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## Sen. McCarran accepts invitation to attend anniversary banquet in D.C.

**Washington**  
Senator Pat McCarran (D., Nev.), co-author of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, has accepted the invitation of the Washington, D.C., chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League to attend the second anniversary commemorative banquet of that law on Sunday evening, June 27, at the Sheraton Park Hotel, Harold Horiuchi, event chairman, announced Tuesday.

In accepting the JACL invitation, the veteran Nevada Democrat who has served as chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee for many years, expressed his gratitude that the 1952 law has enabled so many Issei to become naturalized citizens.

He said that he wanted to participate in honoring the Issei pioneers who have been naturalized in the Washington area during the past 18 months.

**Aided Claimants**  
Horiuchi recalled that Senator McCarran has not only been helpful to the JACL and all persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States in immigration and naturalization matters but also in evacuation claims and other subjects.

He declared that "no senator has contributed more to the helpful legislation enacted by the Congress since 1946 to aid persons of Japanese ancestry than Senator McCarran who, as chairman during the Democratic years and as ranking member during the Republican years of the influential Senate Judiciary Committee, considered practically important bills affecting the Japanese in America. In addition, as chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee, Senator McCarran used his leadership to secure the payment of more than \$25,000,000 in evacuation claims to the evacuee-victims of the 1942 military movement.

Author of the Administrative

Procedures Act, the Internal Security Act, and many other important measures, he is one of the most respected and powerful members of the Senate.

**Two More Accept**  
At the same time that Senator McCarran's acceptance was received, the banquet committee also revealed that two members of his staff had accepted invitations.

Richard Arens, staff director of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, and Miss Eva Adams, administrative assistant to the Senator, accepted JACL's bids to the banquet on June 27.

As staff director, Richard Arens was an important and crucial figure in the drafting of the law and in securing its passage over the President's veto. Horiuchi explained, while Miss Adams as the administrative assistant has been most helpful to JACL in all legislative matters of concern to Nevada's senior senator.

## THREE NISEI WIN IN SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

**Livingston**  
Voters reelected two incumbents to the Livingston Union Elementary School Board last Friday in special school elections. Shiro Bob Morimoto, appointed to the board last year, received the highest number of votes, 309.

Cressy School District voters elected Richard Kawasaki, who faced no opposition, to the board of trustees with a vote of 88.

Dos Palos Township Joint Elementary School District reelected Clerk Bill Koda with 27 votes.

**Stockton**  
French Camp electors voted in favor of increasing the board membership from three to five. Harry T. Itaya was among the three newly-elected, polling 88 votes.

**San Jose**  
Shigeo Masunaga, running unopposed, polled 123 votes to win a two-year term on the Orchard District school board last week.

## JACL TO PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL MEMORIAL DAY RITES AT ARLINGTON

**Washington**  
Members of the Washington, D.C., JACL Chapter, on behalf of the National Japanese American Citizens League, will participate in the Memorial Day services for America's soldier dead at Arlington National Cemetery.

For the seventh consecutive year, the JACL will join with more than 50 patriotic, civic and veterans organizations in these traditional services that will be led by President Eisenhower.

Miss Miyeko Kosobayashi, whose brother served in the Pacific in World War II, will lay a wreath on behalf of the JACL at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. She will be accompanied by John Katsu, president of the Washington, D.C., chapter.

**Floral Tributes**  
Following services in the amphitheater and the laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, under the direction of Ira Shimasaki, chairman of the Arlington Cemetery Committee, the members of the chapter will visit each of the individual graves of the 20 Nisei soldier dead interred in the National Cemetery and lay floral tributes on each.

Photographs of the individual gravesites and services will be mailed to the next of kin, as in the past, according to chairman Shimasaki.

"Since most of the families cannot visit Arlington on Memorial Day, these JACL services have become the traditional tribute of the entire Nisei community to those who, by the sacrificing of their lives, made possible our present favorable status in the United States," Shimasaki noted.

"Though one of the little publicized activities of the National JACL, it does express the gratitude of all persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States to all the Nisei soldier dead in cemeteries throughout the world."

## Golden Gate VFW rites at San Bruno cemetery

**San Francisco**  
The Golden Gate Nisei VFW post sponsors the second annual Memorial Day services at the National Golden Gate Cemetery at San Bruno this Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

Invitations have been sent to Gold Star Mothers in the Bay Area with Boy Scout Troop 58 participating in the playing of Taps. Along with Japanese clergymen paying tribute to the Nisei soldiers buried there will be Edwin Weatherstorm, principal of a San Jose school, and VFW Dept. patriotic instructor.



Maj. William B. Koons, handling Army publicity for greater Los Angeles, and instrumental in securing military advice for funerals of Nisei soldiers returned for reburial in the past years, will be the main speaker at the Los Angeles Nisei Veterans coordinating council memorial service May 30, 11:30 a.m., at the Munemori Memorial in Evergreen Cemetery. A newspaperman who worked in New York before being commissioned, he was public relations officer for the 24th Infantry when stationed in southern Japan after V-J day, and with I Corps military government at Kyoto.

## Little change in policy seen as Swing confirmed I&NS commissioner

**Washington**  
Lt. Gen. Joseph Swing, West Point classmate of President Eisenhower, was sworn in last Monday as commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization.

**Washington**  
Lt. Gen. Joseph M. Swing was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to be Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League announced this week.

Approval by the Senate was unanimous, as was the report of the Judiciary Committee that considered the presidential nomination of several weeks ago.

Because all immigration and nationality problems are handled by the Immigration and Naturalization Service to the Dept. of Justice and because so many persons of Japanese ancestry will be concerned with these same problems, the appointment of General Swing as Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization is of great

importance to the Issei and Nisei in the United States, the JACL Office said.

General Swing succeeds Argyle R. Mackey, who has served as Commissioner since 1951. At the special request of the Attorney General Mackey has agreed to remain in the Service as the Deputy Commissioner. This means, according to the Washington JACL Office, that in all probability there will be little change in the policies and programs of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

A native of New Jersey and more recently a resident of California, the new Commissioner is a West Point classmate of the President.

Since he commanded the 11th Airborne Division in World War II, which was the first to occupy Japan after the 1945 surrender, he is expected to be generally sympathetic to the immigration and naturalization problems of the Japanese.

His last command was the Sixth Army with Headquarters in the Presidio of San Francisco.

## 'SAKE' REGARDED AS BEER FOR TAX PURPOSE, AND FOR GOOD REASON

**Washington**  
Some Japanese may regard "sake" as "rice wine", but the Senate Finance Committee has decided it should remain subject to the tax on beer.

The committee made its decision last week after considering opinions of Wilfred C. Tsukiyama, Honolulu attorney whose clients include the Honolulu Sake Brewery and Ice Co.

Tsukiyama last month informed the committee that the sake industry in Hawaii had just learned of a provision in the general tax reform bill which the House passed Mar. 18.

The provision reclassified sake, which has been taxed like beer as a "fermented liquor" at about 29 cents a gallon. The House decided to subject it to a wine tax rate of 67 cents a gallon.

Tsukiyama said sake is a Japanese beverage, brewed like beer. It is produced in Hawaii only because some older Japanese still use it. To the sake drinker, Tsukiyama said, the beverage "is not a luxury but a portion of his food." The industry of three companies in Hawaii, none on the mainland, would eventually collapse if it were subject to higher excise tax, he said.

The finance committee agreed to scrap the House provision and the sake tax stays as is.

## Auto accident victim

**Denver**  
Fukutaro Fukunaga, 60, golf course employee, was knocked 46 feet by the impact when struck down by an automobile at E. 34th Ave. and Colorado Blvd. last week. Police held a teen-age driver for not yielding the right-of-way to a pedestrian and careless driving.

## Tokyo Bank headquarters in California is moved

**San Francisco**  
The Bank of Tokyo of California head office was moved this week to its new quarters, 160 Sutter St. The telephone number is the same, YUkon 2-5305.

## SUE PRIVATE HOUSING DEVELOPER AIDED BY FHA, CHARGE BUYER REFUSED SOLELY BECAUSE OF RACE

**Sacramento**  
A World War II veteran, who says he tried to buy a home in a private housing development in nearby North Highlands, filed a suit recently that may make legal history.

The veteran, Oliver A. Ming, who claims that his offer to buy was refused solely because he is a Negro, complains that the housing development was built with the aid of FHA insured funds. He wants \$5,000 damages and an injunction preventing the owners and other FHA builders from discriminating against Negro buyers.

Behind the legal language of the complaint lies the fact that the NAACP has unlimbered its legal big guns in an all-out war against builders and subdividers who get FHA insured loans and then refuse to sell or rent housing to Negroes. Listed as attorneys for Ming are:

Nathaniel Colley, Sacramento chairman of the Central Area Conference of the NAACP; Franklin Williams, NAACP director-counsel

on the West Coast; and Loren Miller, chairman of the NAACP's West Coast Legal Committee.

**Realty Board Sued**  
Although Milton Horgan and Joseph Frye, real estate brokers who refused to sell him the house, are Ming's prime targets, the suit also names the Sacramento Real Estate Board, its president and a number of other real estate dealers and builders as defendants.

The suit charges a conspiracy among all Sacramento real estate brokers and builders to refuse to sell or rent FHA-aided housing to Negroes. Under FHA practice, the builder gets a loan from a lending institution and the government agency guarantees payment in event the borrower defaults.

Ming claims that FHA was established in 1934 "to assist private enterprise" in constructing homes for all citizens and that discrimination against him on the basis of color violates constitutional guarantees.

## Establishes Precedent

Although Ming alone is named as plaintiff, he alleges that he brings the suit in behalf of all other Negroes who are in the same boat with him. Williams

said the case will establish a precedent in other cases throughout the state.

FHA requires builders seeking loan guarantees to agree that they have not recorded a racial covenant on the land since Feb. 15, 1950, and that they will not record such a covenant during the life of the loan. However, FHA rules and regulations permit the builders to refuse to sell or rent to whomever they choose.

## Oriental Affected

Williams pointed to Lakewood, California's newest city, as an example of what is happening under the FHA program. Builders there, as elsewhere, have refused to sell or rent to Negroes, Mexicans or Orientals. "The result is a lily white city made possible by government aid through FHA loans," he said.

Commented the California Eagle, Los Angeles Negro weekly:

"This fight may be a long and costly one but we're sure that the Constitution doesn't sanction this kind of discrimination and that the courts will say so."

## STEAL TOOLS TO STEAL \$16,000 FROM SAFE

**Honolulu**  
All the cash in the safe was missing when the Nakatani Store and Service Station at Nanakuli, Oahu, was opened last Saturday morning. Some \$16,000 in cash was reported missing. Culprits were believed to have broken through a barred window in back of the store.

A mile away, some tools were reported missing at a lime quarry. Police believe the tools were used to break into the store.

