



## SENATE PASSES STRANDEE VOTING BILL, NOW IN HOUSE

### Washington

By voice vote the Senate approved the so-called Japanese elections bill restoring citizenship to Nisei who voted in Japanese elections during the Occupation, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

In passing the bill the Senate accepted its Judiciary Committee amendments which provides for expeditious naturalization procedures for Nisei who lost their American citizenship by voting in Japanese elections during the postwar occupation of Japan.

Concurrence of both Senate Majority Leader William F. Knowland (R., Calif.) and Minority Leader Lyndon B. Johnson (D., Tex.) enabled the bill to come before the Senate at this time. The favorable Senate vote sends the bill to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Introduced by Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R., Utah) at JACL request, the bill would enable approximately 2,000 Nisei to regain their United States citizenship.

### Would Aid 2,000

During the Senate floor debate on the bill, Senator Watkins explained: "The purpose of the bill, as amended, is to enable persons who lost their United States citizenship by reason of voting in a political election or plebiscite held in Japan between Sept. 2, 1945, and April 22, 1952, the period of occupation by American military personnel, to regain their citizenship."

"The Japanese involved are American citizens who happened to be in Japan and our military authorities urged them during that period to vote. An election was held in which Communists were running for of-

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## Eisenhower signs two appropriation bills to pay evacuation claim awards

### Washington

A total of \$1,595,722.38 was authorized to pay evacuation claims awards when President Eisenhower signed two appropriation measures last week, White House officials informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Passage of these two appropriation bills now enables the Treasury Department to begin issuing the \$1,595,722.38 in checks to successful claimants under the JACL-sponsored evacuation claims program.

The first and larger appropriation authorizes \$1,560,000 in payment of evacuation claims awards made during the current fiscal year, which ends this June 30. These awards are under \$2,500 each and include both compromise and regular adjudication procedure awards.

Most of these evacuation claims awards have already been made and almost all were completed through compromise procedures, the Washington JACL Office said.

The second appropriation measure just signed by the President includes \$35,722.38 for seven evacuation claims awards over \$2,500 each. All awards benefiting under this appropriation were made by regular adjudicative methods under the original JACL-sponsored Evacuation Claims Act.

The seven claimants to receive the government checks over \$2,500 are:

Jitsuo Kubo, Fukashi Nakagawa, Takayoshi Nakatsu, Fred C. Mitsueda, Kenji Imai and Matsuzo Kurokawa.

The largest award in this group is \$14,289.60 and \$2,980 as the smallest.

Treasury Department officials indicated that final procedures necessary in mailing out over a million and a half dollars in evacuation claims checks would take some time but that many of these government checks would start in the mails within a short time.

Individuals expecting these evacuation claims checks should withhold inquiries about pay-

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## House veteran affairs committee OKs restoration of VA aid to Japanese

### Washington

Recommending restoration of cancelled Veterans Administration benefits to nationals in Japan, the House Veteran Affairs Committee favorably reported legislation to restore these government benefits, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

Introduced by Rep. Craig Hosmer (R., Calif.), the bill would reinstitute eligibility for veterans' benefits to many Japanese and Germans whose V.A. benefits were terminated at the outbreak of World War II.

If enacted, former recipients would begin receiving their benefits from the date of enactment, provided their claims were filed within a year after passage.

On other claims filed after the year period, benefits would begin from the date of filing for qualified recipients.

### Deserve Benefits

Supporting the bill, the JACL pointed out that many veterans of Japanese ancestry residing in Japan had earned these benefits and pensions through service in the American Navy during the Spanish-American War and World War I.

Since Social Security and

other government pensions have been restored to nationals of former enemy countries, the JACL contends that present bars against payment of V.A. benefits to former servicemen now residing in Japan are unjust and should be removed.

Most of these Japanese are now aged and disabled or have left widows who are in urgent need of their former pensions to assist them during their remaining years, the JACL pointed out.

### Committee Favors Bill

In clearing Congressman Hosmer's bill for consideration of the full House, the Committee issued a favorable report indicating the Federal departments involved had recommended enactment of the legislation.

The report included a letter from the Veterans Administration saying:

"As there is no apparent valid reason for denying prospective payment of compensation and pension benefits which would be payable to Japanese and German citizens and subjects in Japan or Germany but for the [present] prohibition contained in Public Law 622, the Veterans Administration recommends favorable consid-

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## School segregation outlawed, decision hailed by CL officials

### Washington

Officials of the Japanese American Citizens League joined with their fellow Americans of goodwill in the United States in hailing the historic decision of the U.S. Supreme Court last Monday that segregation in the public schools is unconstitutional.

## FORMAL DECREE ORDERING SCHOOLS QUIT SEGREGATION DUE IN FALL

### Washington

The United States Supreme Court unanimously ruled Monday that segregation of Negro and white children in public schools is unconstitutional.

The court withheld a formal order putting its historic decision into effect, however, because of the far-reaching nature and the variety of local conditions that must be considered.

It scheduled a third round of arguments this fall on how the ruling would be carried out. Thus, the decision requires no immediate changes in segregated school systems in 17 states and the District of Columbia as prescribed by law and in four states where it is permitted but not required.

### Southern Hospitality

Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Maryland and the District of Columbia quickly indicated this week they will comply. States in the deep South, on the other hand, showed strong hostility to the ruling. A United Press survey brought opinions that thousands of Negro teachers would not be allowed to teach non-segregated classes.

President Eisenhower hoped the changeover plans of the District of Columbia, expected to be in effect by this fall, would be a model for the rest of the country.

Otherwise, the White House is refraining from public comment other than the statement made Wednesday at the press conference that as Chief Executive, he would uphold the Constitution.

### Two More Cases

The Monday ruling covered elementary and secondary schools. The court is expected to extend it to cover state-supported colleges and universities as two cases involving Negro attempts to enter white colleges and junior colleges in Florida and Texas were held up pending its public school decision.

The epochal decision was written by Chief Justice Earl Warren, who declared after reviewing a long line of decisions bearing on the "separate but equal" doctrine:

"We come then to the question presented: Does segregation of children in public schools solely on the basis of race, even though the physical facilities and other 'tangible' factors may be equal, deprive the children of the minority group of equal education opportunities? We believe that it does."

### Effect of Segregation

Warren said the court's decision "cannot turn on merely a comparison of these tangible factors in the Negro and white schools involved." He added:

"We must look instead to the effect of the segregation itself on public education."

In approaching the problem, Warren said, "We cannot turn

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## Int'l frog contest

### Angel Camy

Big jumpers bred by the Japanese near the Inland Sea are possible entries in the International Frog contest here this weekend. Ten other foreign-bred frogs are also being groomed.

### San Francisco

The San Francisco Chronicle Tuesday editorially stated on the school segregation ruling:

"In a single sentence, a social revolution has been prepared... great as the impact of the anti-segregation holding will be upon the states of the south in their struggle to make the physical and intellectual adjustment which it requires, still greater, we believe, will be its impact in South America, Africa and Asia to this country's lasting honor and benefit... The act of the Supreme Court presents a new picture of America and puts this nation in a new posture of justice."

## San Francisco set for Yoshida fete

### San Francisco

A 25-hr. stopover permits a luncheon for Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida by Japanese and American groups here the first weekend of June.

The Japanese premier is scheduled to arrive here June 5, 9:45 p.m. by Pan American, stay overnight at the Fairmont Hotel and be feted Sunday noon by the Japan Society of San Francisco in conjunction with the chamber of commerce and the Japanese American community.

The premier and his party will leave for Washington, D.C., at 9:30 p.m. that night. His tentative schedule includes five days in the Nation's capital, four days in New York and continues his tour around the world, returning to Tokyo July 20.

Spirited complaints from opposition parties in the Japanese Diet have been made against the premier for scheduling his trip to the United States aboard an American rather than Japanese airliner.

## SEC'Y OF INTERIOR M'KAY VIEWS ALASKA STATE SPLIT

### Seattle

Asked if he favored the plan of splitting Alaska and permitting part of it to become a state, Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay replied: "Why not?"

Otherwise, he has no opinion whether Alaska should become a state. The former governor of Oregon had addressed a Rotary Club luncheon here last week, followed by a press conference.

## Mrs. Akahoshi dies

### Oakland

Mrs. Nobuta Akahoshi, 51, well-known Oakland Issei women's group leader and recently naturalized, died last Saturday night following complications from a stomach operation at a local hospital. Funeral was held yesterday at the Buddhist Church here.

She is survived by her husband, active community leader and JACL supporter, son Arata and daughter Mrs. Seiko Baba.

Reached in Venice, Calif., George Inagaki, National President, noted that since JACL had actively participated in these cases as a friend of the court, it took special pride that its judgment had been vindicated by the Nation's highest tribunal.

He declared that the Supreme Court decision not only extended the area of freedom to many millions more in America but served to refute Communist charges abroad that the United States fails to practice what it preaches.

### Better Opportunity

"Now that segregation in the schools is void," Inagaki said, "Negro Americans will have a more equal opportunity to enjoy the benefits of our educational system, thereby improving their own lot and life in these United States."

"Because persons of Japanese ancestry know the value of education, we appreciate the real significance of the court victory. JACL joins in congratulating the officers and members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for carrying on the half-century fight for equality to its final victory," the National President stated.

From National Headquarters in San Francisco, Mas Satow, National Director, emphasized that this matter again illustrates the necessity for interested individuals and organizations to cooperate for the common good.

### NAACP Spearhead Case

"The NAACP, as it should, spearheaded this litigation, but organizations like the JACL joined with them in the common cause of securing a greater measure of equality and opportunity for all Americans, for such extensions of the areas of freedom and civil rights benefits all of us, particularly those of such racial minorities as the Japanese," he said.

Mike Masaoka, JACL's Washington Representative, contacted while visiting on the west coast, declared that the Supreme Court decision is recognition of the great progress made by the nation in its understanding of basic human and civil rights.

He recalled that beginning before the San Francisco earthquake California attempted to segregate Japanese students in special schools and that the older Nisei would remember the difficulties and shortcomings of such segregated education. Even as late as 1941, several schools in California continued to segregate the Nisei and other Orientals, and it was not until after World War II that the State Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional its statute allowing the various districts to segregate school children on the basis of race and national origin.

### Great Victory

"The long and hard struggle to make democracy more meaningful to more Americans continues, but decisions like those of the Supreme Court last Monday are great victories along the way."

Nisei Americans can rejoice in this legal validation of the principle of equality for all in public education, he said, for it represents another victory for those who would also give to the Japanese in this nation, as well as to all Americans, a greater opportunity for economic, social and legal equality.



