



EVACUATION CLAIMS APPROPRIATION BILL AWAITS PRESIDENT'S SIGNING

Washington

Supplemental appropriations including over one and a half million dollars for payment of evacuation claims awards were received by President Eisenhower after congressional passage. White House officials informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

President Eisenhower is expected to sign the measure providing for a total of \$1,560,000 to pay holders of evacuation claims awards under \$2,500.

The appropriation measure went into a House-Senate Conference Committee early last week when the House refused to accept all the minor amendments made by the Senate. None of the Senate changes affected the amount appropriated for evacuation claims.

House, Senate Agree

Late last week the House voted to accept the Conference Committee bill, and the Senate concurred a few days ago.

This Third Supplemental Appropriations Bill of 1954 was just received by the White House and the President is expected to sign it shortly, White House officials informed the Washington JACL Office.

The \$1,560,000 is to pay remaining evacuation claims awards under \$2,500 made dur-

ing the current fiscal year which ends June 30, 1954. While most of these awards are those made under the compromise procedures, a few awards under the regular adjudicative methods are included, said Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative.

Awards Under \$2,500

Noting that only awards under \$2,500 are considered in this appropriation, Masaoka explained that other awards in the JACL-sponsored evacuation claims program over \$2,500 are included in separate appropriations and cannot be included along with departmental requests.

However, the \$1,560,000 for evacuation claims does not include any payments for administrative costs, he said.

Earlier this year, \$133,211.37 was appropriated, and paid to holders of 16 evacuation claims awards over \$2,500 each. Another appropriation of \$35,722.38 to pay seven additional larger evacuation claims is pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Should all three appropriation measures become law this year, a total of \$1,728,933.75 will be paid the Japanese community in 1954 under the JACL-sponsored evacuation claims program.

NISEI IN LANDSLIDE GONZAGA PREXY VICTORY

Spokane

Milt Fujita of Spokane was swept into office of president of the Associated Students of Gonzaga University last week when he ran up a total of 350 votes — 225 more than his nearest opponent.

The landslide victory for the Nisei student at the Jesuit college here was thorough, polling more votes than his three opponents in every class and the school of law, except in sophomore class where his three opponents totaled one more vote.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fujita.

Utahn killed as coal truck overturns

Price, Utah

A Salt Lake truck driver, Masa Kotoku, 34, was crushed to death Thursday last week when his heavily loaded coal truck went out of control and overturned on a steep grade eight miles up Huntington Canyon in southeastern Utah.

STATEHOOD FOR HAWAII:

Ike confers with T.H. group

Washington

The matter of statehood for Hawaii is in the hands of Congress, President Eisenhower told leaders of the 55-man delegation led by Gov. Sam Wilder King and Delegate Farrington.

The President repeated there is no question about his position favoring statehood for Hawaii, Farrington said after a 20-minute conference, and that the President did not want the delegation to feel it need ask for support which he already has given.

Prior to the White House visit, members of the visiting Hawaiian delegation were advised by Farrington of the parliamentary situation facing the bill in the House and suggested they call on House members to encourage the sending of the statehood bill to conference.

To dramatize the statehood issue, members of the Hawaiian legislature voted to hold a session on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. The delegation includes eight senators and 26 members of the House.

Making way for 'Nike' site

Washington

Rep. Barratt O'Hara, Chicago Democrat, has protested to the Defense Department against making Jackson Park's wooded island into an air defense post.

Thus far he has had no reply. Following a flood of letters from the Jackson Park area in his district O'Hara asked the House, which is considering the new defense appropriation, if it is necessary to "take this island, remove the trees, and all the things that have meant so much to my people" and make an air defense post there.

"No one because of sentiment . . . would object to anything that is necessary for the defense of our nation," O'Hara conceded.

O'Hara said he had been told the reason the island, with its Japanese tea houses dating from the World Columbian Exposition of 1893, is being considered for an anti-aircraft battery is that it could be had from the Park district for \$1 an acre. Other locations would cost much more.

Rep. George H. Mahon (D., Tex.) ranking minority mem-

ber of the defense appropriations subcommittee, agreed with O'Hara on the floor that "every effort should be made to select a site that would not do the damage which the gentleman has described."

Aiko Saita too ill to depart for Japan trip

Vancouver, B.C.

Aiko Saita, Canadian-born opera singer, was forced to postpone departure for Tokyo last week to undergo further medical treatment here.

Said to be in a serious condition, the nature of her ailment was not revealed although it was believed to be a recurrence of an abdominal disorder for which she underwent operation last year.

She is with her brother, Dr. Harold Saita of Vancouver. She was to have sailed aboard the Hikawa Maru Apr. 29.

Faulty wire blamed

Gilroy

The six-room house of Sho Morita, Rt. 2, Box 71, Denio Ave., was burned to the ground Monday night last week. Faulty wiring was blamed for the blaze, which injured Manuel Armenta, an occupant at the time of the fire, who received cuts on the arm when he jumped through a window to escape.

Japanese Trade Center

New York

A two-story show case of Japanese goods was established on New York's Fifth Ave. last week to foster additional trade between Japan and the United States.

End of May mass naturalization rites in S.F. means 1,500 new Issei citizens

San Francisco

When the next mass naturalization takes place within two weeks, it will likely be the last of a series of such ceremonies, according to Haruo Ishimaru, Northern California JACL regional director.

The petitioners have attended citizenship classes sponsored jointly by JACL chapters and adult education departments and have applied for naturalization through the San Francisco federal court.

When this group is sworn in, Ishimaru pointed out that close to 1,500 Issei of the Bay Area, Stockton and San Jose areas will have been granted citizenship.

Haruo Ishimaru, stated that because of the successful completion of the series of group examinations instituted by Harold J. Hart, local Chief of the Naturalization and Status Section, the progress for Issei citizenship in Northern California has been remarkably successful and can boast of more Issei being processed here than in the rest of the United States combined.

He further added that since classes will receive their ex-

aminations by the end of the month, an effort will be made to arrange group examinations for all other Issei in Northern California whether they have attended classes or not.

It was reported that the District Council has instructed the Regional Office to use every facility of the JACL to assist all Issei who desire to obtain American Citizenship. Ishimaru reported that he will meet with naturalization officers to try to arrange further Issei group examinations.

Denver

Some 50 Issei men are expected to be processed for naturalization here next week and the local JACL regional office has issued a call for volunteer interpreters to assist in the examination.

San Diego honors 60 Issei citizens

San Diego

More than 100 persons joined in celebrating the granting of citizenship to nearly 60 Issei of this area last week. At a banquet in honor of Issei Americans by the San Diego JACL Chapter held at the New Miyako Restaurant owned by JACler Al Obayashi, the new citizens were congratulated by community leaders, civic and JACL officials and were presented with commendation certificates.

Among those extending brief messages of congratulations were:

Assemblyman Frank Luckel, 78th district; Superior Court Judge Arthur L. Mundo; past National JACL President Saburo Kido; Regional Director Tats Kishida and Miss Anna Laura White, Americanization School instructor.

Other guests included: Miss Roxanna Jackson and J. Sakamoto, instructors; Mrs. Hazel Fegan, naturalization and passport office; Rev. and Mrs. Kikuchi, Congregational Church; Rev. and Mrs. Yaburo, Buddhist Church; and Bob Nichols, San Diego Union-Tribune.

Koshiro Miura responded on behalf of the honored Issei guests. Presiding was Hiomi Nakamura, chapter president.

42 Idaho Issei feted as ready for citizenship

Pocatello

Forty-two Issei of this area were honored for completing their Americanization classes by the Pocatello JACL and the independent school districts No. 25 and 55 of Pocatello and Blackfoot.

Some 250 attended a banquet held at Alameda Jr. High School last week. George Shiozawa presided, introducing guests and instructors. Hito Okada, past National JACL president, extended greetings from National JACL Headquarters. Milton Hartvigson, Pocatello school superintendent, was main speaker.

Willis R. Ward of the local board of education presented citizenship training certificates. Instructors were Novo Kato, Harry Watanabe and Mrs. Sumi Kanomata.

STATE DEPT. OBJECTION PREVENTS PASSAGE OF STRANDEE VOTE BILL

Washington

Voicing State Department objections, Sen. Albert Gore (D. Tenn.) prevented passage of the so-called Watkins election bill which would restore citizenship to Nisei who voted in Japanese elections during the occupation of Japan, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Immediately following this action in the Senate, Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, conferred with Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R., Utah), sponsor of the legislation, to discuss ways and means to secure Senate approval.

While blocking Senate passage of the bill for the second time within several weeks, Senator Gore indicated that each case should be investigated separately.

Group Solution

Sen. John M. Butler (R., Md.), representing the Senate Judiciary Committee which recently

issued a favorable report on the Watkins bill, replied that a group solution to the problem is more applicable. Continuing the Senate floor debate, Senator Butler said:

"This bill [Watkins elections bill] affects approximately 2,000 persons who voted in the Japanese election in order to sway the election, according to the psychology of government in which they believed. They were American citizens and, when they voted, they lost their citizenship. It is necessary to pass this bill in order that their naturalization as American citizens may be more readily obtainable.

"It involves a situation similar to that which occurred in connection with the Italian elections. At that time a bill was passed, as I recall, by the 79th Congress, providing precisely what this bill provides, making it easier to naturalize former American citizens who had taken part in a foreign election."

Individual Cases

Senator Gore then said, "A letter from the State Department seems to indicate that a great many of the persons covered by this bill considered themselves to be loyal citizens of Japan during the war. In view of that fact which is set forth in the Department's letter, does not the able Senator think it would be better for some committee carefully to consider each case rather than to treat 2,000 persons as a group and to restore citizenship to them, even though the actions and the loyalties of the individuals may have differed widely?"

The Maryland Senator replied: "Yes, but those persons were all American citizens and were unable to return to the United States because of the state of war which existed between the United States and Japan.

Senator Gore: "Let me read one sentence from the letter to which I have referred: 'From all practical indications, they conducted themselves as loyal subjects of the Emperor of Japan during the time Japan was at war against the United States, and were regarded as such by the Japanese authorities.'

"Therefore, I inquire of the able Senator if the committee has given consideration to the individual cases, or have the 2,000 persons been treated as a group?"

Bill Passed Over

Senator Butler: "I understand the committee did not consider them separately; the cases were considered in a group."

Senator Gore: "I think, under the circumstances, that I must ask that the bill go over."

The presiding officer, following Senatorial procedures, passed over the Watkins election bill without calling for a vote.

Mass in Japanese to be celebrated

Chicago

Preceding the Anglican Conference in Minneapolis will be the International Catholic Congress here Aug. 1-3 under auspices of the American Church Union.

Of particular interest, according to the Chicago Shimpō, is the solemn pontifical mass in the Japanese language with the entire delegation of the Nippon Seikwōkai and the local Japanese Episcopal clergy participating.

The Rev. Russell Nakata of the Church of the Ascension is a member of the Committee of Arrangements.

The Japanese liturgy was recently approved in Japan.

Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

Mexican Jury Cases . . .

Although the JACL was not an active participant in the so-called Mexican Jury Case decided by the United States Supreme Court on May 3, it was among the parties of interest because of the grave constitutional issues involved.

The nation's highest tribunal unanimously reversed the murder conviction of Pete Hernandez who asserted that his rights had been violated because no persons of his national origin were on the lists from which grand jurors and petit jurors in his case were drawn.

The Court ruled that systematic exclusion from jury service in Texas of persons of Mexican descent was discrimination within the meaning of the 14th Amendment to the Federal Constitution, which provides that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law nor be denied the equal protection of the law.