## Shimanouchi heads press relations for dignitary

**Tokyo**  
Toshiro Shimanouchi, chief of the second section of the Public Information and Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Foreign Office, is scheduled to leave next week to handle press relations prior to the arrival of Prime Minister Yoshida in San Francisco.

One-time English section editor of a Los Angeles Japanese vernacular handled press relations in London for Crown Prince Akihito and for the prime minister at the San Francisco Treaty conference.

**National JACL Endowment Fund Report**  
Current Total: \$76,745.86  
In Trust: \$75,000



# Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

## The Supreme Court and Civil Rights . . .

On May 17, the United States Supreme Court handed down a historic decision voiding racial segregation in public schools. One week later on May 24, the same court, again unanimously, extended its ban on public school segregation to the exclusion of Negroes and others on a racial basis from publicly-owned colleges and universities and from theaters and recreational facilities.

These broad and sweeping opinions of the nation's highest tribunal emphasized that while the legislative branch has failed to enact any significant civil rights legislation in the past half century the judicial branch, particularly in the past decade, has advanced the cause of basic human rights more than in any comparable period.

Since the turn of the century, the Congress has been petitioned time and time again to approve bills abolishing the poll tax, establishing anti-lynch laws, and creating fair employment practices. None of these vitally needed civil rights bills, even during the "New Deal" days of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, were approved and are still pending on the legislative docket.

On the other hand, the Supreme Court in the past ten years has voided some of the worst aspects of racial discrimination that has haunted this land since the Civil War.

## Legal Landmarks of the Decade . . .

Beginning in 1948, the Supreme Court has ruled unconstitutional racial restrictive housing covenants, segregation in public transportation, "all-white" primaries, racial exclusion from jury lists, and, of course, racial segregation in public schools, theaters and recreational facilities.

Each of these historic pronouncements are landmarks in the quest for a more democratic America for more Americans.

*They were issued by a court following United States participation in a world-wide struggle against facism and stand today as refutation of the Communist lie that we do not practice what we preach in our way of living.*

*Though these judicial precedents will affect Negro Americans more than any other single group in the United States, their implications will touch every home in the land, particularly those of Japanese ancestry, for we too have been at one time or another victims of these same types of racial exclusion and segregation because of our accident of birth.*

Since these "key" decisions are so vital to all Americans, the JACL can be proud of its record of having participated in every one of them as a "friend of the court" in order that the justices might know that we were also concerned in extending the area of freedom to more Americans.

## The Supreme Court and "Japanese Cases" . . .

During the past decade too, the attitude of the Supreme Court towards persons of Japanese ancestry residing in the United States has also changed for the better treatment of our particular minority.

Prior to the end of World War II, and especially in the 1920s, the court appeared to follow the prejudice of the west coasters, notably the Californians, in ruling on cases involving persons of Japanese ancestry. Thus, the United States Supreme Court in a number of leading cases prior to World War II, held that alien Japanese were not racially eligible for naturalization and that the state could deny to them the ownership of land (anti-alien land laws).

During hostilities with Japan, the court accepted the dogma and bigotry of the military and held constitutional curfew and travel restrictions against citizen and alien Japanese alike and their arbitrary mass evacuation, without trial or hearing, from their homes and associations on the Pacific slope because of "racial affinity" with the enemy.

The judicial tide turned in 1945, however, when the nine justices unanimously decided that "detention" of loyal citizens in war relocation camps was unconstitutional.

Then, in 1948, the Supreme Court upheld the right of citizen Nisei to be treated on the same basis as other citizens in the so-called Oyama Alien Land Law matter. And in the Takahashi Commercial Fishing Case, this same tribunal announced that alien Japanese are entitled to engage in various activities in order to earn a livelihood.

## The Law and Prejudice . . .

The importance of all these decisions in the field of civil rights during the past ten years is not that they eliminated racially discriminatory practices but that they destroyed the legal sanction behind such bigotry.

Neither legislation nor litigation can eliminate prejudice from the hearts and minds of men, but they can destroy their validity in law and constitute an important first-step in the educational process whereby individual racism may be eventually erased.

The cost of prejudice comes high and even the United States can no longer afford such luxury.

Apparently, the Supreme Court is more aware of this political, economic, and social fact-of-life than is the Congress.

These United States have never been a "perfect" democracy. But every important gain in that direction, whether it be by executive fiat, judicial interpretation, or legislative enactment, makes that cherished goal that much closer and vindicates our claim that, regardless of its shortcomings, ours is the best form of government in the world and that it is constantly getting better and better.

## IN HONOR OF

**Henry Fujioka**, Santa Maria Union High School student, was one of 102 scholarship winners in the 1954 National Scholastic Art Awards, Carnegie Institute. The winning entry included oil and watercolor paintings and textile designs.

**George Takei**, 17, son of Takakuma Takei, was elected central council president of the Los Angeles American Red Cross. Now a student at Los Angeles High School, he was student body president at Mt. Vernon Jr. High, attending Jr. Red Cross leadership training in Denver last year, and will attend the ARC conference meeting at Los Angeles next month.

**George Wada**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bunyemon Wada, 1685 Forest St., Pasadena, electrical engineering senior at California Institute of Technology, was the Los Angeles area winner in the student-prize oral competition of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers. He spoke on frequency stability measurements of high-frequency oscillators.

**Kimi Kasai**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Y. Kasai, 83 D. St., Salt Lake City, was elected vice-president of the Horace Mann Junior High School.

**George A. Omura**, son of Bunji Omura, 14 Pitt St., New York, was one of 1,694 high school students winning a \$1,400 four-year scholarship to any college approved by the board of regents of the N.Y. Dept of Education.

**Helen Asazawa** of Lincoln (Placer County) was named local delegate to Girls State at Sacramento, June 23-July 1, at California Jr. High School.

**Joyce Takahashi**, second daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry Takahashi, Berkeley, a straight A student at Berkeley High School, was elected into the Phi Beta Kappa honor society in her junior year at the Univ. of California. She is majoring in mathematics and chemistry.

**Irene Yamada**, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Yamada, 3434 Lawrence St., Denver, was awarded the \$1,450 Far West Pendleton scholarship to Wellesley College. Renewable for four years, the award is made on the basis of superior excellence in high school subjects, aptitude tests, college board examination and personal recommendation. The Santa Monica (Calif.)-born Nisei is a 1954 graduate of Manual High School. She was also granted scholarships to Univ. of Colorado and the Univ. of Denver. She has already accepted the Wellesley scholarship and will begin her studies in September.

**Jun Miyano**, star backfield man on the Elk Grove High football team last season, was elected student body president for the fall term. He is expected to be the main sparkplug in the team's offense again this fall.

**Henry Hirata**, 17, was named winner of the annual lifetime tool chest award at the Linden FFA fair. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hirata, Rt. 1, Box 65, Linden. The award was made on the basis of his "outstanding achievements in the truck crops division of the agricultural scene."

**Kiyono Marilyn Nagatani**, R.N., daughter of Mrs. Naka Mesaku, 2910 Paki Ave., Honolulu, was graduated this week with honors from Wayland College, Plainview, Tex., although she was employed as fulltime school nurse and as nurse at the local hospital and clinic. She majored in religious education. She earned her nursing degree from Queen's Hospital School of Nursing while in Honolulu.

## Pharmacists

### San Francisco

Two Nisei were among 50 successful applicants for pharmacist licenses, according to the State Board of Pharmacy. They are:

George Ichiba, 1946 1/2 S. Rimpau Blvd., Los Angeles; Frank A. Tsutsumi, 397 Atherton Ave., Atherton.

## Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama

### Filipino Forgiveness

(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

There was forgiveness in the hearts of Filipinos for the Japanese, whose military forces had laid waste to their island commonwealth in the last war, at the 38th Grand Lodge Communication of Masons assembled last month in Manila.

## PRESS FILE:

**ILLNESS** — Robert Uno, stricken ill Apr. 21, is recuperating in the Veterans Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz. While on the road to recovery, members of the Arizona JACL cabinet will continue to publish the chapter newsletter. Uno was instrumental in starting and editing the newsletter which made its first appearance three months ago.

**NISEI PLAY** — Hiroshi Kashiwagi's "Laughter and False Teeth," one of three plays presented by the dept. of dramatic arts at UC Wednesday [last week], turned out to be a delightful success.

The play, about life in the relocation camp, centered around the Boiler Man (Eizo Kobayashi) and Madame (Kashiwa Aizawa) who gave stirring performances.

Giving strong support to LAFT (Laughter and False Teeth) were Haruo Kato as the dentist, Albert Haruyama as Tojo, Hiroshi Kashiwagi as Mr. Wine Woman and Yaeko Iwakaki as the Wine Woman.

Members of the entire cast did a surprisingly good job of acting, despite the fact that practically all of them never had any previous stage experience.

It was evident that playwright Kashiwagi exerted a lot of deep thinking to his masterpiece which, to say the least, was skilfully interwoven.—Allen Asakawa, Hokubei Mainichi, San Francisco.

**MAGAZINE** — With a cover of George Taniguchi, Nisei jockey sensation on West Coast tracks, the June issue of Scene magazine made its Los Angeles printing debut this past week. March, April and May issues were omitted to accommodate the change of office and ownership from Chicago to Los Angeles.

## Very Truly Yours . . . . by Harry Honda

### The Month of June

The month of June is usually taken over by brides, but not far behind are the high school and college graduates for prominence of names in the news . . . This is no pitch for the white-gowned coterie, but to the black-gowned phalanx of commencement day . . . It's the new teenager who feels he knows it all when he gets out of junior high school. By the time he is out of high school, he has definite ideas on what career to follow. By the time he is out of college (if the armed services haven't first choice), commencement day could be so forlorn he'd wish he were back in kindergarten starting over again.

But some pass through these stages of school life with a know-it-all attitude. This tragic personality can only learn when the school of hard knocks enrolls him . . . That notion a college graduate is a finished scholar is most disturbing, too. Educators recognize that intellectual life does not come to a stop the day a student gets his diploma . . . The educators hope to have

The assemblage, composed of some 1,500 delegates from the Philippines, Guam, Korea, Japan and China, approved the founding of the District Grand Lodge for Japan. The convention was enthusiastic in spite of the intense heat of late April.

It was the Filipino Mason who voted in favor of the Japanese when freemasonry was authorized for the first time in Japanese history during the days of Gen. MacArthur's rule. And it must be remembered that many Filipinos suffered personally in the war by loss of parents, brothers, sisters, children, relatives and friends.

#### Support Magsaysay

The convention also gave its promise to support newly-elected President Magsaysay and his campaign for "clean and honest" government. What was unusual was Magsaysay's acknowledgement of this support and expression of admiration and trust in this international fraternity.

