the distinction of becoming the first mainland Nisei to gain a judiciary position.

Last week, the former lieutenant colonel was appointed Los Angeles municipal court judge by Gov. Earl Warren to succeed late Judge Ben Rosenthal.

The graduate of Brown University and Harvard Law School, now Commissioner of Superior Court, will probably take the bench within three or four weeks.

Aiso was one of the seven municipal judges to be assigned court appointments.

It was sort of a Red Letter Week too.

His uncle, George Sukesaku Aiso, was naturalized as an American citizen in the Federal Court Judge Harry C. Westover, Monday. His niece, Constance Kamii—winner of numerous junior college scholarships—took another one from Pomona College in Claremont. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Kamii. She was born 21 years ago in Switzerland where her father was a member on the International Labor Group, a division of the then League of Nations.

Another distinguished couple who gained citizenship at the same time with "Uncle" Aiso were Mr. and Mrs. Hitsuji Chuman, parents of noted attorney, Frank F. Chuman. The new citizens then applied for passports to Japan where they hope to enjoy an extended vacation.

★ Y. Frank Freeman, chairman of the Association of Motion Pictures Producers, just announced that MGM Studios will be visited by Crown Prince Akihito and his entourage, Sept. 30, before riding through Li'l Tokio, and then to the Consul General's residence in Pasadena. More than 300 film-land industry leaders and name personalities will honor His Imperial Highness.

When the heir-apparent is escorted through First and San Pedro Sts., he will be hailed by residents waving more than 3,000 U.S. and Nippon flags distributed by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

★ It wasn't the grand sweep-stake prize for any one of the Nisei boat entries in the annual Fishermen's Fiesta this year but "Nancy Rose," owned by George and Ben Fukuzaki of Long Beach, took a trophy in the sponsorship division of the "best decorated" seiner contest.

A total of 43 ships entered the two-hour sea-parading pageant, less than half since last year's sixth annual event. Too much money is spent to doll up the craft was the main complaint.

Three other Nisei owned or skippered boats were in the colorful 10-mile procession. They were "Stella Maris," also owned by the Fukuzakis; the "West Coast," skippered by Tom Tanishita; and "Windward," owned by Kats Hamaji. "Nancy Rose" was loaned out to Van Camp Sea Food Co. which decorated and sponsored the 80-ft. vessel. The firm incidentally, employs many persons of Japanese ancestry.

★ A familiar prewar figure in Nisei journalism, Masaru Ogawa, made a brief stopover here early last week before enroute for Columbia University where he will study one year on a \$5,000 Ford Foundation scholarship. The chief editorial writer of the Nippon Times is a graduate of Belmont High School, and is holder of Phi Beta Kappa key from UCLA. He received his Master of Arts degree from Columbia.

In Japan since 1938, he was with the Domei and Kyodo

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

HATA—Sept. 4, a girl to the Frank Hatas, Auburn, Calif.

HIRONAKA—Aug. 21, a girl to the Hiroshi Hironakas, Sacramento.

IKEDA—Sept. 3, a girl to the Frank Ikedas (Teruko Kimoto), Watsonville, Calif.

ISHII—Aug. 12, a boy Masato E. Ishis, El Monte, Calif.

ITO—Aug. 14, a girl to the Bill S. Ito, Pasadena.

IZUTSU—Sept. 9, a girl Ann Mitsuko to the Harry Izutas (Teiko Kusano), San Francisco.

KAKU—Aug. 25, a boy to the Tamiji T. Kakus, Sacramento.

KAMATSUBARA—Sept. 5, a girl to the Frank Kamatsubaras, Marysville, Calif.

KANESHIRO—Aug. 27, a boy John Toru to the Toyochi Kaneshiros (Shoko Wada), West Los Angeles.

KAWAHATA—Aug. 21, a boy to the Kiyoshi Kawahatas, San Francisco.