It was, incidentally, to this Amendment that the JACL and persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States successfully referred in its litigation in both state and federal courts on the anti-alien land laws and other discriminatory legislation.

Chief Justice Warren, who delivered the opinion, discarded the interesting finding of the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas that, "insofar as the question of discrimination in the organization of juries in state courts is concerned, the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment contemplated and recognized only two classes as coming within that guarantee: the white race comprising one class, and the Negro race comprising the other."

No 'Two-Class' Theory . . .

The Chief Justice declared that the 14th Amendment was not based upon a "two-class theory."

"The exclusion of otherwise eligible persons from jury service solely because of their ancestry or national origin is discrimination prohibited by the 14th Amendment," he said.

Hernandez was convicted in Jackson County, Texas, and sentenced to life imprisonment. He alleged in his appeal to the Supreme Court that, although there were in the county many persons of Mexican ancestry qualified for jury service, they were "intentionally, arbitrarily and systematically" excluded.

The State stipulated that for the last 25 years "there is no record of any person with a Mexican or Latin-American name having served on a jury commission, grand jury or petit jury in Jackson County."

The Chief Justice noted that the "Texas system of selecting grand and petit jurors by the use of jury commissions is fair on its face and capable of being utilized without discrimination." The law creating the system, he added, makes no discrimination, "but those administering the law do."

To This Much, He Is Entitled . . .

"Circumstances or chance may well dictate that no persons in a certain class will serve on a particular jury during some particular period of time," the Chief Justice noted. "But it taxes our credulity to say that resulted in there being no members of this class among 6,000 jurors called in the last 25 years."

Hernandez did not seek proportional representation of Mexican-Americans on the juries or the right to have persons of Mexican ancestry sit on the juries. His only claim was the right to have his case considered by juries from which all members of his class were not systematically excluded.

"To this much," Justice Warren said, "he is entitled by the Constitution."

Significance to Nisei . . .

Though no person of Japanese ancestry was directly involved, as in so many other cases involving fundamental constitutional and human rights, its significance to every Issei and Nisei is far-reaching.

At some time or another, most individuals, including the Japanese, are involved in some kind of litigation. The Supreme Court has now established as a matter of law that in the selection of jurors "national origin and descent" cannot be considered. This means that a "jury of one's peers" now includes the possibility of having a member of one's own race on the panel.

In times of hate and prejudice against one's own people, this can be a powerful deterrent to injustice and bias. The Supreme Court, by this ruling, has made the meaning of "equal justice under law" (the motto inscribed on the frieze of the Supreme Court Building) more meaningful to more Americans.

While this writer cannot recall many Nisei who served on juries in California and elsewhere prior to the war, it is now a commonplace occurrence that seldom even merits a news item. The presence of Nisei on so many juries is another indication that persons of Japanese ancestry are now welcomed as citizens in every community; it is also an indication of the Nisei's willingness to accept one of the great privileges and responsibilities of citizenship.

The Hernandez case illustrates again that when one minority enlarges an area of freedom for itself, it enlarges the total area of freedom for all.

School Segregation Cases . . .

When Chief Justice Warren convened the Court last May 3, there was a large attendance drawn by the possibility of rulings in the long pending school segregation cases, another vital constitutional issue but in which the JACL is an active participant as a friend of the court.

The Court recessed until May 17, making that the earliest date on which these decisions can be made.

Mondays are traditionally decision days for the Supreme Court and when the sessions are resumed the Court will have four Mondays remaining in this term if it ends as expected June 7.

JACL urges liberalized provision in social security law to secure benefits for thousands of Japanese 'day workers'

Washington

In order to secure benefits of the social security system for thousands of Japanese domestic workers, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, urged Chairman Daniel A. Reed, sponsor of the Administration's social security bill, to provide liberalized provisions to bring them under the new law.

Congressman Reed (R., N.Y.), chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, introduced the social security legislation at the request of President Eisenhower.

The Washington JACL representative wrote Congressman Reed regarding the necessity of protection under the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance program for many Japanese "day workers," most of whom are in relative old age.

Recent Change

Masaoka pointed out that "until quite recently, domestic workers were employed only by the well-to-do on a full-time basis."

"Now, however, many Americans hire outside part-time domestic help or 'day workers.' By so easing household cleaning chores, many housewives are able to secure employment on their own to increase the family standard of living. The use of part-time professional domestic workers in middle-income homes is an accepted part of American life."

"The honesty and industry of the Japanese American household workers have come to be recognized in every area in which they serve. Many families have found that these workers can well perform the periodic and heavier household cleaning chores by working once a week or every other week. Their ability to accomplish so much in the single day for which they are paid has earned for them and others in their profession, the designation of 'day worker.'"

Day Workers Not Covered

Present social security laws, Masaoka explained, do not permit most of the Issei and Nisei "day workers" to qualify under the program which provides for retirement benefits after age 65 and for survivors benefits upon the death of an insured individual.

The JACL letter continued:

"Without this necessary protection for old age and for the survivors of deceased 'day workers,' financial and moral responsibilities fall heavier on their families than to those who are beneficiaries of the present program. In many instances, local charity institutions are also unduly burdened because the Federal Government fails to provide these unfortunates with the means to 'help themselves.'"

Manifestly Unfair

"... To discriminate against the household employee who renders domestic service to his employer only one a week or twice a month is manifestly unfair."

"Mere inconvenience to the employer should not be accepted as ground for the denial of one of the great benefits of our

Masaoka in Chicago

Chicago

Chicago JACLers met with Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, enroute to San Francisco last weekend at the North Park Hotel. Also attending were:

Harry Takagi, MDC chmn.; Sam Shimada, Minneapolis; Tom Kaihara and James Shimashita, Nisei American Legion, Chicago.

PRESS FILE:

SCENE—Dyke Miyagawa, on leave of absence because of illness from Scene magazine, is on the mend. He is staying with friends in Mill Valley.

DEATH—Genshichi Tomimaga, 62, known for his Japanese poems signed "Genkairo," died of brain cancer Apr. 29 at San Francisco.

Government. As for charges that tax collections will be difficult, we suggest that every time a tax is imposed or a record required these same criticisms are heard.

"Cleaning services performed for a household are no different from custodial services performed by an employee in any business. The workers should not be treated different, especially in such a vital matter of national concern as social security."

More Meaningful

"Because your bill brings within the benefits of social security thousands of deserving Americans — on an equal basis

with others, we endorse this provision of H.R. 7199 as one calculated to make the American way more meaningful for many more Americans," Masaoka concluded.

The Washington JACL representative explained that the JACL took this action at the request of many chapters throughout the country which urged that the older Issei be allowed to participate on the same basis as most other Americans. Present restrictions in the social security law precludes most Issei from receiving future retirement benefits and no survivor's protection in event of their death.

Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama

Asian Games in Manila

Manila

The colorful Asian Games of nine days came to an end last Sunday as the Rising Sun flag was slowly hoisted up the main mast of Rizal Memorial Stadium with the rendition of the Japanese anthem. (See Sportscope for summary of Games.)

The ceremony was in tribute to the host nation of the Third Asian Games in 1958. Following a short farewell address by the Asian Games president, there was a five-gun salute, lowering of the Asian Games flag by members of the Philippine Marine Corps and the singing of "Aloha OE."

The end of the Asian Games here means the beginning of Tokyo's preparations. This ritual recalled the days of 1940 when Japan had invited Asian athletes as well as the corps of sports writers, who formed the nucleus of friendship renewed in Manila these past few days.

Steadfast Friends

Ralph Hawkins, dean of Manila's sportswriters, came to Japan in 1940 and has been a steadfast friend of Japan.

Ricky Llanos, president of the sportswriters association here and publicity chairman of the 1954 Asian Games, visited Japan in 1940. He still remains a good friend of Japan, despite his bitter wartime experiences. He was almost killed by the Kempeitai for engaging in "illegal" financial exchanges. It is unfortunate that Japanese reporters covering the Games couldn't see how much these newspapermen are doing to promote Philippine-Japan relations.

Another incident showing the feeling of goodwill among Filipino sportswriters here occurred when the Afghanistan flag was hoisted upside-down. Afghan athletes and officials were ready to pack up and go home. Profuse apologies by game officials and writers over an inadvertent error kept them.

Sticky Heat Tells

The intense heat was regarded as one of the main causes for some of the poor efforts by Japanese athletes, who were expected to clean sweep every event.

This correspondent found crowds cheering Japanese athletes as they were acclaimed winners. The same scene was noted on street corners, where people congregated watching the Games on television. Some Filipinos came up to congratulate the Japanese winners.

"We can be friends again," said one Filipino. Such words were never expected to be heard by the Japanese in Manila. The spectators were not stingy, either, in praising the Japanese girl athletes — even if they had been beaten in competition.

Athletes Different

"The Japanese in the Asian Games here are different from those we saw here during the war," many Filipinos declared. It is only the press where "Jap" and "Nip" in headlines offer any ill-feeling.

Four years hence, Asian nations will meet in Tokyo. It is evident Japan cannot rest on its present laurels. The young Asian nations are really improving splendidly.

Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry Honda

Perusing Kabuki in L.A.

Many high-praising dictates have been showered on the national tour of Azuma Kabuki dancers and musicians . . . It's not my intention to repeat them or add new ones in this personal summary of a patrician pastime at the Biltmore . . . Unlike the presentations back east, where the audience is predominantly non-Japanese, the west coast shows cater to houses familiar with sounds termed as "cacophony" east of the Mississippi . . . Some of the authenticity of the night at Kabuki for theater-goers versed in Japanese is lacking in appropriate program notes. I'm sure the Issei would favor a special sheet designating the members of the cast and the number in their native tongue.

A surprise treat is the orchestral item, *Nagare*. As they sat across the stage by the footlights, I could only realize what an excellent musical short-subject it would be on wide-screen movie with stereophonic sound. One samisen player at the right plucks one tone, the player at the opposite end of the line picks up the music without loss of timing. And there's no director in front of them through all of this marvelous "cacophony" . . . Opera-glasses are a must if you're interested in Kabuki make-up . . . The faint

"come-on" smile of the elegantly garbed oiran (courtesan) in the finale *Omatsuri-no-Hi*, was most alienating. In the same production, the dragon dance was the most unharmonic and likeable demonstration ever to dispossess an audience. Cecil, the sea-sick sea serpent, can learn a few tricks here . . . It's a careful introduction to one of Japanese great classics. The troupe etches its traditions with resplendent study and unrestrained color . . . U.S. soldiers and civilians stationed in Japan have been flocking to Kabuki performances. Having experienced the true Kabuki theater, they can champion the Azuma cause. Yet the most compelling in their praises are the audiences of recent weeks who were treated to what has been described by a gamut of adjectives from "abiding" to "zestful."

One final subscript: sit back and relax — to fully appreciate Kabuki would take some previous doings — and let thoughts wander in and out as you see and hear what transpires. There may be some rich comparisons in mind as a result. The women-folk may see a new line of fashion. The men-folk may take to heart the beauties of Japan.

'Tempus fugit'-JACL Convention Four Months Off

Honolulu Newsletter

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

New Meaning to Hawaii's statehood fight

Dien Bien Phu has given new meaning to Hawaii's fight for statehood. For several years, particularly since the Communists made headway in Asia, advocates of Hawaiian statehood have argued, among other things, that making Hawaii a state would give the lie to Communist propaganda that the United States preaches democracy for all but practices democracy for only the white people.