Dr. Jorge Bocobo, associate justice of the Philippine Supreme Court, in his address before the Grand Lodge ranked the Holy See with the Kremlin for "issuing orders and directives fettering the freedom of thought." The learned constitutional and international lawyer rendered an astonishing speech with remarkable courage. Though not a Mason, Dr. Bocobo seemed to know his subject.

Of course, the Catholic bureau here commented afterwards that the Philippine Constitution safeguards the basic freedoms of its citizens, including the freedom of thought as predominantly Catholic.

#### Welfare Projects

The project to aid crippled children here is highly regarded among welfare activities sponsored by Filipino Masons.

The present stage of freemasonry with its powerful influence is something to be admired when considering the many years of struggle in its history.

During the days of Spanish domination, freemasonry meant death, thus there is a long and rugged history behind the great temple of Masons in the Philippines.

"Brotherly love" in the Philippines is something deeper than the mere concept of fraternity. It is steeped with the spirit of martyrdom. Out of such a past, the Filipino Masons have placed trust in Japan.

Despite diplomatic and political negotiations between the two nations today moving seemingly to the contrary, fraternal ties are evident between Japan and the Philippines.

their students try and conduct their affairs reasonably and continue the slow process of becoming educated men. With it is a modesty that increases with age . . . Famous St. John's College of Annapolis switched from a free-elective curriculum to a non-elective program of liberal arts studies required of all students a few years before the war . . . The heart of the program was the study of the 100 "great books" — Homer and Aristotle down to Freud and Dewey . . . The college recently reported a survey of its alumni, who felt the program very effective.

Talking about schools, I am reminded of those days between classes when the gang sat around, a cup of coffee at hand and a cigarette or pipe in the other, discussing the issues of the day—be it football, math or finals . . . If segregation were practiced in California, how foolish it would have been getting cheated out of the very spice of life—variety. A world of sameness is so dull.

# 'Tempus fugit'-JACL Convention Three Months Off



# Honolulu Newsletter

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

## Point-Four man Asia-bound

By this time next week, a Hawaii-born Nisei will be embarked on a tour of the Far East to "sell" an American training program to 10 Asiatic countries.

Y. Baron Goto, best known in Hawaii as an agricultural extension service leader, will travel for six weeks in his new capacity as director of the International Cooperation Center of Hawaii.

In short, he is the local head of the Point Four program to furnish American technical assistance to Asians.

His appointment to this post, and the establishment in Hawaii of a training program underscore a point which, while obvious to many people here, had gone largely unrecognized by this government.

The point is that here in Hawaii, on American soil, dwell tens of thousands of citizens of Oriental ancestry who are outstanding examples of Americanization in action.

Here, in the only American community whose population is mostly Oriental in background, an Asian visitor can find racial democracy preached and practiced as an accepted way of life.

To be sure, the Point Four concept is to bring technical aid to the scientifically undeveloped areas of the world.

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## Rare opportunity to sell 'Americanism'

But what good is technical advancement alone if a nation falls behind in political democracy, in social consciousness in racial understanding?

So it is that Uncle Sam has finally seen in Hawaii a rare opportunity to "sell" both technical assistance and the American way of living to Asians at the same time.

The Asians have been flooded with enemy propaganda about what is wrong with America. The worst aspects of American life have been spread abroad by the Communists. The racial problem in the South, for instance.

No, Asians can learn from those who come to Hawaii under the new training program, some facts about the better side of the American scene.

Baron Goto's mission to encourage Asian participation in the program will take him to the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand, India, Ceylon, Burma, Hongkong, Formosa, South Korea and Japan.

Goto, who is on leave from his job as Associate Director of the Univ. of Hawaii Agricultural Extension Service, will add another Nisei to his staff next September. James Shigeta, also employed in the Extension Service, will join Goto and two others already on the training staff.

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## \$90,000 program to last two years

The training to be offered will be in agriculture, public health, public administration, and trade and industry. It will be principally of the "in-service" type.

The program is financed by the Foreign Operations Administration (\$80,000) and by the Territory of Hawaii (\$10,000) for the next two years.

A Hawaii committee appointed by Gov. Samuel Wilder King convinced Harold E. Stassen, FOA director, during his recent visit to Hawaii, of the desirability of the joint operation.

Heretofore, Asians stopping over in Hawaii have had to rely on an informal, often makeshift, arrangement, with the burden falling on University personnel, like Baron Goto. They have assisted the best they could, under handicaps of busy schedules and limited funds.

## 80,000 Commies in Japan

Washington

A revised compilation of the Senate Foreign Relations subcommittee on the strength of international communism indicates there are 80,000 Communist members in Japan.

The introduction to the report, signed by Sen. Alexander Wiley (R., Wisc.), Senate Foreign Relations Committee

chairman, said the data was based on a country-by-country situation reports as of February, 1954.

Despite recent gains of influence within organized labor, the Japanese Communist party does not exercise dominant control over the trade union movement.

The party is still legal in Japan, but much of its leadership has gone underground since 1950.

## Investment firm

Oakland

Application for membership of the Western Pioneer Investment Co. was accepted last week at the semi-annual meeting of the California Loan and Finance Association, it was announced by Y. B. Mamiya, vice-president of the investment firm.

## New scout troop

Los Angeles

Formal presentation of charter and awards were made by Troop 365, sponsored by the local Japanese Free Methodist Church, last week. Henry Kubo is scoutmaster; Yukio Sakai, ass't scoutmaster.

## Strong advocate of public housing in sudden turnabout

Washington

Sen. Burnett R. Maybank (D., S.C.), a veteran low-rent public housing advocate, said this week he would oppose the program as a result of the Supreme Court's action ending segregation in the projects last Monday.

The senator referred to the high tribunal's refusal of May 24 to review a lower court decision which held that the San Francisco Housing Authority must admit colored tenants to a project that had been built for families of Italian extraction.

The court's decision made it clear that it would not sanction segregation in the projects which are constructed by local housing authorities with substantial federal aid to provide decent homes for low-income groups.

The government is currently sponsoring construction of 20,000 public housing units and the President has asked for 35,000 units in the new fiscal year starting July 1.

Washington

The Supreme Court reinforced its decision outlawing segregation in public schools last Monday by taking steps to apply it to publicly-owned colleges, universities, theaters and recreation facilities.

The cases on which the high tribunal acted unanimously involve the Univ. of Florida, Louisiana State University, Hardin Jr. College in Wichita, Tex., a municipal golf course at Houston, and a drive-in theater at Louisville, Ky.

In the Florida, Louisiana and Louisville cases, the court vacated lower-court decision upholding the exclusion of Negroes. In the two Texas cases, it upheld appeals court decisions banning discrimination.

## Reconsider Cases

The first three cases were accompanied by a statement that the lower tribunals should reconsider them "in the light of the segregation cases decided May 17."

Meanwhile, Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which carried the brunt of the legal battle in the school segregation cases, said that Negroes will now seek racial equality in housing and employment.

In another ruling the court criticized but upheld the right of Congress to provide for deporting a Communist alien without bringing proof that the Communist Party advocated force and violence or that this was known to the alien.

## Internal Security Act

The 7-to-2 decision validated the Internal Security Act of 1950 on an appeal brought by Robert Galvan, a native of Mexico who lived many years in San Diego, and was ordered deported for Communist membership.

Justice Felix Frankfurter, writing the opinion of the court, pointed out that the act de-

## ELECT SACRAMENTO NISEI VFW COUNCIL COMMANDER

Sacramento

Kenneth Nishimura, past commander of the VFW Nisei Post 8985 here, was named commander of the Golden Poppy Council, VFW, composed of some 25 posts in Sacramento, Placer and El Dorado counties. He is the first Nisei to hold this top position in any VFW council.

## Pinball machines flood Honolulu, arrest two Nisei to test legality

Honolulu

Pinball machines are flooding the city and, according to police, operators of machines have been paying cash awards for high scores.

As a result two Nisei businessmen and a pinball machine distributor were arrested last week in order to test the legality of pinball machines. The trio was accused with maintaining a lottery.

Arrested were James Sugiyama, pinball machine maintenance firm owner, and Katsumi Araki, shopowner where some machines were located.

## 1928 model vehicle wrecked by pranksters

Lodi

What may have been intended as a prank is now classed by police as a malicious mischief following last week's early morning wrecking of an auto owned by Kazuyuki Watanabe, 518 Turner Rd.

For the second time this month, Watanabe's aged 1928 vehicle was pushed away from his home. This time it was left parked diagonally on the white line of Turner Road.

Edwin R. Motz, 42, of Lodi, crashed into the vehicle while swerving from lights of another car. Motz' car suffered about \$50 damage while the Watanabe vehicle damage was estimated at \$10.

On May 4, Watanabe's car was pushed from his home to a neighbor's house at 542 Turner Rd. and left under a bedroom window.

## Perry Post commander

Los Angeles

Bill Takahashi was elected commander of the Commodore Perry post of the American Legion — the first veteran organization composed of persons of Japanese ancestry in Southern California.

clares the Communists "a world-wide revolutionary movement whose purpose is, by treachery, deceit, espionage, sabotage, terrorism and any other means deemed necessary, to establish a Communist totalitarian dictatorship."

## Joint U.S.-Japan movie hope of Hollyw'd producer

Tokyo

Frank Borzage, producer of the first Academy Award winner "Seventh Heaven," visited Japan to attend the first South-east Asian Film Festival as a delegate of the Association of Motion Picture Producers of America. He told the Nippon Times that he would like to make an American-Japanese collaborated movie.

"The Western view and Eastern culture would make a good picture and there should be no real trick in making a good film by cooperation of the two nations," the well-known producer said. Although he has no concrete plan yet, he would like to make one himself, Borzage added.

The American movie producer arrived in Japan accompanied by his wife. The specific purpose of his visit to Tokyo was to present a 35 mm. Mitchell Camera and accessories on behalf of AMPPA as a special award to the best feature picture "which will best disseminate Asian culture and increase understanding of Asia by the West."

Borzage praised the prize-winning Japanese movie "Rashomon" and when told that Akira Kurosawa, the director of "Rashomon," has recently finished another ambitious film, "Seven Samurai," he said he wanted to see it.

Borzage and his wife are planning to visit the Dai-ichi Movie company's studio in Kyoto.

## 22 Salt Lake Issei get citizenship papers

Salt Lake City

Citizenship papers were received by 22 Japanese May 20 when they raised their hands before Judge Ray Van Cott, Jr., in the Third District Court. William M. Lence, naturalization examiner, presented applicants from 18 other countries.

Naturalized were: Henry Y. Kasai, Kinji Kurumada, Tomihei Ogawa, Harry H. Kumagai, Harry M. Hasegawa, Ryoichi Kariya, Masa K. Ono, Kinsaku Inouye, Ura Inouye, Kane M. Hachiyama, Komeki Hoshida, Yasaku Ono, Sakutaro Kawakami, Yoshinaga Saito, Goshuke Tobari, George I. Watanabe, Mason T. Akiyama, Harry M. Hirota, Anne S. McCarnes, Calvin S. Sugiyama, Kashitaro Mizuki and Hisa A. Kumagai.

