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Issei alien must return Address Report Form I-53 to P.O. in person

Washington
Every alien in the United States must report his address to a post office during January, 1954, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League announced after conferring with Dept. of Justice officials on alien reporting requirements.

Alien Address Report Form (I-53) will be available throughout January in all U.S. post offices. All Issei aliens, including those who have not yet received their final citizenship papers, are required to complete the address report form and return it to a post office during January, 1954.

"Any alien who willfully or inexcusably fails to give written notice as required is liable to be taken into custody and deported. In addition, imprisonment or fines may be levied before deportation," warned Justice Department officials.

Address report forms must be returned in person to any post office by the alien himself.

"A friend cannot take the report form back for an alien, and a husband cannot report for his wife; each must return his own address report," said Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative.

Since all local post offices will have the forms available, and since the alien may return the address report to any post office, Justice Department officials indicated that severe penalties will be imposed on any alien failing to comply with the law.

Only when an alien is physically incapacitated to the extent that he is unable to return the required address report, can a friend or relative return the form for him. Even in this exception, the report must be completed by the alien and returned in person by his friend or relatives in January 1954. In all cases, the alien is the person responsible that his Alien Address Report Form is properly completed and timely presented to a post office.

CL membership in slight decrease

San Francisco
The final JACL membership report for 1953 was announced by Masao W. Satow, National JACL director, on Nov. 30 to reach 10,600 regular members and 597 special members. This compares with the 1952 figures of 11,040 regular and 380 special members.

Bulk of the memberships were in the No. Calif.-Western Nevada district council of 24 chapters with 3,289 regular and 355 special members.

Relief clothing

San Francisco
Some 350 boxes or 58 cubic tons of clothing were shipped by the Buddhist Churches of America to Japan Red Cross for distribution to the needy. The combined gross tonnage totals 475 boxes or 92 cubic tons this year.

National JACL
Endowment Fund

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Total This Week
\$67, 975.72

In Trust
\$55,000

Under no circumstances can the address report form be submitted by mail.

"All aliens, including those who have not yet received their final citizenship papers, recently arrived aliens, and soldier brides who are not United States citizens are affected by this law, and must report," said Mike Masaoka.

This Alien Address Report due in January of each year is a requirement of the law and over and above the alien registration requirements.

The Alien Registration number is required on the Alien Address Form (I-35). While not absolutely required, Alien Registration cards should be taken to the post office with the address report. Post office officials may desire to check to see if the Alien Registration Numbers has been entered correctly.

If the alien has failed to obtain an Alien Registration card, he should go immediately to the closest United States Immigration Office and complete the necessary forms to obtain his Alien Registration number. If the alien has lost his Alien Registration Card or number, he should also go immediately to an Immigration Office and obtain a duplication card and number. Aliens should not delay in obtaining Alien Registration cards because they must submit the Alien Address Report in January, 1954.

Seattle judge restores citizenship

Seattle
In a recent decision rendered from the bench, Judge William J. Lindberg of the Seattle Federal Court ruled that a Nisei who had been conscripted into the Japanese Army had not lost his American citizenship.

The Nisei involved was Sadao Suetsugu of Seattle, who, during the war, was pressed into the Japanese Army six weeks before the war ended. Judge Lindberg held that, absent a showing of some affirmative conduct by Suetsugu, his response to a draft call was under legal duress, and therefore involuntary.

Suetsugu presented his suit through attorneys William Mimbu of Seattle and A. L. Wirin, Fred Okrand and Hugh R. Manes of Los Angeles.

Honolulu
A woman who voted in a post-World War II Japanese election and three men who served in the Japanese Army during the war have regained the right to their American citizenship.

In a filed written decision, Federal Judge Jon Wiig declared the three men were entitled to regain their citizenship because they had served against their will in the Japanese Army.

Mrs. Shizue Shimizu, 31, who said she voted in a Japanese election because of fear she would lose her ration card otherwise, was also awarded the right to regain her citizenship by Judge Wiig.

The others are Saburo Sakamoto, 37, who was born in Honolulu; Kenneth M. Ishida, 34; and Katsumi Yoshida, 32, who was born in Seattle and lives there now.

All four went to Japan before World War II broke out, and were stranded there during the war.

● Helicopters were used for the first time Dec. 15 to carry mail from Tokyo's downtown Central post office to Haneda International Airport.

Utah senator sees no immediate change in Immigration statute

Washington
Upon his return from a three-month personal observation of the Immigration Act in actual operation, Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R., Utah), of the Joint Senate-House Congressional Committee studying the operation of the law, said he found there is no need of any early major revision of the Immigration and Nationality (McCarran-Walter) Act of 1952.

The Utah Republican, also chairman of the Senate Judiciary subcommittee which would initiate any change in the Immigration and Nationality Act in the Senate, said it would be "very unwise" to seek even minor amendments to the basic immigration law at the next session of Congress.

He added that any attempt to do so would open the whole act to amendments without the necessary study and jeopardize important elements of the Eisenhower program that will be before Congress at that time.

Apart from the merits of any proposal, the Senator said that a canvass he had made of members of Congress "clearly showed that a majority would oppose any change in the Act until the need for a change had been established from actual operation of the Act."

In a letter to President Eisenhower on Aug. 18, 1953, Senator Watkins wrote that the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, providing for the admission above quota of 214,000 aliens, "takes care of population pressure areas as far as we probably can go in the next three years."

In his same letter, the Senator referring to the fact that the Act was passed over the veto of President Truman in 1952, continued:

"Further action on immigration will be impossible during the next four years unless there is almost a complete turnover of members of Congress in next year's congressional election."

Watkins said he still stood by his statements made in that letter, that it would be "futile to attempt to do anything more than minor revisions which may be necessary prior to expiration of the emergency (Refugee Relief) act in 1956."

Senator Watkins voted for the Walter-McCarran Act both on original passage and on overriding the veto, but he insisted that his present stand against

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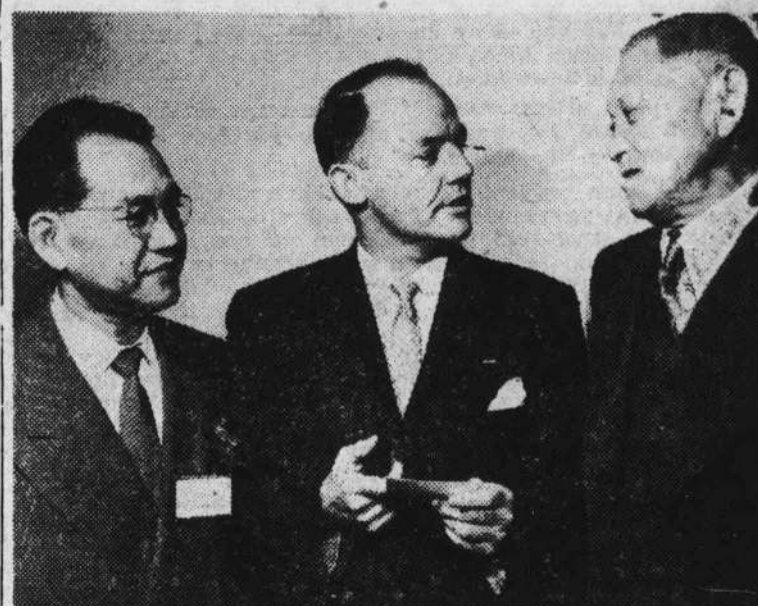
New citizens —

San Francisco
Probably the greatest number of aliens of any one nationality ever becoming U.S. citizens at the same time were sworn in as Americans Dec. 9 at the federal courts of Judge Louis E. Goodman and Judge Edward P. Murphy.

A total of 289 Issei from Northern California appeared in two groups. About 80 were from San Francisco, the remainder coming from San Mateo, Stockton, San Jose and Eastbay cities.

National bake-off

New York
Lone male entry in the fifth annual national Pillsbury bake-off this year was Edward Kawahara, 48, of Merced (Calif.), who appeared the most calm at the Waldorf-Astoria last Dec. 14. The Nisei cook, however, failed to win any of the top prizes.



Yasukichi Iwasaki (right), Hillsboro farmer, was the oldest Issei studying Americanization in the Portland area and was among Oregon Japanese honored by the Pacific Northwest District Council convention banquet recently. With him are Mas Satow, National JACL director (left), and Robert Y. Thornton, Oregon attorney general.

The Oregonian Photo

Active D.C. community Issei leader naturalized, ready to join JACL

Washington
Barry M. Tsuda was conferred with American citizenship during naturalization proceedings held last week by Judge David A. Pine of the United States District Court in Washington.

"The naturalization examination was not difficult" said Tsuda, "but the feeling of becoming an American citizen is overwhelming." After completing a six-month naturalization course, his instructor, who also attended the ceremonies, stated that Tsuda had an "excellent knowledge" of American history and its institutions.

Born in 1900 in Kumamoto, Japan, Barry Mitsuyoshi Tsuda arrived in San Francisco in 1920 enroute to aid his uncle operate a dry goods store in Sacramento, Calif. He married Flora Y. Tsuda, a native Californian, on April 21, 1929.

After leaving the Jerome Relocation Center with his family in February, 1944, Tsuda began working for the Georgetown Cooperative Services in Washington, D.C., and is presently employed as a departmental purchasing agent for the same firm.

Active in community services, Barry Tsuda has been chairman of the Issei JACL Anti-Discrimination Committee Fund drives in the local area.

"We are all very proud of Barry," said Mrs. Tsuda. "His newly acquired American citizenship means so much to him."

"We are going to be a JACL family," she added, herself an active JACL member. Carol, attractive daughter now teaching in a local primary school, is the newly elected board delegate of the Washington JACL chapter. Roger, 18, has indicated his desire to become a JACL member with his father.

Madera
Two Madera Issei were the first local area Japanese to gain U.S. citizenship when sworn in court Dec. 14. They were Suyemitsu Mochizuki and Mrs. Kanayo Kobayashi.

Ontario, Ore.
The 23 Issei citizens taking their oath of allegiance to the United States Dec. 9 in the cir-

cuit court of Judge M. A. Biggs were reported by the Snake River JACL as follows:

Tom Tokuchiko Amano, Kiyozo Atagi, Takashi Harada, Osao Hashikuni, Hiroji Hashimoto, Lillian Kimiko Kadioka, Ryo Kanetomi, Iwakichi Kawakami, Harry Hifumi Morikawa.

Shigeichi Muramoto, Hisae Okamoto, Kuhei Okamoto, Tsuano Sadamori, Fukuhei Saito, Chiyo Virginia Sakata, George Masajiro Terasima, Frank Uriu, Hatsue Uriu, Kikue Wakasugi, Masayuki Yano, Rev. Frederick Norio Yasaki, and John Terukichi Yoneyama.

Judge Biggs, in an address to the 30 new citizens, cautioned them on the responsibilities as U.S. citizens in a free world with an anecdote about two Irishmen. One started to express his freedom by getting into a fight with the other Irishman. The Irishman being attacked warned the other that his freedom stopped where his nose began.

New Orleans
The first Japanese to request American citizenship in this area was among 43 candidates Nov. 25 to be naturalized here. He is Dr. Hikaru Shinkai, who requested his name changed to John Hikaru Shinkai. He has been instructor of pharmaceutical chemistry at the Loyola University here for the past four years.