Statehood supporters point to Hawaii as the only American community whose population is made up mostly of American citizens of Asiatic background. About 37 per cent of the Island population are of Japanese ancestry; 12 per cent, Filipino ancestry; 6 per cent, Chinese, and a smaller percentage, Korean.

Granting full political equality to Hawaii, under statehood, it is argued, would signify America's acceptance of the non-white community and answer the Communist propaganda line being spread throughout Asia. It would give the United States an offensive weapon which it sorely needs during this critical period when the Communists are on the march again.

Colonial policy of France

Dien Bien Phu sharpens the tragic question of French intentions as regards their Indo-Chinese colonies. France is paying the cost of its failure to deal positively with this question. At least the United States did not wait to give the Philippines its independence. It took the step of freeing the Philippines voluntarily.

What better proof was there of America's honest intentions?

Now, a new opportunity is afforded the United States to demonstrate its belief in full political status for its citizens in Hawaii. Without statehood, Hawaii's people will continue to live as second class citizens under a form of colonialism that ought not to exist under the American flag.

Taxation without representation is an old cry that unfortunately still applies to Hawaii. The people of Hawaii pay their share of the Federal taxes without the right, at the same time, of voting for the President of the United States or of electing their own Senators and Representatives. Their Governor and Territorial judges are appointed by the President. These facts are painful reminders to the Islanders that they have been unjustly relegated to an inferior political status.

Are the Asiatics aware?

Are Asiatics aware of Hawaii's campaign for statehood and its implications in relation to American foreign policy in the Far East?

The answer is, very much so, judging by reports from travelers to the Orient. Hodding Carter, Pulitzer Prize winning editor from Greenville, Miss., who visited Hawaii recently, was asked the embarrassing question, "Why hasn't the United States made Hawaii a state," more than a few times when he toured Southeast Asia.

When a Chinese American legislator from Honolulu visited Chiang Kai-shek, he was asked about statehood for Hawaii by the Nationalist leader on Formosa.

A government official from India, visiting in Honolulu, told how the press in his country has made front page news out of the statehood question.

And so it goes. Statehood represents a moral issue to the Asiatics. To deny it to Hawaii is to furnish the Communists with that much more ammunition in their propaganda war against us; to grant statehood is to convince the non-Communist friends in the Far East that this country practices democracy for everyone, regardless of race, color or creed.



Arlin photo.
JEAN YABUKI, 17
Stands 5ft. 1 in., weighs 102 lbs.

East Los Angeles sponsor petite girl in playground queen race

Los Angeles
It's "Festival of Friendship" time again—May 23 to be exact. The East Los Angeles JACL chapter is one of the community organizations participating as sponsor of the Fresno Playground activity.

As in past years, the chapter is sponsoring a candidate for the Friendship Festival queen. Last year, Stella Nakadate, the chapter's nominee, was crowned queen. This year, hopes are high for a chapter repeat.

Petite Jean Yabuki, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yabuki, 417 N. Bleakwood, is the current choice. She is a senior at Roosevelt High School, was 53 Cotton queen, and this year selected as having the best groom and posture in conjunction with Good Health Week at school. A zealous piano student, she enjoys singing, dancing and drawing. She plans to be come a teacher.

Entering the amateur auditions are Barbara, Joy Ujita and Maureen Okada for the ELA JACL.

CAPSULES

Toge Fujihara, the world-girdling movie cameraman, and his wife Mitsuo are settling down in their new home at 186 Warner Ave., Roslyn Heights, L.I. They leave by automobile this month for the West to shoot pictures this summer for Alan Shil in productions. . . According to Joe Oyama of New York, Charlie Kikuchi is enjoying his trip to Europe where his wife, Yuri, is appearing with the Martha Graham dancers. . . The MGM movie of the 442nd RCT, "Go for Broke!" will be shown May 29-30 at the San Francisco Kinmon Hall. The Nisei VFW post benefit also co-features a Japanese movie. . .

The Senator Lions Club, all Nisei of Sacramento, holds its charter night June 11 at Manhart Legion Hall. Fifty Lion clubs of the area will assist in the welcome. The Nisei group membership has passed the 30 mark, according to Eugene Okada.



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Committees announced for testimonial to new Issei citizens of Washington

Washington
Committee assignments for the Washington JACL banquet June 27 on the second anniversary of the Walter-McCarran law in honor of new Issei citizens were announced by Harold Horiuchi, general banquet chairman of the Washington, D.C., JACL Chapter.

While capacity attendance is expected to honor the newly naturalized Issei American citi-

zens, Horiuchi explained, every effort will be made to enable all interested persons to attend.

Invitations to Sen. Pat McCarran and Rep. Francis E. Walter, co-authors of the law enabling Issei to become citizens of their adopted country, have been extended. Invitations to Congressional staff personnel who assisted in the formation and passage of the Act were also invited, Horiuchi said.

Invite Ambassador

Japanese Ambassador and Mrs. Sadao Iguchi, as representatives of the nation most benefited under the law, have been invited to attend the ceremonies.

Included in the announcement of committee members were:

Issei citizen invitations, Mrs. Kasuyo Takeshita; special guests, Mika Masaoka; reservations, Dr. George Furukawa; tickets, Ben Nakao; publicity, Carol Tsuda, Yoko Sumida, Ruth Kuroishi; JACL Eastern District Council invitations, Ira Shimazaki; banquet hall arrangements, Etsu Masaoka; and corresponding secretary, Emi Komachi.

"While large numbers of Issei are not located in the Washington area, we are particularly proud of our newly naturalized Issei citizens because of their faithful attendance in citizenship classes conducted in English and their successful completion of the naturalization examinations," declared Horiuchi.

"We take this forthcoming second anniversary of the passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act to accord them this due honor," banquet chairman Horiuchi concluded.

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SMOKY SAKURADA

Smoky Sakurada, who has been waging the battle of column deadlines since his first column appearing in Mar. 6, 1953, steps aside for his first guest writer, Mrs. Chizu Iiyama, formerly associated with the Chicago Resettlers Committee, and now a housewife active in the Parent-Teacher Association. She also has a master's degree in sociology from the Univ. of Chicago.—Editor.

By CHIZU IYAMA

One of the important reasons for the moving around by Nisei in Chicago has been the poor conditions of Chicago schools.

Nisei mothers have been very concerned with overcrowding, the double shifts, and lack of scholastic standards in both the elementary grades and the high schools.

It was therefore very heartening to see several Nisei among the 3,000 delegates at the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers convention held in Springfield Apr. 29-May 1.

Emergency Program

Nisei moving into suburban communities which have exhausted their financing powers, as well as those with children in Chicago schools, will support a resolution, passed unanimously, calling upon the Governor and the state legislature to enact emergency legislation to launch a school building program and to grant local school districts additional financing power to recruit new teachers.

The school situation in Chicago and the suburbs is very serious. For example, in Chicago, 15,000 children are now on double shift, with an anticipated elementary school population 67% greater in 1960 than it was in 1950.

According to a study by the Illinois Educative Association, children on double-shift are on the average two years behind in their academic standing.

The convention was very determined to get quick and effective action to remedy this acute problem.

World Tensions

Reflecting the anxiety of parents about world tensions and its effect on youth, the convention overwhelmingly supported a resolution submitted by Fiske Elementary School (which I represented) calling for "intensified and ceaseless efforts by the leaders of our government to reach an agreement for peaceful existence with all nations."

The resolution "reaffirmed its faith that international differences can be solved without recourse to war."

Throughout the entire convention, delegates showed their concern about national and international issues as they affected their children as well as local problems.

Oppose UMT

Thus, the greatest debates centered around universal military training, the United Nations, and federal aid to education. By a large voice vote, the convention upheld its traditional opposition to universal military training, and its support for the United Nations, and federal aid to education.

Also of interest to Nisei with the past experience of segregated schools in rural California areas was the passage of a resolution endorsing unsegregated education, and pledging the Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers to "support the responsible authorities in enforcing state laws prohibiting segregation" which still exists in some southern Illinois schools.

Thought-control was ruled out by the delegates who expressed deep opposition to any loyalty oaths for teachers that is different from that taken by public officials, and the state censorship of textbooks or teaching materials.

Exciting Experience

The convention was an exciting and educative experience for me. Because I spoke in support of the Fiske school resolution, many down-state and out-of-Chicago delegates made it a point to make their first Nisei contact, and to express

ST. LOUIS HOST TO MDC MEETING MAY 29-30, UP FEES SLIGHTLY

St. Louis

Inflation has struck the Midwest District Council meeting to be held May 29-30, but the prices are still reasonable, voiced a spokesman of the host chapter, St. Louis JACL.

The latest announcement of fees is as follows:

Registration, \$3; Saturday luncheon, \$1.50 (unchanged); Saturday barbecue, \$3.

Delegates and boosters from the eight chapters of the district council will convene at the Forest Park Hotel on West Pine Blvd. and Euclid. Accommodations at the convention hotel are: Doubles: \$8 and up; singles: \$5 per day and up.

A limited number of accommodations at private homes are available by writing to Mrs. Asako Morioka, 659 Fieldcrest Dr., St. Louis 19, Mo.

A reception for those arriving Friday, May 28, has been planned at the hotel. If notified in advance as to time of arrival and mode of transportation, the host chapter will meet delegates and boosters and direct them.

Registration opens Saturday morning, May 29. In charge are: Ichiro Mori, Rose Ogino, May Yamaoka.

Dan Sakahara is in charge of the barbecue Saturday evening. If the business session runs into Sunday, it will be held at Forest Park Hotel. Boosters will be able to sightsee, play bridge, etc.

St. Louis, at this time of the year, will be very warm and out-of-towners will find summer apparel suitable, the hosts advised.

Coachella Valley Japanese residents commended as asset to community

Indio

Tek Nishimoto was formally installed president of the Coachella Valley JACL at the annual combined bowling award-installation banquet held at Rancho Carrillo restaurant here Apr. 24.

Henry Sakemi, m.c., introduced Homer Varner, county supervisor, who, as the principal speaker, commended the Japanese as an "asset to the community." He pointed out the absence of Japanese names on relief rolls and police records.

Other speakers included Tats Kishida, PSW regional director, who spoke briefly on the purposes of JACL and later installed the officers; and Bob Kasimire, U.C. farm adviser, who spoke warmly of his past associations with Japanese in the valley.

George Shibata reviewed the outstanding activities of the year and Tom Sakai presented Elmer Suski with a past president's pin. The new officers installed were:

Tek Nishimoto, pres.; Harry Arita, 1st v.p.; Mrs. Mas Oshiki, 2nd v.p.; Charlie Shibata, treas.; Mrs. George Shibata, sec.; Ray Ishimatsu, ath.; Tom Sakai, liaison; Mrs. Eiji Hashimoto, rep.; Mrs. Tom Sakai, ass't rep.; Herbert Hirohata, Hide Nishimoto, membs.-at-lrg.

Jack Izu walked away with three bowling trophies during the second-half of the program emceed by Hide Nishimoto. He also accepted the JACL bowling league championship trophy for members of the Shapiro Produce squad:

Yomer Okumura, Harry Arita, Jimmy Hiroto, George Kamachi.

Other trophy winners cited by Pat Nolin of Indio Bowling included:

Hide Nishimoto, Tom Sakemi, George Shibata, Sam Musashi; Micky Kitagawa, women's sweep-stake.

Charlie Shibata named Hide Nishimoto as winner of the John Ross golf trophy for low net, Tom Seto, winner of the Tom Sakai low gross cup.