Henry Y. Kasai, insurance man, is the husband of Mrs. Alice Kasai, secretary to the National JACL Board.

Los Angeles

Records of naturalizations in the local federal court indicate nearly 300 Issei have been made U.S. citizens since the enactment of the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

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## Chicago Corner . . . by Smoky Sakurada For Cerebral Palsy Fund

United Cerebral Palsy telethon over TV station WBKB last weekend had a "foreign" touch with a spiel in Japanese for contributions and the Japanese American community responded to the tune of \$500 in telephone pledges. Irv Kupcinet, columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times, headed the show that began at 10 p.m. Friday and lasted till 2:45 a.m. Sunday. Various foreign-speaking panels participated. The Japanese panel was headed by CORKY KAWASAKI of Resettlers Committee. Also present were KUMEO YOSHINARI, Chicago JACL chapter president; Mrs. EILEEN (nee NAGATOMO) TOWNSEND, Lower Nearside Community Council; DAN KUZUHARA, and KENJI NAKANE, both of Resettlers . . . The Japanese portion on the telethon lasted an hour with dance numbers presented by students of SHIZU INBE. Mmes. SUZU OKAWA and MASAKO KUNIMATSU rendered a samisen-song number . . . The 29-hr. campaign had a figure of \$550,000 in gifts and pledges.

### Around Windy City . . .

The Mutual Aid Society with THOMAS MASUDA in charge will hold its annual Memorial Day services for the Japanese dead at Montrose cemetery.

Foreign students attending Northwestern University have exhibits on display at the campus Deering Library until June 14.

The Chicago JACL weekend outing, July 4-5, will be limited to the first 61 reservations. A \$5 deposit is required and will be accepted at the Midwest JACL Office. The outing is set for George Williams College Camp, Lake Geneva, Wis. More information is upcoming.

A potluck weenie bake June 12 at Sand Beach, Wilmette, is being planned by the City-Wide Recreation Council. They will first meet at CHARLIE UKITA's, 3642 N. Wilton, 5 p.m. \$1.50 is being assessed.

### Of People . . .

Not too well known to Chicagoans is that Mrs. KIYOSHI ITO, 921 E. 62nd St., is the sister of MIKE MASAOA, Washington JACL Representative. Back in Salt Lake City, she got nicknamed "Koke" . . . Husband KIYOSHI is a spotter for Healer Cartage, a trucking firm, and hails from Stockton, Calif. "Koke" lived in Utah until 16 years of age, then moved with the family to Los Angeles except for MIKE, who was attending Univ. of Utah. She was graduated from John Marshall High School in 1937, attended Santa Monica Jr. College for a semester, Woodbury Business College another semester and Metropolitan School of Business for two years. When war broke out, she was moved to Manzanar, relocated to Chicago in early 1943 . . . She was married on June 24, 1945, lived for a short period at Rockford, Ill., and then returned to Chicago. She is now employed as clerk-stenographer for the Inspector of Naval Materials. They have two children, SUZANNE KAY 7 and KENNETH HOWARD 6 . . . Husband is the brother of JERRY, Mrs. GRACE MOTOOKA, JUNE, Mrs. DORIS ENDO, HIROSHI and SHIG, all of Chicago . . . Wife is the sister of:

JOE GRANT, public relations man in San Francisco; married to the former MARY ANN SAKAMOTO, a registered nurse. Four children.

BENJAMIN FRANK, who was killed in action in France in 1944, while serving with the 442nd RCT.

SHINKO, now Mrs. TAIZO NAKANO, wholesale produce dealer in Los Angeles. Two children.

MIKE, of Washington, D.C.; married to the former ETSU MINETA of San Jose, Calif.

IKE, wholesale nurseryman, Venice, Calif.; married to the former SUE ANDO, Fort Hall, Idaho. Three children, all boys.

HANK, gardener; married to the former SACHI TAMAKI, Ogden, Utah. Two children.

TAD, Washington, D.C., helping brother Mike, and writing column for Shin-Nichibei, Los Angeles; married to the former SACHI KUWAHARA, San Leon-

dro, Calif. Two children. Her sister HARUMI KUWAHARA was once YWCA delegate to the United Nations.

Their grandmother, Mrs. TAKI GOTO, 95, lives in Fresno; their mother, Mrs. HARUYE MASAOA, lives with son Joe Grant . . . Mrs. LILLIAN AKI, Chicago, sister-in-law to the Rev. GEORGE AKI is also related to the Masaoaka family. (Mike was in Los Angeles this week and adds this cheerful note of being uncle to 64 nieces and nephews by blood or by marriages.—Editor.)

Dr. Homer Izumi, Honolulu physician, is Hawaiian representative attending the American Medical Association congress in Chicago. He attends its convention in San Francisco, June 17-21. He is the brother of:

ELBERT, Chicago pharmacist; Dr. ERNEST, teaching pathology at Yale University; and MARTHA, laboratory technician in Honolulu.

### CHAPTER MEMO

**West Los Angeles JACL:** The chapter is 100 percent behind the \$50,000 Richland Ave. Youth Center project to be located on the property of the new junior high school under construction on Sawtelle Blvd. The chapter is also urging other Nisei organizations of the area to support the new center.

**Richmond-El Cerrito JACL:** Shig Komatsu and Seiichi Kami, local architects, will answer queries of "What Kind of House Shall I Build" at the May 29 general meeting at Memorial Youth Center . . . George J. Sugihara is editor of the chapter newsletter.

**Cleveland JACL:** Under the direction of George Uchiyama and June Taketa, co-chairmen, the membership committee signed 270 members—11 percent being new members.

**Salt Lake JACL:** Bob West's orchestra has been announced as the band to play June 5 at the annual JACL's semi-formal dance honoring 1954 graduates at the Memory Grove's Memorial Hall. The dance is being jointly sponsored by the chapter and Jr. JACL group. Karl Matsuda, Jr. JACL president and dance chairman, is being assisted by:

Mari Imai, Frank Ujifusa, Mary Takita, Lorraine Toma, Shig Kane-gae, Ted Nagata and Edna Masuda.

**Newsletters Received:** WLA Action (May), Chicago JACLer, Richmond-El Cerrito (May 21), Salt Lake JACL News.

### Picnic committeemen

**Cleveland**  
Committeemen were appointed for the July 4 community picnic at Weigand's Lake by George Ono and Frank Yatsu, co-chairmen, as follows:

Fairway Golf, tickets; Fellowship, PA system; Jr. Matrons, JACL Bulletin staff, pub.; JACL, Shinwakai, program; Debbishires, dance; Tennis Club, prizes; YBA, concessions; Fenway Golf, Tennis Club, donations.

## Miss and Mrs. Delegate to nat'l JACL convention advised on what to wear during Labor Day holidays in Los Angeles

### Los Angeles

This week's commentary on the 13th biennial National JACL Convention in Los Angeles, Sept. 2-6, is strictly for the women who ask, "What would be the best thing to wear?" "Cotton, cotton and cottons," unanimously reply the members of the convention reception and hospitality committees.

The Labor Day weather in Southern California is definitely summer and the wisest thing to do is to dress for comfort, according to Hana Uno, convention board secretary. She added that with the beautiful and dressy cottons this season, it would be a hardship to no one. Miss Uno added that although the Statler Hotel is thoroughly air-conditioned, booster delegates who will be visiting, sight-seeing and shopping during the day would find their summer outfits much more comfortable.

### Hats Optional

Toshiko Nakamura, member of the reception committee, added that hats are strictly optional as far as Los Angeles is concerned. "This being such a casually dressed town, the convention will more or less follow suit," she remarked. The reception committee agreed that hats should be optional for all convention events. She mentioned a local fad of no hat but cotton gloves, especially white, with everything.

Ritsuko Kawakami, reception committee chairman, commented that suits are always nice, but taking into account the expected sub-tropical weather, wool suits would be too warm. Of course, summer suits of rayon, linen, silk and synthetics would be suitable for almost any occasion.

"Since summer clothes will be worn, it might be a good idea to plan a summer wardrobe from now instead of waiting till late August for convention wear," Miss Kawakami added. In most cosmopolitan centers, Labor Day means the start of the fall season but in Los Angeles, it's still summer with light-colored summer apparel being worn. Some dark sheers would be suggested also.

### Casual Outing Wear

Lily Otera, outing committee chairman, recommends for the beach outing the more casual the wear, the better. The site is

a palm-shaded spot by the Pacific Ocean that looks like and has been a setting for South Sea Island movies.

Wraps will be needed for the outing since it will be an all-day affair, lasting far into the night with dancing under the stars by the surf.

The men folks should be told that a special prize for the loudest (most Trumanish, the committee quips) Hawaiian shirt is being offered.

### Short-Length Formals

All feminine JACLers here are excited about the Sayonara Ball (Sept. 6), and a number have already sought their gowns, according to Mrs. Alice Nishikawa of the reception committee. She added that the new designs coming out for the fall season show many more short-length formals than floor-lengths.

The women will find them

more practical and short formals are sure to outnumber floor-length models at this extra gala function, Mrs. Nishikawa said.

Mrs. Lucille Okada of the reception committee added that Los Angeles-Hollywood-Wilshire Blvd. have wonderful shops. There are all types, from exclusive shops to real bargain stores and Miss or Mrs. Delegate who have a little time should plan to do some shopping. Los Angeles is now the second center of the garment industry with a wonderful variety in clothes, it was pointed out.

Fellows present at a reception-hospitality committee meeting recently, Dr. Roy Nishikawa, convention board chairman, Dr. Toru Iura, mixer chairman, and Larry Honda also added that they just like to see the girls looking nice.

## SCPNBSQA honors offered

### Los Angeles

A flock of initials—SCPNBSQA—can be added after one's name.

Requirements are rather simple, according to Bob Kinoshita, chairman of the afternoon program at the National JACL Convention outing at colorful Royal Palms, Sept. 5.

Four male warblers who can stay on key and serenade the convention enthusiasts will be granted the rights and privileges of the Society for the Creation and Preservation of Nisei Barber Shop Quartets in America.

### Prize Offered

The winning quartet will be suitably recognized and applauded at the convention outing. The East Los Angeles JACL, in charge of the outing entertainment, is offering a suitable prize to the winners.

Rules and regulations as to the type & number of songs are to be announced. In the meantime, chapters were being advised to round up four voices—even four male sopranos are OK—and inform Chairman Kinoshita, 3036 Malabar, Los An-

geles, immediately.

He would also appreciate knowledge of home talent, such as vocalists, dancers, skit teams, and showmen (amateur or pro) who plan to attend the convention as the convention would welcome their participation in the entertainment program.