Hanford
Becoming U.S. citizens at recent naturalization ceremonies here were Yaeko Mizuye, Joe Tsutsui, Roy and Yoshiye Mizote.

Delano
Kurasa Okazaki is the first Japanese in Kern county to be given naturalization papers. Living here since 1939, he has been in the United States for 55 years.

Araki on way home

Washington
Ambassador Eikichi Araki prepared to depart for Tokyo, he stated Tuesday after staying here 18 months. He is returning home at his own request and informants say he would tender his resignation there.

Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAKA

FIRST ANNIVERSARY . . .

Midnight, December 24, 1953 marks the first anniversary of the effective date of the Immigration and Nationality (McCarran-Walter) Act of 1952.

In the short space of a single year, much has happened to the Japanese American community as a result of this legislation.

MANY NATURALIZED . . .

In the first place, resident alien Japanese have become naturalized citizens in the land of their adoption.

An estimated more than 2,000 have already been naturalized in the 48 States, the District of Columbia and the Territories of Hawaii and Alaska. And, as soon as the administrative facilities of the Immigration and Naturalization Service are increased to take care of the unprecedented demand and the narrow interpretation of one section of the law relating to World War I military services voided by the courts, as it most surely should be, perhaps twenty times this number will soon share in the citizenship of their children.

Resident aliens, many of them parents of World War II and Korea veterans are able to purchase homes in every state in the Union.

These same resident aliens who have already contributed so much to the development of agriculture in the west may, for the first time, since 1913, purchase, own and occupy, and receive direct and indirect benefits, from such farming land.

Those whose properties were escheated by California under its anti-alien land laws have had their properties returned or received payment therefor.

In 16 States, by becoming naturalized citizens, they are eligible for old age and other local social security benefits.

More than 500 separate laws, ordinances and regulations in the 48 states barring them from certain professions, businesses and employment are now null and void, for resident alien Japanese may, at long last, remove themselves from these disabilities by naturalization.

No longer too may Federal, State and municipal employment be denied them because of their permanent alienage under the law.

For the first time since 1789, when the first Congress met after the Constitution was adopted, persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States enjoy the same privilege of naturalization as that extended to any other alien from any other part of the world.

MANY IMMIGRATED TOO . . .

For the first time since the 1924 Exclusion Acts, Japanese immigrants were welcomed into the United States as permanent immigrants.

The wives and husbands, and minor children too, of American citizens, some separated for many years and previously condemned to live their entire lives apart because of our discriminatory statutes, were re-united in the United States on a permanent basis. They were admitted outside of the regular quotas too.

The Japanese national parents of American citizens, many of them stranded in Japan because of the war, have been allowed to return to this country to rebuild their lives anew with their own children, many of whom they have not seen for decades.

Separated husbands and wives, and children too, who were kept apart for many years because of their Japanese "race", have been permitted permanent reunion in the United States.

Alien husbands and wives who were deported before discretionary relief was extended to the Japanese in 1948 have returned to the United States to join their families.

OTHER BENEFITS . . .

Records of admission for permanent residence have been arranged for many Japanese aliens who entered this country before July 1, 1924 and whose passports were lost, or who entered illegally. Most of these aliens are the parents of the Nisei heroes of World War II and of Korea. They may now apply for "re-entry" permits that will enable them to visit foreign territories and for naturalization as American citizens on the same basis as other applicants.

Japanese aliens who were admitted as non-immigrants, such as students or on temporary visits, have had their status adjusted because of the changes in circumstances and the law.

Some few aliens who were not eligible for suspension of deportation even under the 1948 liberalizations to include most Japanese now qualify for this discretionary relief.

GENERAL COMMENTS . . .

Though no one will claim that the McCarran-Walter Law is perfect, none can deny that for persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States it has meant concrete and specific changes for the better. And the same goes for many other nationalities, especially those of Asian ancestry.

The story of our Issei parents, averaging in age over 65, enrolling in and conscientiously attending naturalization classes across this broad land is an inspiring one that puts many Nisei to shame.

Some day this story of how sincerely our Issei parents demonstrated their desire to attain American citizenship should be written in order that all America will understand the true meaning of their own citizenship. In the twilight of their useful lives, though denied naturalization by federal law since their entry, when given the opportunity they proved far more eloquently than words where their loyalties and allegiance belong.

The Nisei can be proud of their parents in this respect too. The heartwarming reunion of long separated families cannot be described in words. But, one can read it in the faces of those fortunate hundreds who were united this past year after it seemed that our nation would never permit them to come together again. And, one can see it in the wistful eyes of the thousands more who are eagerly awaiting their turn to enjoy this gladdening event.

No matter what one may say, for persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States, the naturalization and immigration provisions of the McCarran-Walter Act have brought much happiness, a sense of dignity and acceptance, and a meaning of democracy in action.

HISTORICAL DOCUMENTATION OF 33,000 NISEI IN WORLD WAR II PREPARED BY SELECTIVE SERVICE

Washington

A historical documentation of Japanese Americans in Selective service during World War II was released last week, according to the Washington office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Written by officers of the Selective Service System, the factual report devotes over 36 of its 196 pages exclusively to the Nisei.

The report entitled "Special Groups, Monograph No. 10", required several years of preparation by the Selective Service System. In two volumes, part one devotes a substantial portion to historical developments in the classification and induction of the Nisei. Part two, an appendix, contains both statistical charts and documents of vital concern in substantiation of Selective Service System policies during World War II.

Copies may be obtained directly from the Government Printing Office in Washington, D. C.

The introduction written by General Lewis B. Hershey, Director of Selective Service, credits Colonel Campbell C. Johnson as writer of "Special Groups, Monograph Number 10". Colonel Johnson recently participated in the Washington, D.C. JACL Chapter's Nisei Memorial Day Services at Arlington National Cemetery.

General Hershey writes further: "Appreciation is also acknowledged to Mr. Mike Masaka [of the JACL] who rendered valuable assistance."

The documentary presents in considerable detail background information and the effect of Selective Service regulations on the Nisei.

Recalling events of such a prewar anti-Japanese sentiment in the West, Nisei serving in the United States Armed Forces before and after the outbreak of hostilities, evacuation and relocation of the Japanese, and the heroic exploits of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Battalion, the report gives the reader an understanding of the important events which affected Selective Service regulations.

The following JACL resolution is quoted in the publication and is credited with substantially aiding the formation of the 442nd Combat Team and the elimination of discrimination against Nisei in draft classifications.

VERY TRULY YOURS:

Christmas Day, 1953

By HARRY K. HONDA

Actually, this should have been written several weeks earlier when everyone was faced with the routine of Christmas cards addressing . . . Judging the variety of Yuletide cards crossing our desk this past week, the meaning of Christmas is slipping away . . . The gaudy assortment is nice and gay, but when do briar pipes, ice-skating scenes or little puppies transport the true meaning of this great holy day—the birth of the Christ Child? . . . Our national heroes receive more respect on those days we celebrate as their birthdays.

One bright aspect of Christmas in Li'l Tokio is the Christmas Cheer program founded by Sam Ishikawa, then regional JACL director here, and still fostered as a community project to help the needy Japanese families to brighten their home on this particular occasion . . . The sense for a down-&-out family of not being forgotten is uplifting . . . This year, the spontaneous response has culminated in more than \$1,800 being received to be distributed as a part of the huge food basket to some 270 indigent families . . . The cash donations are the largest ever and the merchandise on hand would put any corner grocery store in business for years . . . The community in Los Angeles has become aware

Whereas, we Americans of Japanese ancestry believe that our welfare and our destiny are inextricably bound up in the welfare and destiny of these United States of America; and

Whereas, we desire to contribute our share of the winning of the war and the peace to follow; and

Whereas, many of us now have brothers, sons, and husbands who are serving with distinction and valor in the armed forces of our country; and

Whereas, it has been called to our attention that Americans of Japanese ancestry have been and are being classified in the Selective Service rolls in those classifications originally assigned to enemy aliens and friendly aliens but now designated as classifications for those unfit or undesirable for military services; and

Whereas, as American citizens entitled to participate in the common lot and life of all Americans, we do resent and decry this unwarranted and unjust discrimination which questions our loyalty and allegiance to our country:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the special emergency meeting of the Japanese American Citizens League, convened in Salt Lake City, Utah, that we do hereby

BURGLARS RANSACK TWO OFFICES FOR NOTHING

New York

Naive burglars, apparently after receipts of the Christmas bazaar held by the United Church, broke into the offices of Grace Methodist Church, 131 W. 104th St., and also ransacked the YMCA during the night after the event.

The two days' receipts of some \$3,600 had been banked, so that the burglars got nothing for their trouble.

Round-the-World fete

San Francisco

American President Lines, which has been serving the Pacific trade and travel for more than a century through the present corporation and predecessor companies, will observe the 30th anniversary of the APL's famous Round-the-World combination passenger and cargo service Jan. 5, 1954. It has more than 600 circumnavigations already to its credit.

request the Selective Service Division of the War Department to reclassify Americans of Japanese ancestry on the same basis as all other Americans.

The Report notes the historical development leading to the formation of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the selective induction of Nisei linguistically qualified in Japanese, and the final removal of discrimination against the Nisei in Selective Service. The JACL is presented as the only organization which protested against discrimination of Nisei in Selective Service classifications.

The report continues, "Over 25,500 registrants of Japanese extraction were processed for induction by the Selective Service during World War II. More than 21,000 of these were inducted. In the light of the total number who served in the Army and considering the size of the Japanese American population group, these figures are impressive. Nor can statistics measure the quality of patriotic service rendered by Nisei citizens, only one generation removed from the rice paddies and temples of an oriental island empire."

Individual Nisei war heroes, such as Sgt. Ben Kuroki of the Air Force, Sgt. Henry "Horizontal Hank" Goshio of Merrill's Marauders, and Medal of Honor winner Pfc. Sadao S. Munemori are recounted as a tribute to the Nisei contributions during World War II.

"Altogether 33,200 Nisei, more than half from the continental United States, served in World War II, almost equally divided between Europe and the Pacific . . . Selective Service may take pride in the part it played in the making of such soldiery."

PRESS FILE:

CANADIAN NEWSMAN —

Vancouver-born Shinobu Higashi was the Associated Press by-liner covering the recent return of 811 Japanese PWs from Siberia to Japan. British Columbia University graduate, he was imprisoned for nearly four years by the Russians in 1945 when Manchuria was occupied.

All Issei citizenship exam day slated in L.A.

Los Angeles

Another "Japanese-examination Day" will be scheduled by the Immigration and Naturalization Service for Issei citizenship applicants who have requested examinations in Japanese, according to Tats Kushida, JACL regional director.

Shortly after the first of the year, more than 20 Issei petitioners will be scheduled during an all-day period assigned by the I & NS office. As before, the JACL will provide interpreters free of charge, Kushida said.

While the staff shortage and the unanticipated large number of naturalization petitioners has resulted in a backlog of eight months, it is expected to clear during 1954, the regional office explained. It was hoped that another entire day when all available examiners of the I&NS office will be assigned to Issei petitioners will be scheduled during late January or February.

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Togasaki Family . . .

Probably one of the most publicized and well-known Japanese families in Japan and America is the Togasaki family. The name has been mentioned continuously on both sides of the Pacific for the past half century.