Cheryl Bonham and Daniel Moore provided piano and saxophone numbers during the evening.

200 attend Mom's Day party

Detroit

In honor of all mothers, the Detroit JACL Chapter sponsored a Mothers' Day party at the Central YWCA, May 2, bringing together 200 persons. The afternoon was highlighted by a program of entertainment and an interesting buffet table.

With Chiyo Togasaki directing the program and assisted by Al Hatate, talented members of the Japanese community were presented by Mrs. Miyo O'Neill, emcee, and included:

Pianists Edwin Iseri, Michiko Ko-

nishi, Naomi Iseri; vocalists Yoshio Kasai (acc. by Jeannie Tanase), Mrs. Helen Miyagawa; dancer Mary Kubo, exchange teacher from Hawaii; Japanese dancer Mrs. Fumiko Lawrence, Hanayagi School graduate; and a skit: "Children's Gift Supreme" by George, Lorraine, Tina Fujiwara; Kathleen, Jo Ann Shimomura, Alec Mitsunaga, Janet Hashimoto and Mrs. Joan Kimoto.

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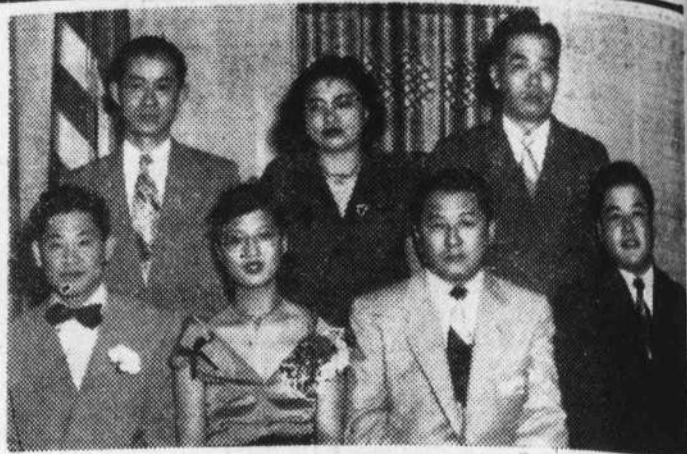
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Omaha JACL's new cabinet members recently installed include (left to right) sitting: Manuel Matsunami, 1st v.p.; Emiko Watanabe, con. sec.; Patrick Okura, Nat'l 2nd v.p., who installed the officers; Frank Tamai, pres.; standing: Chick Matsui, mem.-at-lrg.; Mrs. Gladys Hirabayashi, rec. sec.; Max Hanamoto, 2nd v.p. and recently naturalized Issei citizen. Sam Tsuji, treas., was not present for the picture. —Issei Studio

CHAPTER MEMO

Idaho Falls JACL: Japanese movies were shown in honor of parents on Mother's Day at the JACL hall. Shoji Nukaya, social chairman, was in charge. Mrs. Joe Nishioka was in charge of refreshments. The chapter also honored Sho Ueda, to be inducted into military service May 18, at the April general meeting. . . . Shoji Nukaya was appointed in charge of Memorial Day decorations. The chapter will hold its annual JACL picnic June 13. The following committee heads were announced:

Yukio Inouye, Mrs. Isamu Tanaka, Todd Ogawa, Shoji Nukaya, Mrs. Joe Nishioka, Mrs. Todd Ogawa, Yutaka Morishita, Takashi Watanabe, Sampei Sakaguchi, Takeo Haga, Kay Tokita, George Tokita, Deto Harada, George Nukaya, Charles Hirai, Mrs. Deto Harada, Bud Sakaguchi, Joe Nishioka, Dan Mikami, Kenny Ogawa, Eli Kobayashi and Dean Marshall.

East Los Angeles JACL: The first of eight-week bridge classes sponsored by the chapter was enthusiastically attended at the International Institute last week. Classes are held on Tuesdays, 8 p.m. Hisashi Horita is instructor. Further information is available from Ida Nishibue, Raymond 3-5948.

Berkeley JACL: The chapter's first general meeting will convene May 21, 8:15 p.m. at the Buddhist church to hear Prof. Chiura Obata, professor of art at the Univ. of California, who will demonstrate and explain the technique and objective of art by painting canvasses during the evening. Masuji Fujii and Shunta Marubayashi will co-chair the meeting.

Livingston-Merced JACL: It will be Candidates Night, May 26, 8 p.m. at Eiland Hall. Kaz Masuda is general chairman with Keith Winton handling the gavel. . . . Eric Andow was named chairman of the memorial services May 27 at the Golden Gate National Cemetery in memory of Mamoru Kinoshita, Arnold Ohki and Toshiaki Shoji. . . . The JACL picnic May 2 was attended by 200 at Haganman Park. Co-chairing were Roy Okahara and Ken Hamaguchi, assisted by:

Spud Masuda, Frank Shoji, Taky Tashima, Frank Suzuki, games; Tomi Hamaguchi, Grace Kimoto, prizes; Leo Kinoshita, Art Shoji, refreshments; Sam Okuye, PA; and Joe Hamaguchi, softball.

Newsletters Received: Monterey Peninsula, Detroit, Denver.

Mile-Hi sign up passes 500 mark

Denver

Miss Fumi Katagiri, membership chairman for the Mile-Hi JACL, announced that as of Apr. 30, the local chapter had 517 members signed up for the 1954 drive, but lagged behind the 1953 record of 588 members.

With the 1954 goal of 600 members in sight, Miss Katagiri's committee voted to extend the membership drive until May 15 to achieve a new record.

Sam Matsumoto, chapter president, promised that a "Victory Celebration" dinner would be held, if the 1953 membership mark was passed by tomorrow. "Terrific Tak" Terasaki leads the '54 drive with 61 members, followed by:

Sam Matsumoto, Fumi Katagiri, 53, each; True Yasui, 52; Harry Sakata, 50; John Sakayama, 48; Haru Tanaka, 34; Willie Hasegawa, 30.

New cabinet officers Bill Kuroki has 23 members, with Dr. George Takeno with 18. Other membership solicitors are:

John Noguchi, George Fujimoto, Tosh Ando, George Masunaga, Roy Mayeda, Bob Horiuchi, Ben Miyahara, Nancy Sogi, Shig Teraji, Fumi Yabe and Florence Uyeda.

MONTANA CL TURNS IN '54 NAT'L CL QUOTA

Denver

The Montana JACL became one of the first chapters to fulfill its 1954 National JACL quota and submitted \$130 recently. The sum represented 100 percent support of the chapter, led this year by Joe Nagashima, Min Yasui, Mountaintown-Plains district regional representative, said this week.

As one of the newest chapters of the district, the Montana JACL has increased its membership from 22 to 33.

Att'y Okrand returns

Los Angeles

Attorney Fred Okrand returned from a four-week stay in Japan where he conferred with hundreds of Nisei who are seeking to return to the United States but unable to do so because of reasons claimed to be expatriating under U.S. law. In an effort to facilitate the processing of applications for return, Okrand also held extensive conferences with American consular officials.

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Scene from Golden Gate

HARUO ISHIMARU

Gilroy off to a fine start . . .

Last Monday I dropped in on our youngest chapter, Gilroy, to advise and encourage them in putting on an installation dinner for public relations in Gilroy. A tentative date was set for May 28. The Gilroy Chapter, whose members are mostly farmers, had scheduled the evening featuring a colored slide lecture by Bob Ross of the California Agricultural Extension Service. I learned quite a bit about erosion and soil conditioning that night. HIRO KUNIMURA, prexy, and TOM OBATA, program chairman, are putting on a well-diversified program for the year. It seems like this infant Chapter is off to a good start.

District council meeting . . .

The Oakland Chapter has completed its plans for the coming District Council meeting which they will host. Among the special guest will be almost a 100 Issei from Oakland, who have filed their petition for citizenship and are graduates of their naturalization classes. Chapter officers are really an enthusiastic bunch of workers. More power to them and we look forward to a great District Council meeting this weekend.

Greetings, Mr. Hotta . . .

MAS SATOW and I were among the guests at a cocktail party in the Fairmont Hotel in honor of SHOZO HOTTA, president of Sumitomo Bank visiting from Japan. Generally, I decline invitation to cocktail parties because I excite too much comment with my 300-odd pounds draped around a glass of 7-Up. However, because the Sumitomo Bank has been especially friendly, we dropped in to say "hello."

Mr. Hotta didn't fit my previous idea of a cold-dignified bank president, but was a very charming, friendly person who will be a credit not only to his bank but in cementing commercial friendship between Japan and America. Due to the encouragement of "SIM" TOGASAKI, who is on the board of the directors of the bank, there has been a great deal of understanding of the Nisei and their particular problems by Sumitomo Bank officials. We're proud to number SHIGEO URANO and MITSUO ISHII among our good friends. They're doing a good job, not only as bankers, but in promoting excellent public relations for Japan. We wish Mr. Hotta success on his trip to the United States.

Critical analysis of the Nisei . . .

San Francisco JACL Chapter sponsored panel discussion on the above subject. Panel members were HARRY KITANO, graduate student, Univ. of California, formerly on the staff of International Institute; MARY LEONARD, director of young adults, YWCA, 620 Sutter St.; YORI WADA, program supervisor, Booker T. Washington Center; SADAHE HAMADA, executive secretary, No. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce; Dr. YOSHIE TOGASAKI, assistant health officer, Contra Costa County; JERRY ENOMOTO, president, San Francisco JACL, state parole officer, Division of Adult Authority.

Although the panel members were generally kind in their comments, these following unsatisfactory traits were discussed:

The Nisei are generally apathetic about being active citizens as revealed by their registration and voting record.

They are inarticulate when they meet with persons in other groups and although they may have good ideas they can't express them.

The Nisei are overly concerned with the idea of integration and erroneously believe it is equated with becoming a stereotyped facsimile of an "American."

A lack of cooperation among the Nisei was indicated and a highly unsatisfactory neglect for the welfare of the younger Nisei was also evidenced.

Since the JACL was the sponsor for this meeting the JACL received criticisms for not expanding its scope of activity.

There was no attempt at this meeting to attempt to assay and give answers to some of these particular criticisms which were agreed to be quite valid by the audience. It seems that the San Francisco JACL chapter could undertake a program to try to remedy some of these weaknesses in the Nisei community. The program was ably planned and put into cooperation by VIOLA NAKANO, TASY HIRONAKA, and JACKSON HIROSE, co-chairmen. The panel discussion was followed by refreshments and social dancing. Our thanks to the San Francisco chapter for a very stimulating evening.

Read 'em and weep . . .

The "Weep" is applicable to other District Councils. The second edition of the National Membership bulletin of May 3 revealed this interesting state of national membership by District Councils.

Pacific Northwest, 235; Central California, 484; Pacific Southwest, 342; Intermountain, 631; Mountain Plains, 714; Midwest, 820; Eastern, 181; NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-WESTERN NEVADA, 3,045. Our special plaudits to these chapters: Cortez, Florin, Livingston-Merced, Monterey, Placer County, Salinas, San Mateo, Sonoma County, Stockton who have already exceeded last year's membership enrollment. Boy, are we rolling!

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Kabuki just one of Japan's great classic theaters

Since that Sunday afternoon in February when Kabuki was introduced to the American public by television, critics and audience alike have thoroughly raved about their introduction to authentic Japanese classic theater. The Azuma Kabuki troupe ends its Los Angeles performances this weekend at the Biltmore and opens for a two-week run in San Francisco's Geary Theater on Monday. Michael Lombardi, consultant for the troupe, this week presents an exclusive article to the Pacific Citizen on Kabuki.