### 'Big Noise' Chance

"Here is one chance for a chapter or district to make some real 'big noise' at the National Convention," Lily Otera, outing chairman, declared.

## Sacramento JACL to discuss Issei division

### Sacramento

The matter of forming an Issei division within the JACL chapter here will be thoroughly discussed at the June 7 general membership meeting.

### NWA office

### San Francisco

Northwest Orient Airlines recently opened a new ticket office here at the Palace Hotel Bldg., 657 Market St.

## National JACL Endowment Fund

### San Francisco

Additional donations totaling \$1,300.58 have been received this past month for the National JACL Endowment Fund, it was reported by JACL National Headquarters. This brings the total amount of contributions to the endowment fund to \$76,745.86.

JACL National President George Inagaki stated that \$5,000 was being transferred into trust this week, thus making a total of \$75,000 in trust with the Bank of America.

Additional contributors who have placed their confidence in JACL's program to protect the security of persons of Japanese ancestry include:

### CALIFORNIA

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Minneapolis—Tom Hayano \$25.

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### OHIO

Cincinnati—Masaji S. Toki \$30.

### OREGON

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### PENNSYLVANIA

Ardmore—J. Kikuta \$15; Morton—Mrs. G. Uyehara \$5; Philadelphia—Saburo & William Yoshio Inoue \$100, George E. Koiwai \$10, R. T. Ono \$25, Mrs. Hana Watanabe \$10; Willow Grove—Tadao Ikeda \$30.

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## WEST LOS ANGELES JACL OFFICE ESTABLISHED

### West Los Angeles

Kaye Ichihara, CLer and proprietor of Kaye's Barber Shop, has donated space in the rear of her shop at 2017 Sawtelle Blvd., to be used as a West Los Angeles JACL office.

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## Scene from Golden Gate

HARUO ISHIMARU

### Women's Auxiliary for San Francisco . . .

At the request of VI NAKANO, effervescent vice-prexy of the San Francisco Chapter, I sat in on her tentative planning meeting for a Women's Auxiliary to the local Chapter. Present were Mesdames KATHERINE NUNOTANI and HARU HEDANI and the ISHIMARUS (all three of us). It seems that there are particular projects and activities which interest the women and it was agreed that an informal Women's Auxiliary group would meet for these programs which might include such subjects as Interior Decorating, Cooking, Flower Arrangement, etc.

We think that this is an interesting and worthwhile idea and we wish the women of the San Francisco Chapter a lot of success in their meetings. We will be looking on with a great deal of interest on their projects.

### 'Cherry Blossom' of San Joaquin County . . .

Last Thursday I met with the Issei leaders and the board members of the Stockton and the French Camp JACL chapters. The Issei Kai of Stockton has been faithfully advising and assisting the Stockton Chapter and we look forward to their continued interest and cooperation.

I got down there a little early and was pleasantly surprised to find HARRY ITAYA and his family running a brand new soda fountain and lunch counter "Cherry Blossom" at 110 West Washington. (Note to JACLers: Beat the heat in Stockton at the Cherry Blossom Fountain.) Our congratulations and best wishes to Harry on his new venture.

The Stockton Chapter has certainly stepped up its membership and activity. Prior to 1953 they barely had 30 members. In 1953, they had 112 members and this year they have already hit 250. Orchids to SAM ITAYA and GEORGE BABA for sparking this big drive.

### San Mateo Issei Citizens . . .

Under the general chairmanship of SAIKI YAMAGUCHI, the San Mateo Chapter threw a pot luck dinner honoring the new Issei citizens and Issei residents over the age of 70. Saiki did a very good job with the capable assistance from the women of the Chapter who prepared the dinner. BEN MAEDA was the toastmaster and greetings were extended by HOWARD IMADA, Chapter prexy; three instructors, ROBERT ROSS, YUJI IMAI, and JOHN YUMOTO, and yours truly. Responding in behalf of Issei was I. TAKAHASHI, pioneer and community leader.

San Mateo was one of the first chapters to start the new citizenship classes and the major credit goes to BOB SUGISHITA who was the Chapter president in 1952. The San Mateo Chapter did a very excellent job and we certainly appreciate the willing spirit of the Nisei leaders in the many chapters who have continued to devote their time and effort towards community welfare.

### 1000 Club . . .

We note with a great deal of interest the challenge of DAVE YOKOZEKI, president of the Downtown Los Angeles Chapter that they will be aiming for one hundred 1000 Club members in the Chapter. It sounds like a big goal because as of the first of May they only had three active members. Since then they are really beating the tom-toms and expect to produce.

So far as District Councils go, as in practically everything else, the Northern California Nevada District Council is leading with 116 members for 1954, compared with Pacific Southwest 95, Midwest 58, Intermountain 53, Mountain Plains 49, Pacific Northwest 47, Central California 35, and East 28. I hope that some of our chapters can take up the challenge although we don't have the population potential in any of the Northern California cities that Los Angeles has. At any rate more power to Dave and his Chapter.

### Knock on Wood . . .

Reading TATS KUSHIDA's interesting weekly column we feel sorry for the many invalid JACLers among the staff and officers. Compared with the Society of Slipped Discs, gout, and ulcers, etc., I feel like a healthy sub-normal 300 pounder. There is nothing wrong with me except my teeth are falling out, flat feet, low metabolism, over active digestive system and appetite to match. At this rate I feel very confident that I will live to see 40, which is about the average longevity of an active JACLer.

### 100 attend Salt Lake CL meeting on fishing

Salt Lake City

Fishing must be the popular pastime in these parts if attendance of the last JACL chapter meeting here can be a criterion.

A good mixture of Issei, Nisei and Sansei — about 110 strong—saw Lee Kay's fishing pictures in the Utah mountains, the 1000 Lakes and the wildlife conservation films of near-extinct animals and birds. Kay is educational director of the State Dept. of Fish & Game, and nationally recognized for his wildlife movies.

It was the most successfully staged meeting in years, commented one chapter official.

An added feature were the prizes from Zinik's, Al's and Doc Olsen's sporting goods stores to those attending.

### Nisei for Knight

Auburn

Tom Yego of Penryn was named co-chairman of the Northern California Nisei for Knight committee. A member of the Placer County Republican central committee, he is also vice-president of the Placer County Republican Assembly. Tom Hoshiyama of San Francisco is the other Nisei for Knight co-chairman.

### PC columnist speaks

Denver

Bill Hosokawa, editor of the Denver Post's Empire magazine, was main speaker at the Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, Colorado chapter meeting this week. The PC columnist is also one of three judges for the contest sponsored by the Industrial Editors of Colorado to select an "industrial editor of the year."

Chicago JACL: Stud Terkel, radio-TV star, will discuss jazz with his personal collection of records at the June 18 chapter meeting at the Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan Ave., 8 p.m.

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

## Convention Pacesetter

A sub-committee under Budget and Finance is the Souvenir Booklet Committee chaired by TATS KUSHIDA, who is a real glutton for punishment. With its early deadline, this committee has set the pace for all other convention committees. Their insistence on the photography deadline was partially instrumental in the rapid filling of most committees. We would guess that there must be over 150 committeemen at the present time. This number increases daily. By convention time, perhaps there will be over 300 workers.

Charming and capable MICHU KATAOKA is the art editor of the booklet, being aided by her brother MAS, JOHN WATANABE and JIM HIGASHI. CHARLES ASAWA, the editor, informs us that the format is more or less complete and almost every page is now accounted for.

All he needs are the ads to place in them. He asks that JACLers everywhere pitch in to collect those ads. Others on this committee, which we understand are working two or three times each week, are GEORGE FUKUDA, HIROKO KAWANAMI, JEAN OGAWA, LINDA ITO and JEANNE NISHIKAWA (no relation). This bunch, relatively new to JACL activities, has done and is doing a superb job. The booklet committee will probably continue as the convention pacesetter.

### Convention Chapter Honor Roll

National JACL places chapters on its Honor Roll when they exceed the prior year's membership totals. Various district councils select "Chapters of the Year."

This column henceforth will place chapters on the CONVENTION HONOR ROLL for prepaid advanced registrations (\$30 per delegate). The Budget and Finance Committee really needs the money. They are even thinking of borrowing funds from the PSWDC Credit Union. Hence, we hope that all of our local chapters will come through with an early response.

So far, chapters making the Convention Honor Roll are SEQUOIA, SALINAS, SAN BENITO, WEST LOS ANGELES, PASADENA, RICHMOND and SELMA. We hope that every one of our 89 chapters will qualify for the Honor Roll by September. How about a few chapters from outside of California?

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Cash and Bank Deposits.....	522,265.02	436,781.12	434,436.71	194,503.37
Balance Due from Agents.....	51,231.87	62,033.53	62,769.87	25,636.72
Accrued Interest.....	6,966.97	5,108.59	2,111.95	943.61
Total Admitted Assets.....	\$1,293,415.32	\$1,030,977.51	\$802,868.57	\$425,202.00

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Reserves for Unpaid Losses.....	\$261,373.99	\$215,141.71	\$123,217.04	\$ 56,448.78
Estimated Loss Adjustment Expenses.....	65,504.25	41,239.13	11,283.76	5,715.78
Reserve for Unearned Premiums.....	370,108.00	347,766.00	291,318.00	142,868.00
Reserves for Expenses and Taxes.....	37,307.75	30,357.00	16,728.67	11,462.27
Ledger Liabilities.....	.....	.....	.....	496.52
Excess of Liability Statutory Reserves over Case Basis and Loss Expense Reserves.....	80,808.30	34,488.05	.....	4,418.64
Total Liabilities and Reserves.....	\$815,102.29	\$668,991.89	\$442,547.47	\$221,409.99
Capital Stock.....	\$300,000.00	\$300,000.00	\$273,420.00	\$180,000.00
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## SPORTSCOPE:

As of Tuesday this week, apprentice jockey GEORGE TANI-GUCHI had four winners in the young Hollywood Park season at Inglewood. He rode Blue Shocker in a stretch drive to take it by a head. Mutuels paid \$65, \$26.10, and \$8.30. Observed GEORGE YOSHINAGA, sports editor of the Shin-Nichibei: "By booting Blue Shocker in at boxcar figures, George now shows a profit of nearly \$20 for all mounts. That is, if anyone has been laying it on the line everytime George went to the post. He would now be ahead" . . . The Los Angeles metropolitan turf reporters have generally noted that Yoshinaga, who was at the finish line with other press photos and waiting for Taniguchi's first winning ride, missed the picture he wanted most because of the excitement of that first win after a wait of seven racing days.