## Segregation rule—

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the clock back to 1868 when the (14th) Amendment was adopted, or even to 1896 when *Plessy vs. Ferguson* was written.

### Full Development

"We must consider public education in the light of its full development and its place in American life throughout the Nation.

"Only in this way can it be determined if segregation in public schools deprives these schools deprives these plaintiffs (Negroes) of the equal protection of the laws.

"Today, education is perhaps the most important function of state and local governments. Compulsory school attendance laws and the great expenditures for education both demonstrate our recognition of the importance of education to our democratic society . . .

### Right of Education

"In these days, it is doubtful

that any child may reasonably be expected to succeed in life if he is denied the opportunity of an education. Such an opportunity, where the state has undertaken to provide it, is a right which must be made available to all on equal terms."

It was at this point in the opinion that Warren said the court believes segregation denies Negro children equal educational opportunities.

Chief Justice Warren said that to separate children solely because of race, generates feelings in their hearts and minds that might never be undone.

### Concluding Statements

In conclusion, Chief Justice Warren said:

"We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of separate but equal (sic) has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal.

"Therefore, we hold that the plaintiffs (Negro parents) and others similarly situated for whom the action has been brought are, by reason of the segregation complained of, de-

prived of the equal protection of the laws guaranteed by the 14th Amendment.

"This disposition makes unnecessary any discussion whether such segregation also violates the due process clause of the 14th Amendment."

### Previous Decisions

The supreme court's ruling in the school cases climaxed a series of decisions that opened interstate transportation and graduate schools in southern universities to Negroes on an equal basis with whites.

And, if advance threats are carried out, Monday's ruling will lead eventually to the abolition of public school systems as they now exist in South Carolina, Georgia and Mississippi.

The 14th Amendment was adopted after the Civil War, primarily for the benefit of slaves freed by President Lincoln. It says no state may deny any person due process and equal protection of the law, nor abridge their privileges or immunities.

## Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama

### Filipino-Japanese relations

(The current series of "Tokyo Topics" were prepared by Tamotsu Murayama, while in Manila, as deputy chief of the Japan Boy Scout delegation to the Filipino jamboree.—Editor.)

#### Manila

Many Filipinos have expressed their sentiments to members of the Japan Boy Scouts delegation attending the Filipino scout jamboree; sentiments that can contribute to strengthening of friendly relations between one-time bitter enemy-nations.

The visiting delegation was asked to locate many officers and enlisted men who were good to Filipinos. While it is very difficult to comply with their request, it is wonderful to know that all the Japanese here during the war were not engaged in atrocities.

A typical request in letter-form from Luis Reyes was put this way.

"If this is not asking too much, I would like to avail your

help in locating for us a certain soldier by the name of Yamamoto, who became our friend during the last war.

"He was so endeared to us that our late father, Judge Eduardo Reyes Cristobal, came to regard him as his son.

"Yamamoto-san told us that he lived in Tokyo, your beautiful capital, near the home of the late former Premier, Hara. He informed us that before the outbreak of the war he studied at Tokyo University. He also told us that his father worked as a technician at Tokyo Electric Co.

#### Can You Find Him?

"Several months before the last war came to an end, he came to our house to bid us goodbye, because his unit was leaving to some destination. I can still remember that day. It was really a sad parting. From that time up to this day, we are at a loss what happened to our good friend."

The writer, now 24, is a graduate of Far Eastern University, Manila. He also asked to have a pen-pal in Japan. Unmarried, he lives at 71 Pilar St., Mangguit Subd., Manila.

Reyes also described another Japanese friend of the family only known as Mr. Suenaga, a long-time resident of the Philippines. "We do not know his first name," the letter continued. "He used to live in Hokkaido. During the battle of Manila, our house was one of those numerous houses razed to the ground due to military operations."

#### Nearly Avenged

Despite the professional anti-Japanese agitation in the legislature, especially of Sen. Claro M. Recto, there are many Filipino leaders believing in the future of reborn Japan. Some played an important and courageous role in the releasing of Japanese war criminals here.

One irate Filipino citizen, who was going to strike this reporter after being dragged into a little store, confessed:

"You're so different from those Japanese whom we saw in the Philippines during the last war. I was looking for this chance to avenge my brother's death."

He couldn't hit me in the eye or any other Japanese, he said.

### Canada-born opera star still sick flies to Japan

Vancouver, B.C.

Miss Aiko Saita, borne on a stretcher, departed for Japan May 12 by air after a slight improvement in her condition. The Canadian-born operatic star was to have departed in late April, but her health failed and she was under observation of her physician.

### Kabuki gross

Los Angeles

Kabuki Dancers had the best road take to date, grossing a total of \$41,000 in 13 performances ending May 15.

## Japan takes lead in cotton export

Boston

Japan's resurgence to the world cotton trade leadership was revealed this week in a trade journal, America's Textile Reporter.

Japan last year exported 980 million square yards of cotton cloth, well ahead of the 618 million square yards exported by fourth-place United States, which led the field after World War II, the journal pointed out.

While American mills in New England complained of "low" wages in the South (\$1.25 per hour, for instance, in some South Carolina mills), Japanese mills are paying their workers 10.6 cents an hour, the Reporter says. It adds textile workers in other countries also have wages far below American standards—24 cents in Italy, 38 in France, 39.1 in Great Britain and 9.4 in India.

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fice, and the persons in question voted."

#### Stranded in Japan

In answering other questions, Senator Watkins said that most of the 2,000 Nisei are still in Japan and have not returned to this country because "they lost their citizenship by voting in the election referred to. Otherwise, they could have returned . . . The only obstacle that has interfered with their returning to the United States has been their voting in the election to which I referred."

Prior to passage by the Senate, Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL Representative, had conferred with Senator Watkins in order to overcome previous objections which had prevented earlier Senate approval.

## Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry Honda

### Master of Ceremonies

Language most shows a man; Speak that I may see thee.

—Ben Johnson

Every time Judge John Aiso is introduced as the man who entered the army as a private and came out a lieutenant-colonel (among the highest ranking Nisei officers), as the young man who was graduated from Hollywood High, Brown University and Harvard and as the first Nisei to be appointed to the bench on the mainland, the remarks are prefaced as the man "who needs no introduction" . . . Last week before members of the Japanese American Optimists, His Honor held a brown gavel and felt at home assessing fines during the charter presentation banquet. Judge Aiso is presently presiding in traffic court, "where all the good people come" . . . His cheerful chatter and merry

monologues teased the subtlest in the manner of wit . . . Many a pun has greeted our ears, but none of the calibre of Judge Aiso's. The quaint mixture of Japanese and English puns unlocked a new facet of his personality—some 200 Optimists and guests went home convinced he was a master of ceremonies, most distinguished, most mirthful.

One memo to Fred Tayama, chairman of the 1000 Club affair for the forthcoming National JACL Convention: "If an emcee can be recommended, His Honor is our number one choice . . . As was alluded at the Optimist banquet, 'm.c.' was translated as either master of ceremonies or municipal court and Judge Aiso enacts both roles convincingly.

## Washington Newsletter

MIKE M. MASAOKA

### JACL's Legislative Program . . .

Like the general legislative outlook in Washington, the congressional measures in which the JACL has a specific interest cannot be said to be in a hopeful position to be enacted this session.

The whole Congress is moving slowly, with even the Administration's own program bogged down in both the House and Senate. As with the White House proposals, JACL's hope is that its bills too will be jammed through in the final month or two before adjournment. Otherwise, the record of enactment this session will fall far below those of other years.

Here, bill by bill, is a status report on all measure in which JACL has special interest.

### Hawaiian Statehood . . .

Provides Statehood for the deserving Territory of Hawaii. Passed by the House March 10, 1953. Passed by the Senate April 1, 1954 but with an amendment including Alaska. Presently tied up in the House Rules Committee where favorable action to allow the combination or package "deal" to be sent to a House-Senate Conference is unlikely because leadership in both parties is opposed to the Senate ultimatum to include both territories or lose statehood for both.

### Hillings Evacuation Claims Bill . . .

Provides for all remaining claimants to elect to compromise and settle their evacuation claims up to 75 per cent of the total of their compensable items or to seek legal determination of their claims through the Court of Claims. Now pending in the House Judiciary Claims Subcommittee. Generally favorable report issued by the Dept. of Justice. Subcommittee undecided as to whether to conduct public hearings or not. Passage this session at this time appears unlikely, although it can happen.

### Evacuation Claims Appropriations . . .

Provides \$1,728,933.75 in three supplemental appropriations bills, all signed into law by the President, to pay compromise-settlement and adjudicated awards for the present 1954 fiscal year under the Evacuation Claims Law of 1948 and its 1950 amendment.

### Agency Administrative Appropriation

Provides \$200,000 for the administrative expenses of the Japanese Claims Section, \$39,000,000 for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and \$3,000,000 for the Office of Alien Property, all in the Dept. of Justice, for the 1955 fiscal year beginning July 1. Approved by the House and now pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee subcommittee on the Justice Department. Likely to be approved in substantially these amounts by the Senate.

### Peruvian Japanese . . .

Provides that the remaining Peruvian Japanese in this country may have their deportation proceedings suspended and their status adjusted to that of permanent residents without being charged against Japan's annual quota of 185. Passed by the House Mar. 15, 1954. Pending before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization.

### Nisei Voting in Japan . . .

Provides for the expeditious naturalization of Nisei who lost their United States citizenship by voting in the post-war elections held in Japan during the American Occupation. Passed in the Senate by voice vote May 13, 1954. Pending in the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization.

### Vested Property Filing Deadline . . .

Provides an extension of one year's time

for the filing of claims against the Office of Alien Property. Passed by the Congress and signed into law by the President Feb. 2, 1954.

### Dismissing Yen Debt Claims . . .

Provides for the dismissal of 17,500 debt claims expressed in yen deposited in prewar Japanese banks, by the Office of Alien Property. Passed by the Senate over JACL's objections Mar. 10, 1954. Now pending in the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

### Social Security Amendments . . .

One provides for changes in the qualifications which should bring most Japanese domestic workers within Social Security and thereby qualify them for standard benefits. Hearings have just been completed by the House Ways and Means Committee.

The other provides residence requirements that would mean that qualified recipients residing in Japan could not receive old-age insurance benefits, etc. Pending in the House Ways and Means Committee. JACL opposes this provision as unfair.