By MICHAEL LOMBARDI
San Francisco

Japan is possibly the most blessed and unique country of the world in that it has not one great classic theater but three. These are in the order of their chronology in Japan's theatrical history. *Noh*, *Bunraku* (or puppets) and *Kabuki*.

The *Noh* theater, which flourished from the 14th through the 16th centuries, is well-known to scholars of the theater as one comparable in style and greatness to the ancient Greek Tragedy.

The *Bunraku*, I believe, has no comparable example in the world for, this theater of puppets has had retained for it some of the greatest place in Japanese dramatic literature.

The puppets are not really dolls, so much as doll representatives of human beings. They are clothed like human characters in their great place and through the great emotions and thoughts of human characters.

Japanese Shakespeare

The greatest writer in Japanese Drama, the man they call the "Japanese Shakespeare"—Chikamatsu Monzaemon—wrote his greatest dramas for the puppets.

The only way we might possibly explain this in terms of western theater is to imagine how great the puppet literature and puppet theater of England might be if Shakespeare had written his greatest works such as *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *King Lear*, *Othello*, etc., not for human actors but for puppets.

The literature in these puppets' place comes in the use of singing narrators who are on stage with the puppet cast and the puppet handlers—usually sitting down stage left with the musical accompanist, the *samisen* player.

After these two tremendously great theaters—the *Noh* and *Bunraku* comes still another tremendously great and impressive theater—*Kabuki*. In the western world *Kabuki*, especially in recent years, has come to the fore as possibly the most engaging, the most colorful, the most universally excelling of all of Japan's three great classic theaters. And this is right, for in Japan *Kabuki* soon became the most universal and most popular of its great theaters.

In point of time, while the puppet theater and *Kabuki* developed almost simultaneously, the puppet theater reached its height earlier than *Kabuki* and for a while even outdid the *Kabuki* in popularity.

But from the beginning of the 18th century *Kabuki* soon outstepped both in its illustrious predecessors (the *Noh* and *Bunraku*) and became the glory of Japanese theater, which glory it has continued to maintain right through the present day.

Oldest Classic Theater

Kabuki is possibly the only classic theater in the world today which is performed on a daily basis, 12 months of the year in Japan and manages to be commercially successful. That means it is playing to capacity houses in most of the huge *Kabuki* houses in the three major theatrical and crowned centers of Japan, the cities of Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto.

This eminence of *Kabuki* stems from the peculiarities of Japan's theatrical genius which does not conceive the theater especially in terms of integration of all theatrical arts into one art.

The *Kabuki* dancer is not just a dancer. The *Kabuki* actor is not just an actor. The *Kabuki* performer is a combination of an actor and dancer and he

must be capable of dramatic interpretation through the use of words as well as through the use of body in rhythmic movement.

Use of Stage

In addition, *Kabuki* has the constant use of the stage not only as a background but as integral part of the theater unfolding of the story or play of the singing narrator and a complete orchestra made up of string, wind and percussion sections.

(It should be noted the same use of singing narrators with instrumental accompaniment in the puppet theater. The *Noh* theater also had the singing narrator and a basic orchestra of flute and drums.)

Another reason for the greatness of the *Kabuki* in theatrical art is the system of direct succession of art through the same families. For the past three centuries or so *Kabuki* has been transmitted from parent to child by the half dozen or more major theatrical families or dynasties.

Traditional Heirs

That means for over 300 years *Kabuki* has been handed down by one generation to the next in a direct line in that at no time has the tradition ever been broken by lapses. Thus, when a child is born or adopted into one of the *Kabuki* dynasties, he then becomes heir, not only of the skill and discipline of his own parent, but of the cumulation of theatrical wisdom and lore of all the generations of the *Kabuki* which preceded his own parent.

In the use of the word dynasties, it is not as far fetched as it seems, for the heads of the particular situation. For example you will see in *Kabuki* such titles as Uzaemon XV, Ki-

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SPORTSCOPE:

● Judo, the sport from Japan that has been accepted as a competitive pastime by the AAU, held its second annual Nat'l AAU tournament last Sunday at San Francisco's Kezar Pavilion. Heavyweight Gene LeBell, 21, USCG sailor from Los Angeles, was picked grand champion after battling 150-lb. KENJI YAMADA of Seattle for two 10-min. draw battles. Under tourney rules, however, the judges had to select a winner after the overtime round and the red-headed Coast Guardsman was picked. . . . Seattle Dojo won the team championship banner, placing three members in the finals, including Yamada who won the 150-lb. title. Lyle Hunt, defending grand champion from San Jose, was defeated by JOHN OSAKO of Chicago, last year's Panamerican champion. ASAO SAKAKI of Oakland, one of the oldest competitors, won the 120-lb. title. Defending champion GEORGE HATAE of Honolulu was third. The 180-lb. title went to VINCE TAMURA of Chicago, who had lost to LeBell in the grand championship eliminations while Yamada beat Sakaki. . . . The two-day battle saw 124 entrants competing in four classes. Point winners were:

130-lb.: ASAO SAKAKI, Eastbay; Charles Woo, Seattle; GEORGE HATAE, Honolulu Shobukan. 150-lb.: KENJI YAMADA, Seattle; CHARLES NAKASHIMA, Honolulu Shobukan; GEORGE UCHIDA, San Jose Budd-hist. 180-lb.: VINCE TAMURA, Chicago; TOKUJI HIRATA, Honolulu YMBA; FRANK KONOMI, Univ. of Calif. Heavyweight: Gene LeBell, UUSCG; JOHN OSAKO, Chicago; SHUZO KATO, Seattle.

Top-ranking San Francisco judoist MITSUHO KIMURA was unable to compete because of a leg injury sustained in the Pacific Ass'n AAU senior meet three Sundays ago at Palo Alto.

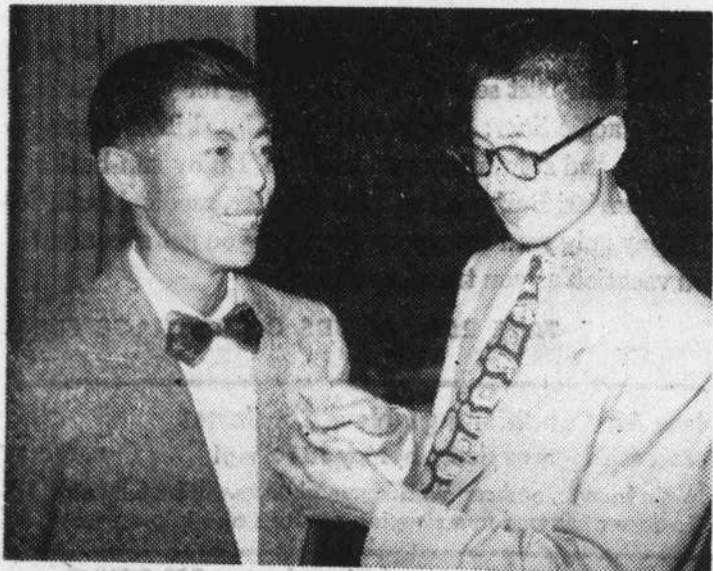
● The second Asian Games in Manila closed last Sunday afternoon and once again Japan proved a dominant athletic nation in the Far East. Some 1,000 athletes from 18 nations competed with Japan compiling 760 pts. in the eight-event program, the Philippines second with 512 pts. Although no world records were established, nearly all the Asian Games marks made at New Delhi in 1951 were erased. The next games are scheduled in Tokyo in 1958. In dominating the swimming events—capturing 12 gold medals here—Japan showed its comeback in international swimming competition. The majority of the Japanese athletes are in their teens and are expected to improve in coming years. . . . Outstanding was ATSUKO NAMBU, 19-year-old daughter of CHUHEI NAMBU, one time Olympic hop-step & jump champion and now sports editor of Osaka Mainichi, who won the 100-m. dash, placed second in the broadjump. TOYOKO YOSHINO took two gold medals, winning the discus and shotput. . . .

● COOKIE MORIYA of Wheaton College retained his 1953 individual championships in the Elmhurst Invitational by running the two-miles in 9m.30.7s. last week. The Nippon University transfer student is being coached by Gil Dodds, the Flying Parson, who holds the American indoor mile record of 4m.5.3s. In the Chicago Daily News relays recently, Cookie was timed by Dodds in 9m.14.2s., best time posted thus far, in a race won by Fred Wilt. . . . Two weeks ago, Moriya became the second man in history to win the Beloit (Wisc.) mile twice in succession. He was time in 4m.28.4s. May 1 at the Beloit College Relays. He was also a member of the Wheaton College distance medley relay team, which won.

● Some commendable track and field efforts by Nisei athletes up and down California were turned in this past week. . . . FLOYD KUMAGAI of San Jose State won the Section B broadjump with 21 ft. 5 in. and a third in the open hop, step & jump at 42 ft. 4 in. at the San Jose State All-Corners meet last weekend. . . . JOHNNY NAKAMURA of Fowler High faded in the last 25 yards to lose the class B 880-yd. run in the Shasta prep league finals, but posted an excellent (unofficial) time of 2m.7s. . . . YOSH SETOGUCHI, quarter-miler from University High, Los Angeles was a close second for UCLA frosh last week in a dual meet with USC in the 100, the winner clocked in 10.2s. . . . JOE ISERI of Long Beach Poly won the 75-yd. highs in 9.5s. at the Coast League finals. . . . BOB KAMEOKA of Wilson High established a new Class B 100-yd. record in the L.A. Northern league at 10.6s. . . . DAVID YAMADA of L.A. Cathedral sped to double wins in the hurdles: 9.5s. in the highs, 14.3s. in the 120-yd. lows at a dual meet. . . . DICK YAMATO of Santa Monica High topped the Bee 70-yd. highs in 13.9s. at the Bay League finals.

● A virtual unknown when the Bay Meadows track session opened two months ago, GEORGE TANIGUCHI, the El Centro-born Nisei jockey, finished in a blaze of glory when turf writers in Northern California voted him the best apprentice development of the meet. On the last day of the meet last Saturday, he rode his first stakes winner: Kingly in the \$28,000 Childrens Hospital handicap in a stunning upset that paid \$89.50 on a \$2 ticket. He finished his season in second place among the jockeys—33 firsts, 25 seconds, 32 thirds out of 210 mounts. . . . He rides Pajone in the Will Rogers handicap tomorrow at Hollywood Park, Inglewood.

● ERV FURUKAWA, ex-U. of W. varsity golfer and member of the Puget Sound Golf Club, beat George Baker of Jefferson, 5 and 4, last Sunday to become a quarter-finalist in the Seattle King County Public Links championship at West Seattle. Regarded as the top-notch West Coast Nisei golfer, he meets John Foley, defending Publinx champion, on May 23.



A faithful JACler since 1929, Sam Furuta (left) was honored at a recent East Los Angeles JACL recognitions banquet. Chapter president Wilbur Sato is pinning the sapphire JACL pin.

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TORONTO FIVE RETAINS OWN INVITATIONAL TITLE

Toronto
Toronto Mustangs eked a 56-50 victory over the Chicago Saints May 1 to retain possession of the Sam Yamada trophy at the second annual Toronto Nisei Invitational basketball tournament. Chicago led 26-20 at halftime.

Other tournament scores:
CONSOLATION—New York Bears 65, Philadelphia Nisei 45; OPENING ROUND—Chicago 64, New York 50; Toronto 84, Philadelphia 43.