Pioneer Kikumatsu Togasaki, 86-year-old founder of the Mutual Supply Co., San Francisco, is on a new venture as evangelist, despite his advanced age, in Japan and is visiting his son George Kiyoshi for a year. He arrived in Yokohama Nov. 16 aboard the S.S. Philippine Transport.

Elder Togasaki's prominence is highlighted by the fact that he heads a family of two well-known sons and six daughters who are all in medicine. All eight children are university graduates.

George Kiyoshi is the most prominent American citizen of Japanese ancestry in Japan as president of the influential Nippon Times. He is also chairman of the International Christian University board of directors, executive member of the America-Japan Society, director of Gakushin University, Rotarian, Shriner, etc. He is a World War I veteran. His marriage to the daughter of Evangelist Kana-mori became famous. Their daughter recently became the bride of Tokue Shibata, Tokyo University professor. Their son Shigeru returned safely from Siberia and is now studying in America, while their other son Bobby, also studying in the United States, was a very close friend of the Japanese Crown Prince.

Of course, every JACLer knows of Sim as the "Alexander Hamilton" of the organization because of his long service as national JACL treasurer.

Of the Togasaki sisters, Kazue, Yoshie and Teru are M.D.s, while Yae, Chiye and Mitsue are graduate nurses. It seems silly for me to comment on the others from this side of the Pacific.

The Togasaki family must be the luckiest family in view of the success the children met on both sides of the Pacific.

New Year's Eve dance

Sacramento

A record crowd is expected at the fourth annual Sacramento JACL New Year's Eve dance at the Kaikan, Fourth and "O" Sts., with Bob Petralli and his Syncopators signed to play. Bill Matsumoto is chairman, assisted by:

George Tambara, gen. arr.; Amy Kamikawa, hall; Mary Nakashima, dec.; Dubby Tsugawa, gate; Jean Nakatani, Terry Enkoji, orch.; and Sally Kikumoto, pub.



Among 30 Malheur county (Ore.) residents naturalized Dec. 9 in the courtroom of Judge M. A. Biggs were 23 Japanese. Most of the Japanese sworn in were past 50 years of age, the oldest being Kiyozo Atagi, 77, (front, third from right) who lived in the Ontario area since 1926 although he first came to America in 1900. Also naturalized was the Rev. Norio Fred Yasaki (standing left of Judge Biggs, seated in center), Methodist minister who has been conducting citizenship classes. Harano Photo.

HONOLULU NEWSLETTER

'American-ness' of Island Nisei

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu

The long, hard and still-unfinished fight for Hawaiian statehood has produced one useful by-product. It has given the Nisei a chance to impress visiting Congressmen with their "American-ness."

Scores of Senators and Congressmen have come to Hawaii since 1935 when the first statehood investigating committee visited the islands.

These visits have convinced many in Congress that Hawaii has earned statehood and is ready for it. The on-the-spot observation have been a powerful, although costly, means of converting new friends for

statehood.

And the Nisei have done their share in bringing about a more favorable climate for the passage of the statehood bill than at any time thus far.

Of course, their brilliant war record was the Nisei's greatest single contribution to the campaign for statehood. By their battlefield heroism, the Nisei largely dispelled fears about their loyalty to the United States. It was a hard, but perhaps necessary, test of Americanism.

The Nisei no longer have the dramatic opportunity, as they did in the last war, of showing their patriotism by war deeds, as a dedicated racial group in America's armed forces.

They are now aiding the statehood cause instead by demonstrating in their everyday life how far they have advanced in their Americanization.

Visitors, if they are open-minded, usually carry favorable impressions of the Nisei back to the Mainland. The average Nisei is courteous and helpful to the stranger. He is not "pushy," he is not likely to be brash in his dealings with the stranger.

In a way this reserved behavior has its drawbacks in that the Nisei may not be actively promoting the friendship and confidence of others as well as he could if he were more "open" in his relations.

Be that as it may, it is safe to assume that the Nisei by his quiet manners normally wins the respect of the average visitor to these islands.

Especially is the role of the Nisei important if he is a leader among them.

The other day, Wilfred C. Tsukiyama, President of the Hawaii Senate and a fluent speaker, was called upon for a few remarks at a luncheon honoring U.S. Senator Guy Cordon of Oregon, a staunch statehood champion in the Senate.

Tsukiyama spoke with such finesse he impressed not only Senator Cordon but four visiting Representatives as well, who also were present at the luncheon.

Tsukiyama did not win new votes for statehood, since all of the visitors already are on record for that legislation. But it must have pleased them tremendously to know that Tsukiyama is the caliber of Nisei Hawaii would elect to Washington under statehood.

It is usually in disgust at the slowness of Congress in granting statehood that a resident would remark, "If we could only get the whole Congress to come to Hawaii at one time, we'd convince all of them to vote for state-

Insanity plea entered by Oakland nursery thief

Oakland

Richard Bojo, 28, who was shot by a nursery owner who said he found \$400 worth of his azaleas in Bojo's truck, entered a plea of innocent and innocent by reason of insanity to a charge of grand theft before Superior Judge Donald K. Quayle recently.

Quayle set Jan. 13 for a hearing on a report by two psychiatrists whom he named to examine Bojo.

Bojo was shot Oct. 7 at the Sunny Side Nursery, 6190 Occidental Rd., Mount Eden, when he grappled with Eiichi Yoshida, 30, of 96226 Sunnyside st., Oakland, the owner of the place.

KKD disbands, members to support JACL program

San Francisco

Because the objectives of their organization have been culminated, the Kikaken Kisei Domei of Northern California (KKD) held its final meeting Dec. 12 here and pledged its membership to the JACL.

On disbanding, some 175 Issei and Nisei leaders who aided in the financial drives annually throughout Northern California were presented certificates and gifts.

The group was urged in a resolution to support the JACL by becoming members. The KKD was first organized to push naturalization for Issei.

● The United Nations general assembly approved by a 51-0 vote to admit Japan for membership in the International Court of Justice at The Hague.

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR '54 JACL MEMBERSHIP

Mountain-Plains regional confab photos on sale

Denver

Pictures taken at the Mountain Plains JACL Regional Convention here Nov. 28-29 are now on display at the JACL office, 1225-20th St.

Taken by Tom Masamori, convention photographer, the pictures show all phases of convention activity. Prints may be ordered at \$1 per copy.

hood."

So if the U.S. Senate finally votes for statehood early next year (the House already has passed the bill), the people of Hawaii can relax and smile in the realization that all those investigating trips from Washington have finally paid off.

Growing beauty wholesale

Ontario, Ore.

Along the Snake River north of here, Mark Sumida raises gladiola bulbs for the commercial market. He is now harvesting 50 acres—or some 10 million saleable bulbs.

He has been growing bulbs for the past six years. His acreage is regarded as the largest in the northwest. He had read of a man raising gladiola as an agricultural venture, which did not prove successful.

It got Sumida, who operated a seed store in Portland for many years, to thinking. He also read in the Wall St. Journal of a big success gladiolus-bulb growing was in Florida.

After some exchange of correspondence with the

chamber of commerce in the particular Florida town, he was in the business of growing bulbs. Two weeks ago, there were 40 men and women harvesting his bulbs. After they are dug up, it will take until late January to cure, grade, sort and prepare the bulbs for the market.

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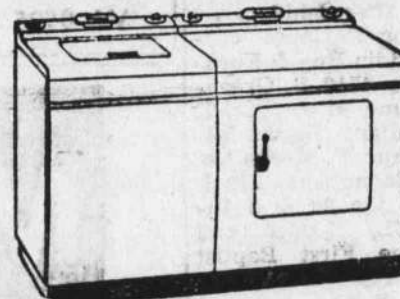


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Around Chicago . . .

The City Council passed without dissent **Ald. Harry L. Sain's** motion to make it illegal to take "a shot of hooch" on any city street . . . It also adopted a record \$407-million budget for 1954, which provides a 5 percent pay boost for all city employees . . . **Ald. Robert E. Merriam** succeeded in getting the city administration to agree to add some 400 policemen and 100 firemen . . . Haircut prices on Saturdays are now \$1.75—a 25 cent increase . . . The Cook County board approved \$32,550,000 expressway construction program for 1954 . . . The **Co-operative Investors** meet next Jan. 23 at **Hannah Okamoto's**, 1420 E. 50th St. **Sat Mori** was guest the last meeting held at **Kats Okuno's** . . . Some 900 persons witnessed "Christmas in Japan," a colorful pageant of dances and vocals at the Museum of Science and Industry recently. Pupils of **Shizu Imbe** performing were **Bonna Koyanagi**, **Lynn Watanabe**, **Joyce Kubose**, **Ann Kozumi**, **Amy Yamamoto** and **Donna Doi**. **Kyoko Morishita**, **George Toda** and **Akiko Oyama** rendered vocals. **Miyako Oyama** accompanied them. **Miss Terry Hoshizaki** of Lakeside Christian Church told the Christmas story . . . The 1954 state auto and truck license plates of white numerals against a green background will slogan "Land of Lincoln" . . . "Operation Peep-peep" is the current Ellis Community Church project to send chicks to refugee farmers in Asia.

Personals . . .

Kazuo Higashiuchi, 5623 Dorchester, and **Dr. William Hiura**, 6116 Dorchester, won the Chicago Contract Bridge Ass'n northern Illinois championships two Sundays ago after five days of competition which drew 300 players from Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan and Illinois . . . A baby boy **Roy Norio** was born Dec. 2 to the **Paul Morio Otakes**, 814 W. Newport, at Frank Cuneo hospital. He weighed 8 lbs.—5 oz. Paul is a Waseda University graduate of 1934, formerly of San Francisco, and now a New York Life Insurance representative. He is also member of the CL, Resettlers, Shinyu (Kibei Club), Co-operative Investors and Chicago Life Underwriters. After two years as reporter for the S.F. Nichibei, he worked as interpreter at the Japanese embassy in Washington and studied at George Washington university before the war. During the war years he taught Japanese at the Univ. of Michigan. He is married to a local girl, **Chris Kikue**. They also have another son, **Dale Haruo**, now 15 months old . . . On Nov. 27, **Paul Frederick** was born to the **Fred Masayuki Naguros**, 2107 W. Eastwood, at Swedish Covenant Hospital. He weighed 9 lb.—5 oz. Parents are both from Seattle. Fred is a laboratory technician for Metropolitan Dental Laboratory and member of the Co-operative Investors. His wife is the former **Ruth Hisa Ishida** . . . To many non-Japanese customers of Aladdin Rug & Furniture Cleaners, 4712 S. Greenwood, the name of Arthur T. Morey is familiar. To the Nisei he is **Arthur T. Morimitsu**, formerly of Sacramento. He is a member of the 20 & 5 Investors, JACL, 1000er and trustee of the First Baptist Church. He served in the CBI sector as a G-2 man and is a Univ. of California alumnus. His wife is the former **Virginia Asaka** of Santa Monica, an active PTA member, Sunday School teacher and JACLer. Their children are **Kathryn** and **Carolyn**, 6-year-old twins, and **Philip**, 1½.

Pathologist named Phila. CL prexy

Philadelphia

The 1954 Philadelphia JACL chapter combined a Christmas party and election meeting Dec. 13 at the International Institute. In accordance with the new election procedure, five were elected to serve on its board of governors, which in turn named **Dr. H. Tom Tamaki** as chapter president.