### Agricultural Exemptions . . .

Provides that agricultural, including floricultural and horticultural, commodities and associations handling these products shall be exempt from regulation in air transportation. Younger Bill specifically providing these exemptions pending in House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee and McCarran Civil Aeronautics bills that could include such exemptions pending in Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

### Restoration of Pensions . . .

Provides that widows of Issei who earned navy and other United States pensions may have those pensions resumed even though they are residing in Japan. Knowland Bill pending in Senate Finance Committee. Hosmer Bill favorably reported by House Committee on Veterans' Affairs May 12, 1954.

### Restoration of Crosses . . .

Provides for the restoration of white crosses at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl, Honolulu, Hawaii. Pending before the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

### Return of Vested Property . . .

Provides for the return of all wartime vested property to private owners. Identical bills pending before the Senate Judiciary Committee and the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce committees. Action this year unlikely.

### Redevelopment Funds . . .

Provides funds under Federal Housing Program for community redevelopment programs. House approved bill that limited all funds to non-commercial properties. Senate Finance Committee agreed to drop House restriction, thereby bringing business properties within its benefits.

### Immigration, Nationality Bills . . .

A number of bills have been introduced to completely revise the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, while others would make certain amendments to it. All such bills are pending before the House and Senate Judiciary Subcommittees on Immigration and Naturalization. No action on any of these bills likely at this time.

### Civil Rights Bills . . .

Fair Employment Practices bill reported by Senate Labor Committee. Senate unlikely to consider, let alone pass measure this session. All other civil rights bills also likely to be passed over this year.

## 'Tempus fugit'-JACL Convention Four Months Off



# Honolulu Newsletter

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

## Hawaiian club controversy

The Nisei in Hawaii, who have wrestled with the wisdom of forming all-Nisei clubs in the past, could watch with detached interest last week the controversy which confronted another group—the Hawaiians.

The Hawaiian Civic Club, a venerable organization composed exclusively of persons of Hawaiian and part-Hawaiian ancestry, ran into trouble when it decided recently to let its doors open to all.

A descendant of Hawaiian royalty, Liliuokalani Kawanana-ʻōʻoma Lee, resigned in protest.

Under the new policy, she complained, "the original purpose of the club for Hawaiians is no longer in force . . . anyone can pay his dollar and get in."

The club president, Arthur K. Trask, replied, "The Aloha spirit of Hawaii is a creation of the Hawaiian people; the Hawaiian loves everyone, and everyone loves the Hawaiian. This is a historical fact the Hawaiian Civic Club recognized with all its implications in this changing scene of Hawaii. The program of the Hawaiian people will be helped by all the other peoples of Hawaii who are convinced that the greatest magic of Hawaii lies in perpetuating the Hawaiian people."

"After all," he concluded, "this is 1954."

## Tempest has blown over

By week's end, however, the tempest had blown over. Mrs. Lee (who is wife of the late war correspondent Clark Lee) rejoined the club. She was satisfied, she said, that non-Hawaiian members would be admitted only at the discretion of the board of directors.

Chief Justice Edward A. Towse of the Hawaii Supreme Court became the first non-Hawaiian to be so admitted. Like other non-Hawaiians to follow, he was admitted as an associate member, without voice or vote, "without Hawaiian blood but with a Hawaiian heart."

Nisei could smile over this incident because they have been criticized often for hewing too closely to racial lines in forming their clubs, whether for social, athletic, business or other purposes.

## Basis of criticism against Nisei

At the same time, other racial groups have carried on in much the same manner, organizing their own clubs without, however, drawing as much public attention or criticism as the Japanese.

The reason for this difference probably lies in the fact that numerically, the Japanese organizations stand out in comparison with other racial groups, though not necessarily so in proportion to the total population by races.

But the Japanese groups can take a lesson from the Hawaiian Civic Club. To re-quote its president: "After all, this is 1954."

It's time that racial groups start relaxing on their clannishness and begin practicing a little more of that famous Hawaiian hospitality towards all races.

## You'd never know Colorado youth was exiled from Manchuria home

By KATHERINE KAWAMURA

Montrose, Colo.

Within the last four weeks, Mike Emizawa has made the front pages of the Montrose Daily Press on four occasions.

For the past three years, he has been studying here under sponsorship of the John Souder family and has assimilated to the point where he is not only an active member of the Montrose High School student body but is an office-holder as well, elected on the basis of ability, leadership and popularity.

Emizawa was elected student body vice-president for the coming school year; was elected vice-president of the Montrose high school band; qualified for his second journeyman's award in the Quill and Scroll chapter, school journalism organization; appointed business manager of the school publication staff; named outstanding underclassman band member and received the two-year band letter.

Manchuria-Born

The young student was of special interest in Bill Hosokawa's column in December, 1951, of the Pacific Citizen. As a Manchurian-born youth, Mike Emizawa came to the United States with the encouragement of John Souder, who has since passed away. He enrolled at the high school, with an enrollment of 600 students, and is now a junior.

"The story of how Mike wound up in Montrose is a small epic in itself," Hosokawa reported in his column.

"Until early this fall he was just another one of the threadbare, often-hungry young men who are such a common sight in Tokyo. He had been born in Manchuria (in 1932) of Japanese parents, deported to Japan by the Russians (in 1946). He wound up working for the American occupation forces."

Story Unfolded

His initiative and alertness attracted Maj. James A. Hacker, who was later assigned to Denver and told the story to Hosokawa, and of Emizawa's desire to come to America.

"Down in Montrose, John V. Souder, who operates the Belvedere Hotel, read about Mike and pondered on the meaning of brotherhood," continued the PC columnist. Souder then arranged to take him into his home.

## Noted Nisei architect of Detroit Japan-bound to design U.S. consulate, wins acclaim planning St. Louis airport

By TOSHI SHIMOURA

Detroit

Enroute now to Kobe on the first of three trips to look into his most recent project is Nisei architectural designer, Minoru Yamasaki, of Detroit. Yamasaki highly regarded for his fine design in the modern line has been commissioned by the U.S. State Department to design the consulate building in that historical city of Japan.

Born in Seattle as one of two sons to Mr. and Mrs. Tsunejiro Yamasaki, Minoru graduated from the Univ. of Washington in 1934 and immediately moved to New York City, continuing his education at New York University.

While a New Yorker, Yamasaki associated himself with the firms of Shreve, Lamb and Harmon; Harrison and Foukhoux; Raymond Loewy; and George Nelson. He received his license in 1940 and continued his work in New York until 1945.

## Marries Pianist

While in New York, he married Terry Hirashiki of Los Angeles, a graduate of USC who was in New York on a scholarship at the Julliard School of Music. Mrs. Yamasaki is an accomplished pianist and presently associated with the Birmingham Musicale here besides teaching music.

It is hard to imagine that the charming home of the Yamasakis and their three children, Carol 10, Taro 8, Kim 5, which appeared in "House Beautiful" in 1952 is a 130 years old colonial home remodeled in the modern manner to reflect the fineness of design and decoration of its owners.

In 1945 an opportunity attracted Yamasaki and his family to Detroit. As an architectural designer for the firm of Smith, Hinchman and Grylls, his work was always highly regarded and lauded for its sensitiveness of design.

## Own Business Firm

By 1949 Minoru Yamasaki was ready to launch his own business. As designer and partner in the firm of Leinweber, Yamasaki and Hellmuth with offices in Detroit and St. Louis, he has been able to realize his strong ideas in architectural design. These take form in every project he has challenged. Locally, the \$3,600,000 Federal reserve Bank addition stands out as a grand example of his idea of a building with dignity.

Another noteworthy design coming off of Yamasaki's board is the airport terminal building now being built at Lambert Field, St. Louis, at a cost of \$4,000,000. Here is a structure of beauty with an eye for the future.

Recently the School Executive Magazine awarded Yamasaki for the design of the Detroit University School and Grosse Pointe Country and Day School with the distinction of its being one of the five best designed school buildings in the country. In addition, he has done other elementary schools for the Detroit Board of Education.

## Other Achievements

These and many others such



The Minoru Yamasaki family sits for an informal picture taken in their Detroit home: children are Carol (sitting on sofa), Kim and Taro (on the floor).

## Nisei affairs like M'Carthy-Army feud when it comes to trivialities

Toronto

Nisei commentary on the current McCarthy-Army feud has been few and far between in the States, but Toyo Takata, columnist for the New Canadian, last week wrote the televised versions have been "pretty slipshod affairs."

"There seems to be absolutely no semblance of order or organization and the overall impression of the hearings is that it resembles a crowded smoking compartment on the coach," continued the Canadian writer.

## Will Never Complain

Takata admitted in his "Weekly Habit" column that when a Nisei group got tangled in trivialities and used up valuable time getting nowhere, it annoyed him, "but we'll never again complain about the time wasted on

minor details and irrelevant discussions at different meetings and conferences."

If he were an American taxpayer, he said he would regard it as a waste of money and valuable time of congressional members. Takata felt the hearings carried more dramatic impact than a \$15,000 production, but that television seemed to hinder the progress of government at work.

## Provoos appeal for new trial refused by judge

New York

Federal Judge Gregory F. Noonan last week refused motions to set aside the life sentence imposed for treason on John David Provoos and to order a new trial for the ex-Japanese prisoner of war.

Ex-Sgt. Provoos was convicted in February, 1953, of giving aid and comfort to the enemy after he became a prisoner on Corregidor in 1942.

## Long Beach flower shop held up, \$100 robbed

Long Beach

The Flower Shop, 2294 American Ave., operated by Frank Ishii, was held up and robbed of \$100 Friday last week. Police rounded up several suspects the following day.

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## Chicago Corner . . . by Smoky Sakurada

### Shooting threatens family

• A southside shooting threatened three Sansei children and their mother, Mrs. JANE IZUMI, 6683 S. Kenwood Ave., last Saturday morning. The Rolands, living across the street at 6641 S. Kenwood on the second floor, were quarreling. Husband Roland took a shot at his wife, the bullet going across the street and grazing Walter Kusic, 13, on the left ankle and crashed through the first floor window of the Izumi residence. Mrs. Izumi, her children Steve 12, Crystal 11 and Cheryl 10, were upstairs at the time of the shooting. A CLer, Mrs. Izumi is the former Jane Sugimoto of Los Angeles, and is employed at RCA.

#### Around Windy City . . .

• The Women's Fellowship of the Christ Congregational Church, 701 Buckingham Pl., will have a coffee cake baking demonstration at their June 4, 7:30 p.m. meeting. A staff member of the People's Gas Light & Coke Co. home service department will be present. A Cory coffeemaker and coffee cakes are to be door prizes.

• The third annual Tri-Church Conference of the Kenwood-Ellis, Church of Christ and Christian Fellowship churches will be held June 4-6 at Camp Duncan, some 45 miles northwest of Chicago, near Volo.