KIMURA—Aug. 25, a boy to the Katsumi K. Kimuras, Sacramento.

MARUMOTO—A boy to the Hideo Marumotos, Denver.

MATOBATA—Aug. 25, a girl Nancy Miiko to the Minoru Matobas (Ito Nishi), West Los Angeles.

NAKAMA—Sept. 5, a boy to the Jitoku Nakamas, Pasadena.

NAKAMURA—Sept. 4, a boy to the Ted Nakamuras, Payette, Idaho.

NAKATANI—Aug. 27, a girl to the Tachuru Nakatanis, Pasadena.

NAKATOMI—Aug. 24, a girl to the James K. Nakatomis, Sacramento.

NAKAZONE—Aug. 28, a girl Grace to the Takeo Nakazones (Yoshiko Haruta), Los Angeles.

OKAZAKI—Aug. 25, a girl Linda J. to the Hajime Okazakis, Portland, Ore.

OKIDA—Aug. 26, a boy Joel Michael to the Joseph Kiyoshi Okidas (Ayako Itanaga), Los Angeles.

OTAGURO—A boy to the Kiyoshi J. Otaguros, Denver.

SAKAMOTO—Aug. 28, a girl Vicky Jodeen to the John Suyeto Sakamotos (Lily Yuri Kageyama), Los Angeles.

SATO—Aug. 28, a boy to the Hideo H. Satos, San Francisco.

SHINMOTO—Aug. 20, a boy to the Bill Shinmotos, Pasadena.

SHIZURU—Aug. 27, twin girls to the James J. Shizurus, San Francisco.

TAKAHATA—Aug. 18, a boy Russell to the Kiyoshi Takahatas (Alice Kimiko Kuwamoto), Los Angeles.

TAKEUCHI—Aug. 18, a girl to the Shige Takeuchis, Fresno.

TANIGUCHI—Aug. 11, a girl to the Shigeoyoshi Taniguchis, Selma.

TATSUKO—Aug. 4, a boy to the Andrew Tatsukos, San Diego.

TAYENAKA—Aug. 21, a boy Kent Makoto to the William Yutaka Tayenakas (Tomoko Miyoshi), Burbank, Calif.

TERADA—A boy to the Tom T. Teradas, Denver.

TOGIOKA—Aug. 28, a boy Scott Jimmy to the Noboru Tokiokas, Visalia.

TORII—Sept. 4, a boy John to the Seichi F. Toriis (Michi Kamachi), Los Angeles.

TSUBOI—Aug. 22, a boy Allan Masashi to the Iwaichi Tsubois (Fumiyo Tsukinari), Los Angeles.

TSUBOTA—Aug. 16, a girl to the Mas Tsubotas, Fresno.

TSUDA—Aug. 12, a girl to the Motoo Tsudas, Sacramento.

TSUKAMOTO—Aug. 5, a boy to the Dan Tsukamotos (Kimiko Imada), Ogden.

UMEDA—Aug. 22, a boy Michael Thomas to the Richard Yonei Umedas (Kiyo Iwanaga), Los Angeles.

YAMAMOTO—Aug. 16, a girl Shirlene Katsuko to the Katsumi Yamamotos (Helen Keiko Dairiki), Los Angeles.

YAMAOKA—Aug. 18, a boy Rieky Tetsuo to the Yukio Yamaokas (Shizuko Hiroshima), Buena Park, Calif.

YAMASHITA—Aug. 25, a girl to the Isami S. Yamashitas, San Gabriel.

YASUDA—Aug. 30, a boy David Kiyoshi to the Isao Yasudas (Marian Misao Nagata), Los Angeles.

YOSHIMURA—Aug. 5, a boy Seiki Yoshimura, Fresno.

Engagements

DOI-OMACHI—Emi, Fresno, to Vic M. Reedley.

ITO-SHUNDO—Dorothy Emiko, Sun Valley, Calif., to Roy, San Pedro, Sept. 12.