Named to the board were: **Dr. H. Tom Tamaki**, **Ben Ohama**, **Sim Endo**, **Yosuke Nakano**, **Mrs. Grace Ueyehara**; **Taizo Inazu**, treas.; secretary to be appointed.

Dr. Tamaki is chief of pathology at the Montgomery Hospital, Norristown, Pa., and teaches at Jefferson Hospital here. **Ben Ohama** is outgoing president.

The Christmas afternoon party was chaired by **Takashi Moriuchi**, assisted by:

Nobi Kobayashi, **Jack Ozawa**, **Kaz Marii Hasegawa** (potluck), **Betty and Janet Ikeda**, **Mary Toda**, **Mrs. and Mary Watanabe**, **George Sakai**.

Movies were arranged by **Max Franzen**, CLer, and member of the Fellowship Commission.

IDAHO FALLS ELECT 1954 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Idaho Falls

Sam Yamasaki will succeed **Takeo Haga** as the new chapter president. Elections were held Dec. 18. Other new officers are: **Masayuki Honda**, v.p.; **Mrs. Katsuki Yamasaki**, rec. sec.; **Mrs. Isamu Tanaka**, cor. sec.; **George Tokita**, treas.; **Mrs. Joseph Nishioka**, **Shoji Nukaya**, soc.; **Kay Tokita** and **Mmes. Takeo Haga**, **George Tokita**, **Shig Nii**, reporters; **Charles Hirai**, **Sadao Morishita**, del.; **Mrs. Kay Tokita**, hist.; **Kenneth Ogawa**, **Bud Sakaguchi**, sgts.-at-arms.

NCWN quarterly meeting moved to Sacramento

Penryn

The first quarterly meeting of the No. Calif.-Western Nevada JACL district council will be held in Sacramento, Feb. 14, it was announced by **Tom M. Yego**, chairman.

Marysville JACL's bid for this meeting was relinquished to permit Sacramento JACL to hold the council session in conjunction with its statewide Nisei bowling tournament that weekend.

Meantime, Sacramento JACL has invited all JACL groups to sponsor teams for the Feb. 13-14 tournament. A dinner-dance for council delegates and bowlers is being planned.

Detroit's Dec. 31 frolic

Detroit

The New Year's Eve Frolic sponsored by four Nisei organizations here will be held Dec. 31 from 9:30 p.m. at the Warren Valley Golf and Country Club. **Joey Stark's** music is featured. **Jewel Omura** and **George Matsuhira** are co-chairmen. Sponsoring groups are: **Mr. and Mrs. Club**, **Motor City Golf Club**, **JACL chapter** and **Nisei Bowling League**.

U. of W. Totem honoree

Seattle

Emiko Masuhara of Vancouver, B.C., was among 12 co-eds initiated in the Totem Club, honorary service organization at the Univ. of Washington. She was the only Nisei woman thus honored this year. She is an art major.

CHAPTER MEMO

Mt. Olympus JACL: Two Japanese films were shown last weekend at the Salt Lake Buddhist church to raise funds for National JACL.

Fresno JACL: The chapter co-sponsors the third annual March of Dimes dance benefit with the Chinese Fay Wah club on Jan. 22 at the Rainbow Ballroom.

Salt Lake City JACL: Ballots for the 1954 chapter election were mailed out and due by Dec. 17. **Mas Horiuchi** and **Sue Kaneko** were cited for their preparing the ballots by **Midori Watanuki**, election committee chairman. Nominated were: **Rupert Hachiya**, pres.; **Howell Ujifusa**, v.p.; **Jean Konishi**, rec. sec.; **Della Kono**, **Esther Aoki**, cor. sec.; **Rae Fujimoto**, **Isamu Watanuki**, treas.; **George Yoshimoto**, hist.; **Bill Inouye**, **Rodney Toma**, pub. rel.; and **Leslie Yamamoto**, **James Miyake**, soc.

San Benito County JACL: **Shuichi Nishita** will be chairman of the annual New Year's party next Friday. He is being assisted by:

Yokichi Yamaoka, **Tadao Yamashita**, **Edwin Matsuura**.

The chapter co-sponsored a Christmas party with the YBA on Dec. 19.

Mile High JACL: Lack of hall facilities for the traditional New Year's Eve party has set the annual chapter installation dance to Jan. 1 at the Slovenian Hall, 4464 N. Washington, announced **George Fujimoto**, publicist.

San Francisco JACL: The chapter's annual New Year Eve party will be held at the ornate Gold Room, Palace Hotel, marking the first time the chapter is holding its party in a downtown locale. **Alice Shigezumi** and **Jerry Enomoto** are co-chairmen. Party starts at 10 p.m., ends at 2 a.m. Tickets are \$7.50.

Newsletters Received: East Los Angeles Mimeo Memo; Stockton JACL; D. C. News Notes; Chicago JACLer.

Stockton JACL: The final meeting of the year, Dec. 29, at the Buddhist Church reception room will disclose the election of 1954 chapter officers that was conducted by mail. The chapter's Christmas party for children was held Dec. 21 at the Buddhist Church.

Idaho Falls JACL: Treats for the children, gift exchange and Santa Claus' visit made up the Christmas party for youngsters at the JACL hall last Saturday. **Mrs. George Nukaya** and **Todd Kuwana** were in charge.

Southwest L.A. JACL: Some 40 pretty lunch boxes were auctioned at the chapter's annual Christmas Cheer benefit Dec. 12, presenting \$140.25 to **Tats Kushida**, cheer chairman. **Hisashi Horita** was chairman.

Monterey Peninsula JACL: The 21st annual New Year's day dance will be held at Brickmason's Bldg., at the foot of Pearl St. and El Estero Lake in Old Monterey, reports **Oyster Miyamoto**. **DeMaria Bros.** orchestra will play at the sports-formal affair.

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SHO NAKAMOTO NEW '54 SAN BENITO CL PREXY

San Juan Bautista

Sho Nakamoto was elected president for the 1954 term of the San Benito County JACL at a recent meeting. Installation will be held in January. Also elected were:

Edwin Matsuura, 1st v.p.; **Curly Arao**, 2nd v.p.; **Richard Nishimoto**, treas.; **Kay Kamimoto**, rec. sec.; **Alice Yamaoka**, cor. sec.; **Thomas Shimomishi**, alt. del.; **Sam Shio-tsuka**, Issei rel.; **Helen Matsuura**, cust.; **Joe Shingai**, pub.; **Akiji Yamanishi**, hist.; **John Teshima**, **Kay Yamaoka**, **George Nishita**, **Isaac Shingai**, **Tak Kadani**, board of govts.

Young dentist president of Sonoma County CL

Sebastopol

Dr. Fred Fujiwara, who recently opened his dental offices at Helwig Medical Bldg. here, leads the 1954 Sonoma County JACL chapter. He succeeds **George Hamamoto**. Installation is set in January.

Assisting the recent U.C. dental graduate are:

Miyo Masaoka (Santa Rosa), **Frank Kobayashi** (Petaluma), **Hiroshi Taniguchi** (Sebastopol), v.p.; **Mike Yoshimura**, treas.; **Harry Sugiyama**, rec. sec.; **Tom Mukaida**, cor. sec.; **Henry Shimizu**, **Raymond Morita**, soc.

LIVINGSTON-MERCED NAME JAMES KIRIHARA AS HEAD

Livingston

James Kirihara was elected 1954 president of the Livingston-Merced JACL chapter at a dinner meeting Dec. 5. He succeeds **Frank Suzuki**. Other cabinet members are:

James Masuda, v.p.; **George Yagi**, treas.; **Joyce Kimura**, rec. sec.; **Mami Kushi**, cor. sec.; **Roy Okahara**, hist.; **Maryon Suzuki**, pub.; **Sam Okuye** (Livingston), **Gilbert Tanji** (Cressey), **Koe Yoshida** (Merced), reps.

\$1,000 almost contributed by Mtn.-Plains 1000ers

Denver

James Imatani, district chairman of the Mountain-Plains 1000 Club, announced that almost \$1,000 has been remitted to Nat'l JACL headquarters from the 1000 Club of this district during the past two months.

Imatani reported that 30 new and renewal memberships have been obtained, together with \$156.60 realized as net profit from the 1000 Club shindig on Nov. 28.

Total 1000 Club memberships to date in the Mountain-Plains area number 42 active members in good standing.

Anyone desiring to contribute \$25 annually to the National JACL for maintenance of the National Headquarters office in San Francisco, can become a member of the 1000 Club, by mailing their check to either **James Imatani**, district chairman, or to the Mtn.-Plains JACL office, 1225-20th St., Denver 2.

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Tom Ito to head Pasadena JACL

Pasadena

The 1954 cabinet for the Pasadena JACL Chapter, headed by **Tom Ito**, was elected at the chapter's annual Christmas party held on Dec. 11, according to **Jiro Oishi**, outgoing president. The new president, **Tom Ito**, has long been associated with the JACL and is a prominent community leader and insurance agent of this city.

Ito's cabinet will include the following officers:

Florence Wada, 1st v.p.; **Mas Fujimoto**, 2nd v.p.; **Jiro Oishi**, 3rd v.p.; **Aki Abe**, rec. sec.; **Grace Sato**, cor. sec.; **Harris Ozawa**, treas., and **Tom Arita**, aud.

"This year's Christmas party was the biggest ever held by our chapter," according to **Florence Wada**, chairman of the event. The annual affair was held at the Pasadena Union Church and attended by more than 140 persons.

Sam Kai elected head of New York chapter

New York

By a unanimous vote, **Sam Kai** was elected president of the New York JACL chapter Dec. 12 at the election-Christmas party at the former Japanese Methodist church, 323 W. 108th St.

Elected to the cabinet were: **Ina Sugihara**, v.p.; & prog. chmn.; **Marie Kurihara**, sec.; **Tomio Enochi**, treas.; **Mitsu Yasuda**, pub.; **Ricki Suzuki**, mem. & fin.

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HARUO ISHIMARU

It Seemed as Only Yesterday

If the speed with which the weeks roll by is any indication of approaching age and senility, then I think I must be really tottering along. It seems like only yesterday that I put in a full pad in my desk calendar and here it is practically running out.

It only seems like such a short time ago that I renewed my perennial New Year resolution to start another diet. Alas and alack, the year must have been very short because I can see no appreciable results of that positive and unbreakable resolution.

All in all, the year has been a very good one. In this final "Scene" for the year, I would like to express appreciation to the chapters and their officers for making my work such a pleasant job.

I wish I had the space to list each of our chapter officers and other individuals who worked on various committees not only locally but for the District Council. However, I am sure they will forgive me if I can only take the space to list our chapter presidents and outgoing Executive Board officers.

These are the people who, with the help of their fellow officers and chapter members, kept the cogs of the JACL rolling in the Northern California-Western Nevada area.