• MARY TAKAHASHI demonstrated flower arranging at the annual spring luncheon of the Sigma Kappa sorority last week at the Chicago Bar Association, 29 S. La Salle St.

• The Chicago JACL executive board convened last Sunday at Herrick House Lodge, Bartlett, Ill., 40 miles northwest of here.

The 75th annual exhibition of students' work at the Art Institute is being presented in the East Wing galleries, where actual equipment used in the creation of diverse art techniques is on display. Students are demonstrating the processes of lithography, etching, silk-screen printing, wood engraving, weaving, wood and stone carving, dress design construction, industrial and interior designing, ceramics, painting in oils and watercolor.

Riverview Park opened its amusement center, Belmont and Western, last Wednesday.

• U-505, a captured 650-ton Nazi submarine, will become a permanent exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry. The undersea craft is being towed from Portsmouth, N.H., via the St. Lawrence River and the Great Lakes.

• Buckingham Fountain in Grant Park, customarily in operation by mid-May for the summer season, will not be started this year until June 1 or later due to repairs.

• Wadsworth PTA held its bake sale last Saturday at Woodlawn Dep't store. Mrs. TOM OKABE, 6360 S. Ingleside Ave., and Mrs. TACH GOYA, 6351 S. Ingleside Ave., assisted in the sales.

#### Of People . . .

• HENRY OKAMURA, 911 Eastwood Ave., is an active sports figure in the local young peoples group. Formerly from Stockton, Calif., he is a cabinet maker for Streamline Trailer Co. His wife is the former CARRIE "Carrot" DOI of Los Angeles, active in the Dawnelles Club, and employed as typist for Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Her father, MITSUJI DOI, real estate salesman, was a prominent shibui artist at Granada WRA camp. She is the sister of:  
✓ IRENE, now MRS. MAS OKUDA, Roosevelt College student. One child: STEVE, 21 months old.  
✓ GRACE, now MRS. GEORGE KIDO; employee of Standard Industries. She is secretary at Midwest Window Co.  
✓ PAUL, 17.

#### CHAPTER MEMO

**San Mateo JACL:** A potluck dinner honoring Issei pioneers over the age of 70 and recently naturalized Issei will be held tomorrow night at the San Mateo Buddhist Church. Dr. Andrew Yoshihara, Hiroshi Ito and Sike Yamaguchi are co-chairmen of the event expected to attract 200 persons.

**East Los Angeles JACL:** Supervisor John Anson Ford speaks on the "Operations of County Government" at the chapter meeting tonight, 8 p.m., at the International Institute. Program vice-president Fumi Ishihara is in charge . . . The current chapter newsletters reports 310 members have been signed up and still leader in the Pacific Southwest district . . . The chapter has scheduled square dancing and folk singing for June, a chapter picnic in July and a civil defense program for August. The chapter also sponsors a bridge class now meeting on Tuesdays, 8 p.m., at the International Institute. Hisashi Horita, Southwest L.A. chapter president, is instructor.

**Livingston-Merced JACL:** The total membership of 132 through efforts of Spud Masuda and his committee surpasses the 1953 chapter mark.

**San Francisco JACL:** The chapter bridge tournament and lessons under chairmanship of Dr. Tok Hedani and Dr. Wilfred Hiura to be held May 29 was postponed to June 12. Dr. Hedani has been ill (virus infection) and is now on the mend . . . The chapter's annual picnic with the Japanese chamber of commerce will be held June 20. Place is to be announced.

**Newsletters Received:** Cleveland, San Francisco (May 11), Arizona (May 13), East Los Angeles, Livingston-Merced (May 10).

**Fowler JACL:** To honor recently naturalized Issei, the chapter will show two Japanese movies, "Magokoro" starring Kinuyo Tanaka, and a chamba "Shippu Karasutai," at the local hall, May 26.

**Ventura County JACL:** The chapter is urging members and friends to participate in the annual clean-up of the Japanese cemetery, located on the corner of Olds and Etting Roads south of Oxnard, May 29, starting at 8 a.m. Memorial Day services will be held the following day, 11 a.m., at the same location. Roy Sano, student pastor of Nisei Methodist Church, and the Rev. Masunaga of the Oxnard Buddhist Church will speak.

**Washington, D.C., JACL:** Reservations for the chapter recognition dinner for new Issei citizens are being accepted by Dr. George Furukawa, 3429 Yuma St., NW (tel. EMerson 3-6029). The dinner is being held at the Sheraton Park Hotel Burgundy Room, June 27, 6 p.m. Tickets are \$5 per person. Speakers include Sen. Pat McCarran, Rep. Francis E. Walter and I&N commissioner.

# Pre-registration, package deal of Nat'l JACL convention explained

#### Los Angeles

Delegates and boosters attending the "New Horizons" convention of the National JACL here Sept. 2-6 were urged to pre-register now.

With a record attendance anticipated, Mrs. Mabel Ota, registration chairman, 3660 Cimmaron, will request in a letter going to presidents of the 89 chapters throughout the Nation that name of the delegate or booster and chapter with the number of the pre-registration ticket be submitted as soon as designated.

"This matter of pre-registration," Mrs. Ota explained, "will facilitate matters and save much time when the delegate or booster appears at the registration desk at the time of the convention."

"All the necessary typing of names and chapter on the convention ribbon badge and package will have been prepared in advance."

#### Convention Badges

Ribbon badges are being ordered as follows: red for convention board and committee members, white for official delegates and blue for booster delegates.

Pre-registration fee is \$3. Tickets have been distributed to the chapters. Some tickets have been returned to the registration committee, but Mrs. Ota said no names were received thus holding up the work of the committee.

The package deal registration is \$30, which covers (at a loss to the convention committee) all official events, luncheons, suppers and social events.

#### Package Deal

Ken Dyo, budget and finance chairman of the five-day convence, revealed that the \$30 package deal includes two banquets, two luncheons, the outing, mixer, Sayonara Ball and the booklet as well as the "must" \$3 registration fee.

While chapter delegates are expected to subscribe to the package deal, booster delegates have the option to attend those events of their own choosing.

Assessments of convention events on the optional list are as follows:

Pioneer banquet, \$7.50; Convention dinner, \$7.50; two luncheons, \$4 each; outing, \$6 (includes lunch and supper); mixer, \$2; Sayonara Ball, \$3; and the souvenir booklet, \$1.

"The convention board is absorbing an \$8 loss for every package-deal sold," Dyo said woefully. "Only way we can balance our convention budget is by the goodwill greetings which chapters are soliciting for the souvenir booklet."

#### Official Delegates

While several chapters have submitted their \$30 package-deal registrations for their delegates, yet to be designated, Pasadena JACL was announced as the first chapter to name official delegates.

Tom Ito, chapter president, and Miss Florence Wada, 1st vice-president in charge of public relations, are the Pasadena delegates.

Pre-registration is currently being accepted by Mrs. Mabel Ota, registration chairman, 3660 Cimmaron, Los Angeles, at \$3 per delegate or booster. Chapter presidents have pre-registration tickets.

If the delegate or boosters desires, he may pay the remaining \$27 at the time of registration at the Statler Hotel, convention headquarters.

#### West Los Angeles picnic June 6 at Ladera Park

#### Los Angeles

The annual West Los Angeles picnic, co-sponsored by the Community Council and the JACL Chapter will be held at the Ladera Park June 6. Co-chairman for the affair will be Robert Iwamoto and Elmer Uchida.

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## On to L.A.! . . . by Roy Nishikawa

### Capitalizing Names

Why put convention personalities in CAPITAL letters? Take a look at the columns of MAS, HARUO, TAMA, SMOKY. The names STAND OUT because they are in "caps." Human nature being what it is, people are interested in people. Besides you might pick up a few readers this way who could, shall we say, be looking for the names of friends.

#### Budget & Finance Committee at Work

Last week we met with KEN DYU's Convention Budget and Finance Committee and also met several members of the CHALONS, a Pasadena girls' club which will help the committee in the collection and recording of funds. Ken has a strong committee which includes names like KEN UTSUNOMIYA, former war National JACL vice-president; AKIRA HASEGAWA and TED OKUMOTO (formerly treasurers of the PSWDC Chapter Union); and the backbone of the Pasadena Chapter: TOM FLORENCE WADA, KIMI FUKUTAKE and KAY HOMMA name just a few.

The Budget and Finance Committee has one of the toughest jobs of all because it must see to it that the convention, as a whole, will pay for itself. It must take a bird's-eye view of things rather than concentrating on any particular phase of the convention. Most of the 43-odd committee chairmen are naturally concerned with their own individual events. This is good, it makes for good planning, enthusiasm and hard work on the part of each committee head.

However, in their anxiety to make their event "the best" there is a natural tendency to spare no expense and perhaps to fudge a little on budget. This is where Budget and Finance risks the possible displeasure and wrath of individual committees by cutting down on or eliminating entirely certain budget items which they feel are excessive or unnecessary.

#### 'Suite for a Day' Plan

Pasadena has long had a reputation as a town which takes in the sidewalks after dark, but such a reputation is entirely undeserved as far as the JACL is concerned. President TOM ITO says that the chapter will take over a few suites at the Statler during the convention that will serve as a hospitality center for their members and friends.

Various chapter members are being approached to sponsor "A suite for a day." Sounds like a wonderful project for other chapters too.

It was good seeing old-timers like the NOB KAWAIS, KEN UTSUNOMIYAS, MAS NAKAMURAS and DR. TOM OMORI. The term "old-timers" applies only to the husbands. MRS. JUNKO KAWAI (nee Junko Yoshimoto, Miss National JACL of 1940) was very much in evidence. She has two children now and still looks like a queen, but even so, her husband SHIG could not resist going trout fishing that night.

#### Another Queen Hopeful Sends Regrets

Early this month we were privileged to attend the Pasadena Chapter's dinner-dance honoring WILLIAM CARR, a longtime friend of the Nisei. Among his many fine traits, Mr. Carr showed true humility, which in our book is one of the signs of greatness.

We got lucky again, sitting next to pretty OLLIE TOKUDA, the Crown City's potential queen candidate. The Convention Board Chairman's job has some compensations. Ollie's real name is OLYMPIA, having been born during the 1932 Olympic Games in Los Angeles. Unfortunately for the chapter and the Convention Committee, Miss Tokuda has since sent her regrets.

#### Let Down by Kabuki

At the instigation of my better half we attended the Kabuki last week, along with most of the other JACLers in this area. The rave notices had conditioned us to expect something really super, so naturally we were let down. Words like exotic, strange, different, charming, enchanting, etc., may well have been applicable during the first half of the show.