KAWAICHI-SUYAMA—Jean to George Y., both of Seattle, Sept. 4.

NISHIMINE-UYEDA—Alice, Dinuba, to Saburo, Los Angeles, Sept. 7.

OKU-HOCHI—Betty Kazuko, Lindsay, to Martin Etsuo, Los Angeles, Sept. 5.

YAMASAKI-TSUTSUI—Helen Atsuko, Watsonville, to Albert Minoru, Stockton, Sept. 6.

news agencies. His wife and their three children will remain in Tokyo.

Marriage Licenses Issued

HARA-FURUYA—Ben Hara, 26, and Helen Furuya, 22, both of San Francisco.

KOJIMA-YOSHIMURA—James A. Kojima and Kanoko Yoshimura, both of Denver.

NAKANO-OKA—Sam Nakano, 28, Berkeley, and Eva Oka, 22, San Jose.

NAKASHIMA-KANAYA—Jack Nakashima, 24, San Francisco, and Sumi Kanaya, 23, Redwood City.

ONO-FUJITA—Kiyoshi Ono, 35, Berkeley, and Jeanette Fujita, 29, San Francisco.

TAKASHIMA-ADAMS—Mamoru Takashima, 32, and Alice M. Adams, 30, both of Seattle.

Weddings

FUJII-OKIMOTO—Sept. 13, Hideo Heidi Fujii, Ann Arbor, Mich., and Kazumi Okimoto, Walled Lake, Mich.

MATSUMOTO-NABETA—Sept. 13, Tamotsu Matsumoto, Fallbrook, Calif., and Grace T. Nabeta, Los Angeles.

SHIMIDZU-KIRITA—Sept. 13, Arthur Shimidzu and Ruby Kirita, both of Los Angeles.

WATANABE-KATSUDA—Sept. 12, Hideo Watanabe and Kikuko Katsuda, both of Los Angeles.

YAMADA-IWAMOTO—Sept. 6, Tad Yamada and Virginia Iwamoto, both of Fresno.

YAMAMOTO-SUGINO—Sept. 12, William Tetsuo Yamamoto, Los Angeles, and Evelyn Hisako Sugino, San Luis Rey, Calif.

YUMIBE-NISHIOKA—Sept. 5, Toshio Yumibe, Hood River, Ore., and Toshiko Nishioki, Sanger, Calif.

Deaths

AOTO, Yoshinosuke, 75: Los Angeles, Sept. 11, survived by wife Asa, son Henry and daughter Mrs. Yoneko Mikami.

FUJII, Kazuo, 71: Salt Lake City (formerly of San Francisco), Sept. 12, survived by daughter in Japan.

FUJIMOTO, Mrs. Matsu, 58: South Gate, Calif., Sept. 12, survived by husband Masato, Isao Easy, Sumifusa, and five daughters Aiko Mrs. Haruko Kobata, Mrs. Toshi Kadowaki, Mrs. Teruko Kuwada, Mrs. Yetsuko Dyo and 12 grandchildren.

HIRASE, George, 62: Sandy, Utah, Sept. 11, survived by wife Toraye, five sons Sam, Joe, Kay, Ben and two daughters Mrs. Unice Yamane (Japan), and Mrs. Edith Harada.

MORITA, Kinzaemon, 66: Anaheim, Calif. (formerly of Brawley), Sept. 16, survived by wife Yoshiye, three sons Hatsuo, Toshio, Isamu and two daughters Mmes. Tazuko Futagaki and Tsuyako Imamura.

OHYE, Sgt. Muneo, 21: Los Angeles (at Nashville, Tenn.), Sept. 7, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Manzo Ohye, four brothers Tadao, Yukio, Toshio, Hiroo, sisters Kikuye and Mrs. Michiko Yonemura.

OKAMI, Usaburo: Santa Maria, Calif., Sept. 13, survived by wife Sawo, daughter Mrs. Shigeo Nagashima.