The Watsonville High Bee team came home with the North Coast Section "B" division track championship last week, piling up 26 points. Pittsburgh was second with 23. Helping the Watsonville Kitten amassing points were SUS MATANO, a close fourth in the 330-yd. run, won in 36.7s. and GORDON IWANAGA, a member of the relay team which failed to place, however . . . JOHN NAKAMURA of Fowler High was timed 2m.4s. to garner third in the San Joaquin Valley Class B track championships last week.

ERV FURUKAWA, Puget Sound Golf clubber, was edged out 2 and 1 in a tight struggle last Sunday in Seattle's King County Public Links championship quarter-final round. Ed Foley, defending champion, had too many shots for the No. 1 Nisei golfer on the West Coast, who gave a real contest all the way.

One of the most improved Nisei bowlers from Tacoma, YOSH FUJITA collected \$500 for his heavy 1013 effort in the Class B division of the rich National Bowlers Journal tournament. The Northwest Times opined that this take is top money as far as Nisei cashing in on various bowling meets throughout the Pacific Northwest during the 1953-54 season.

A controversial split decision marked the fourth defense of his world flyweight crown and YOSHIO SHIRAI of Japan retained his championship over challenger Leo Espinosa of the Philippines. Some 45,000 fans saw what has been described as the poorest showing to date in an otherwise hard-fought battle at Tokyo last Monday. The champion piled up points in the early rounds but counter-punching Espinosa surprisingly out-boxed Shirai in the last five rounds.

A Japanese Canadian paddle star, ART NAGAI, Victoria, B.C., defeated Warren Pinard of Portland in four sets to take the Washington State open table tennis singles championship.

LODI A.C. won its first victory in the Sacramento Rural League last Sunday, 18-9 over Galt . . . A big North-South judo tournament is scheduled this Saturday at Maryknoll Auditorium, Los Angeles. Two top women judoists, UMEKO FUKUDA from Japan, and HELEN CAROLLO of Stockton, will appear in exhibition matches . . . Turkey's well-trained wrestlers won the 1954 freestyle world amateur wrestling championships in Tokyo last week by scoring 37 points, edging the defending Russian titlists by two points. The U.S. team finished in seventh place.

### Moriya in double win, mile, 2-mile at CCI

Chicago

Kikuo Moriya of Tokyo, now studying at Wheaton College, took double-win honors last Saturday at the College Conference of Illinois track championship.

He broke the mile record by 4½ seconds, thinning the CCI

mark down to 4m.19.6s. He toured the two miles in the winning time of 9m.48.6s.

Salt Lake Auxiliary: A baby shower was held at the home of Mrs. Helen Kurumada this week in honor of Mrs. Mary Shiozaki and Mrs. Shizue Sakai, recent mothers. Hostesses were:

Mrs. Kurumada, Kimi Tobari, Grace Kasai and Kiyo Oshiro.

## MAILBOX

## Reiterates Confidence

Editor: It has been ten years since I first became actively engaged in the fight for recognition by this country of the loyalty and devotion of those of its inhabitants of Japanese ancestry.

I have reiterated my confidence in you, the people and the organizations that you represent, before the federal courts, culminating in the United States Supreme Court in the Endo case, and before the various federal and state courts in the Oyama, Masaoka, and other cases involving the Alien Land Law.

Throughout these years of association I have been impressed with the integrity of the people with whom I became associated, which gave me a great incentive to do the best possible job to remedy injustices which had prevailed too long.

The success in the fight against the Alien Land law could not have been achieved without the intelligent and loyal cooperation of the Civil Rights Defense Union, the Japanese American Citizens League, Kikaku Kisei Domei and the Legal Defense Fund, and the leadership of the executive officers of those organizations, plus the coordinated effort of the other lawyers involved.

I hope that whenever in the future any problem arises, you or any of these organizations, or any member thereof will feel free to call upon me for any assistance I may render.

—JAMES C. PURCELL  
San Francisco.

## Win tourney championship

Indio

The Coachella Valley bowling tournament of champions was won recently by the JACL team composed of:

Kuz Nagata, Sam Musashi, Hide Nishimoto, Ray Ishimatsu, Ken Takano.

Champion teams of five leagues participated including the Suski-Sakemi Garage of Motor league and Shapiro Produce of the JACL Produce league.

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## Staff casualty . . .

Nearly fifty eager beavers of the Southwest L.A. chapter made the annual pilgrimage to Oceano last Sunday to dig up the legal limit of ten Pismo clams, those luscious 6-inch bivalve mollusks we hear a lot about but seldom get to eat, at least sashimi-style. The hardy caravan of ten cars left L.A. at midnight, rendezvoused near Santa Maria, hit the chow line and lined up to pay for a \$1, 3-day license for the privilege of wading into cold water and sticking a sharp fork into sand until it clunks on a clam.

Our district office secretary, BLANCHE SHIOZAKI, accidentally harpooned her left ankle with a tine of the fork. The wound didn't bother her until she got back to town and found walking impossible. Taking the advice of emdee TAD FUJIMOTO, a Stanfordite, she sconced herself at the local Japanese hospital for a few days.

Thanks to help offered by BESSIE YANAMOTO, RUBY FUKUNAGA, SADAOKO KAWANAMI, LILY OTERA and others who have volunteered to come down to the office after working hours, we haven't fallen too far behind in our paper work. The Vandas, a young girls' club for which Blanche is adviser, come in Saturdays to pitch in on national convention mailings.

## A day in the life of . . .

One of the busiest JACLers we know is our own National Board Secretary, ALICE KASAI in Salt Lake City. A perennial PC Holiday Issue ad solicitor, she doubles as public relations officer for the SLC chapter. Now, she's plugging for convention support in her area besides being active in "eleventeen" other things.

Some of her other activities include being treasurer and press representative of the Baha'i faith as well as serving on a couple of its committees. As PTA leader, she must attend various meetings at the state capitol. She's also on the board of the YWCA.

Alice's husband HENRY, New York Life agent, recently became naturalized. Their oldest daughter just received a superior award in the state music contest in piano while their second daughter was just elected vice-president at her junior high school. To add to their doings, their little boy put his hand through the wringer but fortunately no damage. Her baby EMI is constantly griped because Alice is seldom home to tuck her into bed.

St. Peter won't turn Alice down.

## O.C. fund drive to start . . .

HITOSHI NITTA, charter member of our SDS (slipped disc society), dropped in with his dad on Tuesday. Except for his corset, he looks to be in fine fettle. In fact, he says he will take the chapter's fund drive by the horns and go all out with the support of chapter members in covering the county on a double (two-year) drive in June.

## Conflicting philosophies . . .

We have always felt, and we know the vast majority of JACLers go along with us, that membership in the JACL is an expression of confidence and support in the organization and its objectives for improving our lot in society, be it economical, legal, social or whatever.

By the same token, JACL membership is not a claim for services or convenience to be rendered a member by the organization.

The benefits derived from JACL's program and actions extend to all persons, be they members or not. Many non-members enjoy these benefits that are paid for by those who join and support JACL. This may seem grossly unfair for it appears to penalize the community-minded and pay a premium to free-riders. But that's the way an organization for community service must operate to secure the greatest good for the most people supported by those who recognize the need for organized representations.

Strangely, or perhaps naturally, the support is there for the asking, we've found. An appeal invariably brings a supporting response albeit small. The problem is essentially whether a chapter's members are sufficiently community-spirited to be willing to give some man-hours of soliciting. Perhaps eventually the JACL can become a self-sustaining organization that needn't rely on fund drives. But to fulfill the immediate program and objectives set forth by the national JACL council, the blood, sweat and tears of good JACLers must continue to flow to assure an effective and successful JACL.

## Vocal 4-some . . .

A JACL barbershop quartet contest at the convention outing promises to be a special attraction, at least for the participants. Threatening to drown out competition is a potent quartet of board-staff members including HIPPIY ISHIMARU (soprano), DEACON SATOW (contralto), TOKUZO GORDON (alto) and the SOU'WESTER (falsetto). But it's quality that will win. Their figures are more pear-shaped than their tones.

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## Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

Incumbent Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel who is running against Democratic Congressman Samuel Yorty for an upper house seat in Congress was greeted Monday by a group of Nisei Volunteers for Kuchel supporters at the Ambassador.

Joe Grant Masaoka, No. Calif. lobbyist, who was in Los Angeles just long enough to meet the former state controller gave a brief history on persons of Japanese ancestry.

But apparently, Sen. Kuchel knew most of what happened in 1942 and the subsequent years when the west coast was opened to the Japanese Americans and their families.

Masaoka asked what Sen. Kuchel thought about the McCarran Act as far as Japan's annual 185 quota was concerned. The Anaheim-born senator who played football during his days in Orange County with Nisei gridsters was quick to say that quota "should be raised and more emphasis be placed on those families which fall in the line of hardship cases." He believed family reunion was an important factor which must be stressed in the law.

The junior senator, in Washington since December, 1952, said also that the government has a moral obligation to complete the Evacuation Claims program as soon as possible with an aim to pay all claimants regardless of how high their damages were as long as they are legitimate. He assured that there will be no cut in the claims budget.

Kuchel went as far to say that investigation should be made to cover losses suffered by the former residents of Terminal Islands whose property were confiscated by the U.S. Navy immediately after Pearl Harbor, and not mentioned in the 1948 Evacuation Claims law.

Others present at the Kuchel interview were Soichi Fukui, Luis Aihara, veteran leaders; Taro Kawa, Jimmy Ito, and George Nakatsuka, Li'l Tokio businessmen.

Several thousand Japanese American residents, many of them homeowners along the proposed Olympic Freeway between Washington and Adams, learned that they have at least one year to "stay put" if they wish.

While the construction of the new freeway got the State Highway Commission's nod, there seems to be no fund allocated to buy the homes. A spokesman said the state usually agrees on a project about two years before the grading crew ploughs through the path. In short, the Olympic Freeway may not become a reality for another three at the earliest, or 10 years at the latest.

A former Monrovia scholar, who is a curator of Far Eastern Collection and head of the Oriental Language Section, Yale Univ. Library, has been named as one of the four Southland recipients of the 1954 John Hay Whitney Foundation's opportunity fellowship.

The winner is Warren Michio Tsuneishi, third son of Satoru Tsuneishi, who will take a leave of absence from his present position until July, 1955, to complete a residence requirement for a Ph.D. in political science from Yale, where, incidentally, he was given a grant to further his studies.

### Philatelic society

Berkeley

The Japanese American Philatelic Society was ready to greet its 100th member, according to Tad Fujita, club secretary-treasurer. There were 99 members on the membership roll, five having filed applications last month. Membership includes a number of corresponding members throughout the United States and Orient and active members in the Bay area.

## Larry Tajiri--

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amendments to the immigration codes which were known at times as the Japanese Exclusion Act.

Although racial segregation, as such, now will be illegal in the nation's public school system, a considerable amount of segregation will continue to be enforced in practice. So

long as residential segregation exists, children in the urban areas will attend what is, to all extents, segregated schools. But the Supreme Court's decision is the big forward step in the outlawing of the indefensible practices of racialism. the providing of "separate but equal" facilities.