Lodi A.C. loses again

Lodi
McClellan Field's Pacemakers bested Lodi A.C., 5-1, last Sunday, which has yet to win a contest in the Sacramento Rural semi-pro league.

Convention mixer hostess list told

Los Angeles
A winsome line-up of Nisei hostesses is a keen bet that the first social event of the "New Horizons" National JACL Convention meeting here Sept. 2-6 will be hard to beat.

Dr. Toru Iura, chairman of the Convention Mixer, this week announced eleven of Southland's beauties agreed at this early date to assist him at the Statler Hotel, Pacific Ballroom, where the mixer is scheduled after the opening ceremonies Sept. 2.

They are:
Barbara Abe, Sumi Domoto, Janet Fukuda, Jeanne Inouye, Hiroko Kawanami, Sadako Kawana, Fudge Kikuchi, Amy Matsumoto, Judy Sugita, Misako Tanaka and Janet Yamada.

As Southlanders can readily recognize, some of the hostesses were Nisei Week queen and attendants, and Nisei Co-Ed titlists.

Assisting Dr. Iura are Herb Murayama and Dr. Bo Sakaguchi.

In the meantime, Mrs. Mabel Ota, registration chairman, has suggested that out-of-townners attending the convention should act soon on hotel reservations here during a busy Labor Day weekend. The tourist season here never lets up.

Pertinent hotel and motel information will be disseminated to the JACL chapters across the nation by Mrs. Marvel Miyata, housing committee head.

SOCIAL NOTES

Chicago City-Widers: Dr. Robert Roman, senior clinical psychologist at the Psychiatric Institute of the Municipal Court, speaks tonight at the home of Chiye Kurose. Subject is the psychological aspects of a criminal personality.

Seattle NVC: A joint installation dinner dance is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, by the Seattle Nisei Veterans Committee and its women's auxiliary at the New Washington Hotel Windsor Room.

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San Diego: this side of the border . . .

Stop-and-go trips without overnight rests are rough, but don't mind—they're worthwhile and much time is saved. We made many in the past, some to Fresno and even to Frisco.

Last week, we drove to San Diego with SAB KIDO to attend the S.D. JACL's dinner honoring some fifty naturalized Japanese citizens at AL OBAYASHI's new Miyako Restaurant located at 566-4th Ave. KARL TAKU of San Luis Obispo happened to drop by so we took him along for the ride.

HY NAKAMURA, the chapter prexy, is a technologist who runs a lab in La Jolla (pronounced La Hoya) just north of San Diego, a beautiful residential community where Scripps Institute of Oceanography is located. His home there was our first stop. Hy, short for Hiomi, is a Stanford man, notwithstanding which he is still a good JACler, as are other PSW JACL leaders who were inmates of the Farm like PAT NAGANO (Morro Bay), TAD OCHIAI (Santa Ana) and GEORGE KAMBARA (Gardena).

Hy emceed the dinner program and introduced the various guest speakers mentioned in a story elsewhere in this issue. We sat next to incumbent Assemblyman Frank Luckel, former banker and Navy captain, and renewed an acquaintance developed during our lobbying stint in Sacramento three years ago when he proved very helpful to the JACL-ADC Calif. legislative program.

Two plugs for AL OBAYASHI, whose late father was the ADC chairman and community leader in San Diego. First, his Chinese food is tops, as good or better than the best we've sampled in Ellay. His new place is good-looking, too.

On the second score, Al, a 1000 Clubber, will give the convention a hand by picking up some ads for the souvenir booklet.

T-Town beckoned but with work to do the next day, we agreed with Kido to take a rain check on Tijuana and drive home, arriving circa 2 ayem.

Honolulu visits Los Angeles . . .

We were honored with a visit from MARGARET MAKINO, former PC correspondent in Honolulu. She is secretary to Sen. WILFRED TSUKIYAMA, president of the Hawaiian Territorial Senate. She was on her last leg of a trip to the East where she was a house guest of the Masaokas in D.C. Rather than bog her with a meeting of the convention's budget and finance committee sitting in our office, with HARRY HONDA, we took her to the cabinet-board meeting of the East L.A. chapter.

Now, here is another hot-shot outfit. We counted 30 (11) discussing chapter and convention plans. They're going all-out for the JACL and their program of activities well reflect their intentions. Look for this gang at the Convention because they are taking over the concessions at the Sunday outing of Sept. 5. We're glad to report Margaret enjoyed sitting in and meeting with this enthusiastic group, more about which we'll report in a few weeks.

Twilight-time receptions . . .

A couple of receptions we were privileged to attend last week were welcome opportunities to meet interesting visitors from Japan.

The first, a couple of hours before PC went to press Thursday night, was a tea given for the cast of the Azuma Kabuki troupe by Dr. Rufus B. VonKleinschmidt, former USC chancellor when we met with the actor-dancers and musicians, a few of whom we were surprised to find spoke English well, especially the daughter of the male star, Kikunojo Onoe. With the misss, we took in the Kabuki show Tuesday nite—we can't find superlatives enuf to describe it. I simply agree with all the rave notices.

The second deal was given Saturday by the L.A. branch of the Sumitomo Bank in honor of its visiting president, SHUZO HOTTA from Osaka. We recall that the refreshments here were less sedate, having stimulated our facial capillaries to a ruddy hue. A sip of embalming fluid quickly restored our usual pallor in time to attend a meeting at Dorsey High.

This was the annual dinner of the Adult Education Association of L.A. We attended as guest of Amanda Krueger, director of the Americanization program of the L.A. school system. Judge JOHN F. AISO and his wife were present as guests of Belmont High's principal. Mr. and Mrs. CHOTARO IDEGUCHI, recently naturalized, were guests of University High (West L.A.) principal. Honored at the dinner were octogenarian attorney Joseph Scott, long a supporter of adult education and retiring Supt. of Schools Alexander Stoddard.

Issei naturalization speed-up . . .

JACL representations really pay off—this time for the benefit of the Issei petitioners for naturalization who, at least in the Los Angeles area, have been waiting upwards to one year to be called for their examinations.

Readers will recall JACL's protesting the Ellay slowdown to members of Congress and the recent Washington JACL releases of Mike Masaoka's discussion with the new Commissioner of Immigration, Gen. Swing, pointing to the bottleneck in the processing of Issei petitions, and of the Commissioner's sympathetic interest and instructions to the district offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to expedite the naturalization program.

We're glad to report that according to information received from Ray E. Griffin, chief of the Nationality and Status Section of the L.A. I&NS office, ten examiners have been brought here until July 1 to speed up the process, and already, many Issei are being called for their exams. Five of the ten men assigned here are from the Washington central office, and one each from the I&NS offices in New York, Buffalo, Detroit, Baltimore and Kansas City.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

The great metropolis of Los Angeles is still without a Civic Auditorium Center.

But there is a growing hope among some of the progressive Angelenos that this June 8, the people will vote for the \$19,500,000 bond issue for the purchase of land and construction of an arena, seating 10 to 12,000 persons.

The Commodore Perry Post 25 of the American Legion was one of the first Nisei organizations to adopt a resolution, backing the proposed project which will be situated between Third and Fifth Sts., and Fremont and a point east of Flower

"The need for a site to conduct conventions, major sports events, trade and consumer shows and educational events has long been overdue," said past commander Casey Kasuyama. And the new commander, Bill Takahashi, agreed.

Had we had the Civic Auditorium, the 10-day local appearance of the Tokuhu Azuma Kabuki troupe might have been able to play before greater numbers of people.

In the latest attempt to bring the voters to agree on the Civic Auditorium, more people wanted the center but the two-thirds majority was not met.

Laws have a funny way of working for you, or against you. The good example is the McCarran Act of 1952.

A renunciant may return to the United States through technicalities of the immigration law, while a strandee who might have voted in the Japanese election — in the spirit of displaying democracy to the people there — falls prey to another phase of the law.

Attorney Fred Okrand came home last week following a visit to several great cities in Japan, meeting some 500 strandees who rolled during the 1946 and 1947 elections.

The fact that Sen. Albert Gore, Democrat from Tennessee, put the monkey wrench in the so-called Watkins election bill which would have restored citizenship to Nisei strandees, places more pressure on the voting victims. Gore said the State Dept. objected returning U.S. rights to 2,000 in Japan, forcing the Senate to pass over the measure for the second time.

Okrand said the passage of the McCarran Act had dampened the spirit of many a stranger who until then was hopeful of regaining his American citizenship.

Okrand, however, said otherwise and pointed out the new law did not close the doors for entry. If Congress cannot aid the stranded one, it appears like a long, tedious wait for those who want to come home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Saito think Los Angeles is a wonderful place to live and get citizenship right away.

"In Little Rock, Arkansas, we had no chance to study for the examinations, or attend classes in Americanization," declared Saito, now in his mid-50's, who takes his oath of allegiance today in the Federal Court here. His wife, also seeking naturalization, is now hard at study at an evening school to "catch up" with her husband. Saito filed for his papers in March of 1953, but became impatient when he learned he wouldn't be able to take tests not too immediately in the future.

So the family moved to the west coast.

Of course there must have been other reasons for their departure from Little Rock, but it seems citizenship aims were foremost in their minds too.

We think Issei have a lot of punk.

Mrs. Henry Sakemi, active in the Indo Women's Club, was elected its 1st vice-president at a recent meeting.

Kabuki theater

FROM PAGE 5

kugoro VI, Danjiro IX, etc.

Thus, when the Azuma Kabuki dancers and musicians perform in San Francisco at the Geary Theater for two weeks May 17-29, the audience will be treated to a view of the vast Kabuki tradition which has been outlined above. And the performers on stage, the dancer, actor with the singing narrators and the complete and colorful orchestra which surround them, are the very heirs and continuers of the famous Kabuki dynasties.

Azuma IV

In fact the head of the troupe is, Miss Tokuhu Azuma, whose title is Azuma IV, is the daughter of Uzaemon XV, who also had the Kabuki dancing title of Azuma III.

The guest artist Kikunojo Onoe, is the direct heir to the Onoe School of Kabuki dancing, which he inherited from his great majesty Kikugo VI. Likewise other performers, both dancers and musicians, are representatives of the centuries old Kabuki dance and music dynasties.

For the American showing, the Azuma Kabuki dancers and musicians will perform the greatest character act in the tradition, so that the American audience will get a view of Kabuki at its most perfect and colorful best.

Stage Platform

To assure this, the Kabuki troupe has brought its own costumes and sets, props and complete decor. Basic part of this decor is the set of stage platforms which have been especially constructed of highly polished cypress for the American

tour.

These platforms have never been used before in Japan and they were inaugurated for the grand opening in New York on Feb. 18. The members of the troupe went through a rigid ceremony to please them as the foundation of the stage on which they would play.

The international prestige that is behind the American tour is by the sponsorship of His Imperial Highness, Prince Takamatsu and the Japanese ministries of Foreign Affairs. Sol Hurok, the internationally famous impresario who was presenting Kabuki to the American people for the first time, was successful in obtaining such sponsorship of eminent sources because it was felt that Kabuki would be a bridge of beauty between Japan and the United States.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

ABE—Mar. 27, a girl Lisa Lou to the Lewis Isao Abes (Deane Hiroko Hanafusa), Los Angeles.
ARAKAWA—Apr. 17, a girl to the Robert Y. Arakawas, Stockton.
BALARA—Apr. 6, a boy Louis L., Jr., to the Louis L. Balaras (Suzuko Kaizuka), Los Angeles.
BEFU—Mar. 29, a boy Jonathan Ken to the Yoshiro Befus (Yasuko K. Kinoshita), Tujunga.