SUGISAKI, Matahachiro: Los Angeles, Sept. 12, survived by wife Nui.

TAKAYAMA, Hichitaro, 70: Pasadena, Sept. 11, survived by sons Hideo and Shigeo.

TAURA, Jutaro, 71: Corinne, Utah, Sept. 7, survived by wife Tome, sons Yoshio and Akio, stepchildren, Mrs. Sla Sakota (Santa Rosa, Calif.), Sam Nagata, Mrs. Mabel Sato, George and Roy Nagata (Los Angeles), Shirley Nagata (Salt Lake City), Mrs. Mary Nisogi (Brigham City, Utah), and nine grandchildren.

YORITA, Minosuke, 84: Seattle, Sept. 6, survived by wife Toki, six sons Yoshinao and George (Chicago), Goro (Spokane), Tatsuo (Sun Valley, Calif.), Mato L., Benjamin, five daughters Mrs. Fuji Ohashi, Mrs. Mitsu Shibuya (Yokohama), Mrs. Yaeko Koga, Mrs. Tsune Adachi (Chicago), and Mrs. Dorothy Sato; 18 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

MRS. FUKUYO OKURA, 65

Funeral services were held today for Mrs. Fukuyo Okura, Okayama-born, mother of Pat Kiyoshi Okura, 2nd national JACL vice-president. She and her husband, Momota, 830 Wilmington Blvd., Wilmington, Calif., had visited Japan during the summer and she came home ill in August. She died Sept. 21. She is also survived by two other sons, Tsuyoshi and Jimmie Mitsuru, and two daughters Frances Etsuko and Mrs. Mae Shizuko Komatsu.

KIDO PRESIDENT OF NEW JAPANESE AMERICAN NEWS

Los Angeles

Saburo Kido, wartime JACL president, was announced as president of the newly incorporated New Japanese American News Publishing Co., Inc. He succeeds Ikken K. Momii, founder of the bi-lingual newspaper.

Chick sexing schools to begin new classes

Lansdale, Pa.

The American Chick Sexing School here and its branch school in Los Angeles have commenced their classes for this year, but new classes are scheduled this month, it was announced by George Okazaki, assistant general manager of the American Chick Sexing Ass'n.

The school here is approved for veterans. Korean veterans discharged before Aug. 20, 1952, can take advantage of the GI Bill before the Aug. 20, 1954, deadline, it was added. "There is a tremendous need for chick sexers in the United States this year," Okazaki stated. "We have experienced a shortage of chick sexers for the past five years."

Shochiku branch

Los Angeles

Japan's first major effort to crash the American film market was launched this week when Shochiku opened its first U.S. branch office here at 324 E. Olympic Blvd. Fred I. Wada is the representative.

SOCIAL NOTES

Fresno JACL Auxiliary: A film on cancer will be shown tonight at the home of Mrs. Jin Ishikawa. Hostesses for the evening are Mmes. Tomoye Kitano, Terry Kadani and Masako Inada.

Japan's population is expected to top the 100-million mark by 1990, according to the Welfare Ministry.

Kushida

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self making application for the post as is customarily done by candidates, and that he was appointed to an actual vacancy rather than to a pending one.

John, a former officer of the downtown L.A. chapter, has always been a good JACLer and willing to give as much support as he could. A few years ago, we recall his query, "I can only give \$25 this year—do you want it for the ADC or the JACL 1000 Club?" So the ADC continued to have his support that year and every year since.

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EDITORIALS

Public Housing

Housing was admittedly difficult to obtain right after the war years on the West Coast for resettling evacuees. Rentals were exorbitant and homes could be purchased only in restricted areas. Rentals are still difficult to get, but the business of buying a home in a comfortable neighborhood is more heartening today.