As Chief Justice Warren declared in his ringing decision on behalf of the unanimous court, segregation and equality are incompatible.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

AKIYOSHI—Apr. -0, a boy Mark Stuart to the Takamichi Akiyoshis (Shika Takasugi), Los Angeles.  
DEEMER—A boy Donald Mamoru to the Clair Deemers (Mari Shinagawa), White Sands Proving Ground, N.M.  
DEGUCHI—Apr. 24, a boy to the Roy Deguchis, Kingsburg.  
DISTANCE—Apr. 23, a girl Julie Ann to the Victor V. Distances (Setsuko Teshirogi), Los Angeles.  
DOI—Apr. 8, a boy Kevin Kiyoshi to the Carl Kaoru Dois (May Yoko Doi), Gardena.

FUJIMOTO—Apr. 21, a boy Kenneth Kenji to the Masanori Fujimotos (Sakae Fujimoto), Los Angeles.  
FUJIMOTO—Apr. 25, a boy Howard Douglas to the Fred Tamio Fujimotos (Chiyo Mary Nagahiro), Los Angeles.

HONDA—Apr. 25, a girl Margaret Sakiko to the Tatsuo Hondas (Tsuneo Higashi), Los Angeles.

HONGO—Apr. 27, a boy to the Richard Hongos, San Francisco.  
HOTTA—Apr. 26, a boy Denis Toshio to the Hiroshi Hottas, Teruko Takahashi, Los Angeles.

IWAKI—Apr. 23, a boy Michael Kenichi to the Seitoku Iwakis (Yoko Sobajima), Los Angeles.

IWATAKI—May 13, a boy David to the Kuwashi Iwakakis (Sadae Nomura), Los Angeles.

INOUE—May 11, a girl to the Dr. Milton Inouyes (Chieko Shigekawa), West Los Angeles.

IYOYA—May 6, a girl Susan Miki to the Rev. Nick Iyoyas (Rhoda Nishimura), Long Beach.

KAMADA—May 6, a girl to the Norman Kamadas, Orange Cove.

KATAOKA—May 7, a girl to the Jiro Kataokas, Selma.

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

KAWAHARA—May 7, a boy to the Lindberg S. Kawaharas, San Francisco.

MATSUURA—Apr. 3, a girl to the Sets H. Matsuuras, Sacramento.

MITSUMI—Apr. 21, a boy Brian Ichiro to the Pete Mitsushu Mitsui (Ayako Muto), South Gate.

MORI—Apr. 15, a boy to the Kiyoshi Moris, Sacramento.

MORITA—May 1, a girl to the Masaru Moritas, San Francisco.

MURAKAMI—Apr. 26, a boy to the Sam K. Murakamis, Sacramento.

NAKADA—Apr. 27, a girl Lois Elaine to the Harry Masanao Nakadas (Helen Iwanaka), West Los Angeles.

NAKAJI—Apr. 20, a girl Ruth Kazumi to the George Tadashi Nakajis (Mary Hidak), Los Angeles.

NAKATA—May 16, a boy to the Kenneth Nakatas, Port Blakley, Wash.

NISHIOKA—Apr. 26, a boy to the Fred Nishioakas, Fresno.

OGAWA—May 13, a boy to the Henry Ogawas, Ontario, Ore.

OKINO—May 12, a girl Shirley Jean to the Shoji Okinos (Mary Noriyuki), Dayton, Ohio.

OMACHI—Apr. 21, a boy to the George Omachis, Fresno.

SADATAKI—May 12, a boy William Kei to the William Sadatakis (Mary Hata), Cleveland, O.

SAIKI—May 5, a boy Dale Ned to the Beck Saikis, Fresno.

SAITO—Apr. 28, a girl Susan Lin to the John Ty Saitos (Mary Yagawa), Los Angeles.

SAITO—Apr. 24, a girl Gail Angela to the Paul Shinobu Saitos (Alice Yukiko Sakai), Los Angeles.

SONODA—Apr. 24, a boy Randy Takeji to the Toshio Sonodas (Aiko Seki), Los Angeles.

SUGINO—Apr. 21, a boy Craig Ken to the Arthur Tetsu Suginos (Ruth Aiko Akiyama), Los Angeles.

TAKEUCHI—May 8, a boy to the John M. Takeuchis, Berkeley.

TAKEUCHI—Apr. 23, a girl Susan H. to the Shiro Takeuchis, Portland.

TAKI—May 3, a boy to the Noboru Takis, Seattle.

TANABE—Apr. 13, a girl to the Yoshio Tanabes, Lodi.

TANIMOTO—Apr. 12, a boy to the James I. Tanimotos, Sacramento.

TANOUE—A girl to the Michisuka Tanouyes, Denver.

TAYAMA—Mar. 20, a boy Thomas Noboru to the Jimmy Hikaru Tayamas (Midori June Yokoyama), Los Angeles.

TOKITA—Apr. 29, a girl to the George Tokitas, Idaho Falls.

TOMITA—May 2, a girl to the Haruo B. Tomitas, San Francisco.

TOYAMA—Apr. 17, twin boys Norman Noriyuki and Nathan to the Saburo Toyamas (Lois Tomoko Kawamura), Los Angeles.

TSUKAMOTO—Mar. 24, a boy John Joseph to the Percy Hifumi Tsukamotos (Janet Chiyeko Abe), Los Angeles.

TSUMURA—Apr. 19, a boy to the Isamu S. Kashiwagis, Sacramento.

UMEDA—May 12, a boy Raymond Noboru to the Taro Umedas, San Jose.

USUI—Apr. 13, a boy Warren Shigeru to the Mitsuo Usuis (Aiko Tomiye), Northridge.

UYECHI—Mar. 24, a girl to the Henry Kojiro Uyechis (Tomiye Ohashi), Los Angeles.

UYEDA—Apr. 17, a girl Roni Michi to the Chico Willie Uyedas (Miki Michiko Okazaki), Los Angeles.

UYEMURA—Apr. 12, a boy Cary Gregg to the Joji George Uyemuras (Lucie Maruno), Los Angeles.

WADA—Apr. 28, a boy to the George Wadas, Fresno.

YAGI—Apr. 23, a boy to the Thomas Takeshi Yagis, Stockton.

YAGO—May 6, a girl to the Masao Yagos, San Francisco.

YAMADA—Apr. 19, a boy to the William Yamadas, San Jose.

YAMAGUCHI—Apr. 11, a girl Wendy Yuko to the Eiso Yamaguchis (Yuriko Yoshii), Los Angeles.

YAMAGUCHI—Apr. 9, a girl Merianne Keiko to the George Yuichiro Yamaguchis (Kikuyo Yamaguchi), Los Angeles.

YAMAKA—Mar. 28, a boy Mark Steven to the Woodrow Teruo Yamakas, (Harriette Asayo Murakami), Los Angeles.

YAMAKOSHI—May 9, a girl to the Frank Yamakoshis, Reedley.

YAMASAKI—Apr. 14, a girl to the Tsuneo F. Yamasakis, San Diego.

YASUMOTO—Apr. 18, a boy to the Harry Yasumotos, Del Rey.

YONEMOTO—Apr. 10, a boy Gerald Wayne to the Yoichi Yonemotos, Santa Clara.

YOSHIDA—Mar. 22, a girl Patricia Ellen to the George Shigeo Yoshidas (Betty Itsuko Hisayasu), Burbank.

### Engagements

ANDO-KITABAYASHI — Ruri to Sam, both of Richmond, May 16.

KIMURA-MINATO—Kimura, Cleveland, to Tak, Los Angeles.

OKIMOTO-UWANE—Janet to Mas, both of Chicago.

OZAKI-CHINKAWA—Mary, Orosi, to Yoshio, Bowles, May 15.



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### Weddings

KODAMA-NAKASHIMA — May 16, Will Takuzo, Florin, and Alice Sachiko, Los Angeles.

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

MATSUOKA-YOKOTA — May 15, Akira, Los Angeles, and Jessie, Downey.

MURAKAMI-GO—May 1, Terry and Jeanne, both of Seattle.

NAKAMURA-NAKANISHI — May 16, Jim, Los Angeles, and Toni, Beverly Hills.

NAKAOKA-MORIMOTO — May 16, Tom Tsutomu, Chicago, and Mary, Mari, Torrance, Calif., at Los Angeles.

SASAKI-HORITA — May 9, Mitsuo and Kaoru, both of Los Angeles.

OKAMOTO-KUBOTA—May 16, Takashi, Los Angeles, and Hisaye, Long Beach.

OSHIO-ONO—May 15, Kay, Los Angeles, and Mari, Wilmington.

OZAWA-TANAKA—May 15, James and Miyuki, both of Chicago.

YASUDA-INOUE—May 15, Henry Shiochiro, San Fernando, and Helen Chizuko, Fresno, at Los Angeles.

### Deaths

AKAHOSHI, Mrs. Eiki, 51: Oakland, May 15, survived by husband and Nobuta, son Arata and daughter Mrs. Seiko Baba.

HANAMURA, Tomokichi, 80: Alameda, May 14.

MITSUMI, Mrs. Toyo: San Francisco, May 12, survived by sons Ichiro, Jiro.

MORI, Kakuichi, 78: Seattle, May 8, survived by wife Hayano, son Yoshio, daughter Mrs. Haruko Inaba.

NAKAGAWA, Wakakusu, 82: San Francisco, May 18, survived by wife Katsuyo, three daughters Sumiko, Mrs. Chizuko Hayes and Tazuko.

OKANO, Jimmie, 67: Los Angeles, May 18.

OSHIMA, Katsutaro, 77: Los Angeles, May 14, survived by wife Tsutayo, sons Frank, Albert, daughter Mrs. Mary Nomoto.

OTO, Donna Jean, 3: Oakland, May 14, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. George Yoshio, sister Connie, brother Steven Eiji, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Yoshito Ota (Sacramento), Mrs. Kusuye Tanita (Napa).

UCHIYAMA, Genbachi: Chicago, May 8.

YASUDA, Uchichi, 67: Visalia, May 16, survived by wife Age, three sons Takeo, Minoru, Masanao, three daughters Mrs. Shizuko Nishimoto, Mrs. Michiko Sakaeda (Los Angeles), and Yoshiko.

## CALENDAR

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

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

SAN MATEO: Memorial service.

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

MONTANA: Memorial Day service and picnic.

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

June 6 (Sunday)  
WEST L.A.: Community picnic, Ladera Park.

SAN FRANCISCO: Nisei Olympics, Kezar stadium.

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

June 12 (Saturday)  
SAN FRANCISCO: Bridge tournament.

DEIRUIT: Japanese movies, International Institute.

SAN MATEO: Community picnic.