EDDOW—Apr. 6, a girl Alyson Kae to the Daizo Henry Eddows (Kazuko Alice Nagai), Los Angeles.
FONG—Mar. 28, a boy Ted Paul to the Raymond Wayne Fongs (Akiko Ikezoe), Los Angeles.

FUJII—Apr. 22, a girl to the Tetsuro Fujii, French Camp.

FUJIKAWA—Apr. 19, a girl to the Toraki Fujikawas, San Jose.

FUJIMURA—May 3, a girl Elaine Harue to the Shigeru Fujimuras (Kiyoko Sakoi), Cleveland.

FUJIOKA—May 6, a girl to the Sueti Fujiokas, Seattle.

FUNAI—May 1, a boy to the Toshio Funais, Redmond, Wash.

FURUSAWA—Mar. 23, a boy Robert Shioichi to the Masao Furusawas (Helen Shizuko Fukumoto), Los Angeles.

GOTO—A girl to the Ben T. Gotos, Denver.

HIGAKI—May 4, a boy to the Naomi Higakis (Mae Miwa), Watsonville.

HIGASHIDA—Mar. 23, a boy Robert Kaoru to the Fred Kaoru Higashidas (Merry Kumiko Shimooka), Pacoima.

HORI—A girl to the Michael T. Horis, Denver.

HORITO—Mar. 29, a boy Bruce Ichiro to the Sam Isamu Horitos (Mary Kikuchi), Los Angeles.

ICHIKAWA—Apr. 24, a boy Donald to the Akira Ichikawas, Sunnyvale.

IKARI—Apr. 12, a boy Donald James to the Ted Togo Ikaris (Grayce Kivome Havashida), Los Angeles.

IMAMURA—Apr. 23, a boy Miles Lee to the George Imamuras, San Jose.

INOUE—Apr. 3, a boy to the Yukio Inoues, Shelley, Idaho.

ISHIMARU—Apr. 2, a girl Kathi Naomi to the George Ishimarus, Detroit.

ISHIURA—Apr. 24, a girl Maya to the Newton Ishiuras (Mary Matsura, formerly of Berkeley), Honolulu.

ITO—Apr. 27, a boy to the Henry Itois, Seattle.

KANASE—Mar. 28, a girl Elaine Mikiko to the Takeo Kanases (June Kiyu Tanaka), Los Angeles.

KANEAGE—Apr. 3, a girl to the Hisao P. Kanegases, Salt Lake City.

KANESHIRO—Mar. 19, a girl Jocelyn Naomi to the Bill Satoru Kaneshiros (Lorraine Fumiko Kiyobu), Los Angeles.

KATAYAMA—Mar. 20, a girl Bonnie Lynn to the Tadashi Katayamas (Shizuka Kathy Fukuda), Los Angeles.

KATO—Apr. 21, a girl Christine Teru to the Seiji Katos, Fresno.

KAWASAKI—Mar. 28, a girl Joanne Setsuko to the George Kawasakis (Marion Mitsuko Sasaki), Los Angeles.

KIMOTO—Apr. 14, a boy to the Al Y. Kimotos, San Francisco.

KUBOTA—Mar. 5, a girl Carolyn to the Isaku Larry Kubotas (Mary Matsuye Tsukamoto), Los Angeles.

KUNUGI—Apr. 21, a boy Keith Alan to the Kaz Kunugis (Misao Ishida), Cleveland.

MANAKA—Apr. 8, a girl Lauri Jo Kimi to the James Nozomu Manakas (Akiko Togawa), Los Angeles.

MATSUDA—Mar. 30, a boy Michael Tadashi to the Masao Matsudas (Mitsuko Fujikawa), Los Angeles.

MATSUOKA—Mar. 28, a girl Leilani Teruko to the Teruo Matsuokas (Frances Kiyoko Matsuoka), Los Angeles.

MIYAMOTO—Apr. 1, a girl Carol Aiko to the Roy Chokichi Miyamotos (Mollie Michiko Ogata), Los Angeles.

MIYASAKI—Apr. 9, a boy to the John J. Miyasakis, Oakland.

MIZOKAMI—Apr. 26, a girl to the Sam Mizokamis (Agnes Hayashida), Blanca, Colo.

MORI—Apr. 12, a boy Wayne Tomio to the Katsumi Moris (Reiko Hayakawa), Cleveland.

MORIKAWA—A girl to the Eddie Morikawas, Denver.

MUNEKAWA—Apr. 15, a girl to the Tomio Muneekawas, San Francisco.

NAKANO—Apr. 5, a girl Pamela Jean to the Henry Yoneo Nakanos (Yaeko May Abe), Los Angeles.

NITAO—Apr. 6, a girl Joan Ayako to the Shinzo Nitaos (Hideo Takahara), Los Angeles.

OBATA—May 3, a girl to the Henry Obatas, Seattle.

OTANI—Apr. 28, a boy David Ken to the Shigeru Otanis, San Jose.

OZAKI—Apr. 13, a girl to the Yoshio Ozakis, San Francisco.

SAITO—Apr. 10, a girl Janice Reiko to the Yasuo Saitos (Alice Tsuruko Tanaka), Los Angeles.

SHITAKUBO—Apr. 4, a girl Gail Maya to the Glenn F. Shitakubos (Eiko Sato), Los Angeles.

Engagements

OKIMOTO-KAMINE—Jeanette, Chicago, to Mas, Seattle, May 5.
SASHIHARA-OSUGA—Maureen, Cleveland, to James, Columbus, O.
TAKEDA-SHIRAI—Emmie and Don, both of Los Angeles, Apr. 23.
YAMAMOTO-KUBO—Irene, Lyman, Neb., to Leo, Torrington, Wyo.

Marriage Licenses Issued

AMANO-ISHII—Akira 24, and Yoshiko 20, both of Los Angeles.

FRYER-ODA—Gordon E. 30, and Mildred 26, both of Los Angeles.

HAHAL-YOSHIOKA—Toshikazu 36, Pasadena, and Hisami M. 38, Los Angeles.

IMURA-NOJIRI—Tsugito 20 (US-MC), and Betty E. 25, Los Angeles.

KATO-MORINAGA—Yoshiaki H. 25, Pomona, and Doris K. 23, Los Angeles.

KITAGAWA-MURAKAMI—Yoshiaki 22, Los Altos, and Midori 25, San Jose.

KIYOMURA-HIGASHI—Kaoru 36, West Los Angeles, and Tokiye 35, Long Beach.

KOGA-TANAKA—Richard M. 23, and Ruth A. 23, both of Los Angeles.

KODAMA-NAKASHIMA—Will T. 38, Alice S. 37, both of Los Angeles.

KUMAGAI-SHERWOOD—Yuzuru 34, and Betty R. 29, both of Los Angeles.

MARUBAYASHI-KAJIYAMA—Morihiro K. 38, and Setsuko 32, both of Los Angeles.

MARUYAMA-BROTHERS—Thomas Y. 18, and Doris S. 17, both of Mountain View.

MIYAKAWA-IWAZAWA—Susumu T. 27, Los Angeles, and Miyoko B. 26, Pasadena.

MURAKAMI-GO—Terry T. 23, and Jeanne 20, both of Seattle.

NAITO-HIRAMI—Keita 29, West Los Angeles, and Toyomi 27, Los Angeles.

NAKAMOTO-FUJIMOTO—Masao 24, and Irene Y. 23, both of Los Angeles.

NAKAMURA-NAGAO—Charles K. 36, Reedley, and Sumiye 29, Compton.

NAKAZAWA-YASUDA—Teruyuki 26, Tolleon, Ariz., and Reiko 21, Montebello.

PARK-YAMAMOTO—Donald 24, Los Angeles, and Shirley 21, Compton.

PONCE-KOJO—Fernando 22, and Sumiyo 19, both of Los Angeles.

SAKAGUCHI-YOKOYAMA—Toshiyuki 28, and Edith M. 25, both of Cupertino.

SAKAMOTO-MARUYAMA—Henry K. 25, and Jacqueline H. 23, both of Los Angeles.

SASAKI-HORITA—Mitsuo 36, and Kaoru 24, both of Los Angeles.

SHIBUYA-TANAKA—Yoshindo 26, and Betty T. 23, both of Los Angeles.

SHIGEMASA-MATSUMOTO—Ray 25, Santa Ana, and Sachiko 24, Long Beach.

SLEMMONS-IKEDA—Harry S. 29, and Rosie K. 23, both of Los Angeles.

SUMI-KUWANO—Takashi 30, and Rose S. 25, both of Los Angeles.

TAYLOR-NISHIDA—Dean C. 21, and Norma S. 20, both of San Jose.

UEDA-YAMASHITA—Robert K. 28, and Sachi 22, both of Los Angeles.

WILSON-HIGA—Joseph H. 26, and Yaeko R. 20, both of Glendale, Calif.

YAMAGAMI-HIRAKAWA—Yoneichi T. 34, Alameda, and Eunice 30, Los Angeles.

WATANABE-BEPPU—Jimmie N. 26, Clearfield, Utah, and Joy Y. 21, Salt Lake City.

Weddings

AOKI-ASAKAWA—May 8, Ken and Agnes, both of Detroit.

HOSOKA-MUKAI—May 1, George, Reedley, and Chiyoko, San Jose.

KADOYA-MATSUE—May 8, Tom Y. and Aiko, both of Spokane.

KAMADA-SAKUMA—Apr. 10, James Iwao and Yayeko, both of San Francisco.

KAMINO-KANNO—Apr. 24, Hideo, North Platte, Neb., and Helen, Morrill, Neb.

KITAUCHI-TAKEMOTO—Apr. 18, Shigenori, Orosi, and Mary, Sanger.

Deaths

FURUKAWA, Yosojiro, 73: Seattle, Apr. 30, survived by wife Kano, sons Yoshio, Hideo, Yukio, daughters Mary and Mrs. Mae Ohashi.

HIDE, Mrs. Shizue, 27: Santa Barbara, May 8, survived by husband Makio, mother Mrs. Kotoe Horita, six brothers Kaichi, Toshiharu, Kiyoharu, Masaichi, Shiro, Tadashi.

KATO, Sumiko, 27, Warm Springs, May 2, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Taiyu, brothers Yasuo, Henry Y., Akira, sisters Mrs. Chiyemi Sakuda and Mrs. Kiyomi Kitayama.

KOZAKU, Keihei, 78: Clearfield, Utah, May 4.

KOTOKU, Masa, 34: Salt Lake City,

CALENDAR

May 22 (Saturday)
NEW YORK: Weekend outing.
CHICAGO: 852 Hop (membership social), McCormick YWCA, 1001 N. Dearborn, 8 p.m.

May 23 (Sunday)
SOUTHWEST L.A.: Clam-digging at Pismo Beach.

May 26 (Wednesday)
LIVINGSTON-MERCED: Candidates' Night, Eiland Hall, 8 p.m.

May 27 (Thursday)
LIVINGSTON-MERCED: Memorial service, San Bruno.

May 28 (Friday)
ST. LOUIS: Pre-MDC meeting social.

May 29 (Saturday)
MDC: Pre-Nat'l JACL Convention rally and meeting, Forest Park Hotel.

SAN MATEO: Memorial service.
May 30 (Sunday)
MILE-HI: Community memorial service, Calif. St. Methodist Church.

