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5-F Issei naturalization case won

Impressive naturalization rituals in Hawaii witnessed by Rep. Judd

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu

It never fails. Every time a visiting VIP witnesses a naturalization ceremony in Hawaii, he goes away impressed. Some important people, including Vice-President Richard Nixon, have seen these ceremonies. In Nixon's case, he specifically asked for the opportunity to talk and meet with the new citizens when he visited here recently.

Not long ago a woman wrote from the West Coast to compliment the people of Hawaii generally, and the Federal courts in particular, for making naturalization ceremonies so meaningful to both the new citizens and the spectators.

By contrast, she said, in Mainland courts generally the occasion is treated so routinely, even casually, that the ceremony is not the patriotic, thrilling event it ought to be.

Here in Hawaii, the Federal courts have given the ceremony dignity and depth of feeling, and community organizations and leaders have participated wholeheartedly.

Special speakers and guests, patriotic music, and the display of flags and giving of leis add significance and color to the event.

Last month, for instance, Rep. Walter H. Judd of Minnesota

saw a unique ceremony, during which 49 residents were sworn in in four languages and four dialects.

A brief visitor on a stopover from a Far Eastern study mission, Rep. Judd was a guest speaker on the occasion. All 49 new citizens are more than 50 years of age; all have lived in the United States for more than 20 years. These twin facts qualified them to take the oath of allegiance in their native tongue.

In their case, the new citizens took the oath in Japanese and Korean, and in the Chungshon and Toyshon dialects of southern China, and in the Visayan and Ilocano dialects of the Philippines.

Rep. Judd called racial discrimination America's "great shame," but noted that America has come of age and is trying to wipe out this "one great blot on the American record."

One evidence was the Walter-McCarran Act which removes race as a possible bar in naturalization and immigration.

Rep. Judd fought for this and other legislation in Congress for racial equality in naturalization and immigration.

An example of community pride in the new citizens was the big dinner in Honolulu Dec. 3 to celebrate the first anniversary of the Walter-McCarran Act.

More than 900 persons, most of them new citizens, attended. Gov. Samuel Wilder King and Joseph R. Farrington, Hawaii's delegate to Congress, were the main guest speakers.

Incidentally, the International Institute of the YWCA invites all applicants for naturalization to teas, so that they can become acquainted with each other and so they can sign up with citizenship classes, if they wish.

Dr. Robert Yabuno is president of the Fresno County Optometric Society.

Alice Kubo of Torrington, Wyo., was elected president of the Univ. of Wyoming Fourth Estate, journalism society.

San Francisco
In a sweeping decision affecting hundreds of Issei petitioners for naturalization, Judge Louis E. Goodman of the U.S. District Court here Monday ruled in favor of Issei petitioners who had been classified 5-F by the Selective Service during World War I.

In a 10-page decision in the case of Kazuichi Tsuji represented by Nisei attorneys Victor Abe of San Francisco, Wayne Kanemoto of San Jose and Mas Yonemura of Oakland, Judge Goodman held that Section 315, Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, did not apply to non-declarant aliens classified 5-F during World War I. The Nisei attorneys expressed their gratification at Judge Goodman's decision.

"Obviously it was not the intention of Congress to deprive naturalization privileges of those who were 5-F in World War I," Judge Goodman stated, and that under the 1917 law, non-declarant aliens would include the Issei who were not subject to service or duty.

He further stated that it is the responsibility of all appli-

cants to prove their eligibility for citizenship and "the burden of proof is not on the government."

"I am convinced that the petitioner (Tsuji) has sustained this burden of proof," Judge Goodman declared, adding "the claims of the naturalization examiner that the record showing that the petitioner was classified as 5-F is presumptive evidence that he 'applied' for such classification is not sustainable either in fact or in law."

Judge Goodman's decision continues, "The registration card of the petitioner shows on the fact that he was a non-declarant alien of Japanese ancestry. This alone was sufficient if accepted by the draft board to warrant the classifying of the petitioner as 5-F. The testimony of the petitioner is that he has no recollection of filing any form or document with respect to exemption from military duty in 1918 and that he recalls signing one document namely his registration certificate. It is my conclusion that assuming the applicability of Section 315 of the 1952 Act that there is no evidence presumptive or otherwise to show that the petitioner

'applied' for exemption from military service."

Frank F. Chuman, JACL National Legal Counsel, upon being informed of Judge Goodman's decision said, "This is a profoundly important decision. The position of the Immigration and Naturalization Service regarding applications of Japanese male aliens who had applied for citizenship and who were denied the same by reason of the classification numbers several thousands throughout the United States.

"This classification also recently affected permanent-resident Japanese aliens who were denied re-entry into the United States. This same law as interpreted by the Immigration Service affects Japanese aliens who were applying for registry as permanent residents, who had entered the United States illegally before 1924, since those who have obtained their registry for permanent residence are eligible for United States citizenship but could be refused their citizenship under their classification as 5-F during World War I."

The JACL position has been clear from the begin-

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ARIZONA REPUBLIC BARES HATE CAMPAIGN IN STATE, ONCE FAILED IN CALIFORNIA AS 'AMERICA PLUS'

(The Arizona Republic joins the ranks of stalwart newspapers in fighting a "hate campaign" which is being tested in Arizona after it failed in California. The Pacific Citizen is reprinting the excellent story that was front-paged in the Republic (Dec. 17) and written by Reporter Frank Crehan. It is recalled that the JACL fought the California operation when it was known as "America Plus"—Editor.)

Phoenix

Arizona has been selected as the test site for a nationwide campaign to spread a program described by opponents as "hate-mongering and race bigotry."

Tried unsuccessfully on a state level in California, it was termed there a fantastic scheme to sanction bigotry and legalize discrimination.

Opponents charge it has the sympathetic backing of professional Jew baiters, Negro haters, and other rabble-rousing spreaders of discord. They say it is nothing less than a streamlined rehash of Ku Klux Klan philosophy.

In Arizona, as it was in California, the movement is labeled Freedom of Choice. However, it has dropped its additional California tag of America Plus.

Virtually a one-man campaign at the moment, Freedom of Choice is being run by Aldrich Blake, 67-year-old Laguna Beach, Calif., apartment house owner, author of sorts, and one-time public relations man.

Blake has been in Phoenix for the past few weeks laying the groundwork for the drive which he hopes to put over nationally. He has set up temporary headquarters in Apt. 1, McDowell Apartments, 326 E. McDowell, where he lives with his wife.

Purpose of the movement, in brief, as explained by Blake, is to "guarantee business men, property owners, and employers the right to choose their own guests, patrons, tenants, and employees where such intimate human relationships as eating, drinking, and living together are involved."

His version of freedom of choice would not apply to places of public amusement where the patrons are merely formal onlookers, to tax-supported institutions such as schools or public buildings, or to any type of public

transportation.

On its face, Freedom of Choice is plausible and not too difficult for the average person to swallow. Unlike the lunatic-fringe racist extremists with which Blake has been classed, he carefully refrains from specific name-calling.

It is this characteristic of the movement, its opponents say, which makes it far more dangerous than most previous campaigns of a similar nature.

A counter offensive to this importation from California has been worked out by a group of 11 prominent Phoenixians. This group first met on Dec. 12 to discuss the problem presented by Blake's presence in the city.

Serving as spokesman for the 11 is Dix Price, lawyer and civic leader.

"This is obviously not a home-grown Arizona movement," says Price, "but one which is being imported by nonresidents in an attempt to foist an alien concept of racial hatred on Arizona citizens."

"Moreover, it comes at a time when Arizona, without help from the outside, is making slow, steady progress in inter-racial and inter-group understanding. This progress is attested by the voluntary desegregation of schools in Phoenix and Tucson and the expanding opportunities in employment and public accommodations for members of minority groups."

Price goes on to say that the Blake movement, if allowed to succeed in Arizona, "would crystallize un-American discrimination into our law and halt the progress we are now making."

It would also, he added, "create lasting animosities and disunity, set group against group, and leave wounds from which Arizona would be long in recovering."

Associated with Price in the opposition group are:

William P. Mahoney Jr., county attorney; John F. Sullivan, lawyer

and city councilman; Stephen W. Langmade, lawyer, longtime Democratic party leader and currently the party's national committeeman from Arizona; Glenn P. Bakken, general manager of Reynolds Metals Co. and president of the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce; Ronald Webster Jr., lawyer; Dave Campbell, public relations counsel; Tom Rippey, also a public relations man; Burton Lewkowicz, attorney, and Joseph Stocker, widely known freelance writer.

Blake, a polished, able promoter, admitted to this reporter during a lengthy interview that the movement had reached a virtual standstill in California. He also admitted that his switch of operations to Arizona was prompted by his belief that the campaign would have smoother rolling here.

Pointing out that Arizona has no state civil rights code, Blake said his plan would make no changes in Arizona's way of life but would merely give the sanction of law to conditions as they now exist.

The Californian disclaims any feelings of animosity toward Jews, Negroes, Catholics, Spanish-speaking people, foreigners, or anyone else.

His immediate aim is to see his views enacted into law in the form of an amendment to the state constitution. This aim, if successful, Blake believes, will help the movement gain national prominence and eventually have its principles incorporated in an amendment to the federal constitution.

Blake also disclaims any connection with such widely known spreaders of racial discord as Gerald L. K. Smith, publisher of The Cross and the Flag; Robert H. Williams, of Santa Ana, Calif., another hate-sheet publisher; or Frank L. Britton of Hawthorne, Calif., a new and lesser light in the field of professional bigotry.

The newcomer expressed sympathy with some of the aims of these three men and others but said he disagreed greatly with their methods.

"Gerald Smith," he said, "has gone overboard on this sort of

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Disclose 2,400 Japanese immigrants admitted to U.S. during 1953 fiscal year

San Francisco

More Japanese immigrants have entered the United States than from any other Asiatic country during the one-year period from July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953 according to figures in the current Immigration and Naturalization Report.

Japan with a total of 2,393 exceeded the next two Asiatic countries, China and the Philippines, with 1,936 and 1,157 respectively. Of the 2,393 immi-

grants from Japan, 93 were quota immigrants and the majority of the rest were spouses of American citizens.

Haruo Ishimaru, regional JACL director, commented that interestingly enough, husbands of American citizens numbered only 12 whereas 2,042 were wives of American citizens. An additional 190 were admitted as unmarried children of citizens. The large number of wives of American citizens probably results from members of the U.S. armed forces and civilian government workers finding brides in Japan.

Prior to the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Naturalization Act, which was passed greatly through the efforts of the JACL and which became effective as of Dec. 24, 1952, there was no immigration permitted from Japan. The only persons of Japanese ancestry admitted to the United States were through special acts of Congress.

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MIKE MASAOKA

TOP 15 NISEI NEWS EVENTS OF 1953 . . .

As 1953 ends, and 1954 begins, it might be well to list the top 15 news events that most vitally touched the lives of the Nisei on the Mainland as one means of evaluating the progress made by persons of Japanese ancestry during the past 12 months.