SELMA: Barbecue outing.

June 13 (Sunday)  
IDAHO FALLS: JACL picnic.

June 20 (Sunday)  
TWIN CITIES: Community picnic, Theodore Wirth Park No. 2.

POCATELLO: Community picnic.

SAN FRANCISCO: Community picnic.

### San Francisco's picnic at Golden Gate Park

San Francisco

The community picnic June 20 will be held at Golden Gate Park, it was announced by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California and the San Francisco JACL Chapter.

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## EDITORIALS

## Segregation in Housing

The month of May, 1954, will be historic in the annals of civil rights history. It began when the United States Supreme Court denounced the exclusion of Mexican Americans from juries in the Southwest. The Constitution is violated whenever a group is accorded "different treatment not based on some reasonable classification."

Two weeks later, the same court declared "in the field of public education, the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

It was, thus, no surprise that racial discrimination in publicly-owned colleges and universities, at theaters and recreation facilities was similarly outlawed.

While the school decision has no direct bearing in the housing for the nation's minority groups, it has focused new attention on this problem that has concerned several persons of Japanese ancestry. Despite their ability to pay, as well as prospective Negro buyers, some Nisei still find themselves unable to buy homes available to others.

The homes concerned are those being constructed under Federal Housing Authority insurance. Dr. Frank S. Horne, special assistant to housing chief Albert M. Cole for minority housing, recently stated that for many years, the FHA itself was holding back minority housing by hesitating to insure projects which would be open to minority groups even though government insurance is supposed to be given without regard to race, creed or color. Dr. Horne believes FHA indirectly aided segregated low-cost housing because it has no way to penalize the builder who won't sell to non-whites.

It was heartening to note that the "neighborhood pattern" adopted by the San Francisco Housing Authority in public housing was nullified by the Supreme Court this week. Whether the federal government could order builders to open their developments to all races or lose FHA insurance is something that would probably have to be settled by the courts. One case has been filed in Sacramento to this end.

The task of ending segregation in all phases of American life is still before us as one Nisei prospective home-buyer who was given the run-around at a tract developer's office which conspicuously advertised homes without down-payment almost can testify.

From the Frying Pan . . .

by Bill Hosokawa

## Some Observations

IN THE SPACE below this column last week, Larry Tajiri held forth at length on the word *skibby*. The word, he noted, is listed by H. L. Mencken in his *The American Language: Supplement I*, as being used on the west coast as a racially derogatory term referring to persons of Japanese ancestry. Mencken says *skibby* was originally applied to a loose woman, "though now it means, at least in California, any Japanese, male or female." *Skibby*, he adds, seems to have been borrowed from a Japanese word, "though what that word was is uncertain."

Tajiri observes correctly that *skibby* is a word alien to the experience of most Nisei. But it was used more commonly in an earlier era before Nisei ears became attuned to racial insults. I remember being called a *skibby* in grade school a good three decades ago. The name fell on deaf ears because I was too dumb to be insulted.

"What's *skibby* mean?" I asked in all innocence. The name-caller too, was caught flat-footed. He replied: "Don't you know what *skibby* means. It means, well, it means you're a *skibby*." That's all he could say.

The word remained in the back of my head and after another encounter with it some years later I looked it up in a Japanese-English dictionary. I found it on the bottom of page 1839, *sukebei*, a noun meaning "lecher, bawdiness, lewdness, prurience, a satyr, a bawdy person, a hot-stuff." As an adjective, *sukebei-na*, it becomes "bawdy, lecherous, lewd, lustful, lascivious, incontinent, concupiscent." The dictionary goes on to explain that the sentence, *Kare wa sukebei da*, means "He is susceptible to female charms."

If I had a spare Japanese-English dictionary, I'd send it along to Mr. Mencken for his edification. He could also use a round-trip ticket to the west coast to learn for himself that *skibby* is not a commonly used word among the "Jap-haters." Indeed he may find

considerable difficulty trying to locate "Jap-haters."

LAST WEEK'S PC also brought me up to date on Minoru Yamasaki, the eminent Nisei architect about whom I've heard fragmentary and laudatory reports for a long time. Now a resident of Detroit, Yamasaki will design the American consulate building in Kobe, Japan, for the State Department. Yamasaki also designed the Federal Reserve bank in Detroit, according to this report, and the airport terminal building in St. Louis.

Seattle Nisei will remember Yamasaki (he used to be called Tinky) as a considerably better than average popular pianist, and a gritty sandlot football player. If we had known what his future was to be, we might have handled him with a bit more respect.

ANOTHER EXAMPLE of the vocational opportunity opening up for Nisei is the case of Bill Kagohara, a member of the crack Colorado state patrol. Tall, husky and soft-spoken, Kagohara patrols the highways out of Greeley. He has been a member of the force for going on two years, and is praised highly by his superiors from the chief on down.

Had a chance to chat with Kagohara this week at Camp George West where patrolmen are taking their annual refresher courses. Kagohara was called in to camp to teach patrolmen hand-to-hand self defense, the techniques himself from his knowledge of judo, and the patrolmen will be better officers for the training this Nisei is giving them.

Not once, Kagohara told me, has he run into unpleasantness because of his race. Both he and superiors expected a little trouble to begin with, but there hasn't been a single incident. His experience speaks well for Kagohara, the state patrol, and the people of Colorado.

Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

## Outlaw Jim Crow

CHIEF JUSTICE Earl Warren and the Supreme Court, in their momentous decision in the school segregation cases last week, have declared Jim Crow an outlaw. Striking at the "separate but equal" biracialism of the Deep South, the unanimous decision of the high court is one of the most important in the tribunal's history.

It is also a major victory in the present ideological contest with the Communist expansionists, particularly in Asia where the wide gap between American protestations and practices of democracy long have been exploited against the United States.

The test cases, in which the JACL was represented as a "friend of court" in urging the end of segregation of Negro students, were directly concerned with biracialism in Southern public schools. But it should not be forgotten that a segregated school for children of Asian ancestry, aimed mainly at Japanese Americans, existed in the Walnut Grove district until 1942 when the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry forced its closing. At that time, and for several years afterwards, school districts in California had the option of providing separate educational facilities for non-Caucasian children.

It was not until after World War II that a test case involving the segregation of Mexican American children in an Orange County school district was won in the state's Supreme Court by the opponents of such segregation. The JACL, incidentally, was a participant in this case, also.

THE EFFORTS OF the JACL chapter in Florin, Calif., in 1940 also resulted in the closing of a segregated elementary school in nearby Courtland. Several other segregated public grammar schools for children of Japanese and other Oriental descent existed at one time or another in other rural areas in California, including the Imperial valley. Economic factors, rather than an enlightened public attitude, resulted in the closing of the separate schools when school boards realized that race prejudice was too high-priced a luxury. In the South, of course, state laws prohibited interracial education in the public school system and general practice decreed a similar policy in private schools, although there have been some notable exceptions of Negro schools which have accepted white students.

In Mississippi the segregation policy has been extended to Oriental children as well, under an earlier Supreme Court decision in

a case in which Chinese American parents petitioned to obtain admittance for their children to the white schools where facilities, at that time, were far better than those available to Negro children. The Supreme Court, in that decision of more than a generation ago, ruled that the segregation policy meant that all non-Caucasian children were barred from the so-called white schools. This ruling was brought up at the time when children of Nisei servicemen stationed in Mississippi during World War II sought admittance to the public schools. The problem was sidestepped when the children were sent to private schools.

THE SEGREGATION of students of Japanese ancestry in a California public school became a subject of international controversy 48 years ago this month when the San Francisco school board ordered the city's 93 Japanese elementary school students to attend a segregated school in Chinatown.

Historians of California's anti-Japanese campaigns contend that it was no mere coincidence that San Francisco's mayor, Eugene E. Schmitz, a former bassoon player, was facing indictment for multiple felonies. Schmitz needed a diversionary issue and found it in an anti-Japanese campaign. It was also notable that the school board's action did not result from a single oral or written protest by parents of white pupils against Japanese students. The decision was wholly political, originating in the proverbial smoke-filled room.

President Theodore Roosevelt responded by terming the San Francisco action a "wicked absurdity" and also urged Congress to pass legislation which would permit resident alien Japanese to be naturalized. Mr. Roosevelt did succeed in modifying the school board's action, after a conference with Mayor Schmitz and a delegation of rag-tag San Francisco politicians, but the naturalization of the alien Japanese was not made possible until the passage of the Walter-McCarran act almost a half-century later.

It is notable that Mayor Schmitz and his politically-inspired racists received the support of U.S. senators from Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, Texas and Mississippi in their demand for the segregation of Japanese school children, just as southern senators aided the California racists in the passage of the Chinese Exclusion Act two decades before. Similarly, the Deep South also supported the 1924

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Tule Lake sentry kills segregationist (James Okamoto, 30); board of investigation called by camp military.

Ex-Ambassador Grew reveals Japanese police kidnapping of Nisei from U.S. embassy in his book, *Ten Years in Japan*, just published.

Men of 100th Infantry was the first Allied unit to make a bayonet charge against Germans on Italian front, reports Ed Sullivan, Broadway columnist.

L.A. County social workers urge return of Nisei to coast at "earliest possible date"; resolution calls on Sec'y of War to protect rights.

First escheat suit filed in Salinas area.

WRA reports 22,000 Nisei evacuees resettled under agency's relocation program; Illinois leads.

Manchester Boddy of Los Angeles Daily News officially joins opposition to return of evacuees to the West Coast, not afraid of Japanese Americans but of warring Californians.

## MINORITY

A petite granddaughter of early California Chinese miners, railroad builders and storekeepers, Poy Chung Chan, 24, of Placerville, will reign as Queen of the Wagon Train caravan this July when old Hangtown celebrates the coming of Conestoga wagons over the once-treacherous Sierra Nevada. Her uncle, C. C. Wing of San Francisco, was the first attorney of Chinese ancestry to be admitted to the bar in California. Choice was hailed by sponsors as an overdue homage to the thousands of hardy Orientals who helped develop the California West.

A wife of a Chicago Trumbull Park Housing Project resident goes shopping in a police squad car, it was revealed by a civil service employee of the State Industrial Commission.

Commented Rep. Samuel W. Yorty (D., Calif.) to the NAACP, upon the recent announcement of the Supreme Court outlawing segregation in the schools: "Your victory brings all of us closer to the true democracy for which we strive. I pledge my wholehearted support in the long, hard fight which still must be waged against prejudice and injustice."

Pres. Eisenhower addressed 1,300 delegates of the Freedom Fulfillment Conference in Washington, D.C., reiterating his pledge to do his "utmost, wherever the federal authority clearly extends, to bring into reality the ideal of equality among all men who assume the responsibility." The conference also pledged half of the \$1,000,000 annual fund to end race bias by Jan. 1, 1963, the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation.

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