MONTANA: Memorial Day service and picnic.

June 5 (Saturday)
SALT LAKE: Graduation Prom, Memorial Hall (semi-formal).

June 6 (Sunday)
SAN FRANCISCO: Nisei Olympics, Kezar stadium.

June 10 (Thursday)
SOUTHWEST L.A.: "Seeing Japan via JAL" (color films), Centenary Methodist Church.

June 12 (Saturday)
DETROIT: Japanese movies, International Institute.

SAN MATEO: Community picnic.

SELMA: Barbecue outing.

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EDITORIALS

Indo-China Question

Dien Bien Phu is a magic word. Its fall has brought attention of many Americans to issues of assistance or non-assistance in Indo-China.

Vice-President Nixon told U.S. editors last month that Japan is the chief reason the United States may have to intervene in Indo-China—all out and alone if necessary. Japan, he said, is the main target of the Communists in Indo-China as it was in Korea.

Red conquest of areas vital to Japan's economy would make Japan an economic satellite of the United States.

President Eisenhower expanded this argument later addressing the U.S. chamber of commerce. Could Japan, without southeastern Asia trade, "ever develop into a civilization that we would consider dependable in that it also tried to live in the concept of dignity of the person and according to the precepts of free government"?

The question already has arisen politically in Japan. Premier Yoshida's pro-American cabinet was challenged on grounds of bribery scandals. But the real issue was "Asianism," a combination of anti-colonialism and neutralism that is sweeping Japan as well as southeast Asia. There is fear that American intervention in Indo-China will cause open Chinese intervention and an inevitable H-bomb war.

American cause for peace in the Pacific as a result of Dien Bien Phu, we add, can be spelled out clearly by the granting of statehood to Hawaii, as Larry Nakatsuka so ably suggests in his Honolulu Newsletter this week.

Letters from America

A letter-writing crusade developed by the Common Council for American Unity, New York, to offset Communist propaganda in other lands as well as lend hope and cheer to kin and friends overseas is being brought to the attention of first and second generation Americans during Letters from America Week being observed in the United States May 17-23.

As Postmaster General Summerfield has stated, "Every American has a chance to become a goodwill ambassador by joining this worthwhile effort" to explain aspects of American life that are targets for Soviet propaganda.

"To curb inflation, don't buy anything that's priced too high," advises an economist. We'd do a lot of things to help curb inflation, but starving isn't one of them.

From the Frying Pan . . .

Land of Opportunity

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver

A SLIGHT, SHARP-EYED young Chinese left Shanghai for the United States one day in 1935. His name was Ieoh Ming Pei, and he was looking for an education to satisfy his brilliant mind. Today, scarcely two decades later, Pei's genius is helping to change for the better the faces of many of America's cities.

Pei is a designer. His name is a by-word wherever big league architects gather. His employer at the moment is William Zeckendorf, described by Fortune magazine as president, principal owner and impresario of the real estate company, Webb & Knapp, Inc. Zeckendorf's firm has a net worth of something like 75 million dollars and Pei, according to Zeckendorf himself, is the key to Webb & Knapp's design thinking.

Pei's place of business is a studio on the roof of 383 Madison Ave., New York City. But he is likely to be in any of a dozen cities in which Zeckendorf has interests—from the Florida everglades to mile-high Denver. Within the city limits of Los Angeles, Zeckendorf has a tract of rural land as large as Manhattan Island; in San Francisco, a piece of Nob Hill. Currently, Webb & Knapp has 60 million dollars in construction under way across the country, and Pei, the Chinese immigrant boy, oversees this work as Zeckendorf's chief designer.

Last week Pei flew into Denver for 48 hours to check on the progress of Mile High Center, a 22-story office building that will be the heart of a 15 million dollar complex of buildings. His primary mission: To pick three perfectly formed 30-foot pine trees necessary for landscaping the front of the skyscraper.

CATCHING UP with Pei is like trying to trap a fly on the wing. But once overtaken, he proved to be a pleasant, voluble, articulate person who smiles easily, and talks earnestly with vigorous gestures. His associates long ago stopped trying to pronounce Ieoh Ming;

now he's simply I.M. Pei is slight, almost frail in contrast to the 200-pound six-foot bulk of Zeckendorf. But the two complement each other remarkably well even though profits loom large in Zeckendorf's thinking while Pei is concerned with beauty and utility in the design of buildings and the layout of groups of buildings.

Pei was born in Soochow, the Venice of China, a few hours inland by train from Shanghai. He attended college one year in Shanghai before he headed for the United States. Last winter he visited Japan (sight-seeing), Korea (as consultant on a housing project), and Formosa (to design a university). A trip to Kyoto provided him with one of his funniest stories.

At a delightful Japanese inn where he stopped, Pei discovered to his chagrin that no one spoke English. Thus, although he could pass for a Japanese in the streets of Kyoto, he found himself unable to communicate with the help. Somehow, mostly by pantomime, he conveyed the idea that he wanted a bath. A maid led the way and then, to his consternation, followed him into the bathroom.

More gestures and sign language indicated to her that Pei wanted to bathe in private. So she went out into the hall to wait. About that time Pei discovered the huge Japanese-style bath was filled with what he described as boiling water. There was also a shower, but it was connected only with the cold water pipe and this was the middle of winter. What to do? Too embarrassed to summon the maid for consultation, he chose to be half-frozen rather than parboiled. He bathed to the accompaniment of loud shouts of discomfort, punctuated by muffled giggles from the hall.

OF HIS WORK, Pei would rather have you look rather than listen. I. M. Pei, whose creations will stand for generations as a tribute to his artistry, is one more case to point up the opportunity of America.

Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

Twain Has Met

WE'RE GETTING a little tired of the literary cliché that the twain shall never meet, applying specifically of course to Asian-Caucasian romances. We've read several novels of recent date, inspired by the romantic backwash of the GI occupation of Japan, and all of them march resolutely, like a Greek tragedy, toward predestined bereavement.

This is no brief for the saccharine happy ending, the kind Hollywood seems able to manage no matter what the earlier plot complications may be. It is just one expression of hope that the story writers may be able to vary the formula a little. The literary approach to interracial romance hasn't varied much since Kipling sang that "never the twain shall meet" and the white man left his half-caste sweetheart to her private rendezvous with tragedy.

James Michener's *Sayonara*, which has been a national best seller for 13 weeks, is an example in point, although it must be said that Michener's perspective is Asian in contrast to the tale tellers who carried the white man's literary burden in years past. *Sayonara* is a retelling of the *Madame Butterfly* legend with variations. In the Luther Long story, which was first fashioned into a Broadway play by David Belasco before Giacomo Puccini immortalized it in opera, the American officer, Lt. Pinkerton, deserts the Japanese girl. In *Sayonara* it is the Japanese girl, Hanaogi, who rejects her American major. But the inferences of ultimate unhappiness in an interracial romance are the same.

Raymond Mason's *And Two Shall Meet*, a paperback original published by Gold Medal, is the latest of the Occupation love stories. Like Michener, Mason improves on the *Madame Butterfly* ending but tragedy is still the keynote. Richard Corvin's Japanese wife, Lilly, dies of cancer and he dies, too. The author leaves his story with the suggestion that the two lovers will be happy in that eternity in which race and color do not matter.

The Michener and Mason books are the latest of a spate of literary works spawned since Hiroshima. In real life, of course, the romances of GI and Japanese have not been necessarily tragic. For instance, there have been more than 10,000 marriages and most of these soldiers have brought their wives and children back to the United States. Taking into account cultural and linguistic differences, there is little indication that these marriages have encountered any greater difficulties than those of GIs and European war brides.

AS FOR NISEI in interracial marriage,

generalizations do not apply, except perhaps that there are a greater number of such unions in areas where there are no concentration of Japanese Americans.

Proportionately, there probably were more interracial marriages involving Issei in the eastern United States a generation ago than are true of Nisei today. But whatever the numerical proportions, the marital union is a relationship of individuals in which group generalizations do not apply. Few, if any, couples have had to endure the degree of social ostracism implied in the literary treatments of such marriages, such as plays like *Uptown West* which were produced in the Broadway of the 1920s when the alleged racial inassimilability of persons of Japanese ancestry was being propounded by the bigots as justification for the passage of legislation excluding immigrants from Japan. The passage of the 1952 Immigration Act, repealing the 1924 Asiatic Exclusion Act, is, in itself, an expression of a change in the national attitude, as were the special acts passed by Congress after World War II to permit GIs to bring foreign-born wives of Japanese ancestry back to the United States.

What pressures may have existed a generation ago have been considerably eased. Twenty years ago Kathleen Tamagawa wrote a biography, *Holy Prayers in a Horse's Year*, which was published by one of the larger New York houses and told of family life in which Japanese and American cultures were contrasted.

Intermarriage was something of a social issue a generation ago. Today it is accepted, though the numbers of such marriages are still relatively few in number, by the Japanese American community.

Yet, in the previous generation, many of the more prominent Issei, particularly in the arts and sciences—Dr. Hideyo Noguchi, one of the martyrs of medical research; Jokichi Takamine, developer of adrenalin; Yasuo Matsui, designer of many of New York's great skyscrapers; I. Sekine, whose toothbrushes have sold by the millions; Artist Yasuo Kuniyoshi, Poet Yone Noguchi, Dancer Michio Ito, to name only a few—all intermarried.

It would appear that Rudyard Kipling's concept of interracial relationships, seems to have been something of a credo of the literary world longer than it deserved to be and is as outdated as Kipling's political concept of the "white man's burden" of colonialism. The twain has met and seems to be managing to get along.

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U.S. Supreme Court grants request to consider Endo test case on WRA detention of Nisei citizen.

Report from Anzio reveals Nisei heroism; 900 Purple Heart medals awarded to 100th Infantry, also three DSCs, 21 Bronze Stars and 36 Silver Stars.

Sgt. Arthur Komori of Hawaii reveals his own 11th hour escape from Bataan, was ordered to evacuate to Corregidor and then to Australia by Gen. MacArthur.

Selma (Calif.) Enterprise takes issue with criticism against Committee on American Principles and Fair Play by state un-American activities investigator.

San Francisco JACL chapter fund (\$2,000) given to National JACL.

MINORITY

Easing of tension at Chicago's Trumbull Park housing project was expected with the moving out of the first Negro family—the Donald Howards—of their apartment last week. Ten other Negro families still live there, but police there said the situation "should improve considerably." Efforts to persuade him to move were made several times because many area residents had ill feelings toward Howard personally. The Housing Authority had obtained an order of eviction because the Howards did not fully disclose their financial situation when applying for the apartment. The order has been appealed to the state supreme court.

Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, told Methodist church leaders in Chicago that the Negro "stands at the threshold of full citizenship" in the South. However, he warned that there will be "more resistance and there may be sordid incidents of violence" before all legal barriers of discrimination are removed. Resistance to equal rights for Negroes remains strongest in states where the old plantation economy remains, the Southern editor added, and in rice and cotton-growing areas. But there are enough persons of Christian and social morality conviction even in these states to build rational acceptance of the elimination of segregation.

The Philip Murray Memorial Foundation has made a \$75,000 grant to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for financing projects aimed to improve race relations. The foundation was established to commemorate the life and work of the late president of the CIO.

The all-out Fight for Freedom campaign to be "free in '63" must include elimination of racial discrimination and segregation in the North as well as the South, it was asserted by an NAACP spokesman in Schenectady, N.Y. There is running battle for better and unsegregated housing and for better jobs in the North.