The 1953 chapter presidents were: **Yasuo Yamashita** (Alameda), **George Yasukochi** (Berkeley), **Jack Noda** (Cortez), **Kenji Fujii** (Eden Township), **William Okamoto** (Florin), **George Ogino** (French Camp), **Frank Suzuki** (Livingston-Merced), **Frank Okimoto** (Marysville), **George Esaki** (Monterey Peninsula), **Takeo Tachiki** (Oakland), **Tadashi Yego** (Placer County), **Oscar Fujii** (Reno), **Heizo Oshima** (Richmond-El Cerrito), **George Tambara** (Sacramento), **John Terakawa** (Salinas Valley), **Glenn Kowaki** (San Benito County), **Kei Hori** (San Francisco), **Dr. Andrew Yoshiwara** (San Mateo), **Sam Tanase** (United Citizens League of Santa Clara County), **Shozo Mayeda** (Sequoia), **George Hamamoto** (Sonoma County), **Kaz Shikano** (Southern Alameda County), **Sam Itaya** (Stockton) and **Bill Mine** (Watsonville).

Outgoing officers of the District Council Executive Board are **Masuji Fujii**, past chairman; **Harry Itaya**, retiring vice-chairman; **Florence Dobashi**, past secretary; and **Tom Miyagana**, retiring treasurer.

Special mention should be made of **George Yasukochi** and **Sam Itaya** for the excellent jobs they have done. George has guided the new Berkeley Chapter into one of the largest and most active in our entire national program, and I don't think that any chapter produces a bulletin to compare with the one edited by George and his wife, **Bess**.

Sam Itaya took over the quiescent Stockton Chapter early this year and has practically quadrupled last year's small membership. He sparkplugged the work involved in putting on this year's successful District Council convention held in Stockton in November with the French Camp Chapter as co-host.

All our chapters should be especially commended for their efforts toward pushing the citizenship program for the Issei. Every chapter in Northern California has now held or is holding citizenship classes under the partial supervision of local chapters. It is probably still safe to say that more Issei have been naturalized in Northern California than the rest of the country combined.

I would also like to pay special tribute to the **Kikaken Kisei Domei of Northern California**. This group, composed mostly of Issei, has for the past seven years worked in close cooperation with the JACL and has constantly been a source of inspiration and support, financial and otherwise, to the Nisei. Although the KKD has formally disbanded, we know we shall be able to continue to count on them for members. Their efforts will long be appreciated by JACLers.

So much for the past year. There is much more we would like to mention regarding our chapters and members but space limits doing so. I would like to say that ours is a great District Council and that we shall set our sights for a greater New Year. P.S.—A happy and prosperous New Year to you all!

City mayor witnesses installation of new San Mateo CL cabinet

San Mateo

Howard Imada was elected 1954 president of the San Mateo JACL chapter. He and his cabinet were installed by Haruo Ishimaru, N.C. regional director in an impressive ritual at the Chukkers on Dec. 5.

Honored guests included Mayor and Mrs. F. Herschell Campbell of San Mateo, Mr. and Mrs. Haruo Ishimaru. Shig Takahashi was emcee. Other officers:

Sakaya Yamaguchi, 1st v.p.; Ben Mayeda, 2nd v.p.; Andrew Yoshiwara, rec. sec.; Dorothy Kani, cor. sec.; Tom Takayama, treas.; Alice Kobayashi, hist.; Claude Yamamoto, off. del.; Yobu Tanaka, ath.; Ann Sutow, pub.

John Katsu president of Washington, D.C. chapter

Washington

The Washington, D.C., JACL Chapter will combine its annual installation ceremonies of newly elected officers with a semi-formal dinner-dance Dec. 26, at the Roger Smith Hotel in the "most gala event", according to Myke Kosobayashi, committee chairman.

Dr. George Furukawa, chapter president, announced the following officers for 1954 will be installed at the dinner-dance: John Katsu, pres.; Saburo Hasegawa, 1st v.p.; Shin Inouye, 2nd v.p.; Carol Tsuda, board delegate; Emi Kamachi, cor. sec.; Sets Kawashiro, rec. sec.; and Irene Iwata, treas.

Ira Shimasaki, EDC chairman, will install newly elected officers.

Patrons and patronesses will be:

Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Boyce, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Masaoka and Mrs. and Mrs. Ira Shimasaki.

Ben Yoshioka, master of ceremonies, announced that the Silvertones will supply the music.

Others on the committee are: Yone Matsuo, Tosh Enokida, Gladys Takemori, Carol Tsuda, Ben Nakao, Ethel & Mary Fukuyama, Ruth Kuroishi, Jack Hirose and Mike Tokumasa.

ATTORNEY RENGE NAMED FOWLER CL PRESIDENT

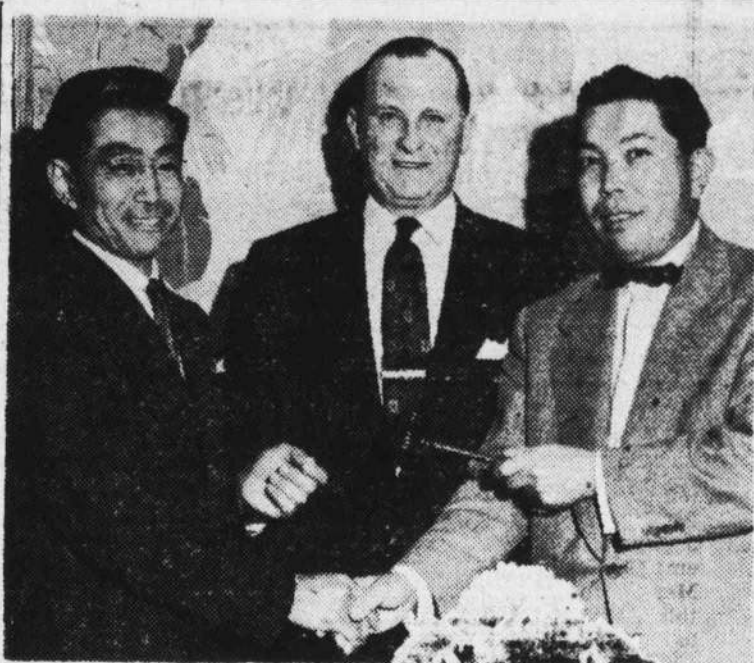
Fowler

Attorney Howard Renge was elected president of the Fowler JACL, it was announced following a mail tally of ballots. Others on the cabinet are:

Tom Shirakawa, 1st v.p.; George Teroaka, 2nd v.p.; Mrs. Jean Ideta, rec. sec.; Matsuye Osaki, cor. sec.; Shig Uchiyama, treas.; Tom Kamikawa, del.; Kazuo Namba, alt del.; Tak Ideta, ath.; Jane Tanaka, soc.; Thomas Toyama, pub.

The chapter also held its annual Christmas Night program last Wednesday at the Fowler Buddhist church.

Ernest Takahashi is sanitarian in the Kings County Health Dept., Hanford, Calif.



Howard Imada (left), newly-elected San Mateo JACL chapter president, is being congratulated by Mayor F. Herschel Campbell of San Mateo (center) and Andrew Yoshiwara, outgoing president. Picture was taken Dec. 5 at the Chukkers, where the chapter held its installation dinner-dance.

Visiting Fresno congressman views economic problems of postwar Japan

By OAKLEY HUNTER

FRESNANS IN TOKYO

In addition to the official greeting party, I was met in Tokyo by my good friend and fellow Fresnan, **Dr. Hugo O'Konogi**, Major, U.S. Army Medical Corps, presently stationed in Northern Japan. Hugo took several days' annual leave in order to be with me in Tokyo, and he proved to be valuable as a guide and interpreter, as well as being a pleasant companion.

COKE, RAISINS AND BASEBALL

Among the most universal things in the world, Coca Cola and American popular music would certainly rank high. Nowhere did we go in the 19 countries which we visited that these were not in evidence.

And, along with the spread of U.S. jazz music, the art of jitterbugging has, thanks to the American GI, become an international pastime.

At the Imperial Hotel, where we were quartered in Tokyo, it was a pleasant surprise to see raisin bread served daily at both noon and evening meals. Better still, the raisins came from California.

LAND SKILLFULLY WORKED

Because Japan's farms are extremely small, averaging 2.5 acres each, farm income is low, comprising only 20 percent of the national income, although it is more equitably distributed now than formerly as a result of the land reform in 1946-48. Only about 15 percent of the total area of the country is cropland, comprising some 15 million acres.

This land is intensively and skillfully worked to produce crop yields that not only are the highest in the Far East, but also compare favorably with the average for the United States and Europe. Crops provide most of the farm income. Livestock production is relatively unimportant.

TRADE BARRIERS

High trade barriers as a measure for protection of agriculture have been long a part of Japanese farm policy. Tariffs, quotas and exchange regulations give the government effective control over agricultural imports. Government monopolies handle imports of food grains.

AGRICULTURAL CONTROLS

Production and trade of many foods were strictly controlled after 1945 because of the tight food supply situation. As supply eased, controls were relaxed and are now maintained only on rice, which must be sold to the government at stipulated prices. Despite decontrol of wheat and barley, floor prices are provided.

Silk production is encouraged by granting of subsidies to control insects on mulberry trees and prevention of silkworm diseases. In 1952, 70 percent of Japan's silk production was consumed domestically. The government has set a maximum price for raw silk in order to stabilize the market.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

Although under the Occupation the Japanese economy achieved a very substantial recovery from the low levels of the immediate postwar period, Japan nevertheless is confronted in the post-treaty period with difficult problems for which no easy solutions exist.

Basic maladjustments persist in the foreign trade of Japan. During the six years of the Occupation, Japan benefited from imports of goods and materials valued at about \$2 billion, not provided or paid for by its own exports, but received largely as American aid.

Since 1950, sales of goods and services to U.N. forces (mainly American) in Japan and Korea have largely replaced this aid. Any substantial decline in the special dollar earnings of Japan, however, would create serious difficulties in its external payments position.

JAPAN'S PROBLEM

Japan can become a stabilizing factor for the free world in the Far East only if a long-range solution to this economic problem is found.

Today, Japan is faced with an expanding population; the loss of territory, curtailment of nearby markets, and sources of raw materials and foodstuffs; a sharp decline in demand for natural raw silk (the major prewar export to the United States); and a deterioration in its sources of international income other than exports.

As a result, it must somehow find and develop markets for its products to provide a means of repayment for essential imports. In doing so, it is handicapped by certain inflationary internal factors, resulting in costs higher than those of major world competitors. At the same time, the external factor of world trade and currency restrictions against Japanese exports will be difficult to overcome because of deep-seated fears of "low-cost" Japanese competition and unfair trade practices originating in the period between the two world wars.

In addition, Japan is faced with the problems of developing a force for its own defense and of making large external payments for reparations as well as debt service on its prewar bonded debt and postwar aid. It certainly is a knotty problem and one which will not be easily solved.

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By GEORGE YOSHINAGA

North-South NAU Eligibility Squabble

The annual north-south series conducted by the Nisei Athletic Union of Southern California and Northern California for the state basketball championship is erupting into quite a squabble.

In the Southern sector, the NAU was permitting the use of non-Nisei players in their leagues.

The Northern division had a ban on them.

The situation existed for a number of years without much attention being focused on the problem. This was so because, despite the use of non-Nisei in their leagues, the Southern sections weren't dominated by any non-Nisei player.

One year however, a non-Nisei team won the championship. In accordance with the play-off rule, the Southern section team traveled to the north for the title match. It caused quite a commotion. The idea of a non-Nisei team participating for the Nisei title didn't sit well with the NAU.