But the second half seemed slow-paced and even tedious. For our money, the English narrator, beautiful, charming CHIZUKU ITASHIKI, stole the show with her lovely voice and flawless English. The L.A. Examiner said of her, "She speaks better English than you or I and must have been born in Bel-Air." In addition, we enjoyed the simple but effective stage settings and the magnificent costumes.

To those who feel we are damning the Kabuki with faint praise, let us add hastily that for us, the acid test of any stage production is: Is it good enough so that you would want to see it again? No. Not for a while. But it was valuable as a new experience.

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## Scene from Golden Gate

HARUO ISHIMARU

The second quarterly meeting of the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council, held in Oakland last Sunday, began with a luncheon session of Executive Board members prior to the business meeting. Members of the board are TOM YEGO, GEORGE NISHITA, ALICE SHIGEZUMI, BILL FUKUBA, GRACE AIKAWA, FRED HOSHIYAMA, TOM MIYANAGA, GINJI MIZUTANI, JACK NODA, BILL MATSUMOTO, WAYNE KANEMOTO, BOB TAKAHASHI and GII YOSHIOKA.

### California legislative program . . .

Among the many items on the business calendar was the recommendation that the JACL outline a program of activity in California state legislature for 1955. It was approved that the two other district councils in the state be invited to send representatives to a meeting to discuss the legislative problems which the JACL should survey and support.

In line with this very important concern, chapters were urged to develop an all-out program for voter registration and actual voting in the coming election period. It was pointed out that voting is a serious responsibility as well as an opportunity for the Nisei and the new Issei citizens as an integral part of our government to demonstrate their concern.

The San Francisco Chapter reported on the progress of the Northern California Track Meet to be held at Kezar Stadium on June 6 for the second consecutive year. All JACL chapters were urged to send their high school and other track stars to compete in the Northern California Nisei Olympics.

A boost for the National Convention was made and "Operation Ichi Doru" tickets were distributed. TOM YEGO and GEORGE NISHITA were unanimously approved as the official delegates to represent our District Council at the National Convention.

### NCWNDC pre-convention rally . . .

Dr. CLIFFORD NAKAJIMA of the Monterey Peninsula Chapter extended an invitation to delegates to attend the third quarterly District Council meeting in Monterey on Aug. 1. This will be the pre-convention rally and will feature the first Northern California golf tournament. Chapters are requested to submit names of golfers on a first come-first serve basis, since green reservations can be made for only 60. FRANK SHINGU will chair the event. HENRY MENDA, chapter president, reports that plans are already under way for another bang-up District Council meeting, the likes of which only our chapters can really throw.

### Masaoka, Satow reports highlighted . . .

The two reports which highlighted the meeting were made by National "Head Man" MASAO SATOW, who spoke on National JACL activities and problems, and by MIKE MASAOKA, who gave a Washington legislative report, which is included in another section of this edition of the Pacific Citizen.

Our District Council is especially fortunate that JACL National Headquarters are located in San Francisco so that not only do we have access to the guidance of National Director Satow but the many national dignitaries, who are passing through, can be pressed into service at our meetings and conferences.

The constantly recurring problem of finances for the District Council was presented. The recommendation was that various chapters attempt to boost their quota by ten per cent if the resources of their area make it possible. At any rate, the quota for the District Council will be discussed and voted upon at the next meeting.

### Presentations at banquet . . .

The dinner was capably chaired by Dr. ERNEST TAKAHASHI, JACL stalwart of Oakland. Special presentations were made: Mrs. MARGARET UTSUMI (of the Utsumi Photo Studio) was presented with a special Oakland Chapter award for her untiring efforts in heading the program for Issei citizenship in Oakland.

National presentation of special service awards were made to MAS YONEMURA, WAYNE KANEMOTO and VICTOR ABE for their legal work in fighting the 5-F ruling which had made almost 50 per cent of the Issei men ineligible for citizenship. Travel alarm clocks were presented these attorneys from the District Council. A number of Issei were present.

Among the special guests were the new Issei citizens of Oakland. Representing them, Mrs. CHIYO KAJIWARA, Gold Star mother, spoke pledging their loyalty to their new land and expressing their appreciation for the work of the JACL in making their citizenship possible.

### JACL work not all over . . .

As main speaker, MIKE MASAOKA reminded JACLers of the many problems in discrimination which the JACL has fought and pointed out that the work is not yet over. It was emphasized

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When 44 Issei of northern Sacramento valley were naturalized recently, Mr. and Mrs. Buntaro Nakamura of Marysville, 76 and 70 respectively, were the oldest persons that day to become U.S. citizens. Standing (left to right) are Dan Nishita, instructor; Frank Okimoto, president, Marysville JACL; Mrs. Nakamura; Judge Oliver J. Carter; Mr. B. Nakamura; Edward T. Sweeney, naturalization examiner.

## Marysville area Issei sworn in at mass naturalization ceremonies

### Sacramento

Forty-four Issei from Marysville, Yuba City, Gridley, Colusa, and Nicolaus became naturalized citizens in ceremonies May 10 in the United States District Court in Sacramento with Judge Oliver J. Carter of the U.S. District Court in San Francisco presiding.

Edward T. Sweeney, naturalization examiner for the area, presented 106 persons in all before the court to be naturalized. J. Howard Jones of the Sacramento Bar Association spoke on behalf of the court in welcoming the new citizens.

Scrolls containing the Great Seal of the State of California and personally signed by Gov. Goodwin Knight were given to each new citizen by three Sacramento service clubs—Kiwanis, Soroptimist and Zonta. Folders for safekeeping citizenship papers were given by the Cabrillo Civic Club of Sacramento.

Dan Nishita of Yuba City, instructor for the group during their study period at Yuba Evening College in Marysville, translated and gave the Oath of Allegiance in Japanese.

Frank Okimoto of Marysville, representing the Japanese American Citizens League, also addressed the newly naturalized.

Four Issei, Midori Kagehiro of Colusa, Misao Nakamura of Live Oak, Kazunobu Oki and Kazuki Watanabe of Yuba City, took the Oath of Allegiance here on Apr. 6, 1954. They were sworn in at the earlier date because they took the oral examination in English. The others took their examination in Japanese.

The Issei naturalized May 10 were:

Yuba City—Takayuki Ariyama, Takuno Heya, Tamaye Inouye, Koto Iwanaga, Kunisuke Kawamoto, Ralph T. Kitagawa, Katsu Kochi, Kazuyo Kodama, Satoru Kodama, Masao Kodani, Chise Manji, Kinuye Nabeta, Misuyo Shimamoto, Akino Shimizu, Ippei Shimizu, Kazuno Shingu, Jusuke Shingu, Kazuo Tagawa, Hikoichi Takagi, Nami Tsuda, Tani Yokohari, Hanako Yoshimoto. Live Oak—Eiji Hasegawa, Shiro Hatamiya, Masato Kimura, Mitsuye Nakatani.

Marysville—Heizo Hashimoto, Shizue Hashimoto, Satoki Hatamiya, Buntaro Nakamura, Ichi Nakamura, Shina Okimoto, Shigezo Sasaki, Shizu Yoshimura. Colusa—Nobu Hashioka, Miyako Hinoki, Suma Kakita, Motome Yoshimura. Nicolaus—Hidemitsu Kataoka;

## Downowners seek 100 1000-Clubbers

### Los Angeles

Frank Suzukida, prominent real estate broker and civic leader, was announced as chairman of the 1000 Club drive by the Downtown Los Angeles JACL Chapter by Dave Yokozeki, president.

The Downtown chapter has set a goal of hundred 1000-Club members within the chapter. At present the Downtown chapter has 25 of its members in this group, which consists of JACLers who donate \$25 or more per year for the operational fund of National Headquarters.

"We'll welcome a contest with any chapter—in fact, any two chapters," declared David Yokozeki, chapter president. Terms of the contest will be the most 1000 Club members in current good standing as of midnight, June 30, 1954. Prizes will be determined depending upon which chapter or chapters accept the challenge.

Yokozeki may be reached at the law offices of Chuman, McKibbin, and Yokozeki, 257 S. Spring St., Los Angeles 12. Deadline for challenges is June 5.

Kei Uchima, 1st vice-president, is coordinator of the membership drive for the chapter and Blanche Shiosaki is in charge of publicity.

Assistant chairmen under Suzukida include:

Eiji Tanabe, Ted Okumoto, George Maruya, Sho Iino, James Mitsumori, Harry Honda, Shig. Takeda, Saburo Kido, Henry Mori, Elmer Yamamoto, Fred Tayama, George Umezawa, Lily Otera and Ted Asato.

Gridley—Suyeno Nakamoto; Wheatland—Takeyoshi Yoshikawa.

Five more Issei of Sacramento became American citizens May 10 in a federal court ceremony here. They are:

Kihei Ikeda, Ichiro Ishii, Seigo Fukuda, Tamejiro Sato, Seizaburo Matsuoaka.

### Honolulu

Federal Judge J. Frank McLaughlin presided at the Apr. 29 naturalization ceremonies here. Thirty-one were from Japan.

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## Reveal Waseda University baseball wants Pacific Coast summer series

Portland, Ore.

Jim McGregor, athletics travel representative of Canadian Pacific Airlines, and onetime high school coach in Oregon after graduating from USC, revealed Waseda University is scheduled tentatively to play baseball for six weeks in June and July on the Pacific Coast.

Waseda, one of the Big Six Japanese universities, has been inviting American college teams for several years and wishes to reverse the arrangement, McGregor told L. H. Gregory, sports editor of the Oregonian.

The Waseda boys would start the tour from Vancouver, B.C., according to McGregor.

### Intense Spirit Noted

The columnist quotes McGregor's letter at length to show how intense athletics is in Japan — and in the Philippines, too, for the Filipinos are just as ardent in basketball as the Japanese are in baseball.

"The athletic interest in Japan and the Philippines was an eye-opener, even to me, and I had some idea of it before going there. I was in Manila a couple of weeks back when the Asiatic games were held. One of the competing countries — in fact, the winner, was Japan. Now please bear in mind that Filipinos since the war have felt bitterly towards Japan; in Manila still are wrecked buildings

and wrecked ships strewn Manila bay, from the Japanese invasion.

### Sportsmanship Value

"But in these games, at Rizal stadium in Manila, a capacity crowd of 28,000 not only sat through a Japanese triumph and almost clean sweep, but at no time hooted the Japanese athletes or committed any insulting act. Consider, also, that as at the Olympic games, the national anthem of the winner is played after each event of the Asiatic games — and this resulted in the Japanese national anthem 37 different times.