The writer selects the following 15 rather arbitrarily and from memory, though with the hope that his readers will generally agree with him, and lists them accordingly with considerable trepidation:

1. **Naturalization.** Mrs. Kimie Yanagawa, an El Paso, Tex., schoolteacher, becomes the first resident alien Japanese national to become a naturalized citizen of the United States under the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952. Her naturalization symbolizes the acceptance of all persons of Japanese ancestry in this country and the end of sanctioned legal discrimination against the Japanese in United States.

2. **Immigration.** Sozaburo Kujiraoka becomes the first Japanese immigrant to be admitted for permanent residence under the McCarran-Walter Act of 1952. His entry marked the end of the racial exclusion laws of 1924 that sparked the flames of World War II in the Pacific. At the present time, he is serving in the United States Air Force, after volunteering for service.

3. **Armistice in Korea.** The cease-fire in Korea after 37 months of savage fighting ended another saga of the Nisei GI who continued to serve his country with the valor that distinguished his brothers in World War II. The Nisei suffered 706 battle casualties, about three times the national average based upon population.

4. **Medal of Honor.** After 28 months in a Communist prison camp, Sgt. Hiroshi Miyamura of Gallup, N.M., returned to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor personally from the President at ceremonies at the White House. He earned the nation's highest award for gallantry against an enemy in Korea when, at the risk of his life, he covered the withdrawal of first his machine gun squad and then his company killing more than 50 of the enemy even though severely wounded. He is one of two Nisei to be awarded this honor, the other being a posthumous award to Pfc. Sadao Munemori of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in World War II. His was the most widely publicized event of the past year.

5. **Refugee Relief Act of 1953.** By including 3,000 Asians in this special emergency relief legislation requested by the President, Congress demonstrated that it had learned the lesson of 1924 and would not divide the world into two again for immigration purposes. Together with 5,000 orphans who were also authorized for admission into this country, this legislation could mean the equivalent of several decades of immigration for Japan outside the annual quotas.

6. **Municipal Court Judge.** The appointment of John Aiso by Gov. Earl Warren to the municipal court bench of Los Angeles marks the first such judicial appointment for a Mainland Nisei. Aiso was previously appointed a Commissioner for the Superior Court of Los Angeles, the first Mainland Nisei to be so honored. No Mainland Nisei has ever been appointed to a higher post in any branch of the government.

7. **California Triumvirate.** With the election of Richard Nixon as vice-president, the appointment of Earl Warren as chief justice of the United States, and the naming of William Knowland as Senate Majority Leader, Californians now enjoy an unprecedented pinnacle of power and prestige in the federal government. Since they represent the largest constituency of Japanese Americans, they are in a position to influence for good or ill the destiny of all persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States, and the world.

8. **Naturalization Test Cases.** The federal district courts in Denver and San Francisco heard arguments relating to the World War I draft status of Issei applicants for naturalization. The opinions in these cases may well determine whether the overwhelming majority of Issei male applicants for naturalization are in fact qualified for this privilege that Congress extended them in the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

9. **Visit of the Crown Prince.** Japan's touring Crown Prince helped to further existing goodwill between the peoples of Japan and the United States. His impressions are expected to strengthen the bonds of friendship between the two nations.

10. **Perry Centennial.** Celebrations in this country and Japan served to emphasize the historic friendship between these two great Pacific powers and the continuing need for mutual cooperation in a troubled world.

11. **Evacuation Claims Appropriations.** More than eight million dollars were appropriated by Congress to pay for compromised and settled evacuation claims. This amount, added to previous totals appropriated for the payment of claims, aided in the economic rehabilitation of the Japanese American community to the extent of almost 25 million dollars.

12. **JACL National Headquarters.** After spending the war years in Salt Lake City, National JACL Headquarters returned to its prewar San Francisco locale. This movement, together with the reorganization of the organizational and membership structures, represents the beginning of a new period in JACL programming and activities.

13. **"Nisei Daughter."** Monica Sone's experiences became the most popular book on the Mainland Nisei ever published. Though criticized by a few, it was almost universally applauded as a moving, human document.

14. **Segregation Cases.** The United States Supreme Court heard oral arguments on the constitutionality of segregation in the public schools of America and the validity of the "separate but equal" doctrine. Its decision will have wide ramifications in the entire field of civil and human rights and persons of Japanese ancestry may be affected in more ways than educationally.

15. **Annapolis Graduate.** Takeshi Yoshihara of Renton, Wash., became the first Nisei ever to be appointed and to graduate from the United States Naval Academy. Now an ensign, his graduation serves to emphasize the complete acceptance of the Nisei by the Armed Forces, the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

When 1953 began, few anticipated such a rich and eventful year, especially for the Nisei.

May 1954 bring even greater achievements, accomplishments, and honors to persons of Japanese ancestry—and to the United States and the world peace, happiness and prosperity.

New citizens —

Fresno

Thirty Japanese were among 91 new Americans who received their citizenship papers Dec. 17 at ceremonies held at the American Legion Hall. Welcome address was made by Superior Court Judge George M. DeWolf.

J. S. Hammer was the naturalization examiner at hearings held ten days earlier in Judge DeWolf's courtroom. Those receiving citizenship certificates were:

Yoshino Hara, Alfred Taichi Hila, Haruichi Hirabayashi, George Hirata, Umeo Ide, Sukeichi Ikuma, Sayo Isozaki, Yasuko Kagawa, Tsutomu Kai, Suze Kawamoto, Sumiye Kawana, Ichizo Kitahara, Tokino Kubo, Hidemaro Henry Kebo, Mamoru Kuramoto, Zazuye Matsunaga, Momoyo Mizuki, Chika Nakamura, Tsuta Kunishige Nakashima, Tsuruye Nishimura, Teruye Oga, Arata Sasahima, George Sadami Shimoda, Kikue Shirakawa, Satomi Takasaki, Chiyoko Tonooka, George Toshiyuki Toyoda, Shigeki Yokota, and Satoyo Yokota.

The recipients were televised over Station KMJ, and Haruichi Hirabayashi was interviewed by Dean Mell over TV. Citizenship teachers included the following: Toru Ikeda, Reedley; Jim Miyasaki, Selma; Howard S. Nakamura, Reedley; and Mitsuyo Yamane, Sanger; and Gary Kadani, Fresno.

San Francisco

Archbishop Nitten Ishida, head of the Nichiren Buddhist Church of America, was among the 289 Japanese aliens sworn in Dec. 21 here. He was the first local Issei religious leader to be naturalized.

The Most Rev. Ishida has been in the United States since 1930. He took his naturalization examinations in English last October.

Watsonville

Christmas presents were handed out in Santa Cruz County Superior Court Dec. 21 in form of naturalization certificates to three Issei: Fred Hidetoshi Nitta, Mrs. Masa Kobayashi and Toshi Murata, the first local Japanese to be naturalized. They were among 24 who were sworn in by Superior Court Judge James L. Atteridge.

(According to those who attended the hearing, Frank Burns of the I&N Service examined 37 candidates. Those who failed will be given another chance next April in the same court. But if the same kind of examination is given to the Issei in the future, it was feared few would pass unless the applicant understood English well.)

VERY TRULY YOURS:

Those 22 Prisoners of War

By HARRY K. HONDA

Love of a mother for her children is certainly understandable, and the incident of the Minnesota woman who went to Tokyo with hopes of persuading the return of her prisoner-of-war son shows how big-hearted people are . . . But the prisoner-of-war question in Korea has been a sorry mess and the project to woo back 22 Americans who have embraced communism seems to be even sorer. Actually, these 22 fellows are something more than fools and PWs. They are deserters who in time of war transferred their allegiance to the enemy . . . The prospect of Soviet propagandists utilizing this change of heart of 22 PWs can be no more potent than what has been told before . . . It should not be forgotten that what these 22 men did has always been recognized as one of the gravest offenses against the nation.

If it can be determined that the published defiance of these men is true and represents their attitudes, let them experience communism to the hilt.

When one of the 22 wrote a letter to his mother, there was one lesson to be observed. He said he didn't want to return because "I love peace, I love mankind" . . . It is thus apparent that the utopian appeal of communism remains effective with the inexperienced and uninformed . . . The bait of heaven-on-earth still tempts millions of people. Only knowledge of communism in prac-

tice can dispel it . . . Those who still see in world communism the illusion of peace and plenty form the weakest link in human society. Romantically enough, they see the injustices of everyday life in their own systems and are denied or refuse to accept the even greater wrongs of a godless totalitarian state . . . What was even more ironical during the past Christmas season was the press reports from countries behind the Iron Curtain . . . Throughout ed over to Utopia, they will vork, Poland and Hungary, the giving of gifts was officially proscribed as "non-sensical, capitalistic, decadent survival" . . . The story of the birth of the Christ Child was only "an exploiter's myth", according to the Czech President Zapotocky. "Times have changed. The little Jesus has grown up and now is Grandfather Frost" . . . And life in East Germany is at a standstill. One American newsman reports from East Berlin that if an East German utters one word against the iron chains that hold him, "he is doomed. He can only bide his time".

If this is the Utopia the 22 PWs have chosen, they are welcome to it . . . If a 20-year-old American believes he fights for "peace" and "mankind" through communism, there is nothing else that can be said to him . . . Now that they have been handed over to Utopia, they will surely discover that there are not just 22, but millions, who would like to possess the heritage they have left behind.

Hawaii Bar Association votes in first Nisei lawyer to head organization

Honolulu

Masaji Marumoto, Honolulu attorney, has been elected president of the Bar Association of Hawaii for 1954, succeeding Samuel P. King, outgoing president.

Marumoto is the first lawyer



MASAJI MARUMOTO

PRESS FILE:

TEAHOUSE — I have had the good fortune to see the Broadway play, "Teahouse of the August Moon." This play pokes gentle but nevertheless pointed fun at U.S. occupation forces and American efforts at making primitive people understand democracy overnight. The lesson, however, is not too obvious and the fun is prevalent the whole way through the play . . .

You can be amused and enjoy every moment of the play. From my point of view Lady Astor, the goat, was perhaps one of the most delightful characters. How they teach her to "lick her chops" in such an enticing manner, I really cannot understand. You are quite sure, however, that the brandy was excellent which she had just consumed!

This is one of the plays I would see again with great joy because every character is well played and you enjoy every detail.—Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

of Japanese ancestry to head the local bar association. He has also served as chairman of the territorial bar examining committee, secretary of the Procedural Rules Committee which revised the rules of civil procedure, and member of Commission of Uniform Laws. He is presently chairman of Compilation Commission of Revised Laws on Hawaii.

Born in Honolulu on Jan. 27, 1906, Marumoto was graduated from McKinley high school in 1924, the Univ. of Chicago in 1927, and the Harvard university law school in 1930. Following his return here, he was connected with the law firm of the late Frank E. Thompson before going into private practice in August, 1932.