To keep peace, the Southern NAU declared a ban on non-Nisei players in the north-south series and limited the roster to two non-Nisei for regular season play. They would be permitted to play only with the understanding that if that team won the local championships, they would be unable to take part in the series.

All seemed settled until the San Jose Zebras of the Northern league demanded the use of several non-Nisei players or they would withdraw from the league.

The league will put it up to vote.

The latest word out of San Francisco is that the league will stand pat and not allow the Zebras to sign up the non-Nisei players.

It is indeed an odd situation. First the Southern NAU changed their ruling to keep in harmony with the North. Now the North is sticking by their ban to keep the South happy.

A real civil war.

Dick Nagai missed out on the University of Southern California basketball team's tour of the east.

On the eve of his departure, he fell and injured his hip.

It was a tough blow indeed for the promising sophomore. He came up with his best game of the season against the University of Hawaii just before the injury.

In the Hawaii fracas, he tallied seven points and turned in an excellent job on the floor while seeing action for three quarters.

Mich Yamamoto, 180 pounder, made the all-Marine league first team for his outstanding play with Banning high school of that loop.

Standing 6 ft-1 in., Yamamoto was an outstanding scholar as well as a grinder. Recently he was nominated as a candidate for Ephebian from his graduating class.

The Torrance, California, lad plans to go to college.

Some More Bowling Briefs

A whole bevy of 600 or better series from coast to coast have been noted in the past weeks by Nisei keggers, who (by this time) are seriously considering the National JACL Bowling Tournament come Mar. 2-6 at Chicago's Hyde Park alleys . . .

Frank Kawakami rolled the first 600 series with an even 600 in New York . . . The highest recently was a 691 by Tats Nagase in the Eastbay Classics at Berkeley. He slapped a 192-243-256. A week later in the same league, Jim Lee framed a 670 . . .

Fuzzy Shimada blasted a 642 series, still sporting a 190 average at 39 games. Henri Takahashi averages 190, too, but with 15 games. Kayo Hayakawa has a 39 game 189 average in the San Francisco Nisei Majors . . . Other 600s in Northern California include Shinji Momono 616, Toe Yoshioka 608 (Eastbay); G. Hagie 638, K. Maseba 636 (Stockton); Kaz Nakamura 616, Frank Noto 625 (San Jose); Mo Katow 611, Keat Miyoko 603 (San Francisco) . . . Ken Matsuda's 652 was the big noise in Denver this month. Others include Hank Takahashi's 627, Willie Hasegawa's 619 and Jim Hamamura's 619 . . . In Seattle, Fred Takagi of Main Bowl rapped a 617 and Shig Urakawa a 627. Harry Fukiage's 653 series and 243 high game were the season's best at Ontario (Ore.) Nisei Majors. I Kameshige rolled a 617 . . . In Southern California, Megumi Osa of Gardena copped the Long Beach City Bowling Tournament at Virginia Bowl with a 1967 after five weeks of competition. He scored heavily in the doubles . . . Ets Yoshiyama's 667 at Gardena was the month's best. Others include Joe Nagaoka 627, John Ishii 605, Jim Mochizuki 608 (Gardena), George Shibata 616 (Coachella Valley); Elden Kanegae 601 (Orange County); Mas Takahashi 600, Tom Nakashima 600 (WLA).

Among the women bowlers this past month, Kim Furuya rolled a 575 in San Francisco's Womens 730 loop. Other 500 plus series reported recently are Nobu Asami 501, Ayako Kawamoto 519 (Women's 730); Ayako Kawamoto 552, Jean Hayakawa 531, Kim Furuya 527, Grace Yonezu 506 (S.F. Women's); Mary Matsumura 503 (Los Angeles Women's).

Expect 40 teams
in Boise Valley
JACL keg tourney

Nampa

Plans have been completed for the fifth annual Boise Valley JACL handicap tournament, Dec. 27-28, at the Twentieth Century Lanes in Boise. Tod Matsumoto and Tom Arima are co-chairmen, assisted by:

George Koyama, sec.; Henry Suehira, treas.; Harry Watanabe, program booklet; Nino Ninomiya, trophies; Tom Takatori, tab.; Minor Aono, dance; Mary Arima, tickets; Seichi Hayashida, pub.

Based on last year's successful tournament, 40 teams are expected to enter from Washington, Oregon, Utah and Idaho. Cash prizes should total \$4,000. The seven-game sweeper across 14 alleys is the special attraction.

To give bowlers every chance to bowl, the tournament committee will have special events the same days at Boise Bowling Center.

Top winners of Oregon
Nisei Bowling Classic

Portland

Champions of the 1953 Oregon Nisei Bowling Classic held the first weekend of December were recently announced as follows:

MEN'S
All-Events: Nobu Takahashi 1692 (\$60 plus trophy).
Singles: Jerry Woolery 590 (\$100 plus trophy).

Doubles: Duke Tanaka-Kay Niguma 1130 (\$150 plus trophy).
Team: Market Club 2708 (\$175 plus trophy).
Sweepstakes: Shig Hironaka 1164 (\$150).

WOMEN'S
All-Events: Yoko Hishikawa 1700 (\$10 plus trophy).
Singles: Fumi Yamasaki 644 (\$20 plus trophy).

Doubles: Yoko Hishikawa-Takako Inukai 1077 (\$34 plus trophy).
Team: Soga's Jewelry 2536 (\$45 plus trophy).

CAPSULES

Lou Tsunekawa was unanimously elected president of the Stockton Nisei Veterans. Installation of the '54 cabinet takes place at their New Year's Eve party.

Masanosuke Okubo, 66, of Selma died Dec. 12 when a tractor ran over him. He lost control of the vehicle when it fell into a ditch.

Younger sister of Mrs. Min Yasui, Betty Shibata, stranded in Japan during the war years, returned from Japan and is now houseguest of the Min Yasui in Denver. She was able to return to the States in 1950 and was a Mile-Hi resident briefly before returning to work for U.S. civil service.

A museum with "Made in Japan" items in the San Francisco Japanese consulate-general, 346 California St., was opened this week. A number of Japanese art and craftworks are included.

Myrtle Tamura, sophomore at Stout Institute, Menemone, Wisc., took the Wisconsin governor, Walter J. Kohler, and Wisconsin State Sen. Arthur Padruitt on a tour of the home economics department of the Institute when the two visited the school recently. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kazuichi Tamura of Lahaina, Maui.

THE SOU'WESTER

TATS KUSHIDA

A cheerful willingness to work, elbow grease, confidence in the JACL as an organization for good in the Japanese community—these are the common elements of the dozens of volunteers that helped the Pacific Citizen "get out the mail" for its Holiday Issue. They are responsible for your receiving your copy of the 72-page tremender before Christmas.

Through this column, the Sou'wester, who had to handle the business end of that issue, thanks these volunteers for a total of something like 400 man-hours of work.

A Nisei farmer from Alamosa, Colo. now visiting in Los Angeles, Mas Yoshida, was a consistent helper, checking national JACL membership lists against the PC subscribers' list to eliminate duplicates and assure each JACLer receiving a complimentary copy. He pasted addressed labels on wrappers, roll-wrapped the paper and helped load and haul 150 mailbags to the post office.

The Vandas, a young women's club, came out for several volunteer sessions and even missed a Saturday night movie party so that the issue could make the postoffice by midnight. The PC made it by nine peeyem. The Vanda vanguard included Betty Ann Ishizakai, Haruko and Yuri Toguchi, Laverne Kurachi, Sets Nishihira, Hiroko Kawahata and Irene Yamasaki. A real nice bunch of kids.

JACLers made up a large part of the volunteers—engineers Hisashi Horita and Jun Asakura, Dr. Tom Watanabe (emdee), schoolteachers Miki Moriaki and Joe Wakamatsu, insurance man and DTLA prexy Harry Fujita, real estater and SWLA prexy Mack Hamaguchi, attorney George Maruya, nat'l treasurer Dr. Roy Nishikawa and wife Alice, a slough of office secretaries including Bessie Yanamoto, Lily Otera, Merijane Yokoe, Grace Morinaga, Sue Joe and Sadako Kawamami, George Kakehashi, Akira Asakura, Clark and Matsuko Harada and even Mas Inoshita, chapter president who dropped in from Arizona.

Genial real estate man Frank Suzukida was on hand with his wife, Chiyo and her sister, Janet Okimoto who pitched in with two friends from her Elgenes club, Bernice Komoda and Grace Oba.

Ken Amamoto of the Venice chapter brought along three girls from a new club, Ann Hashizaki, Sachiko Shimozo and Chiharu Koro. Denebs who helped were Junko Hatae, Shoko Nomoto and Shizuko Miya.

Giving valuable assistance during the ten-day project were Reiko Ohara, Yuki Nakagawa, Grace Suzuki, June Aochi, Larry Kido, Fusaye Kikumoto, Alice Tashima, Mary Tateoka, Sophie Natsuhara, Susie Akai and Jessie Yokota.

Pacific Citizen and JACL staff workers who kept things going were Arthur Nobuyuki, Mary and Mas Imon, Eileen Miwa, Kayko Matsumoto, Amy Nakata, editor Harry Honda and regional office secretary Blanche Shiosaki.

Our thanks, too, to Father Hugh Lavery and Father William Whitlow for their making available the use of the spacious Maryknoll auditorium with its fine facilities and atmosphere to wrap the Holiday Issue for mailing. And to Frank Kuwahara, thousand clubber of the Golden State Wholesale Florists whose credit card we used in renting a truck for hauling mailbags.

A genuine pleasure it was to work on a publication project such as the PC's Holiday Issue. The pleasure comes from the wonderful support, cooperation and response from the JACL chapters throughout the country which sent in a total of more than 2,400 column-inches of greeting ads, and from the fine corps of local volunteers who gave so much of their time and ergs to assure the 60,000 readers of that issue their copies on schedule.

To them, and to all our readers the Sou'wester extends his cordial wishes for a happy holiday season!

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Six teams open season in Salt Lake cage loop

The Salt Lake JACL basketball league opened last week with six teams. Calvin Lum of the Harlem five was the high scorer with 38-14 from the chal-point man with 22 points in the lengers.



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Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

★ With the distribution of gift packages completed, the Christmas Cheer Committee announced a grand total of \$1,829.25 in monetary donations, an all-time high, according to Mrs. Sue Takimoto Joe, committee chairman. Expenses for this year's work came to \$110.31 and the balance was distributed among 289 indigent persons of Japanese ancestry. A complete financial report will be prepared and mailed to all donors, monetary and merchandise, to the fund.

Hiro Kayasuga and Tomizo Joe were in charge of the distribution. Included among those who aided in distribution were John Watanabe and Mas Kaki-ba of the East Los Angeles JACL Chapter, Kato Sakata, Fred Miyazaki and Eugene Kobata of the Blazons, Ray Komachi, Shig Kato, Ken Yamaki, Hiroshi Saito and Ben Okada of the Drakes, Ruby Koyama, Jean Yamato, Betty Ann Ishizaki, Hiro Kawabata, Janet Kubo, LaVerne Kurachi, Sets Nishihira, Eunice Sakuma, Haru Toguchi, Yori Toguchi and Blanche Shiosaki of the Vandas and Bessie Yanamoto and Hisa Shimada.

Last minute donations included one for \$10 from Yoshi Shimano, Chicago.