"And still the Filipino audience took it all calmly despite a temperature of 120 degrees and with no show of animosity. That can only be construed as a tremendous example of the healing effects of clean athletic competition when conducted internationally."

McGregor was also surprised by the 70,000 fans witnessing a collegiate volleyball game at Waseda stadium.

Also on tap in the way of collegiate international sports, according to the Oregonian sports editor, are the U.S. collegiate basketball team to the Philippines, Univ. of Illinois baseball team to Japan in August, and Cambridge (England) rowing crew to Japan in September.

## IN HONOR OF

Ted Slocum, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tokutaro Slocum of Fresno, was elected student body president of Fresno High School for the fall term. He was also chosen to represent his school at Boys State next month in Sacramento. A near straight A student, he was also freshman and junior class president, and student body president while at Alexander Hamilton Jr. High School.

Mariko Sekiguchi, Lindsay High school graduate majoring in economics at the Univ. of California at Berkeley, was elected into the Phi Beta Kappa national honorary society.

Emiko Masuhara, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Y. Masuhara, Vancouver, B.C., was Leary Hall, women's residence at Univ. of Washington. Her name is to be engraved on the dormitory plaque.

Joyce Mochizuki, Madera High School fine art major, was awarded one of the major \$1,000 first prizes as the Bank of America climaxed its 1954 Achievement Awards program in Sacramento last week. Other Nisei winners in the finals included Allan Ryu of Stockton and Irene Kodani of Arroyo Grande.

Robert Suzuki, son of Mr. and Mrs. Magoshiro Suzuki of Spokane, will be valedictorian of his graduating class at Otis Orchards High School May 26.

Marianne Mizuno, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kashi Mizuno (formerly of Auburn, Wash.), 1110 W. Belden Ave., Chicago, was honored guest of the Union League Club of the Alliance of Business and Professional Women at a luncheon honoring the two top girl business graduates from city high schools. The Skyline member represented Waller High School. She is the sister of Mrs. Margaret Fukai, Cincinnati; Ted and Elmer, both students in Chicago.

Yoshito Shibayama, Life Scout of Los Angeles Koyasan troop 379, was inducted as a member of the "Order of Arrows," an honor group recognizing outdoor leadership, at a district camporee.

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TATS KUSHIDA

### Only \$25 to join 1000 Club . . .

"You mean it doesn't cost a thousand bucks to join?" is a surprised inquiry we run into now and then.

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Fortunately, they understood the purpose of the 1000 Club so it didn't require additional explanation or selling on our part. But since some of our dear readers (and they are dear) may want the lowdown, here's a thumbnail synopsis.

It takes so much Mazuma (named after an Issei minter) for the JACL national headquarters budget. So back in 1948, a farmer out in Venice (USA) named Inagaki was inspired to create a sort of super-JACLer within the membership, a JACL "shriner" if you will, comprised of those who are ready, able and willing to give more than ordinary membership-support to JACL, and who when the occasion seemed appropriate, would make a little noise to let others know about the fraternal spirit of the Order of the Tie and Garter.

Conceived in liberality and dedicated to the proposition that all good JACLers would want to join, the 1000 Club has survived childhood and is now enjoying growing pains to the tune of more than 500 members in good standing, and during the past several years have had an additional 250 "off and on" members whose farm crops or other circumstances determine their ability to renew their current membership.

And it continues to grow. By the end of June, DAVE YOKOZEKI intends to have at least 100 members of the 1000 Club from his chapter alone, the Downtown L.A. JACL.

Many other chapters, we're happy to see, are pushing for increased 1000 Club membership. It helps the chapters too, because this year for the first time, 1000 Club dues are credited to chapter fund-drive quotas. Understand TOKUZO GORDON, the national chairman of the 1000 Club is elated over this development and will be on hand at the convention with a gismo to identify 1000ers.

Yokozeki's challenge to other chapters to top Downtown L.A. by June 30 will probably be taken up by other chapters, or, since he okays it, by pairs of chapters—and at the risk of some dirty looks hereabouts. We hope hope he gets licked. Better hustle, because he's got a terrific team out to get his 100 or bust, and we don't mean bosom.

### Le Societe de Slipped Disc . . .

Here's a new angle, speaking of membership. A reader in Boys Town, Neb., suggests the inclusion of her husband into our Slipped Disc Society. You guessed it, it was LILY OKURA, the pretty spouse of our national vice-president, PATRICK K. Seiz Lily, Pat just finished a seven-day course at the hospital under tractions (weights on each leg).

### Two Honoluluans stop by . . .

Two Honoluluans dropped in this week. KATSURO MIHO, who attended our Chicago convention in '50 and in passing relieved some of the delegates of spare (?) change in a friendly (?) session, is a prominent attorney who has handled a good many strander and citizenship cases in Japan in association with Wirin, Kido and other attorneys. He is with a law partnership which includes HIRAM FONG, speaker of the Hawaiian House of Representatives. Sen. JOE ITAGAKI also passed through here on his way back from a second trip to D.C. in the interest of Hawaiian Statehood.

### Stanford Issei grad joins 1000 Club . . .

TED AKAHOSHI is one of our older Issei college grads, having received his Stanford diploma in 1913. He's joined the 1000 Club and offered to continue assisting naturalization petitioners as a JACL (gratis) interpreter. His English is tops, and why shouldn't it be. He was a member of a debating society at Stanford. That's when he became a good friend of the late GEORGE HATFIELD, who served as a lieutenant-governor of California and many years as a state senator.

When Ted operate a packing shed in Guadalupe with two partners, Messrs. TSUTSUMIDA and TOMOOKA, who are now successful farmers in Glendale, Ariz., he and Tsutsumida (along with rice king KEISABURO KODA of South Dos Palos) were guests of Hatfield at his huge Merced ranch.

### Short bites of PSWDC news . . .

Hollywood JACL naturalization class under instructor MICKEY MORIWAKI is still going good-guns at the Dayton Heights school Tuesday and Thursday nights with 34 students, many of them repeaters. The naturalization speedup in L.A. should encourage bigger enrollment in this and other classes . . . KEN UYESUGI, Orange County prexy, just took off for a ten-day trip back East but reports membership convention ad solicitation, etc., are under control. Remember, he's the guy who put over that hugely successful PSWDC convention in Santa Ana in 1951. His DDS missus renovates dilapidated biscupids in Costa Mesa, their hometown . . . HARUMI YAMADA, secretary for the Santa Barbara chapter, reports its membership drive now completed and off to headquarters . . . The Arizona chapter puts out a pretty nice chapter bulletin. Their latest reports of a recent visit by LA's consul general SHINSAKU HOGEN when members escorted him to an appointment with Governor Pyle and other dignitaries; also SHIG TANITA's hospitalized and that former Crossroad editor BOB UNO, now of Glendale, is recovering from an illness that required hospitalization . . .

### Souvenir booklet deadline nears . . .

The Souvenir booklet committee for the convention is disappointed that more chapters and district councils wouldn't help out by sending in early ads to ease the deadline rush. Don't let them down, send in your ads in tomorrow's mail. Then get more and send those in. The booklet will be only as good as what you put into it. So how about making them squawk about too much work instead of not enuf.

## Ishimaru -

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that the battleground for the JACL will always be the Pacific Coast, although paradoxically the Middle West and the East may be even more important in developing favorable public relations and political help. Masaoka reiterated the necessity of maintaining not only a strong JACL but a nationally coordinated and united organization.

Among the guests present were Mayor and Mrs. Clifford Rishell, Alameda County District Attorney J. F. Coakley, Mr. and Mrs. Brooke McKinnon, instructor of Issei citizenship classes.

Apologies: In last week's column we inadvertently referred to KAZUO ISHII of the Sumitomo Bank as Mitsuo. Our apologies to Mr. Ishii, one of our JACL friends and Cal-Neva JACL Credit Union members.

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## Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

We might readily put this little item in the "we knew her when" files for sentimental reasons for Michiko is in town in the musicale, *The King and I*, at the Philharmonic Auditorium.

After a three-year run in Manhattan, the show comes as a second installment to the Los Angeles Civic Light Opera season.

Michiko (Iseri) dances the role of Angel in "The Small House of Uncle Thomas," and does another dance during Patricia Morison's singing of "Getting to Know You."

Michiko, although born in Phoenix, is very much an Angeleno, began teaching dance at the ripe young age of 12. She attended Compton Gakuen to brush up on her Japanese. She was graduated from Belmont High School.

The war removed Michiko and her family to Heart Mountain Relocation Center but soon after she left for New York City for "brighter pastures." Her ambition for a stage career came true when she hit the Rodgers and Hammerstein success which in the original New York cast had also featured Yuriko Ame-miya.

Newly-appointed commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization is to be commended for his quick action on the speed-up of the citizenship program in Southern California.

The retired Lt. Gen Joseph M. Swing has loosened much of the bottleneck by ordering 10 more examiners — five from Washington and five others from eastern offices — for a temporary emergency assignment in the Los Angeles office until July 1.

At the present there is an average of about six alien Japanese petitioners each day who are taking tests, among the total of some 120 to 130 processed daily.

Majority of the Issei are given oral examinations, and their stay at the Naturalization Office averages about two hours. The applicant is first checked for accuracy on what he has in his petition.

Then he is paced through a citizenship test which takes about 20 minutes, before the applicant's witness is brought to attest on the good character of the petitioner. There are several minutes of waiting between each step before both the applicant and his witness can sign the papers for naturalization.

The fact that more examiners are now available, until the year's backlog of petitioners is cleared, has brought new hope for Issei who have been waiting a long time for their naturalization status.

The Tokuhō Azuma Kabuki troupe has come and gone after their 11-day stay in Los Angeles. When their 12-day appearance in San Francisco is over, their contract with Impresario Sol Hurok ends. But the dancers and musicians have another one for \$250,000 tucked under their belt for a globe tour for 1955-56, starting in August.

Assuming that Kabuki members enjoyed a full-house at the Biltmore for 13 performances, close to 20,000 had packed the theater.

General comment from the Issei who knew their Kabuki was that the Azuma showing lacked depth, was sketchy, and didn't inspire the dignity and culture that the old traditional classics had.

But we feel that was to be expected.

The intent of the Kabuki troupe, at least this time around, was to provide something entertaining for a general public which is new to the 300-year old drama and music.