In the meantime, the courts have erased all obstructions on racial grounds for anyone to buy a home. If person is willing to sell, the buyer need not fear legal reprisals against his occupancy of his new home. Even the seller need not fear court action from neighbors who might sue for damage for alleged depreciation of property values because of a non-white moving in.

The housing boom and development of suburban areas has benefited many Nisei families—be they in Chicago, Denver, San Francisco or Los Angeles. They have the opportunity to live as they have always dreamed: a cozy 2-bedroom home, garage and a good-sized yard maybe. From all appearances, the housing problem for the Nisei appears dispatched.

This past year there were reports of some difficulty by Nisei wishing to occupy homes in new tract homes. There must be other unreported incidents of young Nisei couples wishing to take advantage of their veteran status and buy a new home with a small down-payment and pay the balance like rent—but being given the run-around.

Low-cost housing for the newly-married Nisei without pinches of discrimination remains to be resolved.

Even more sinister than restrictive covenants, which have been eliminated, is the housing problem caused by the philosophy of scarcity. Civic pride has initiated slum clearance and superhighway systems in & out of cities. Necessarily families are displaced

by these projects. But slums are abolished only to create more slums elsewhere because adequate housing is not provided or is available for uprooted families. Freeway programs through residential areas contribute to the same problem.

Displaced families in slum areas unaccommodated by crowded sub-standard housing since their low income prevents buying a new home. Adding to this problem is the constant influx of more people into the cities. This is especially true of Negroes who seek a more dignifying livelihood. Their menial income makes many of them dependent upon public housing.

Unless municipalities face the fact that adequate housing must be provided for uprooted families, civic improvement will be difficult. As commendable as slum clearance and freeways are, living quarters which can match the quality of civic pride for those to be relocated could be provided by enlargement of public housing, which Congress has just ordered curtailed.

MINORITY

The State of Louisiana is still fighting the rule of U.S. District Court Judge Skelly Wright, who ruled a 17-year-old Negro student should not be excluded from admission as pre-law student at Louisiana State University. The student was refused admission pending an appellate decision.

San Angelo (Tex.) Jr. College became the fourth of 33 publicly-supported junior colleges in Texas to admit Negro students. However, there are four others which have refused entry with suits pending against them for refusing to admit colored students.

The Negro "must greatly increase his voting strength if he is to maintain and expand the gains made in recent years," declared Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, at a West Virginia gathering.

Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry K. Honda

Watch the Kids

A common fallacy held by many as true is "bigger the better" . . . For decades, the impact of statistics to indicate growth and expansion has been associated with benefits and good things . . . More TV sets, bigger screens, better homes—these are on one side of the ledger. But on the other side are more births, more divorces, more women at work . . . Throw in the two world wars and the small one just ended and the situation would make any sociologist shudder . . . What I'm trying to point out is that bigger the statistics concerning delinquencies, that certainly is not for the better.

Seriousness of juvenile crimes is no surprise to anyone who reads the daily papers. Even the staid Japanese American community of Los Angeles was mildly shocked to learn the increase of crime among their Nisei and Sansei . . . The JACL and other community welfare organizations met to study the situation—the committee hasn't offered its findings to the public, but in the meantime J. Edgar Hoover issued a warning that boys of 10 are committing offenses formerly associated with fellows about 14. The boy 14 today commits crimes formerly associated with 18 and the boy 18 is found committing crimes of an adult . . . No statistics need be recited here. Each community is aware of its lot of bad boys and girls . . . Until the chat with Officer Stanley Uno of the Los Angeles Police Department the other afternoon, I was going to put much, if not most, of the blame on the adults . . . A great bulk of juvenile cases come from homes—some prosperous in a material sense, some in the lowest economic

scale—in which parents have neglected their responsibilities . . . They have not provided the leadership and discipline so necessary from a growing child. Many of the juvenile cases, it has been found in recent months, were found to be without association with a church or an organized youth group . . . It is the matter of adults falling short to attract youngsters to constructive wholesome activities . . . Officer Uno advises: Watch the kids in the neighborhood, not only your own but your neighbors. Make it wholesome for all . . . What he would rather see is not so much stress on parent-child relationship in this problem, but a parent-parent tie-up on a community level to reduce delinquency . . . While the police officers can assist in preventative measures by reorienting first offenders, they have no prime responsibility . . . It rests with the community at large which has been sitting back and hollering the "younger generation is going to the dogs!" . . . The kids, still a bit damp behind their ears and inexperienced, only follow the signs marked by the delinquencies of their elders.