Tats Kushida, general chairman of this year's project sponsored by the JACL Club Service Bureau, expressed his appreciation to the Japanese American community for its spirit of bringing cheer into the homes of needy families as reflected by the generous contributions received.

★ Dr. Hideo Uba, star basketball ace of yesteryear, broke into print this week when he was elected as chairman of the Nisei Veterans Association. On his cabinet will be Frank Hira-shima, Tee Sugita, Joe Yamagawa, and Mike Kawaguchi.

The organization takes pride in the fact that it was the first veterans group formed since the return of persons of Japanese ancestry in 1946. Although, it has no national affiliation, it is chartered and incorporated under the state laws of California as a non-profit institution.

The young Li'l Tokio optometrist was one of community's most eligible bachelors until matrimony hit him last July. Biting the dust with soft-spoken Dr. Uba is former Lillian Inouye of San Bernardino.

Dr. Uba succeeds Steven H. Sakai and will serve one year beginning in January. Incidentally, Dr. Uba's mother, Mrs. Misao Uba, was the first alien Japanese in Denver to become naturalized last April.

★ John H. Francis Polytechnic High School, which produced the great journalist Larry Tajiri, will "move" to San Fernando Valley in February of 1956.

Tajiri, the master of the pen, became the first Nisei editor of Poly Optimist, the school paper, in the early 1930s, although there were several others in more recent years. Among them were two women editors.

The school at Flower St. and Washington Blvd. which has the second largest enrollment of Japanese Americans, next to Roosevelt High School in Boyle Heights, will be torn down after 52 years of existence.

The present over-all enrollment is 746 from its own district. It has 450 students from other areas, many of them Kibei who are taking foreign adjustment courses.

The Los Angeles Trade-Technical Junior College, also known as Frank Wiggins Trade School, will take over the old Poly building starting with the 1955-56 school year.

★ In keeping with the Yuletide spirit may we extend our sincerest best wishes for a good 1954 year. With another 12 months off the calendar we reflect on the past and look to the future with new hope and vigor.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

ARELLANO—Nov. 17, a girl Katherine Lenora to the Francisco Arellanos (Mitsuke Toyoshima), Wilmington.

FUKUSHIMA—Nov. 8, a boy Michael Frank to the Joe Fukushimas (Amy Emiko Sakamoto), Santa Monica.

HARAMOTO—Oct. 21, a girl Jean to the George Haramotos (Mary Miyeko Morita), Los Angeles.

HAYAMI—Oct. 22, a girl Judith Lynn to the Walter Mitsuru Hayamis (Miwako Karatsu), San Gabriel.

ISOZAKI—Nov. 20, a boy Paul Tamoto to the Tamotsu Isozakis (Masako Tamura), Los Angeles.

IZUNO—Nov. 17, a boy Ronald Martin to the Richard Takeshi Izunos (Mary Louise Chizu Yoshinaga), Los Angeles.

KIKAWA—Nov. 11, a boy Masayoshi to the Yoshiteru Gary Kikawas (Ruth Ryoko Saitow), Los Angeles.

KOKUBUN—Oct. 16, a girl Virginia Christine to the Tamotsu T. Kokubuns (Hisako Nakachi), Los Angeles.

KUSUMI—Nov. 19, a boy Dave to the Kay Kusumis (Sumiko Shigezane), Los Angeles.

MATAYOSHI—Nov. 15, a boy Brian Dean to the Seizen Sam Matayoshis (Yemiko Taira), Los Angeles.

NAGATA—Nov. 12, a girl Letty Namiko to the Saburo S. Nagatas (Josephine Fumiko Yamaguchi), Los Angeles.

NAKAMOTO—Nov. 13, a girl Cathy Hiromi to the James Hiroshi Nakamotos (Toyoko Toggie Nakashima), Los Angeles.

OHMOTO—Nov. 13, a girl Sharon Anne to the Henry Ohmotos (Mable Yoshie Shitamoto), Los Angeles.

ONODERA—Nov. 13, a boy George Edward to the Ken Onoderas (Joan Fusako Fukuda), Los Angeles.

TOMITA—Oct. 4, a girl Cindy Nagami to the Nagao Tomitas (Misao Nakamura), Los Angeles.

TSUTSUMI—Nov. 5, a girl Judy Akiko to the Isami Sam Tsutsumis (Takeyo Mizota), Chino.

WADA—Nov. 17, a girl Kathleen Ann to the George Noboru Wadas (Michiko Mikami), Los Angeles.

YASUMURA—Nov. 24, a boy to the Ray Yasumuras, Long Beach.

Weddings

TSUJI-TACHIBANA—Dec. 12, Hirotsugu Jim Tsuji, Venice, and Haruko Tachibana, Sun Valley, Calif.

MOTODANI-OKADA—Dec. 13, Kenji Motodani, San Fernando, and Calley Kiyoko Okada, Gardena.

Engagements

FUJIMOTO-KOBAYASHI—Dec. 6, Ruth Chizuko, Gardena, to George Hiroshi, Long Beach.

SUTOW-TSUDA—Ann to Masuo, both of San Mateo, Nov. 14.

Deaths

HASHIMURA, Hirono, 65: Gardena, Dec. 5, survived by sons George, Masato, Masayuki, Toru, and daughters Mrs. Yukie Urabe, Mrs. Shizue Fujita.

KOBUKE, Mrs. Ayano, 55: Pasadena, Dec. 5, survived by sons Yutaka, Yoshio, three daughters, Mary, Mrs. Aiko Kajiyama and Mrs. Shizue Nishimura.

KITAHARA, Sanjiro, 77: El Monte, Dec. 8, survived by wife Yukio, son Bobby and daughter Mrs. Fumi Kiyama.

Endowment Fund Contributors

San Francisco

National JACL Headquarters announced that contributions totaling \$1,010.75 were received for the Endowment Fund this week from grateful recipients of evacuation claims checks. They have now sent in a total of \$67,975.72 to this fund.

CALIFORNIA

Albany—Mrs. Hisa Kawamoto \$17; Atherton—Mr. & Mrs. Kumahiko Kani \$100; Azusa—Y. Ige \$20; Berkeley—Hayaji Oda \$25; Gardena—Mr. & Mrs. Tats Kushida \$17; Mrs. Rei Miwa \$50; Huntington Beach—T. Yoshikawa \$10; Los Angeles—John F. Aiso \$200, Teruichi & Ichi Morizawa \$15; Sacramento—Mrs. Midori Matsumoto, Mrs. Miyoko K. Matsumoto \$50; San Francisco—Roy Y. Ashizawa \$25, Mrs. K. Goto \$25; Stockton—Estate of Takema Noto \$18.75, Tadao & Miyoko Oshina \$20, Miss Yukiye Shinoda \$5; West Los Angeles—M. Nakamura \$10; Yuba City—Itsuji Yokohari \$25.

MINNESOTA

St. Paul—Aiko Ogata King, Hiroko

Ogata \$150.

NEBRASKA

Omaha—Fred Y. Oniki \$20.

OHIO

Cincinnati—Mrs. R. Maekawa \$15, Sagawara Family \$20.

OREGON

Hood River—Mrs. and Mrs. George Y. Yamakii \$50.

WASHINGTON

Kent—G. Nakagawa \$5, Seattle—Albert Bonus \$5, Mac I. Sakuda \$90.

HAWAII

Honolulu—Mrs. Hatsuyo Takamiya \$23.

Sen. Watkins—

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hasty amendments did "not result from any deal to block amendments."

He insisted he knew of no such deal and that the emergency refugee act was passed without any such consideration. He steered this act through to passage at the last session over bitter Senate opposition.

There are no present plans for hearings looking toward immigration revision. He added, however, that he would put the matter before the joint committee after the session starts.

Senator Watkins said he knew of no Administration plan to ask for revision of the Walter-McCarran Act, which President Eisenhower had urged during the 1952 campaign and in his State of the Union Message. Midway in the last session, the President urged merely that study be given to what was said to be unfairness in the Act.

The Senate Judiciary Committee chairman said he did not discuss any change in the Act with the President when he reported to the White House on his trip through Europe and the Near East.

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El Camino JC site of third CINO statewide convention on Dec. 27-28

Los Angeles

Uncle Sam calls again. Harold Wakamatsu untiring leader of this year's third annual CINO statewide convention slated Dec. 27 and 28 received his draft papers to report to camp on Dec. 8. Wakamatsu is the third convention general chairman to be called from his post to the Army in the three year history of the confab. First it was Hito Suyehiro in 1950 and last year it was Herb Kawahara.

Beautiful El Camino Junior College in Gardena is the site of the gathering for some 250 Nisei collegians representing 25 different campuses. "Future's Preview" is the confab theme.

Miyo Fujita and her assistant June Okada, both of Metropolitan J.C., have sent out pre-registration applications and tentative convention programs to the various schools.

Skippy Tanaka of USC announced that the convention luncheon will be held at Gardena's Western Club. Entertainment and the appearance of the "Miss Nisei Coed" candidates are tentatively listed on the program.

Competing in the queen race chaired by Jeanne Inouye of

LACC are:

Miyo Fujita, Metropolitan; Emmie Takeda, LACC; and Grace Yasuda, USC; and Margie Kawano, Woodbury; and Ann Ueki, Fresno J.C.

Applicants from UCLA, Fresno State College, Univ. of Calif. at Berkeley and El Camino are expected.

Selection of the queen will be made at the Convention Dance Dec. 28 as a climax to the two-day affair. Janet Fukuda of USC, last year's lovely, will crown her successor.

On the serious side of the meeting, Florence Iwashita of Woodbury and her committee are working on the constitution and Betti Yoshida of UCLA on the policy.

Wilbur Sato of UCLA reported John F. Aiso, municipal court judge, and Tats Kushida, PSW Regional JACL director, have been contacted to be two of the main speakers.

Conventioners will take home with them a souvenir in the form of a special convention brochure edited by Ken Miura of USC.

Housing facilities have been secured by Fred Takikawa of USC for the out of towners at the Hotel Stillwell on Eighth and Grand.

Sportswise two cage tournaments will be conducted. A men's and women's tournament headed by Roy Kawagoe is slated.

SOCIAL NOTES

Philadelphia Japanese Warbrides: After meeting informally for a year at the International Institute under leadership of Elfriede Friese, community work director, and Mrs. Grayce Ueyehara, former group worker, the Japanese GI warbrides have elected their first cabinet as follows:

Mrs. Yoshika Harris, pres.; Mrs. Toshiko Finnegan, v.p.; Mrs. Kazuko Dean, sec.; and Mrs. Soon Man Davidson, treas.

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EDITORIALS

From the Frying Pan . . .

by Bill Hosokawa

DECADE AGO

Dec. 25, 1943

Uniquely American

Record numbers of Issei are being naturalized United States citizens. The experts estimate 2,000 Japanese have been sworn in since the passage of the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Naturalization bill of 1952 that became law one year ago Christmas eve.

Legislatively speaking, it was the best Christmas gift Uncle Sam has given to a portion of his citizenry. Because racial restrictions to American citizenship were removed when the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act took effect, other statutes limiting such persons then ineligible to citizenship were invalidated.

For the JACL, it was a milestone of achievement.

For the United States, it was making sense in terms of democracy to the rest of the world.