For the general viewers, it was a program of beautiful costumes and a rather "happy" samisen playing. To which most Nisei and non-Japanese audience approved heartily.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

AKAHORI—Apr. 23, a boy to the Toshio R. Akahori, Sacramento.  
DYO—Apr. 16, a girl Naomi to the Ken Dyo (Mitsuko Fukui), Pasadena.

FURUSHO—May 6, a girl Judy Jean to the Sunao Furusho, Palo Alto.  
HIRONAKA—Apr. 11, a girl to the Kuni Hironakas, Sacramento.

HIRONAKA—Apr. 7, a boy Lawrence Osamu to the Tom Tadashi Hironakas (Jane Yasue Morihiko), Los Angeles.

HIROTSU—May 4, a boy to the Roy Hirotsu, Menlo Park.

IKUTA—May 7, a girl to the Kanatsu Ikuta, Seattle.

IMAMOTO—Apr. 20, a boy Keith Katsumi to the Masakazu Imamoto (Nobuko Hoshino) North Hollywood.

KAITO—Apr. 15, a boy Hiroshi Douglas to the Matsuo Kaitos (Mitsuko Uyemori), Anaheim.

KASHIWAGI—Apr. 19, a boy to the Isamu S. Kashiwagi, Sacramento.

KATO—Apr. 7, a girl Cathleen Kinuko to the Toshihiko K. Katos (Yoshiye Imamura), San Gabriel.

KIMURA—May 5, a girl to the Kaz Kimuras, Seattle.

KITAGUCHI—Apr. 15, a boy William Jun to the Chitose Kitaguchis (Reiko Komine), Los Angeles.

KONDO—Apr. 19, a girl Carol Kinuko to the Hideo Kondos (Miyuki Betty Takemura), Los Angeles.

KUSAKAI—Apr. 5, a girl to the Hiroshi Kusakais, Fresno.

MARUYAMA—Apr. 28, a girl to the Saburo W. Maruyamas, Spokane.

MASAMITSU—Apr. 18, a girl Wendy Kim to the Tom T. Masamitsus (Elaine T. Tsuchida), Los Angeles.

MATSUMURA—Apr. 18, a girl Nancy Satomi to the Isamu Matsumuras (Laura Ryoko Yamaguchi), Los Angeles.

MATSUYAMA—Apr. 5, a girl Karen Fusaye to the Henry Tamehiro Matsuyamas (Florence Hagio Tsuchiyuki), Los Angeles.

MIZUSHIMA—Apr. 14, a boy to the Den Y. Mizushimas, San Diego.

MUKAI—Apr. 14, a girl to the Frank T. Mukais, Sacramento.

MUTO—Apr. 18, a girl to the Teru Mutos, Suisun.

NAIDE—Apr. 17, a boy Keith Ricky to the Eddie Toshio Naidas (Rose Hagihara), Pasadena.

NISHIKAWA—Apr. 1, a girl Karen Misao to the Masanori Nishikawas (Chizu Dobashi), Los Angeles.

NISHIMORI—Apr. 19, a girl Lori Miyase to the Minoru Nishimoris (Chiyo Hiji), Los Angeles.

NOMURA—Apr. 15, a girl Joyce Aiko to the Yoshio Nomuras (Eiko Gloria Watanabe), Los Angeles.

OKADA—Apr. 15, a girl Jo Dee to the Shigeo Okadas (Sandie Sumie Saito), Los Angeles.

OTSUKA—Apr. 21, a boy to the Nobuo Otsukas, San Diego.

SAWASAKI—Mar. 21, a boy Paul Stanley to the Roy Saburo Sawasakis (Yoshiko Osada), Los Angeles.

SHIBA—Apr. 4, a girl Jane Keiko to the Paul Kunio Shibas (Mary Tayeko Yamashiroya), Los Angeles.

SHIBUYA—Apr. 3, a girl Deborah Lynn to the William Hajime Shibuyas (Nancy Murakami), Los Angeles.

SHIOHAMA—Apr. 12, a boy Larry Dell to the Champ Satoshi Shiohamas (Yoshiko Tanabe), Los Angeles.

SHIYOMURA—A boy Kelvin James to the James Shiyomuras, Scotts-bluff, Neb.

SUZUKI—Apr. 28, a girl to the Shiget Suzuki (Kewa Okamoto), San Francisco.

TAKAHASHI—May 6, a boy Glen Shigeo to the Tom Takahashis, San Jose.

TAKAMI—Mar. 22, a boy Robin Roby to the Ted T. Takamis, Sumi Pamela Mayeda), Pacoima.

TAKAYAMA—Apr. 27, a boy Joe to the Hiroshi Takayamas (Toyo Sasaki), Cleveland.

TAKENAKA—Apr. 28, a boy to the Sachio Takenakas, San Francisco.

TAKETA—Apr. 11, a girl April to the George Taketas (Mae Oga), Cleveland.

### Engagements

FUJIWARA-OKAMOTO—Masako to Roy, both of Chicago, Apr. 18.

INOUE-YASUDA—Helen, Fresno, to Henry, Los Angeles, May 9.

NISHIOKA-SAKURA—Grace, Caldwell, Idaho, to Kenneth, Seattle.  
OKIMOTO-KAMINE—Janet, Chicago, to Mas, Seattle, May 5. (Corrected.)

### Marriage Licenses Issued

HAYASHI-OKIMURA — Kiyoshi L., 28, French Camp, and Mariko, 23, Rocklin.

LEE-SATO—Wilbur, 19, and Reiko, 19, both of Oakland.

MUNEKAWA-TOSHIKAWA — Satoru, 29, Sacramento, and Anna, 28, Loomis.

TAKAHASHI-KOSHINO—Chugi, 33, Oakland, and Toshiko June, 31, Sacramento.

### Weddings

AMANO-ISHII—May 2, Akira and Yoshiko, both of Los Angeles.

CHIKAMURA-NAKAHARA — May 2, Takeshi and Midori, both of Seattle.

HENMI-OGAWA—May 15, Ed, Fresno, and Cherry, San Francisco.

INOUE-TACHIBANA — May 23, Ted, Fresno, and Miyoko, Los Angeles.

KADOWAKI-NAGASAWA—Apr. 24, Kanjiro and Toshiko, both of Chicago.

KIYOMURA-HIGASHI—May 2, Carl, West Los Angeles, and Tokiye, Long Beach.

KOGA-TANAKA—May 7, Richard, Hawaii, and Ruth Aiko, Los Angeles.

KOMOTO-FUKUSHIMA — May 15, Kaori, Fresno, and Shigeko Nancy, Dinuba.

MUKAI-SAKAMOTO—May 1, Toshio, Fresno, and Kazuko, Los Angeles.

NAKAMOTO-FUJIMOTO — May 9, Masao and Irene Yuri, both of Los Angeles.

SASAGAWA-MASUDA — Apr. 25, Jay, Palo Alto, and Susie, San Francisco.

YAMAGAMI-HIRAKAWA — May 2, Yoneichi Tom, Alameda, and Eunice, Los Angeles.

### Deaths

HIKIDA, Kinzo, 74: Seattle, May, survived by wife Masu, four sons George K., Harry M., Dan, Jim K., five daughters May M., Rose T., Mary A., Ruth K., Mrs. Merrie M. Ishino, sister Mrs. Isa Kimura (Portland).

OBATA, Rev. Wakamatsu, 61: Chicago, Apr. 30, survived by wife Misao and two sons.

## Claims payment -

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ment for several months in order to allow sufficient time for all checks to reach award holders through the mails, according to government suggestions received by the Washington JACL Office.

Two separate appropriations were necessary to pay these evacuation claims because awards over \$2,500 must be considered apart from regular Justice Department supplemental or deficiency appropriation requests, the Washington JACL Office said.

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## Veteran benefit-

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eration of the bill."

In part, Public Law 622 says: "Provided further, that no payments shall be made to German or Japanese citizens or subjects residing in Germany or Japan."

### No New Beneficiaries

Continuing, the Veterans Administration letter had said:

"... It is not possible to furnish an estimate of the cost of the bill, if enacted, because of the unknown factors involved. However, it should be noted that the bill would not authorize new classes of beneficiaries or any new benefits but, rather would remove a bar to payment of benefits authorized under basic veterans' laws which accrue subsequent to the enactment of the bill."

Because of the international aspects of the legislation, the State Department wrote the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs saying:

"Inasmuch as our policy toward Japan and Germany now contemplates our helping them regain their places as self-respecting nations, the continued retention of the language of the clause [in Public Law 622 quoted above] appears inconsistent. German and Japanese nationals residing elsewhere in the world, as well as other nationals of other countries residing in Germany and Japan have for the past years been paid benefits by United States Government agencies other than the Veterans' Administration, such as Social Security Administration, Civil Service Commission, and the retired pay branches of the Armed Forces... The [State] Department recommends, therefore, that this bill receive favorable consideration."

Senate Majority Floor Leader William F. Knowland (R., Calif.) introduced an identical bill in the Senate.

## Cleveland hosts at Eastern Bussei confab

The ninth annual Eastern Young Buddhist League meets May 29-31 at the Hotel Hollenden here with the Cleveland YBA as host. Mike Asazawa and Tomio Sonoda are co-chairmen.

Delegates are expected from Chicago, Philadelphia, New York, Seabrook, Minneapolis-St. Paul, Toronto and possibly a representative from the National YBA office in San Francisco. With the EYBL future in mind, stress will be made on Sunday School activities and Sansei membership.

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## Sansei dies after flipping hot water

Napa

Donna Jean Oto, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Oto, Oakland, died Friday last week from burns after she pulled a tub of boiling water off the stove.

The accident occurred Sunday at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. George Tanita, 3050 Big Ranch Rd., where Mrs. Oto and her three children were visiting while Oto, an insurance salesman, attended a convention in Canada.

Her mother, a nurse, was sitting nearby feeding another child, Steven, 2 months old, and had looked away for a second. The child's screams brought her father and an uncle, Edward Tanita, from the garden. She was scalded over 60 percent of her body.

Oto had returned to Napa Saturday night prior to the accident and the family was planning to return the next day.

## Body washed ashore

Monterey

A body identified as Kanekus Takeda, 78, of Coyote, was washed up last Sunday on Monterey beach. He had been reported missing for sometime. According to the coroner, he may have been a fishing accident victim.

## CALENDAR

May 23 (Sunday)  
SOUTHWEST L.A.: Clam-digging at Pismo Beach.  
May 26 (Wednesday)  
FOWLER: Free Japanese movies, Community hall.  
LIVINGSTON-MERCED: Candidates' Night, Eiland Hall, 8 p.m.  
May 27 (Thursday)  
LIVINGSTON-MERCED: Memorial service, San Bruno.