American Japanese were rightfully proud of their pre-war record of a almost negligible crime-rate . . . The trend is slipping away, but since the Nisei are in dominance in point of numbers rather than the Issei, JACL chapters might take the hint here . . . Talking about juvenile delinquency after it scares the wits of the leaders may be too late. Rather, talking of juvenile delinquency before it strikes and taking measures to prevent it weighs but an ounce (of prevention) worth much more.

From the Frying Pan . . .

Meetin' People's Fun

by Bill Hosokawa

Gallup, N.M.

If I could do what I pleased, I guess I'd just drive around the country meeting people. It's a darned interesting way to spend time and here's a sample of what I mean:

One of the more striking young women at the JACL dinner and dance for Hiroshi Miyamura was a girl named Tamiko Kanasta. She's a war bride from Yokohama and her husband, Andy Kanasta, is a brown-eyed, gentle-voiced Zuni Indian. Andy works at the nearby Wingate arsenal. Although Gallup is a different as can be from Yokohama, Mrs. Kanasta says she likes her new home just fine.

Dr. Toyo Shimizu is an ex-Angeleno who fell in love with the southwestern desert and decided to stay. He's a dentist, works for the U.S. Public Health Service, and takes care of Indian patients at a place called Fort Defiance. He drove up to Gallup for the festivities.

Used to know Ruth Yamada back in Seattle until she moved to San Jose. I ran into her again at Heart Mountain where, by then, she was Mrs. Hashimoto and a block manager. Now she's down in Albuquerque where she has a key job in a key defense installation. More, I'm not permitted to say. Ruth has three fine youngsters, Ada Jean, Ada May (Yamada spelled backwards) and Melanie. Ruth runs her office super-efficiently, but confidentially the way she drives her Chev is a caution. No helpless female, Ruth knows exactly how to

repair things when the gear shift lever locks.

Among earlyday New Mexico settlers here were a couple of Japanese immigrants whose names were Suzuki and Mochimaru. Both of them married Spanish girls and their offspring are, to say the least, mighty handsome. They were much in evidence at the JACL festivities.

The Albuquerque chapter of the JACL can well dispute any claim the Worland, Wyo., chapter may put forth concerning scattered membership. Worland draws its membership from such distant places as Riverton, Wyo., and Billings, Mont., and Albuquerque goes 140 miles west to Gallup.

Four carloads of JACL members from Albuquerque (50 is the total chapter strength) took time off to drive to Gallup for the Miyamura homecoming festivities. Charles Matsubara currently is chapter president.

I'm not sure whether you have to be that way to take the job, or whether it's the job that makes them that way, but this is to report that Mas Satow, national JACL director, is racing along at the same breakneck pace that characterized Mike Masaoka. This is what was involved in making his visit to Gallup for the Miyamura fete:

After a hectic weekend in Minneapolis at the Midwest

District council meeting, Satow headed for Chicago. On Tuesday night he left a meeting and hurried to the Chicago airport to catch a plane for Kansas City. His space had been cleared that far and he had hopes of flying all the way to Albuquerque. The space didn't materialize, so Satow had to cool his heels four hours in Kansas City while waiting for the next plane.

That took him into Albuquerque shortly after Wednesday noon. Sam Yonemoto met him at the airport and they took off for Gallup, 140 miles away, in Sam's four-holer Buick.