One cannot help but marvel that there no longer remains a significant vestige of the bitter prejudices born of four years of mortal combat in the Pacific during World War II and of the suspicions under which the passions of war placed the Japanese residents of this country.

That the American public at large has so quickly and so wholeheartedly accepted persons of Japanese ancestry into its national life is uniquely American.

The conferring of American citizenship to the Issei reflects the proposition that a man shall be judged individually by his deeds alone and not by his ancestry.

While no one denies that the cancer of race prejudice and bigotry is in the United States, the world can look at us to see which philosophy rules. In a world that is being divided slowly into two ideologies, great effort is being exerted to explain to other nations just what makes America.

As one Oregon newspaper commented last week in its editorial concerning the naturalization of 23 Japanese, the simple act of accepting them as new citizens came "very close to explaining what is 'American'."

That which makes America is like nothing else in the world. It manifests itself in a great many ways. It is still expanding as there is yet room to express the basic philosophy that "all men are created equal".

ANNOUNCEMENT

It has come to our attention that certain sections of the 72-page Holiday Issue mailed last week may be missing in some instances. A postcard calling this fact to the attention of the circulation department will assure the reader a complete issue at no extra cost in the return mail.—Editor.

Our Christmas Institution

About the first week of December each year I feel a Scrooge-like outlook on Christmas creeping over me. Any more, Christmas has become an unabashedly commercial carnival which gets under way about the day the first snow flies. By the time the Thanksgiving turkey is laid to rest, the Christmas selling season is in full swing.

Radio takes it up about then. The air is filled with songs of Christmas cheer—and the more current banalities—until one almost wishes the yuletide would hurry up and get it over with. Soon the streets and shops become jammed with humanity—the customers harassed and wild-eyed from shoving and pushing and being shoved and pushed, bone-weary and fed up with the business of gift-buying.

Logically, you'd expect to find that buying a gift for a loved one would be a pleasant experience, one full of anticipation and expectation. But it has become a chore, to judge from the faces of people in the stores, a duty that must be done without regard for sore feet or nervous exhaustion.

I witness this orgy of materialism, this desperate obeisance to commercialized custom, and I wonder at the folly of it all. Industry has become geared to the Christmas buying rush. The department stores count on it to put them over the hump of quotas. The pre-Christmas months are the most profitable time of year for newspapers and magazines which need advertising to keep going.

The whole business of a dollars and cents Christmas has become such a large part of our civilization that it seems only a vast and

widespread spiritual awakening — resulting perhaps from some national tragedy such as an atomic holocaust — can change our ways.

And then, gradually, the cynicism fades and the mellowness returns for the cheeriness of Christmas is not to be denied. The happy anticipation of our youngsters — the avaricious little beasts — is contagious. It is good to see them looking forward to Christmas morning, even though their pleasure is primarily material.

We hear from friends long silent because of the press of daily living. It is good to know that at least once a year they stop, if for just a moment, to address a card and send their greetings and wishes for good cheer. This therapy of remembering works both ways. We go over our own card list, recalling friendships and the experiences that created them. It's good to remember.

We drive through the streets and see Christmas lights glowing from the windows. They are symbols of good cheer, not only for the residents of those homes, but for the passerby whoever he may be. There is something selfless in this act of sharing.

As this is being written (five shopping days before Christmas), I begin to think once more that maybe Christmas isn't such a bad institution after all. The idea of peace, good will unto men is a wish and blessing more appropriate today than on that night it was first voiced. All that's sour about the season is the result of our own follies. And all that is good, lasting and fundamental, will remain with us as long as we'll let them.

Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

Catching Up on Broadway

James Michener's tender love tale *Sayonara Means Goodbye*, a mid-century variation on the *Madam Butterfly* theme, won't become a Broadway musical now for some time, if ever.

Joshua Logan, producer of *Mr. Roberts*, *Kind Sir*, *Wish You Were Here* and the like and the ostensible owner of the stage and screen rights to the novel, is in a Louisiana sanitarium recovering from a nervous breakdown. Mr. Logan had planned to produce *Sayonara* at the earliest date and was working on the book, while Irving Berlin had been engaged to do the music.

Further complications have arisen, however, and there is a question at point whether Mr. Logan legally owns the screen and stage rights to the Michener script. It seems that prior to the sale to Mr. Logan, author Michener offered the book in Hollywood and MGM, 20th Century-Fox and William Goetz, an independent producer, all grabbed at it. Joshua Logan then entered the contest with an offer to make it into a Broadway musical as well as a movie and offered something around \$500,000.

Now the three disappointed movie bidders have filed suit claiming that the book was offered to them and that Michener is obliged to sell *Sayonara* to one of them. The suit has been ordered to trial in New York state and if litigation is prolonged, it may be some time before a film or stage version of *Sayonara* can be made.

The jury will be asked to decide whether the author's action in approaching the filmmakers was an invitation to bid or a definite offer of sale. The plaintiffs, acting jointly, charge that they complied with the terms of Michener's sale offer, leaving the final decision up to the author. If the jury upholds the contention of the plaintiffs, the sale to Logan will be declared invalid and Michener will be forced to sell the book to one of the three.

MGM and 20th both have big plans for *Sayonara*. Since both have frozen yen in Japan, it's possible the film will be made there. MGM particularly has been active overseas, recent productions being made in Egypt, Italy, Great Britain and Africa.

Meanwhile, *Sayonara*, detailing the love of an Air Force jet pilot, an ace in Korea, for the beautiful star of the Japan's Takarazuka opera, will be published soon in book form. It appeared in an abridged version in the last three issues of McCalls' magazine which advertised it as the "greatest love story of our time."

Michener's tale of two lovers, despite its tragic denouement, is no Kiplingesque "never the twain shall meet." It has the plot form of *Madame Butterfly* which an American dramatist, Luther Long, once wrote as a straight play for David Belasco, and which Giacomo Puccini immortalized in opera. In *Sayonara* Major Lloyd Gruver is no Lt. Pinkerton. There is no casual betrayal here, no air of a white man amusing himself with a native girl while tarrying in a faraway land.

Admittedly, James Michener is far ahead of most of his contemporaries in his feeling for equality and the brotherhood of man, but the difference in concept between Luther Long's *Madame Butterfly* and Michener's *Sayonara* represents the degree of progress

in social attitudes in a half-century of history in the Pacific.

The American stage is not lacking in talented performers of Japanese ancestry as the members of the cast of *Teahouse of the August Moon* have shown in recent months, and as Sono Osato, Yuriko Kikuchi, Michiko Iseri, Eileen Nakamura, Michiko Okamoto and others have proved individually in performances on and off Broadway.

The latest to make the transition from the ballet stage to straight dramatic roles is Dorothy Maruki, who toured the country in the ballet of the San Carlo Opera company before joining the cast of *South Pacific* in New York. Miss Maruki had one of the leading roles in a Studio One drama, *Dry Run*, telecast on Dec. 7 on the CBS network. Her role as Maria, one of a number of civilian refugees fleeing the Japanese in the early days of the war in the southwest Pacific, gave her several of the play's dramatic highlights and she made the most of her opportunities.

Dry Run is the true story of Capt. R. I. Olson and the submarine, USS Angler, which took aboard more than 100 civilians from an island in the path of advancing Japanese units and took them to safety in Darwin, Australia. *Dry Run* is the story of that voyage, of a hundred civilians, mostly women and children, white and non-white, tossed together in the confining limits of the submarine on a long and hazardous voyage, mostly under water.

Maria, near childbirth, is ill and needs oxygen. A member of the crew finally devises a home-made oxygen tent which saves her life. The making of that tent, and its use is the dramatic climax of the play. As Maria, Miss Maruki gave a high-keyed, sustained performance. Walter Mathau was starred as Capt. Olson.

Teahouse of the August Moon, the comedy drama of how democracy came to a village on Okinawa, is the biggest hit of the current Broadway season and seems destined to run for years to come. Recently the New York Times disclosed the contribution of Sho Onodera, now a New York correspondent for a Japanese newspaper, to the success of the John Patrick-Vern Sneider drama. During the war Sho served in the Pacific in military intelligence and he was one of the key translators in the war crimes trials of ex-Premier Tojo and others.

Sho Onodera's mission in *Teahouse of the August Moon* was to teach David Wayne the Japanese dialect used on Okinawa. Mr. Wayne plays the role of a one-time Japanese naval officer, Sakini, who becomes an interpreter for the American army of occupation. Sho recorded the Ryukyuu dialect used in Wayne's dialogue on a tape machine, using the exact inflections so that the actor might be able to mimic them.

On the opening night in New Haven, so the story goes, actor Wayne let his teacher down badly. In one scene he is supposed to tell the people of Tobiki that "Uncle Sam will give you free rice." He said the line and then noticed the Oriental members of the cast turning their faces upstage to hide their giggles.

Instead of "free rice," David Wayne had said "free babies."

California State Board of Agriculture opposes continued ban on racial grounds against evacuees; Gov. Warren raps action of the board.

Sens. Stewart (D., Tenn.) and McFarland (D., Ariz.) introduce bill to deport citizens who indicate foreign allegiance; bill aimed particularly at Nisei who gave negative answers to WRA loyalty questionnaire.

National Student Relocation Council announces 91 colleges rescind ban against Nisei.

American Foundation for Expulsion of Japanese files incorporation papers in Sacramento.

Rowher WRA camp school children buy three jeeps with returns from defense bond and stamp sale; goal was for one jeep.

John R. Lechner of Los Angeles seeks to stir Arizona attitudes against Nisei; addresses Phoenix farmers.

Los Angeles Kiwanians rap race hatred against Nisei; resolution signed by E. C. Farnham, public affairs committee chairman.

MINORITY

Emmett Ashford, who traveled with the Tokyo Giants during its spring training series in California this year, was signed as the first Negro umpire by the Pacific Coast League. He worked the past three seasons with the Class A Western International League.

The Supreme Court agreed to examine an immigration case that will affect the deportation status of 46,000 Filipino residents in the United States. The case involves Pedro Gonzales, Seattle, who came to this country in 1930. He served time for two crimes, assault with a deadly weapon in 1940 and second degree burglary in 1950. Meantime in 1946, the Philippines received their independence. The argument is whether resident Filipinos (then non-citizen nationals) became aliens when this took place. Last July 1951, Gonzales was ordered deported as alien who after entry had been sentenced to imprisonment more than once for terms of at least a year from crimes involving moral turpitude. He countered that he was a U.S. national when the first offense was committed and was therefore not covered by the Immigration Act of 1917, which specifies there must be at least two crimes to justify deportation.

The NAACP filed a comprehensive complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission asking an order be issued to ban segregation of interstate passengers by railroads, stations and restaurants in such stations.

A Thanksgiving Day incident in Columbia, S.C., in which one Negro soldier sat next to a young white woman and refused to move when she and the bus driver asked him to do so, resulted in the arrest and of fining of 50 Negro servicemen. Protest of this arbitrary exercise of police power was voiced by the NAACP.

At Bowdoin College, Me., a fraternity has been organized which calls itself "All Races United."

A group of Mississippi state legislators want to abolish their public school system rather than end segregation. House Speaker Sillers moved last week to amend the state constitution to do away with public schools if the U.S. Supreme Court ends segregation. They also proposed that the state vote next March to give Mississippi authority to drop public education and adopt a plan of local contributions for individual pupils.

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