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## EDITORIALS

## Unanimous Decision

The long-awaited decision of the United States Supreme Court on the issue of the segregated schools was announced last Monday. It was unanimously declared that to provide separate although equal facilities was a violation of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The opinion was read by Chief Justice Earl Warren.

This reversal of a decision of the United States Supreme Court rendered in 1896, saying that "separate but equal facilities" was valid, shall change public school systems in 21 states and the District of Columbia.

Although the trend of the highest tribunal's decisions has been to oppose discrimination on racial grounds, everyone concerned has been wondering how far the court was willing to go.

Governors of southern states had stated they would not tolerate abolishment of the segregated schools. Governor Talmadge even threatened to call the militia to prevent intermingling of Negro and white pupils.

The history of California has not been free of this problem although tension has not been great in recent years. The Japanese of San Francisco were involved in an international issue when the question of segregation came up in 1906. The Japanese government agreed to stop immigration of Japanese from Hawaii to the mainland in exchange for a non-segregation policy in San Francisco.

Segregated Chinese school in San Francisco has been in existence for years. The Walnut Grove school was the only one existing for the Japanese in Northern California at the time of evacuation. The Florin school was abolished through the negotiations of the Florin JACL chapter prior to the war with Japan.

The Orange County school authorities had trouble with the Mexican segregated school case, which was taken to the courts and won by those who opposed segregation.

We agree with the Supreme Court that "separate but equal facilities" cannot give equal protection as provided by the Constitution. The separation itself is an act of discrimination and the issue of facilities cannot make amends for the abridgement of equal rights.

The details, such as when the actual abolishment should take place, remains to be ironed out. There is no doubt this historic decision will revolutionize race-relations in the South.

From the Frying Pan . . .

by Bill Hosokawa

## A Rite of Spring

Denver

THE GARDEN OUT back yielded its first harvest this week. The radishes were thinned out and, in the process, we realized perhaps two dozen marble-sized radishes of a beautiful crimson hue. We promptly served them on the Sunday dinner table along with some young green onions that Mike relishes.

The thinned out radishes, all too small to have developed eating-size roots, went with the tops to make "tsukemono." Pickled radish tops are a kind of spring rite around our place. They are like a harbinger of spring, in the same fashion perhaps as bockwurst, bock beer and dandelion greens.

Radish top "tsukemono" is easy to make. Put a layer of radish tops in the bottom of a bowl, sprinkle liberally with salt, lay down another layer, salt again, and continue until you run out of tops. Put a dish over the tops and a weight on top of the dish. Some families have a handy boulder around just for making "tsukemono." In our family, we just take a half-gallon milk bottle and fill it with water. Works fine. Let it set overnight and you're in business. There's nothing finer with rice.

Back when I was a youngster in Seattle, we used to go out on the empty lots and pick young ferns. The folks called them "warabi," and we knew that spring had come when fresh "warabi" shoots poked up through the tall dry grass of the previous summer. "Warabi" were eaten boiled. Like olives and oysters, they took a little getting used to, but we kids thought they were pretty fine, especially if we'd spent a half day gathering them. I think the folks salted "warabi" down, too, and we even tried dehydrating them in the sun. They dried into something rather repulsive, but all they needed come winter was a good soaking before they were cooked.

We also used to go look for "fuki" (colt's

foot) and wild "gobo" (burdock root) but these were harder to find than ferns. Thanks to heavy spring rains, ferns seemed to grow almost everywhere up Seattle way. But I'm afraid things are different now. Last time I was in the Northwest, which was a couple of years ago, I drove around the neighborhood where we used to live. I looked in vain for the empty lots where we played cowboys and Indians and picked ferns in the spring. The lots had been occupied long since by houses, and I wondered whether Sansei youngsters ever eat "warabi" any more.

PERHAPS BECAUSE of their long agrarian history in a country poor in resources, the Japanese are great ones for wandering out into the countryside to harvest wild foodstuffs. Wild mushrooms, for instance, are an autumnal delicacy.

In the Northwest, which has many of the geographical features of the Japanese islands, the immigrant Issei discovered mushrooms high on the pine-covered mountains. Even in these times, come September, Japanese mushroom-seekers are more numerous than hunters in the Cascades and Olympics of Washington.

In Colorado, we've learned, there are cluster type edible (and delicious) fungus to be found under logs and on stumps in spring, especially if it's a moist year. Then there's watercress, available for the cutting in quiet backwaters. Unfortunately, most of us Nisei have lost the lore of finding edibles in the wilds. And thereby we have denied ourselves a lot of fun as well as a series of gustatorial treats.

Perhaps there's one exception. Nisei fishermen are still as skillful as ever. It's a good bet that man for man, Nisei fishermen in Colorado catch far more trout per hour than the average.

Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

## Damon Runyon's Skibby

IN HIS *The American Language: Supplement I*, H. L. Mencken lists the word skibby as being used on the west coast as a racially derogatory term referring to persons of Japanese ancestry. Mr. Mencken's emphasis indicates that skibby was the most commonly used of the anti-Japanese words on the Pacific coast and "is extremely offensive to them."

It could be that skibby was once in popular use, but we have come across it only in the writings of the late Damon Runyon, the sports columnist and story teller who also was a hate-monger, as well. Runyon, as a hireling for the Hearst press in the days of the anti-Japanese campaigns of a quarter-century ago, used the word in his columns.

Incidentally, we have found it a difficult experience to read either Damon Runyon or Irvin Cobb, two of the makers of humorous folk literature, without being reminded that both these men let their great talent for spinning yarns become poisoned with racial bigotry. Cobb, in his dying years, wrote an article which was, in effect, an invitation to the mass slaughter of persons of Japanese ancestry relocated in the Tule Lake center in Northern California during World War II.

In the literature of west coast racism against persons of Japanese descent, we rarely have come across the word skibby. The word most used, of course, is Jap which was, and is, offensive to Japanese Americans, not only because it is a harsh contraction, but because its use is entwined with the language of prejudice.

Mencken gives a page of explanation about skibby in *Supplement I* to the *American Language*, published in 1945 by Knopf. He would appear to have been misled about the popularity of the word as a derogatory term of reference by Runyon. The word was originally applied to a loose woman, says Mencken, "though it now means, at least in California, any Japanese, male or female." Mencken adds that the word seems to have been borrowed from a Japanese word, "though what that word was is uncertain."

DAMON RUNYON was one of the first of the nationally syndicated columnists, Henry McLeMORE and Westbrook Pegler were two others, who joined the clamor for the mass evacuation and detention of persons of Japanese ancestry on the Pacific coast after Pearl Harbor. Runyon spoke of "enemy agents" among the alien Japanese population in a column on Jan. 4, 1942 for the Hearst syndicate and continued to hammer away on his mass evacuation theme until the forced dis-

placement of the west coast Japanese Americans was under way. In a column on Feb. 11, 1942, Runyon, the only columnist to refer to Japanese Americans as "skibbies," discussed the origin of the word:

"The fact that the Japanese consider skibby particularly odious naturally increased the popularity of the word among Jap-hating Californians. The kids in the street used to yell it at the Japs as an invitation to a chase. As the years wore on, common usage brought skibby into the local language as a handy term without reference to its origin . . . (it) is what the Jap is called to this day by most Californians, even in polite circles, and it is unlikely that the California soldiers will dismiss it for the more polite *Charlie* and *Tojo* that the dispatches from the Far East would have us believe are now terms for the enemy."

Damon Runyon apparently was blinded by bias as to the importance of the hate-mongering term he was circulating. We doubt if any Nisei has heard the word used, though it would be likely that persons using such a word would do it out of the earshot of a Japanese American. It would seem, however, that skibby was Damon Runyon's attempt to contribute to the language of prejudice which includes such words as *kike*, *wop*, *nigger*, *hunky*, all racially derogatory and in bad taste. But the latter four words do appear in the newest of dictionaries, Webster's *New World*, where they are described as words of "prejudice and contempt." Skibby, however, does not appear in this dictionary which describes Jap as a "shortened form (of Japanese) often expressing contempt, hostility, etc."

Editor Mencken took Runyon's word for it and thereby distorted the importance of skibby, a word out of yellow journalism.

H. L. MENCKEN notes that Japanese Americans have objected "frequently and vigorously to the use of Jap." The JACL, for example, has done an important job of educating many who were often unaware of the word's unhappy connotations. Partly as a result of the JACL's campaign most responsible newspapers in the United States no longer use the term, although this exacts a considerable limitation on the headline writers of the copy desk. The *New York Times*, for example, never uses Jap, usually referring to persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States as Nisei. The *Denver Post* is another of the nation's important dailies which has a rule against Jap.

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## DECADE AGO

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WRA survey reveals 73 percent of Nisei have never visited Japan and 53 percent of Nisei who have visited Japan never had schooling there; 27,000 cases checked.

39 evacuee women return to West Coast homes with permission; some married to non-Japanese, others to join Nisei GI-husbands stationed in Western Defense Command.

Congregational churches of Southern California urge return of Nisei rights. Resolution similar to one adopted by Methodist conference.

Three Nisei sisters plead innocent on charges of treason for allegedly aiding escape of two German PWs in southern Colorado.

Brooklyn hostel opened with arrival of family from Gila River WRA camp, despite objections of Mayor LaGuardia.

State of Washington initiates legal action to escheat farm property held by evacuees.

Chicago leads in relocation of evacuees; "Chicago has been a better host to the transplanted citizens than any other area," comments Tribune.

Rep. John Costello only incumbent to suffer defeat in California primaries; race-baiting tactics fail.

## MINORITY

The Pullman Co. has agreed to hire Negroes as conductors and whites as porters, thus changing a 90-year-old employment policy, the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination announced.

A world's record for bringing a quick end to racial segregation may have been set in El Centro, Calif., where a Negro child was enrolled in a formerly all-white grammar school seven days after an NAACP committee launched an investigation of discrimination against school children in that town. The committee reported El Centro schools were segregated from kindergarten through the eighth grade with the exception of one grammar school. El Centro High was integrated several years ago.

Segregation of Negro pupils in Phoenix and Arizona elementary schools was ruled unconstitutional May 5 by Superior Judge Charles C. Bernstein in the Wilson School district case. (A similar decision directed at Phoenix Union High Schools and College district was handed down in 1953 by Superior Judge Fred Stuckmeyer. It led to abandonment of Phoenix's Carver High School.) Commented the judge in the ruling: "A segregated educative system is likely to transmit to each succeeding generation the superiority-inferiority value attitudes of a racially conscious society." The suit was filed by parents of six Negro pupils of War School.