Marumoto is a veteran of World War II, having volunteered for the Army interpreter service in June, 1943. He spent 2½ years in the Army. After 18 months' service in the Military Intelligence Service Language School at Camp Savage and Fort Snelling, he was commissioned an officer in the Judge Advocate General's Department, and served as Military Government officer in Okinawa and Korea and as Assistant Judge Advocate of XXIV Corps.

At the time of his honorable discharge in March, 1946, he held the rank of first lieutenant.

Marumoto's son, Wendell Hiroshi, who was graduated from Punahou school in 1952, is attending the Univ. of Chicago and is also planning a law career.

CAPSULES

Capt. Yasuro Komoto of Fresno completed advanced training at Ft. Belvoir Army Engineer School and is now assistant post engineer at Ft. Douglas, Utah. He joined the service in 1946 and was stationed in Japan for three years.

Denver's most popular coloratura soprano, **Nancy Sogi**, made her TV debut as guest artist on a local program recently.

While a high-spirited delegation of some 150 Nisei were attending the opening gathering of the Tri-State Young Buddhist League convention at Greeley last week, some parked cars in the church yard were stripped of various items.

Tets Iwasaki, now of Palmyra, N.J., and Eastern District Council chairman in 1951, attended the National Computers Ass'n convention in Washington recently.

Tom Itami was elected president of the advisory council for the Ontario, Ore., high school farm vocational department. He was among nine prominent agriculturists in the area to be selected.

Tokyo's population as of Nov. 1 stood at 7,469,538, it was announced by the city's statistics department last week. It is an increase of 342,892.

SOCIAL NOTES

WLA Jr. Matrons: Hobi Fujii was Santa Claus at a gay Christmas dinner party held at the local Community Methodist Church . . . Seiko Nakanishi will be the new president for the next half year, assisted by:

Stella Kishi, rec. sec.; Grace Murase, cor. sec.; Mary Akashi, treas.; Kay Shishida, pub. hist.; Fumi Tsurada and Rose Ikuta, prog.

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CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY IN SEATTLE, TWO NISEI SHOT TO DEATH BY ANGERED CANNERY WORKER

Seattle
An early morning Christmas party in a First Hill home ended abruptly with a burst of gun fire and death of two Nisei just before midday last Friday.

An angered man, apparently driven by jealousy, shot his companions, a young man and woman, five times each before a tinsel Christmas tree.

Then the slayer, identified by the contents of his wallet as Basilio Guzan Cabios, 54, a Filipino cannery worker, turned the gun on himself and fell gravely wounded across a bed moments before police burst into the home at 1301 Remington Ct.

Dead on the floor by a table which held the holiday tree was William Onishi, 24, also known as Toshio Onishi, of 2014 E. Fir St.

The body of the woman, identified from a social security card and other papers as Elma Akiyama or Alma Jan Hong, 24, was found outside near the front steps by patrolmen who reached the

house at 11:30 a.m.

Detectives learned the woman and Onishi were seen in a Maynard Ave. cafe about 7 a.m. and were thought to have taken a taxi cab directly to the house where the shooting occurred.

At first, believing the woman still alive, patrolmen radioed

Operator of first Japanese dry cleaning plant dies

Seattle
Tsunego Sakai, who established one of the earliest greenhouses on Bainbridge Island, died Dec. 19. He was 91.

Born in Chiba, he went to Hawaii in 1901 and in 1904 came to Seattle, friends recalled. That same year he established a greenhouse at Crystal Springs, near Winslow. After a few years he returned to Seattle and operated the first dry cleaning establishment in the Japanese community. For the last 2½ years he had lived at the Pacific Hotel, 604½-6th Ave. S. There are no known survivors.

for an ambulance. As they tried the door of the house, three shots were fired inside. They broke open the door.

Cabios, who had retreated to the rear bedroom, was found unconscious, a 32-20 caliber revolver beside him.

Police Sgt. M. E. Madden said strings of colored lights still were glowing on the Christmas tree when police entered the blood-spattered rooms.

The body of Onishi lay directly beneath the tree. By his head was an unopened gift package tied with a red ribbon on which was emblazoned: "Merry Christmas."

WATSONVILLE CHAPTER ELECTS 1954 CABINET

Watsonville
Bob Manabe was elected president of the Watsonville JACL chapter for 1954. Assisting him are:

Bill Mine, 1st v.p.; June Sugidono, 2nd v.p.; Tom Nakase, 3rd v.p.; Jean Oda, rec sec.; Hiroshi Shikuma, treas.; George Shirachi, aud.; Bill Fukuba, del.

MENTION THE PACIFIC CITIZEN TO OUR ADVERTISERS

HONOLULU NEWSLETTER

Hawaiian Statehood in '54?

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Honolulu

Southern Democrats are preparing for a do-or-die battle against the Hawaiian Statehood bill when Congress reconvenes Jan. 6.

Their weapons will again be the filibuster and the racial issue.

The battle lines began to form last week after President Eisenhower and Republican leaders in Congress decided on including statehood for Hawaii among the "must" legislation for the next session.

The statehood bill was passed by the House in the last session by a two to one margin. It is now before the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

Seven Democrats, with the aid of one Republican, stalled the Hawaiian bill in the last session by tying on the Alaskan statehood bill and demanding more hearings.

This group of eight Senators outvoted seven Republican in Committee.

Now, however, the Committee lineup is likely to switch to an 8 to 7 vote in favor of Hawaiian statehood because one

Democrat — a Southerner — has announced he will vote with the Republicans in committee and on the Senate floor.

The Democrat is Sen. Russell B. Long of Louisiana. He visited Hawaii recently. At that time he spoke up vigorously for statehood for the islands.

It is ironical that a Southern Democrat's vote is being counted on in a campaign in which the Southern Democrats represent the bitterest opposition on making Hawaii the 49th state.

As soon as he learned that the Eisenhower administration plans to bring the Hawaiian statehood issue up for early consideration in the Senate, a die-hard foe of statehood, Sen. James D. Eastland, Mississippi Democrat, hinted at a southern filibuster against the legislation.

"It may be necessary to talk for days and this the South must do," the Senator was quoted as saying in Washington.

Eastland said that admission of Hawaii would mean two Senators would be elected from the islands and this "would cause grave trouble in this country."

"There would be two votes for socialized medicine; two votes for the government ownership of industry; two votes against all racial segregation, and two votes against the

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Nisei Photographer-Producer

Honolulu

Four short Hawaiian-made color films were previewed by an appreciative audience here last month. George Tahara, producer-photographer, and his collaborators were congratulated by the press critics.

Wrote Ben Norris of the Star-Bulletin, "The outstanding quality of these productions is the sensitive and successful adjustment of photography, narrative, action and sound into informative presentations which are at the same time charming and absorbing to see."

Japanese Print-Making opened the program, featuring Toshi Yoshida, member of a famous family working in this medium. It was filmed at the

Honolulu Academy of Arts against a background of 18th century Japanese gold screens. Equally effective and in mood is the background music of koto and Japanese flute.

Hawaiian Feather Work makes effective use of documentary shots of Kamehameha Day ceremonies and the funeral procession of the late Princess Kawanakoa.

Keoni's Poi Pounder is an original Hawaiian idyll by George Tahara, telling the story of a boy and a shark-boy.

Fresco Painting with Jean Charlot is the first complete documentation of the three significant murals which Charlot has painted in Honolulu.

One man show

Tallahassee

A one-man exhibition of Tai-zo Miyake, master degree candidate at Florida State University here, was held in the university's art gallery recently. His exhibition included 20 examples of his works, such as oils and graphic art prints.

Chicago JACL: Planning to get an early start on the chapter membership drive, Dr. Joe Nakayama, vice-president in charge of membership, is planning an all-out campaign—even soliciting Issei. Membership rates are \$2, students; \$3.50, single; \$6, couples and \$10, Sawbuck Club.



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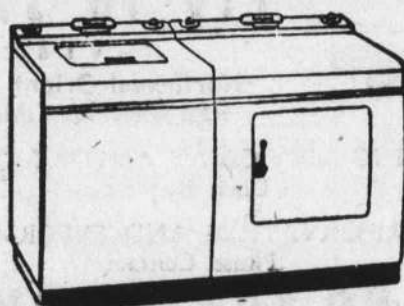
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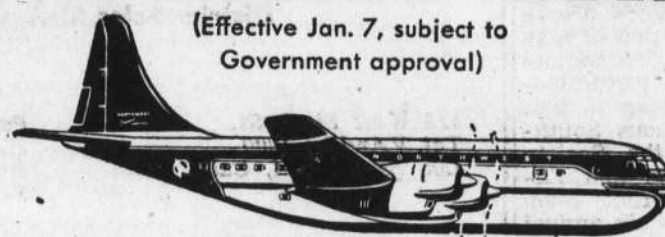
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Around Chicago . . .

Chicago had its white Christmas, thanks to a 4-in. snowfall three days earlier. Temperatures were near zero . . . Yuletide parties were held by the Sky-leens at Resettlers, Christ Congregational church at Olivet Institute Dec. 23 . . . The Jan. 12 meeting at Ogden School will be of particular interest to Japanese living on Clark and La Salle Sts. in the Near Northside as redevelopment plans for these two thoroughfares will be discussed by the Greater North Michigan Avenue Ass'n . . . The Chicago JACL credit union holds its annual meeting Jan. 15 at Como Inn, 546 Milwaukee Ave. Rumors say dividends will be 4 percent again, which makes it six in a row . . . Annual meeting of the Christ Congregational Church is scheduled Jan. 17 after worship at Olivet Institute. Its woman's fellowship holds its third annual installation at Nielsens Restaurant, 7330 W. North Ave., Jan. 10, 6:30 p.m. . . . It will be George Washington Carver Day, Jan. 5, in Illinois which is observing the 11th anniversary of the death of the renowned Negro scientist . . . City-Wide Recreation Council will hear jazz expert Dr. Alan P. Merriam of Northwestern's anthropology dept at Hannah Tani's, 6224 S. Kimbark, Jan. 8, 8 p.m. Carl Nakamura is chairman. Program chairman Alma Kurisu, 3534 S. Reta Ave., reports average attendance of their monthly meetings was 30 persons during 1953, as compared with 15-20 during 1952 . . . A treat for youngsters: "Flibbertygibbet" at Children's Theater, Art Institute, at 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays during January; a Scottish folk tale of an elf who is given one chance to bring a message of love to humanity . . . The Cosmos (Japanese War Brides' club) received a telegram from author Pearl Buck indicating her interest and assistance for Etsuko Britton, the warbride who killed her son and attempted suicide. Nineteen of its members met during the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of Mrs. Toshiko Misaki, 6914 S. Woodlawn, to hold elections. New officers are Shizuka Kikuchi, pres.; Sumiko Foy, v.p.; Tsuyako Oda, treas.; Kuni Okutara, Miyako Isono, sec. . . . The Chicago Nichiren Buddhist Church, 1620 N. La Salle St., is now headquarters of the Nichiren Churches of North America, which has missions in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, Seattle and Portland. Bishop Yohaku Arakawa, recently elevated in Tokyo, returned here Dec. 20 . . . A driver's license will be accepted in lieu of cash for any bond up to \$25. Motorists arrested for any traffic violation is now required to post bond . . . The famous Southtown Chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet has paid their annual visit in singing Christmas carols at South East National Bank, 1180 E. 63rd St., Dec. 19.