They made it in plenty of time to cool off at Walt Shibata's place and talk JACL, endowment fund, evacuation claims, Issei citizenship and a variety of other subjects with Albuquerque and Gallup JACLers. At 6:30 p.m., off to the country club where Satow made the main address at Sergeant Miyamura's welcome-home party. And a good speech it was, too.

After the serious business was over, Mike made it a point to have fun. He danced with all the girls ("I have to get acquainted with our members, don't I?") and spent more time out on the dance floor than almost any male there.

In the wee hours, Mas headed back to Albuquerque with his weary hosts just in time to catch a 6 a.m. plane for San Francisco. "My team is bowling tonight," he explained. "I've just got to get there."

Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

Till the Day I Die

One day about a year ago we walked down the twilight corridors of the church of El Carmen in the San Angel district of Mexico City. The modern city roared outside and the sun blazed at high noon but once we entered the courtyard and the adobe walls closed around us we were transported back to the 17th century to a time when a tribunal of the Inquisition sat in the great city which once

had been the capital of the Aztecs.

The old church at San Angel is now a government museum but it is off the tourist track and is not listed in Terry's or in the helpful pamphlet issued by the AAA. American cities do not advertise their slums, and there is much in Mexico City that is not offered for the tourist, like the block upon block of "vecindades", the tenements in which the poor and the near-poor live, in the streets behind the glitter of the jewelry shops of Avenida Madero or the skyscrapers of Paseo de Reforma.

The caretaker had lent us his flashlight and we followed its weak beam down the aged passageways to a subterranean room in which stood a number of upright coffins. There, staring from eyeless sockets, were the mummies of San Angel.

The heresy of which they were convicted is long forgotten, but the mummies stand as a mute memorial to a day when non-conformity meant death. It is as if a door were opened suddenly to expose to view a history of repression, "witches" burning at the stake in Salem, a torch touched to the skirt of the maid of Orleans, the three crosses on the hill of Golgotha.

It may be the dry air of the high plateau, or the lava soil in which they were buried alive, but the mummification process has been complete. In one coffin stood a man, obviously of high station, a duke perhaps, his rich raiment still covering the taut, desiccated skin, and his books obviously of fine leather. In another was a friar, his feet bare, his robe brown. The knots were good, having survived some three centuries. Some of the faces were serene but other were

There is a lesson for our time in the mummies of San Angel. A considerable amount of religious freedom has been achieved for the world's peoples, but there are other areas in which the heresy hunters still track the spoor of non-conformity. In the Communist world political non-conformity may mean a forced confession,

a kangaroo court and the firing squad or a slave labor camp. In the non-Communist sphere there are those who contorted and one was frozen in a scream at the moment of death.

would persecute his fellow man for differences in the abstract world of ideas or for youthful intellectual indiscretions long forgotten.

We returned the flashlight to the caretaker and returned to the 20th century. As we left the courtyard there was a snatch of ribald laughter from the jail next door and the whine of a phonograph.

On the busy street outside, tires screeched and a horn blared. A bus lurched to a stop. Three little boys ran up to sell souvenirs to the tourists. Downtown, along the Alameda, the Cadillacs were lining up outside the Del Prado and the Regis, while bare-footed Indians from the hill villages watched. And here in San Angel, above the tawdry shops and the tenebrous, were the shiny homes of the "gente decente" and the great estates of the politicians.

There are sights one cannot forget in two decades of newspapering—a Japanese policeman clubbing an aged man on the dock at Shimonoseki for no reason than that the victim was a Korean, the great slums of Harbin where the White Russians live, the Hoovervilles and the shack-towns of the Okies in the California valleys, a side street in Seoul where a man lay dead on the sidewalk and the people walked by unseeing (it could happen in New York, too)—but the image I won't forget till the day I die is the sight of one of the mummies of San Angel, his legs and feet bound and his mouth opened wide in a soundless scream.

The title on an advertisement read "Big Shoe Sale." And they expect women to buy?