Personals . . .

It was the Thanksgiving of 1943 when the 100th Infantry relieved the 504th Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division in France. The 504th now has a Nisei: Lt. Jim Tajiri of Chicago, recently assigned to the regimental courts & board office at Ft. Bragg, N.C. He is brother of Larry, Vince, George, twin Thomas and sister Mrs. Yoshiko Roberts . . . Aline and Arline Sumida, 1909 N. Hudson Ave., are active Hyde Park High School student twins. Arline is assisting the Jan. 21 senior prom; Aline is chairing the Cap & Gown committee for its Jan. 28 commencement. Both are GAA and civic letterwomen. Born in San Diego, they lived in Long Beach.



National Director Masao Satow is shown installing the new officers of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council at the banquet held at the District Convention in Stockton Nov. 8. The new cabinet are: Tom Yego of Placer County, chairman; George Nishita of San Benito County, vice chairman; Alice Shigezumi of San Francisco, secretary; Gingi Mizutani of Sacramento; Mrs. Grace Aikawa of East Bay; Mrs. Masako Minami of Eden Township; Bill Matsumoto of Sacramento; (last four are directors) and Glichi Yoshioka, immediate past chairman. Absent were Bill Fukuba, treasurer, and Wayne Kanemoto and Fred Hoshiyama, directors.—George Makabe photo.

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Grateful recipients of evacuation claims checks contributed a total of \$632 this past week to the National JACL Endowment Fund. These additional contributions boost the amount received by the Fund to \$68,607.72.

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Los Angeles CLs plan joint affair

Los Angeles
Joint installation of the JACL chapters of the LA Coordinating Council will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20 at the Statler Hotel. It was announced by Mack Hamaguchi, council chairman.

Mrs. Merijane Yokoe and Mrs. Chiyo Tayama will be co-chairmen for this third annual event, it was revealed.

The Golden State room of Los Angeles' newest hotel has been selected as the site. The committee will announce soon other details as to orchestra and admission.

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MASAO W. SATOW

The year 1953 certainly has been a rough year for us, but somehow we have managed to survive even though we realized only one half of our ADC budget asking. Thanks and appreciation to members of our staff, or what is left of our staff, for taking on more responsibilities so that we could maintain the same services as before. Thanks also to Hotei who has kept us from going bankrupt. For the uninitiated, Hotei is the Japanese god of good fortune who has been watching over us these many years. When we have just about gotten down to bed rock financially, at the proper time we have rubbed his ample mid-section, and lo and behold, within the next few days invariably we have received enough checks in the mail to keep operating. We had some misgivings during the third quarter of this past year when our ADC checking balance dropped to a shameful \$2.35, but again Hotei came through to reaffirm our faith in him. His image is indispensable at National Headquarters as well as in our Washington Office, and when things go bad both Mike and I wear our Hotei tie clasps.

THOUSANDERS ARE LIFE SAVERS: Our JACL One Thousanders have been the life savers for the organization. As a result of the recruiting campaigns in conjunction with the five District Conventions held during November and December, 133 new members and renewals have signed up, and we have been making 1000 Club certificates like mad. This makes a total of 376 Thousanders in good standing at present.

VOLUNTEERS AGAIN: Our proposed amendment for expediting the larger claims has meant another large mailing to 4,000 claimants, and again we have called upon volunteers. Our appreciation to **Chie Okazaki, Sachi Okazaki and Chiz Satow** for typing out the envelopes. For stuff and mailing, our thanks to a crew of gals and fellows who gave up a Friday night of Christmas shopping to help. All the way from the **Eden Township Chapter** (one hour's drive) came **Kimi Fujii, Misa Hasegawa, Rose Hara and Lily Kitani**. Also helping were **Elsie Uyeda**, our own **Daisy Uyeda and Chiz Satow**. Then we had **Yas Abiko and Fred Hoshiyama** who wandered into the building for another meeting, running back and forth as messengers between the folding machine and the stuffers.

WE LOSE A STAFF MEMBER: And speaking of help, we are sorry to lose **Yoshiko Ishimaru** as the Office Secretary for our Northern California Regional Office who has taken on some family responsibilities. Yoshiko has been with us for four years—two in the Southern California Office and two up North. Her efficiency and loyalty to JACL has meant much in helping husband **Haruo** keep track of the 24 Northern California-Western Nevada Chapters and rendering community services through the office.

MEMBERSHIP: Our latest membership count for 1953 shows that we lost about 400 regular members over 1952, but we increased our Special members by 200. We have it on good authority that the **San Mateo Chapter** has already completed its 1954 membership drive, that **Mill-Hi (Denver)** is going to show us again that they are the largest Chapter for most of the coming year, but **Chicago** has ordered 2,500 membership cards to dispute this. To the **Hollywood Chapter** goes the distinction of turning in the first batch of 1954 memberships with 27 of them being National Supporting Members.

5-F VICTORY: It was good news indeed to hear **Judge Goodman's** decision on the 5-F situation. As we said in our JACL brief, it is inconceivable that the Congress, after finally granting the privilege of naturalization to the Issei, should go back to a technicality of 36 years ago to deny these same people the opportunity to take advantage of this privilege. We don't mean to embarrass **Ed Ennis**, but our people ought to know just how wholeheartedly **Ed** is with us. Knowing our financial plight, he voluntarily accepted only one half of his annual retainer fee from us. Then he appeared for us on the 5-F hearing in both Denver and San Francisco on separate trips despite a heavy cold and his own busy practice, on top of which he made a \$500 contribution to JACL. Some of us ought to be ashamed of ourselves!

NEW CHAPTER OFFICERS: It's that time when Chapters are in the process of conducting their elections and reorganizing. Several of them have already installed their new officers and are ready to roll. The installation of officers is one of the most important and larger affairs in many of our Chapters. We are glad to see that the Pacific Southwest District Council has already scheduled a "Chapter Clinic" for chapter officers for its February meeting. The Northern California-Western Nevada as well as the Pacific Northwest DC's are also planning such workshops for their initial 1954 meetings.

Two things we would like to see on the part of our membership this year: that more of them wear the JACL pin and that they acquaint themselves with our JACL Hymn. On our recent flight to Denver, the flight engineer commented that the JACL pin was the most attractive pin he had seen, while enroute home with Mike one of the stewardesses noticed our pins. The JACL pin was designed back in the 1930's by **Dr. Randy Sakada**, our immediate past National President. The JACL Hymn with words by **Marion Tajiri** and original music by **Marcel Tyrrel** of Salt Lake City was first introduced at the 1948 National Biennial. Its rendition by the massed choir at the Opening Ceremony of the 1952 Biennial at San Francisco was one of the highlights of that Convention. Subsequently we have encountered many members who are unaware that we have this Hymn. We would like to see the day when our Hymn is sung together at every significant JACL gathering, for the words sum up the experiences of persons of Japanese ancestry and the basic purposes of our organization.

*There was a dream my father dreamed for me—
A land in which all men are free;
Then the desert camps with watchtowers high,
Where life stood still 'mid sand and brooding sky;
Out of the war in which my brothers died,
Their muted voices with mine cried.
This is our dream—that all men shall be free,
This is our creed—we'll live in loyalty;
God, help us rid the land of bigotry
That we may walk in peace and dignity.*

Issei 5-Fs—
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ning on this issue, that Section 315 did not apply to non-declarant aliens but only to those aliens who had filed petitions for naturalization, Attorney Chuman added.

The JACL was represented in the Tsuji case as "amicus curiae" through legal counsel **Edward J. Ennis** who flew in from New York to present the JACL brief.

Under the position taken by the National JACL, to apply a 1952 law to a situation which existed in 1917 was declared by the National JACL to impose a penalty which did not exist at the time of the original Act but being imposed under the 1952 law.

Judge Goodman concluded his 10-page decision with the statement that the petitioner "did not disbar himself from citizenship under Section 315 of the 1952 Act even if 'he did make an application' since he had no liability to serve in the military forces under the 1917 Act. The

petition for naturalization is granted upon presentation and signing of appropriate findings. The petitioner will be admitted upon taking the oath required by law."



Mrs. Mae Kumashiro Carlton, near-blind Nisei member of East L.A. JACL was presented appreciation gifts from friends and fellow workers at pre-Christmas ceremonies at L.A. County Psychopathic Hospital where she is employed as operator of candy stand. Hon. John Anson Ford, chairman of L.A. County Board of Supervisors, is presenting cake from members of the JACL. Looking on are (left to right) Regional Director Tats Kushida, Officer Walter H. Giles and Superior Court Judge William P. Haughton in whose courtroom presentation was made. —Bob Kishita Photo.



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All-City Selections for Los Angeles

Los Angeles city high schools released their official all-city grid selections these past few weeks . . . **Mich Yamamoto**, All-Marine League center from Banning High, was the press writer's choice for second-string All-City; while **Jim Sakoda**, 155-lb. All-Eastern League linebacker at Polytechnic High, rated a berth on the third team. Both are seniors this year . . . **Bill Saito**, 165-lb. guard at Dorsey High, was named to the second All-Western League team. Others honored with All-Marine League mention were **Ken Matsuda**, who completed his third year on the Westchester High varsity, to the first team halfback spot. Ken, only 140 lbs., and 5 ft. 7 in., operated from right half, scored two touchdowns and was regarded a consistent threat. He made the second All-Marine team last year as a junior . . . **Jim Nagaoka**, a chunky 180-lb. tackle for Gardena High, was on the second All-Marine League team. He was a mainstay for the line the past two years . . . At Pasadena, **Henry Yamada** was acclaimed the most outstanding **John Muir** High Bee team, receiving recognition at the Rooters Club dinner at the Elks Club. So much for football this season, other than the New Year classics on radio-TV this weekend. This corner picks Michigan State, Maryland, Rice, Georgia Tech, the West, Texas Western and Texas Tech.

California Basketball Picture

The Nisei Bruin Club of UCLA were crowned CINO (Calif. Intercollegiate Nisei Organization) convention basketball champions last Sunday by beating the Nisei Trojans of USC, 51-31, at Hollywood High gym. **Franklin Chong**, who put on a sponsored track meet, was high point man for the Uclans at a one-man show last summer in the So. Calif. NAU-JACL 10 points. **Yosh Nishimoto** potted 11 points for the losers. The Fresno State College co-eds won the women's CINO title, defeating East Los Angeles JC in a low-scoring 13-12 tilt . . . In Northern California, the NAU Double Aye season starts this weekend with three games: the San Jose Zebras at San Lorenzo, Sacramento Stags vs. Bob's TV at Berkeley, and Alameda Acorns vs. Protos at San Francisco. Pre-season comments favor Bob's TV, formerly known as the Berkeley Nissei, although its former teammates **Hiro Higashi** and **John Oshita** are missing. The Nisseis are three-time state Nisei titlists. The green & white clad boys will still rely on **Tosh Sano**, **Shig Yoshimine** and a bunch of new players from the UC campus . . . The Protos, who have a surprise win over last year's champions (Stags), are led by **John Yasumoto** . . . Alameda Acorns are the dark-horse team with **Yosh Sakauye**, former Chicago Huskies star, joining the squad. **Danny Fukushima** and **Chi Akizuki** make the San Jose Zebras a threat, too . . . The league meets on Sundays with the last games scheduled Mar. 7.

A world judo tournament will be held probably in the fall of 1954 at Buenos Aires. This news came from **Yosh Uchida**, Nisei mentor of the San Jose State College judo team, who recently returned from Europe. He accompanied the Pan-American judo team in three meets there. The former Orange County athletic represented the United States AAU in talks which may ultimately lead to an international judo federation . . . In conferences with Latin American and European officials, Uchida reports they are in accord to abide by Tokyo Kodokan rules. Buenos Aires was unofficially accepted as the site of the first world meet when the Argentines offered expense-paid trips.

Baseball among the Nisei in California got a much-needed shot in the arm this past summer when Lodi A.C. sponsored its first annual California Nisei Baseball championship series . . . The need for a statewide tournament was peppered in the great American pastime with the Labor Day games, won by the Sacramento All-Stars, composed of Sacramento Valley Nisei League stars and reinforced by Placer JACL, the semi-pro league squad . . . Other teams in the first tourney were Los Angeles Nisei Trading, San Jose Zebras and Harbor City Skippers . . . **Mas Okuhara**, player-manager for Lodi A.C., hopes to have several more teams compete next fall; notably, Placer JACL and Fresno Nisei. Commented the Nichibei Times (San Francisco) last week: "Most teams had to fold during the past few years because the draft depleted their ranks. Although the former players are gradually coming back home, it remains to be seen how many will want to continue with the diamond sport."

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NCWN district council offers perpetual trophy to district keg team champs

Sacramento

A perpetual trophy is being offered by the No. Calif.-Western Nevada JACL district council to the chapter team winning in the first council-sponsored bowling tournament being held here in conjunction with the first 1954 quarterly session.

It will be a part of the sixth annual Sacramento JACL Nisei tournament.

Chapters will be permitted to have any number of teams represent them in the District Council tournament.

SHIMADA NOMINATED BY S.F. PAPER AS 1953 OUTSTANDING ATHLETE

San Francisco

The Nichibei-Times made its annual "outstanding athlete of the year" award last week by naming **Fuzzy Shimada** for 1953.

The bowler, who is a finalist for Northern California in the National Match tournament this month in Chicago, sports a 190-plus average, has a perfect 300 game to his credit as well as several "perfect" 700 series in league play.

Nakatsuka -

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South on all social matters," he asserted.

Statehood backers are hopeful of outlasting a Southern filibuster, if one develops, by getting an early vote on the Hawaiian statehood bill in committee and giving it top priority for a showdown vote on the Senate floor. Once it gets on the floor, the bill is believed to have enough votes to pass.

Plans to hold hearings on the bill before Congress convenes Jan. 6 have had to be dropped, however, because a committee quorum can not be assembled before then.

The latest indication is that the hearings would be held later in January. Only one witness, former Hawaii Governor **Ingram M. Stainback**, remains to be heard. Anti-statehood forces want Stainback to testify as they believe he does not favor statehood now for Hawaii.

Statehood supporters expect the Hawaii bill will be reported out without Alaska tacked on. Since Republicans generally favor the Hawaii bill and the Democrats generally support an Alaskan bill, some fast maneuvering may develop in the last-ditch battle over these respective bills.

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JACL Background, Policies to New Cabinet

Stagnation comes to any organization whose membership does not grow and whose leadership isn't rejuvenated with transfusion of new blood.

JACL, on the whole, among its scores of chapters has grown and its leadership has had many transfusion.

But one of JACL's weaknesses comes from new leadership without adequate organizational experience or background. While most newly elected chapter cabinet include one or two members of the outgoing cabinet to provide continuity, stability and experience, all too frequently the "old timer" is unable to give the rookies a briefing on JACL background, objectives, program, policies and procedures.

In what is hoped to be a booster shot for JACL chapters in the Pacific South-West District Council, the officers of the PSWDC at a special meeting held in Los Angeles two weeks ago announced a "cabinet clinic" for its 17 chapters.

The clinic will be designed to give 1954 chapter cabinet members as well as past officials, potential leaders and in fact all chapter members a concentrated briefing session on JACL background, suggestions on programming, discussion on "How to Plan and Conduct Meetings," simple parliamentary procedure, publicity gimmicks, membership morale boosters and many other aids to develop leadership among JACLers.

Mimeographed copies of parliamentary procedures, JACL constitution, an outline of program aids, and other material will be provided to guide and supplement the discussion.

National Director **Masao W. Satow**, dean of organizational experts among Nisei, has been invited to help the clinic and serve as its principal consultant and resource persons. Invitations have also been extended to **Haruo Ishimaru**, Regional Director of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council and Washington Representative **Mike Masaoka** to attend. A number of non-JACL resource persons are also expected to be present during the clinic.

Dave Yokozeki, active officer of the Downtown Chapter (and partner of the law firm, Chuman, McKibbin and Yokozeki), has been appointed by PSWDC chairman **Ken Dyo** to be chairman of the clinic. Dave, while modestly disclaiming organizational skills, is an excellent choice for heading this project for he has proven an apt administrator in all chapter affairs during his term as vice-president. He is also a willing and conscientious worker which augurs well for his chapter in 1954. Dave will call his planning committee for a meeting very soon.

The Venice and West Los Angeles chapters will play hosts to this all-day affair. The morning session begins at 10 o'clock. A luncheon will be served by the host chapters. The afternoon session will wind up around 5 p.m. The Venice, West LA Chapter will serve a "surprise" dinner, soon to be announced and top off the day with a social program in the evening.

The Sou'wester recalls setting up a leadership training workshop for the Midwest District Council in Chicago in 1948. The MDC workshop made two mistakes—there was no orientation to the JACL and the discussion on such subjects as public relations and fund raising techniques was held at a too-academic level. The experience from that project will help the PSWDC clinic maintain a down-to-earth approach.

Don't forget the date, PSWDCers—Sunday (all day) Feb. 28, 1954—location, program and agenda will be announced soon.

Joint-Installation Party at Statler

Merijane Yokoe and **Chiyo Tayama** did a terrific job as chairmen for the supercolossal Nisei Week Coronation Ball sponsored by the JACL last August at the Hollywood Palladium. **Mack Hamaguchi**, chairman of the LA JACL Coordinating Council of six chapters, has again appointed **Merijane** and **Chiyo** to co-chair another big affair, the third annual joint-installation dinner dance to be held at the Statler Hotel Golden State Room. Last year's affair was held at the swank Riviera Country Club. This preview for local Statler-bound conventioners should draw a huge crowd. The co-chairmen will announce details next week.

In Appreciation

While this issue is dated Jan. 1, it actually rolled off the presses Tuesday and this column written Sunday. So with 1953 in mind, the Sou'wester extends his thanks and appreciation to the 17 chapters of the PSWDC and their presidents for their support and cooperation during the year, and with confidence that they will continue to be solid JACLers for years to come:

Arizona, **MA Inoshita**; Coachella Valley, **Elmer Suski**; Downtown LA, **Harry Fujita**; East LA, **John Watanabe**; Gardena Valley, **Ryo Komae**; Hollywood, **Art Ito**; Long Beach—Harbor Dist., **George Nakamura**; Orange County, **Ken Uyesugi**; Pasadena, **Jiro Oishi**; Santa Barbara, **Aki Endo**; Santa Maria, **Harry Miyake**; San Diego, **Paul Hoshi**; San Luis Obispo, **Haruo Hayashi**; Southwest LA, **Mack Hamaguchi**; Venice, **Kiyo Tanaka**; Ventura County, **Izzy Otani** and West Los Angeles **James Kitsuise**.

And thanks, too, to the PSWDC officers: (pre-May 1 convention)—**Tut Yata** (Los Angeles), chmn.; **Hitoshi Nitta** (Santa Ana), 1st v.c.; **Jack Izu** (Indio), 2nd v.c.; **George Akaaka** (ELA), treas.; **Hana Uno** (SWLA), sec.; and **Dr. Tad Imoto** (San Diego), hist.; (post-May 1 convention)—**Ken Dyo** (Pasadena), chmn.; **Tom Sakai** (Indio), 1st v.c.; **John Tadano** (Arizona), 2nd v.c.; **Richard Jeniye** (WLA), treas.; **Miwako Yamamoto** (Hollywood), sec.; **David Yokozeki** (DLA), hist.; **Fred Ikeguchi** (Long Beach), **Elden Kanegae** (Organe County), **Harry Miyake** (Santa Maria Valley), **Dr. Tom Watanabe**, **Joe Yamamoto**, **Edison Uno** (Los Angeles), delegates-at-large.

Happy New Year to all!

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Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

★ The city of Inglewood — supposedly a town of racial restriction and bias — expressed its Yuletide warmth this holiday season when the community went all-out to bring cheer to the motherless children of Nobuichi Nakamura.

There are Katherine, 13; twins Kenneth and Bobbie, 8; and Billy, only 11-months old. And the grieving widower Nakamura who lost his wife only a week before Christmas, like other fathers, was burdened with financial worries in taking care of his offsprings.

When the Inglewood Daily News caught wind of Nakamura's tragic loss and their struggle to mask their sorrow with the spirit of goodwill and year-end tidings, the paper did its share to help along that spirit.

The press played Santa Claus, and placed a large carton in front of its office. The employees came forth with their contributions of toys, wearing apparels, and canned food.

Soon the general public joined in the project and gave to their hearts' content. Touched by the plight of the Japanese family, no one turned his back. The remembrances grew.

On Christmas eve, five huge boxes of gifts and things of daily necessities were left in the front door of the bereaved family. And for the time being, the spirit of Christmas reigned in the hearts of kids whose mother, suffering from an incurable disease, went out of their lives unexpectedly.

★ The expression "money to burn" may not have been exactly the way Mr. and Mrs. S. Kishima of Willowbrook meant when some of their \$8500 in currency stuffed in various nooks of their 14434 S. San Pedro St. home got fringed by fire the morning after Christmas.

The elderly couple, the man, 72, and woman, 10 years younger, operate a chicken ranch. They apparently didn't believe in banking, for when the Fire Dept. crew went into the house to subdue the blaze they found bundles after bundles of neatly packed greenbacks everywhere — in paper boxes, under rugs, over kitchen sink shelf, and between mattresses.

The firemen were able to salvage \$8500 of it but they were not sure how much more might have been lost in the flaming shuffle.

★ It isn't very often that a Nisei has an opportunity to greet the Emperor of Japan.

Christmas greetings and messages of goodwill were delivered by way of Radio Tokyo and an RCA oceanic broadcast through recording made by semi-blind Mrs. Mae Kumashiro Carlton, operator of a canteen and news stand at General Hospital Psychopathic Ward, last week.

During the brief Gift Presentation ceremony held in Judge William P. Houghton's courtroom given in her honor, the petite wife of Maurey Carlton said in part:

"May peace and tolerance with goodwill to all people, regardless of race or religion, reign high in your ideals."

Chairman John Anson Ford of County Board of Supervisors presented her with a scroll of appreciation for her "untiring efforts in behalf of good citizenship and racial understanding."

Tats Kushida, So. Calif. JACL regional director, was one of the civic leaders who showered Mae with a number of Yuletide gifts.

★ The sixth annual Christmas Cheer project broke all previous marks in 1953 when final tabulation of over \$1900 monetary donations was recorded by the committee, headed by Mrs. Sue Takimoto Joe.

One of the special phases of last year's Yuletide project was the visitation of Rancho Los Amigos old peoples home by some 20 members of Long Beach Japanese Presbyterian Church's Westministers organization. The

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

AOKI—Nov. 27, a boy to the Jun Aoki, Woodland.
DEGUCHI—Nov. 19, a boy to the Frank S. Deguchi, Sacramento.
FUJITA—Dec. 15, a boy to the Harry Kawahara, Seattle.
FUKUZAKI—Nov. 7, a girl to the George T. Fukuzaki, Harbor City.
FUKUZAWA—Nov. 15, a girl Cindy Sharon to the Kenneth K. Fukuzawas (Teruko Inuzuka), Los Angeles.
GANDARA—Dec. 4, a girl Beatrice Kay to the Edward Gandaras (Kiyoko Suzuki), Los Angeles.
HACHIYA—Aug. 22, a girl to the Rupert Taro Hachiyas (Josephine Giku), Salt Lake City.
HARA—Dec. 3, a boy Philip to the Toshiro Haras, San Francisco.
HASHIMOTO—Sept. 8, a girl to the Masao J. Hashimotos, Stockton.
HASHIMOTO—Nov. 23, a boy to the Edward Ichiro Hashimotos, Salt Lake City.
HATA—Nov. 29, a girl Judy Anne to the Henry Hatas (Shinko Takase), Puente.
HATA—Dec. 4, a girl Elaine Hiroko to the Hiroshi Hatais, Visalia.
HATANAKA—Nov. 28, a girl Gail Motoye to the Masao Hatanakas (Kameko Hatanaka), Norwalk, Calif.
HIGASHIYAMA—Dec. 1, a boy Byron Yutaka to the Bill Masayasu Higashiyamas (Kathleen Fusaye Yoshizawa), Los Angeles.
HONDA—Nov. 17, a boy Stanley Koro to the Yoshinari Hondas (Sumi Nakashima), Los Angeles.
HORIGUCHI—Nov. 25, a girl Charlene Dale to the Thomas Takashi Horiguchis (Misako Rosie Shimoda), Los Angeles.
ISHIKAWA—Nov. 9, a boy David Kiyoshi to the Yoshio Ishikawas (Gloria Frances Wong), Los Angeles.
ITOKAWA—Dec. 3, a girl to the Warren Itokawas, San Francisco.
IWAMOTO—Dec. 25, a girl to the Akira Iwamotos (Shizuko Shiga), Los Angeles.
IWAMURA—Dec. 1, a girl to the Seiji Iwamuras, Marysville.
KAGAWA—Nov. 22, a girl to the Takeo Kagawas, Fresno.
KAMEYAMA—Nov. 17, a boy to the James Kameyamas, Buena Park.
KANOW—Dec. 4, a boy Larry Dale to the Noble Kanows (Hisako Yatabe), Gardena.
KASAI—Nov. 13, a girl Jolene Gay to the Taro Kasais (Fumiko Tachibana), Compton.
KATO—Nov. 29, a girl Janet Miyo to the Kazuo Katos (Yoshiko Cherry Tsuruta), Los Angeles.
KAWABE—Dec. 5, a boy Milton Yoshio to the Masuo Kawabes (Hisako Sakioka), Los Angeles.
KAWAFUCHI—Dec. 10, a boy Geoffrey Shigeru to the Kay Kazumi Kawafuchis (Kimi Kawachi), Los Angeles.
KAWAHARA—Dec. 14, a boy to the Takao Kawaharas, Jamieson, Ore.
KIMURA—Nov. 17, a girl Susan Takako to the Tatsushi Tommy Kimuras (Yoshiko Shitakubo), Los Angeles.
KITAMURA—Dec. 4, a boy to the George Kitamuras, Ontario, Ore.
KIYOGUCHI—Aug. 28, a boy to the George Kiyoguchis (Katsuko Hashimoto), Salt Lake City.
KOIDE—Dec. 5, a boy to the Henry S. Koides, San Diego.
KOJIMOTO—Nov. 26, a girl to the Mitsunobu Kojimotos, San Francisco.
KUGE—A girl to the Isao Kuges, Denver.
KURATOMI—Nov. 8, a boy Reed Ken to the Sammy Sadamu Kuratomi (Shizue Takemoto), Los Angeles.
MAKIYAMA—Nov. 24, a boy Randall to the Takashi Makiyamas (Etsuko Martha Honda), Los Angeles.
MARQUETTE—Nov. 14, a girl Charis Ann to the Charles Ellsworth Marquettes (Dorothy Masako Taira), Los Angeles.
MATSUDA—Dec. 6, a girl to the Sam Matsudas, Pierce, Colo.
MATSUMOTO—Nov. 26, a boy Brian Hifumi Matsumotos (Yukiko Inouye), Los Angeles.
MITO—Nov. 28, a girl Nadine Kiyoko to the Tsutomu Mitos (Kimiye Taguchi), Pasadena.
MIURA—Nov. 1, a girl to the Shiget David Miuras, Fresno.
MIZUKAMI—Nov. 21, a girl Lu Ann to the Mako William Mizukamis (Mildred Shigeo Sakamoto), Los Angeles.
MORIGUCHI—Dec. 25, a girl to the Masafumi Moriguchi (Hatsuko Tochiwara), Venice.
MUKAI—Nov. 3, a boy to the Masao Mukais, Fresno.
MURAI—Dec. 9, a boy to the Iwao Murais, San Francisco.
MURAKAMI—Nov. 20, a girl Susan Sayeko to the Akira Mufakamis (Ikuko Kusatomi), Los Angeles.
NAKAMOTO—Nov. 30, a boy Wesley Yoneo to the Takeo Nakamotos (Bernice Toshiye Nomura), Los Angeles.
NAKAMURA—Dec. 25, a girl to the Edward Nakamuras (Sateko Imai), Los Angeles.
NAKANO—Oct. 25, a girl Shigeo to the Frank Yoshi Nakanos (Mitsuko Takashi), Los Angeles.
NAKATA—Nov. 29, a girl to the George S. Nakatas, Yuba City.
NATSUHARA—Nov. 20, a girl Barbara Shizue to the Frank Shizuo Natsuharas (Rose Sumiko Fujita), Los Angeles.
NELSON—Dec. 7, a boy William Kurtus, Jr., to the William K. Nelsons (Elizabeth Lilani Aki), Los Angeles.
NISHIGUCHI—Dec. 3, a boy to the Ralph Nishiguchis, Seattle.
NOZUMI—Dec. 3, a girl to the John Nozumis, San Jose.
OISHI—Dec. 4, a girl Lorene Hatsumi to the Takao Oishis (Kinko Nakanishi), Los Angeles.
OISHI—Nov. 15, a boy Paul Keiso to the Ritsuo Oishis (Kikumi Abo), Los Angeles.
OKAJIMA—Nov. 27, a girl Marlene Mariko to the George Okajimas, Sanger.
OKAMOTO—Nov. 14, a boy Gordon Jr. to the Gordon Okamotos (Yun Moi Zane), Los Angeles.
OKUDA—Nov. 29, a girl to the Teizo Okudas, San Francisco.

coed group was accompanied by the Rev. and Mrs. Nick Iyoya, and Togaku Kuroda, student adviser.

OMI—Nov. 13, a boy to the Takumi Omi, Fresno.
OZAKI—Nov. 17, a girl Janice Lynn to the Yoshio Ozakis (Ukie Oban), Los Angeles.
SAITA—Dec. 7, a boy Glenn Hitoshi to the Masaru Saitas (Tomiko Ujiye), Los Angeles.
SAKATA—Oct. 25, a girl Kathryn to the Isao Frank Sakatas (Takuko Betty Sakata), Burbank.
SAKATA—Nov. 14, a boy Todd Yoshinobu to the Yukio Sakatas (Hisako Nakamoto), Los Angeles.
SAWA—Nov. 28, a boy Garrett Seiji to the Seichi Tom Sawas (Hatsuko Yamashita), Los Angeles.
SERA—Nov. 17, a girl Janice to the George Shiro Seras (Yoshie Kotaku), Los Angeles.
SHIMABUKURO—Nov. 28, a girl to the Shochi Shimabukuros, Pasadena.
SHINJI—Nov. 20, a girl Patricia Kinue to the Masami Sammy Shinjis (Tami Shimamoto), Long Beach.
SHIOGI—Dec. 18, a girl to the Hood Shiogis, Seattle.
SHIOYAMA—Dec. 20, a girl to the George S. Shioyamas, Seattle.
SUGIMOTO—Nov. 30, a boy Robin Daniel to the Takeo Sugimotos (Ruth Takanabe), Los Angeles.
TAKATA—Nov. 27, a girl Gail Tomoko to the Tomoyuki Takatas (Shizuko Tanaka), Los Angeles.
TAKEHARA—Nov. 22, a girl to the Tom Takeharas, Sacramento.
TAKEMURA—Dec. 15, a girl to the Taro Takemuras, Seattle.
TAKESHITA—Nov. 30, a girl to the Hedi S. Takeshitas, San Diego.
TANAKA—Nov. 20, a girl Katie Harumi to the Harold Harumitsu Tanakas (Hiroko Shirakawa), Los Angeles.
TANAKA—Dec. 1, a boy to the Clarence S. Tanakas, San Francisco.
TANIHARA—Nov. 20, a boy Keith Ryo to the Robert Haruo Taniharas (Frances Tsuyeko Harada), Los Angeles.
TOBARI—Aug. 15, a girl to the Joseph Mamoru Tobaris (Kimiko Anzai), Salt Lake City.
TOYAMA—Dec. 25, a girl to the Frank Toyamas (Yoshiko Fukunaga), Los Angeles.
UYENO—Dec. 8, a boy to the T. Uyenos, Spokane.
USUI—Nov. 29, a girl Geraldine Reiko to the Frank Masamitsu Usuis (Susie Ariyoshi), Los Angeles.
WADA—Dec. 3, a boy to the Yukio Wadas, San Francisco.
YAKA—Nov. 22, a girl to the Soko Yakas, Salt Lake City.
YAMADA—Nov. 22, a girl Constance to the Takayoshi Yamadas (Nobuko Sakaguchi), Los Angeles.
YAMAMOTO—Dec. 7, a girl to the W. Yamamotos, Pasadena.
YAMANAKA—Nov. 20, a boy to the Joe T. Yamanakas, Sacramento.
YASUDA—Nov. 30, a girl Yumiko Ann to the Ken Yasudas (Jane Miyako), New York.
YOKOYAMA—Dec. 5, a boy Randy James Huakini to the Moses K. Yokoyamas (Betty Louise Azevedo), San Pedro.
YOSHIDA—Oct. 22, a girl Trudy Naomi to the Roy Yoshidas (Kikuko Uyeda), Los Angeles.

Engagements

AKIRA-SUENAGA—Jane, Glendale, to Keizo, West Los Angeles, Dec. 12.
ARAKAKI-MORIKAWA—Kimi, Selma, to Larry, Fresno.
HOJI-AJIOKA—Masako, Torrance, to George Sakai, Sandy, Utah, Dec. 20.
MATSUI-KADOYA—Aiko to Thomas, both of Spokane, Dec. 6.
NAMBIA-OGAWA—Yuriko (Oregon) to Hugo, Sanger, Dec. 9.
OGAWA-HENMI—Cherry to Ed, both of Fresno.

Weddings

ARIMA-TANAKA—Dec. 13, Jim Arima, Weiser, Ida., and Tokio Tanaka, Ontario, Ore.
DAVIS-TAKAKI—Dec. 12, A/2c Leonard L. Davis, La Grange, Me., and Kathleen Takaki, Hawaii, at Grand Junction, Colo.
HAYASHIDA-UMEZAWA—Aug. Henry Hayashida and Takako Geishi Umezawa, both of Denver, in New Mexico.
IGARSHI-NAKAMOTO—Dec. 5, Isami Igarashi, Venice, and Mildred Hiyako Nakamoto, San Fernando.
IKE-SHITAMAE—Nov. 21, Joe Ike, Chicago, and Miyo Shitamae, Seattle.
KAWAKAMI-KITAJIMA—Dec. 20, Dr. Iwao Kawakami, West Los Angeles, and Toyoko Kitajima, Huntington Beach.
KAWAMOTO-YAMASAKI—Dec. 13, Kiyoshi Kawamoto, Reedley, and Sukeyo Yamasaki, Salt Lake City.
KAWASAKI-KAJI—Nov. 28, Mamoru Kawasaki, Weiser, Ida., and Carolyn Yeako Kaji, Ontario, Ore.
MIYAMOTO-OCHI—Dec. 6, Ken Miyamoto, Los Angeles, and Alice Hisako Ochi, Long Beach.
NISHI-SHITAMAE—Nov. 28, Hiroshi Nishi, Stockton, and Fumi Shitamae, Seattle, at New York.
NOTO-KUWADA—Dec. 5, Ben Noto and Laraine Reiko Kuwada, both of Gilroy.
OKAMURA-DOI—Dec. 19, Henry Okamura and Kimiye Doi, both of Chicago.
OSUMI-TSUJI—Nov. 26, Kengo Osumi, Fresno, and Mitsuko Tsuji, Farler.
SHIMIZU-KIMURA—Dec. 4, Shigeru Shimizu and Mutsumi Kimura, both of Chicago.

Marriage Licenses Issued

KATAYAMA-MASUDA—Tsuneo, 28, Gilroy, and Chiyo, 22, San Jose.
MIYAKE-TAKERAKA—Fred T., 27, Kemmerer, Wyo., and Nancy Hatsu, 22, Salt Lake City.
YASUDA-KIDO—Paul, Payette, Ida., and Hisako, Nyssa, Ore.

Deaths

HIGASHI, Mrs. Mika, 60: Los Angeles, Nov. 21, survived by husband Kaji, four sons Eddie, Sai-ichi, Shigeo, Shoji, two daughters Mmes. Katsuko Hayashida and Yoneko Yamada.
KINOSHITA, Motoma: Dec. 14, Ault, Colo.
KOBAYASHI, Takuje, 73: Salt Lake City, Dec. 19.
TERADA, Tozako, 82: Fresno, Dec. 13.

Hate campaign bared in Arizona

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thing. So has Bob Williams." Price and his associates, however, have produced documentary evidence of a definite tie-in between Blake and each of the three mentioned.

America Plus, as Blake called his California operation, made four different attempts to advance its Freedom of Choice proposal in that state. All failed.

It sought first, without success, to put a proposed constitutional amendment on the state ballot by petition. Then it introduced the measure in the state senate under sponsorship of Sen. Jack B. Tenney and eight others.

The eight co-sponsors withdrew when they learned what the proposal really called for, and the bill died in committee.

Blake and his crowd then picked Santa Ana, Calif., as a testing ground and made two unsuccessful attempts to get Freedom of Choice on the local ballot.

In Santa Ana, the movement received support from R. C. Hoiles, publisher of the Santa Ana Register and the right-wing extremist who has campaigned consistently in the Register and other papers he owns for such things as abolition of public schools.

The opposition paper, the Santa Ana Independent, had little use, however, for Blake and his ideas.

"Freedom of Choice," said the Independent on March 6, 1953, "is based simply on the old Ku Klux Klan idea of racial and religious bigotry."

Last Jan. 8, the Independent noted: "One of his (Blake's) backers, Robert H. Williams, the notorious Santa Ana peddler of hate against racial and religious minorities, printed in his monthly letter that if it (Freedom of Choice) couldn't be put over in Santa Ana it couldn't be put over anywhere."

Faced with the Independent's charges by this reporter, Blake came back with one of his favorite answers to all accusations.

"The Santa Ana Independent," he said, "is a Communist paper."

Among the many other California newspapers which have blasted Blake and his ideas is the San Francisco Chronicle.

Asked if he also considered the Chronicle a Communist sheet, Blake answered: "No, but its policies are dominated by New Deal-Fair Deal thinking." He said this with a straight face.

The Chronicle on March 12, carried this editorial comment: "With the inclusion of this language (the Freedom of Choice amendment), the first section of the California Constitution would change from a charter of liberty in the highest tradition of our nation to a charter of racial bias, hatred, prejudice, and discrimination."

Blake's views are very clearly presented in a well-written 50-cent, 56-page booklet published this year and titled, "Freedom of Choice."

More revealing, however, of Blake's real attitude toward minorities, civil and human rights, is his bulky (385-page) book, "My Kind! My Country!," published in 1950. It is described by its publisher as a "hard-hitting and provocative answer to 'Gentlemen's Agreement,' 'Kingsblood Royal,' and other Cause books dealing with race and prejudice.'

Poorly written for the most part, the book offers a variety of so-called solutions to racial problems. He advocates setting up a separate Negro state in the deep South.

Blake denies that his Freedom of Choice has anything to do with bigotry, discrimination, or segregation of the races. He says his proposed amendment would simply guarantee certain legal rights to business men and

others. "It would give a man the right," says Blake, "to choose his guests, patrons, neighbors, and employees. He may choose all Negroes or all Jews if he likes. Or all white or all Gentiles, or some of each."

The rule, he says, would apply equally to all business men and property owners, regardless of race, color, nationality, or religion.

The Santa Ana Independent, however, had this to say on Jan. 2: "Take off the mask and you will see the words Ku Klux Klan with all its un-American manifestations and un-Christian cross-burnings.

Discriminatory signs would appear all over our city: 'Jews not wanted!' 'Catholics Stay Out.' It would virtually put a fence around Santa Ana and proclaim to the world that this is a city of bigotry.

Blake denies any connection with Frank Britton. Nevertheless, in his May 1 issue of Freedom of Choice, a news letter, Blake advises his readers to brush up on certain items by reading Britton's "American Nationalist."

Gerald L. K. Smith, notorious anti-Semite who has been condemned by the American Legion and the California Un-American Activities Committee, has also had dealings with Blake, despite the latter's denial of such connections.

In a financial report for 1952 filed by Smith with the clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives as required under the Corrupt Practices Act, he lists payment of \$250 to Jack B. Tenney of Los Angeles for transportation expenses. Tenney served as Freedom of Choice chairman in California but is not connected with the Arizona movement, according to Blake.

In Smith's financial report for 1951, he lists a payment to A. Blake, Tulsa, Okla., for office expenses. A. Blake, once of Tulsa, is Aldrich Blake, now of Laguna Beach and Phoenix. Smith's financial report for 1952 also lists payments to America Plus for literature, and another payment for literature to J. Resnick of Los Angeles. A John Resnick was associated with Blake in California and is now secretary of the Freedom of Choice movement.

Robert Williams, condemned by the American Legion and others as subversive, has frequently praised and promoted Blake's efforts.

At the moment, Blake is attempting to recruit support in Phoenix. His attitude, when questioned, indicated he has not been too successful along these lines. Future of the movement, he admits, is contingent on obtaining this type of support.

He plans to set up local committees and conduct an intensive advertising campaign, Blake says.

Shortly after his arrival here, Blake contacted a public relations firm with the idea of employing its services. The firm, when properly acquainted with his views, dropped Blake like a hot potato. A second public relations firm later did the same.

When Blake was operating in California, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith noted: "It is very significant that Blake has called for a Negro state in America, to which all Negroes would be restricted. This is exactly the plan which the Communist Party has advocated off and on for so many years."

Price, a resident of Arizona since he was six months old, has long been active in civic affairs here. Now 42, he was chairman last year of the Charter Government Committee, since disbanded. He also is chairman of Phoenix Chapter, American Association for the United Nations, and is a vice-president of the Phoenix YMCA.

Those associated with him in the opposition group, are also extremely active in civic work.

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EDITORIALS

From the Frying Pan . . .

by Bill Hosokawa

DECADE AGO

New Year: 1954

Our Washington Newsletter columnist has listed fifteen top events which have dotted the past 365 days. By judging the turn of events of the past decade as reported each week on the opposite column of this page, there is much to rejoice.

The slow but sure methods of long-planned education waged by the JACL is ripening and being harvested annually. This process of education still continues for future harvests.

News of the 5-F decision from San Francisco can well be regarded as the usher for 1954. Judge Goodman's ruling in favor of the Issei seeking naturalization will have far reaching effect in clarifying the petitions of many Issei who were classed as 5-F by the draft boards in World War I.

This heartening prospect for Issei male applicants for naturalization whose petitions were held up on a technicality this past year seems to polish their 1952 Christmas present (effective date of the Immigration and Nationality Act).

There is every hope that there will be fifteen more well-meaning events when 1954 passes.

Bowling Tournament

Only eight weeks remain until the richest Nisei bowling tournament beckons JACLers from coast to coast at Chicago. Its fame and fortune grows each year.

It shall be the first such event east of the Rockies. All steps to assure a scintillating three day (Mar. 5-6-7) program have been promised. And Chicagoans never let us down on promises.

We're sure after the tournament is over, the bowlers will be in mood to vote Chicago as a tournament city in the future.

Biennial Convention

Eight full months remain until the 13th biennial National JACL Convention meets in Los Angeles over the Labor Day holidays. To many who'd like to vacation in Southern California this year, now is the time to book your vacation week with the boss. With wintry weather in most parts of the country, the thought of palm trees, sea breezes and September sun should be most welcome at this time.

More important, the theme of "New Horizons" calls for serious consideration of new objectives for the Japanese American Citizens League. In short, the next six years may be even more challenging than the past six illustrious ones.

Tomorrow Looks Good, Indeed

Sometimes, during '53, there were times when we wondered if we'd make it. But we did. All things considered, it's been a good year, hasn't it? They quit shooting in Korea, the cost of living stopped climbing at last, and they're going to pare a little off the income tax. The kids stayed whole all year long and sprouted up like weeds in the sun after a rain. We got the mortgage whittled down by a few more bucks*and we've been eating regularly. Yes, it's been a good year.

For most Nisei families, it's been a decade now since they picked up their ration cards and set out from the protection of WRA camps to seek fame, fortune and freedom in the wide, wide world. It doesn't seem that long until you think back over the years and recall all that's happened. And then you realize what full, busy years they've been, heavy with purpose and accomplishment.

They have been years of building—building homes, families, jobs, businesses, hopes and plans. They have been vigorous, active greater accomplishment as the effort of the their most productive period.

And what of the next decade? I see still greater accomplishment as the effort of the past decade begins to bear fruit. The barrier—those few still remaining—will crumble and new opportunities will become available. And in this receptive environment, the talents of the Nisei will flourish. The Nisei will contribute more substantially to the welfare of their country and their communities, live fuller and more rewarding lives.

You don't have to be a crystal-gazer to see all this. The future is there for anyone to see simply by looking back on the progress

that has been made in the past. Tomorrow looks good, indeed.

We survived Christmas with no more damage than the customary deflation of the pocketbook. Among the personal loot were two ties, both perfectly respectable, a pair of shirts which will have to be exchanged for a larger size, and socks that fit just fine. Christmas is a wonderful institution for replenishing Dad's wardrobe.

The livestock population of our family was increased by the addition of a Christmas hamster. Pam Post, who lives up the alley and breeds hamsters as a hobby, gave one to our Susan. Of course Susan was delighted, but just a bit concerned whether her mother would let her keep it. What she didn't know at the time was that Pam had taken care of the business of parental clearance some weeks ago. A hamster, we have learned already, is a rat-like rodent with a bobbed tail but with none of the unpleasant characteristics of rats.

At this writing it appears the hamster's name will be Parcel, inasmuch as it was the Post family that presented him (or her) to us. It joins Mike's parakeet, named Nicky, in the local menagerie. Sometime in the spring we may have to acquire a small turtle if Peter continues to make demands. His dime store turtle, which alternately had slept and sunned itself in a glass bowl, was eaten up by a neighbor's dog some months ago. Pete didn't grieve long, a turtle being a somewhat unaffectionate creature, but he expects as a matter of course that it should be replaced.

So far, Christie has confined her livestock interests to capturing and bottling worms and grasshoppers in the summer.

by Larry Tajiri

Vagaries . . .

Progress: From 1944 to 1954

The state of the Nisei is good on this first day of the new year.

Only a decade ago Americans of Japanese ancestry were facing a similar new year with hope mixed with considerable trepidation. Of mainland Nisei, the majority were still living in the ten camps operated by the War Relocation Authority from California east to the Mississippi river banks in Arkansas. The 442nd regimental combat team, still green and untried, was sweating out its training at Camp Shelby, among the scrub pine and red clay hills of Mississippi. The 100th infantry battalion, composed mainly of Hawaiian Nisei, already had been committed to battle in Italy and had sustained heavy losses, but the full story of the heroism of the men of the One Puka Puka was just being told.

On New Year's day in 1944, ten years ago, the trend of public sentiment, as reflected in the press, was still opposed to the release and return of evacuees from the relocation camps. It was in 1944 that public attitudes were to shift away from the selfish commercial interests, the white supremacists and the super-patriots who had kept prejudice alive against persons of Japanese ancestry. A variety of factors were to contribute to the change, including a sustained effort by the United States government, as represented by the War Relocation Authority, to prepare for the eventual and inevitable return of the evacuees.

In Washington, in 1944, a move was started to force the army's hand and bring about the rescinding of the military exclusion order. The WRA, through Director Dillon S. Myer, was urging such action. In fact, Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes went out to the west coast and denounced sharply the "professional hatemongers" who, he said, were stirring hatred against the Japanese Americans. The Ickes speech is said to have been planned as a prelude to the opening of the west coast to the evacuees, but someone got cold feet and the action was delayed. In fact, the army's rescission of the mass exclusion orders was not announced until mid-December, 1944, after the Supreme Court had ruled in the Endo case that detention of American citizens in relocation centers was illegal.

One reason for the delay may have been the fear that such action would be exploited by anti-administration interests, and 1944 was a presidential election year. As it was, some politicians did try to charge the Roosevelt regime with "coddling Japs" and the like, but these attacks proved singularly unsuccessful and, in their way, served to demonstrate that Pacific coast attitudes were not as racist as pictured. If the FDR forces showed undue caution, the GOP candidates did not exactly show moral courage on this question involving the return of Japanese Americans to their west coast homes. Governor Dewey managed to sidestep the question when it was thrust at it on a Pacific coast tour, while his running-mate Governor Bricker of Ohio, came up with a formula which recommended local option on the part of local communities as to whether they wanted their fellow residents of Japanese ancestry to return.

A speech, delivered by a young sergeant named Ben Kuroki, who had completed his tour of duty as a turret gunner aboard an air force bomber in the skies over Africa and

Europe, is considered by some to mark the approximate time when the pendulum of sentiment started swinging toward the Nisei on the Pacific coast. After being decorated by King George in England, Ben came home in December, 1943. A month later he was recuperating at an air force center near Los Angeles when he was first projected into the west coast battle of the race-baiters against the evacuees. Ben, born and raised in Nebraska, had met little, if any, prejudice until then. He was set for the Ginny Simms show on the NBC network but, on the afternoon of the broadcast, one of the NBC vice-presidents, or someone similarly in a position of quasi-authority, decided that Ben's presence on the show would be "controversial." Ben was taken off the show, without Miss Simm's knowledge. The incident, duly reported in the Pacific Citizen, did, however, lead to other public dates for Ben and, finally, to his appearance before the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco where his simple, heartfelt speech received a standing ovation from 800 of the Bay Area's leading political, financial, business and civic leaders.

It was June of 1944 that the 442nd combat team, the "Go for Broke" outfit, first went into the lines in Italy. It was in March of that year that the war department announced the death of Staff Sgt. Ken Omura of Seattle, first Nisei to die in the war in the Pacific and one of the first of some 6,000 who were to serve in the war against the Japanese.

The year 1944 was eventful for the Japanese American. Much of the security and well-being of the Nisei today stems from the events of that year.

The past year, 1953, further consolidates the fruits of their contributions of blood, faith and courage. Much of this has been done through the activities of the Japanese American Citizens League which, acting as the outstanding agency of the Nisei group, has been able to translate these contributions of blood, faith and courage into the actualities of remedial legislation and the strengthening of the guarantees of equality under the law.

During 1953 the parents of the Nisei became eligible for naturalization through legislative action initiated by the JACL. Citizenship classes helped hundreds of Issei to achieve lifelong dream of citizenship. The evacuation claims program was expedited. The Nisei, who already have destroyed the central core of the prejudice which bound them in years past, continued to fight on the periphery of that prejudice, protesting displays of bias, not alone against the Nisei, but against Americans of other racial or religious backgrounds. The Nisei continued to make common cause with these groups.

Prejudice still exists in some areas of American life against the Nisei and some other groups. This is true in housing, particularly in the sales of homes to persons of Japanese ancestry on the Pacific coast, as well as in some other areas. There also is the prejudice which accompanies many persons of Japanese descent to the grave and denies them burial in some cemeteries.

In 1954, ten years after an eventual year in which the Nisei made great gains, the emphasis will be on the further consolidation of those gains and a continued attack on the periphery occurrences of bias.

Jan. 1, 1944

Sgt. Ben Kuroki returns home from 30 air combat missions over Europe, North Africa and Middle East; hopes for reassignment in Pacific.

Calif. Personnel Board shelves cases of 82 Nisei civil service workers dismissed from work after Pearl Harbor.

Seamen's passports being issued by U.S. State Dept. to Nisei evacuee merchant seamen, who were beached since Pearl Harbor.

First group of Nisei WACs enter training at Ft. Des Moines, Iowa.

Nisei civil service stenographer entitled to vacation pay, even though unable to take it because of evacuation, State Attorney General Kenny of California rules.

Caucasian efforts to operate evacuated Japanese produce farm in Seattle area near failure.

Earl M. Finch of Hattiesburg, Miss., "adopts" 442nd Combat team training at Camp Shelby; passes cigars at Christmas to each soldier.

Negroes who settle in San Francisco's Fillmore district protest designation of the area as "Japtown" by the S.F. Examiner.

RKO studio purchases Alan Hynd's book, "Betrayal from the East", story of Japanese espionage in the U.S., for filming.

MINORITY

Vice-Pres. Richard Nixon on his Christmas Eve broadcast over national radio-TV networks reporting his world-wide tour warned that Americans must wipe out racial discrimination and make their democratic message to win Free Asia's support in the struggle against communism. While President Eisenhower has put the communists "on the defensive" all over the world for the first time, the Vice-President said millions of Asians still are threatened by Red subversion and revolution if not by armed overt aggression . . . In dealing with the Red threat in Asia, he said "the problem is in getting our message and the message of free nations across." So far, he reported, this has not been done too successfully . . . "Every act of racial discrimination or prejudice in the United States hurts America as much as an espionage agent who turns over a weapon to a foreign nation" . . . "We must recognize that there are millions of people in this area of the world who honestly believe that the U.S. is just as great a threat to the peace of the world as is the Soviet Union and Communist China."

Jamaica-born Negro dentist, Dr. John A. Somerville of Los Angeles, was singled by Queen Elizabeth with the Order of the British Empire because of his work for his native British West Indies and his race relations work in America.

Edward R. Dudley, 42, former U.S. ambassador to Liberia, was appointed special assistant in charge of the NAACP Fight for Freedom, \$1,000,000 a year campaign to finance activities designed to complete emancipation by Jan. 1, 1963, centennial of Abraham Lincoln's proclamation. Dudley was appointed minister to Liberia by President Truman in 1948 and elevated to the rank of ambassador a year later, the first Negro to hold that office in the American foreign service.

Recommendations for expanding and accelerating the program of the President's Committee on Government Contracts were placed before the committee by a spokesman for civil rights, minority group and labor organizations. It asked for "specific accomplishments in the very near future if the Committee is to win and hold public confidence." Among the recommendations was FEPC with enforcement powers.