



TWO SEATTLE NISEI BUYERS REFUSED HOMES

Seattle

The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith last week protested what it charged was discrimination against Japanese Americans in the sale of housing at Eastgate, a development on the Sunset Highway about 5 miles from Seattle.

The protest was made by letter to Bell and Valdez Builders of Bellevue, developer of the project.

Officials of Bell and Valdez could not be reached for comment.

Two ex-GIs Refused

Leonard Schroeter, state director of the league, cited in the letter two cases of Nisei refused the right to purchase homes in the development, both World War II veterans of the famed all-Nisei 442nd Infantry Regiment.

One, he said, is Paul Akana, a community social service worker and former professor of social work at Indiana University.

Schroeter said Akana's earnest money was accepted and then returned.

Couple Refused

The second case was of a couple, both life-long residents of Seattle, who were turned down as prospective purchasers of an Eastgate home in his presence on Memorial Day, Schroeter said.

Schroeter asked for a meeting with representatives of the company to discuss the situation.

Hanford-born musician wins composition prize

Cleveland

A former inmate of an internment camp won \$1,500 for writing an elegy for orchestra in a national student music competition.

Higo H. Harada, 26, student of Carcel Dick and Ward Lewis at the Institute of Music, won second prize in the composition contest sponsored by Broadcast Music Inc. of New York.

Born in Hanford, Calif., the Harada family was rounded up after Pearl Harbor and spent four years in camps at Butte, Mont., and Crystal City, Tex. The Haradas moved here in 1947. Higo and his mother, Kei, live at 1779 Crawford Rd.

The talented musician can play cello, piano, trumpet, oboe "and other instruments slightly." He is studying for his master's degree and plans to use his prize money to advance his musical cause.

Issei citizens attend voters' information night

San Francisco

On the eve of California's direct primaries last Monday, over 100 new Issei citizens attended a voter's information program at the Reformed Church here.

S. Hideshima was meeting chairman. Yukio Kumamoto explained the voting procedure used in San Francisco and also described the major issues on the ballot.

The new citizens were served refreshments by the San Francisco JACL chapter. Assisting were:

Lucy Adachi, Hatsuo and Amy Aizawa, Joyce Enomoto, Sumi Honami, Kei Hori, Fred Obayashi, Kaye Uyeda, Haruo Ishimaru.

'Mme. Butterfly'

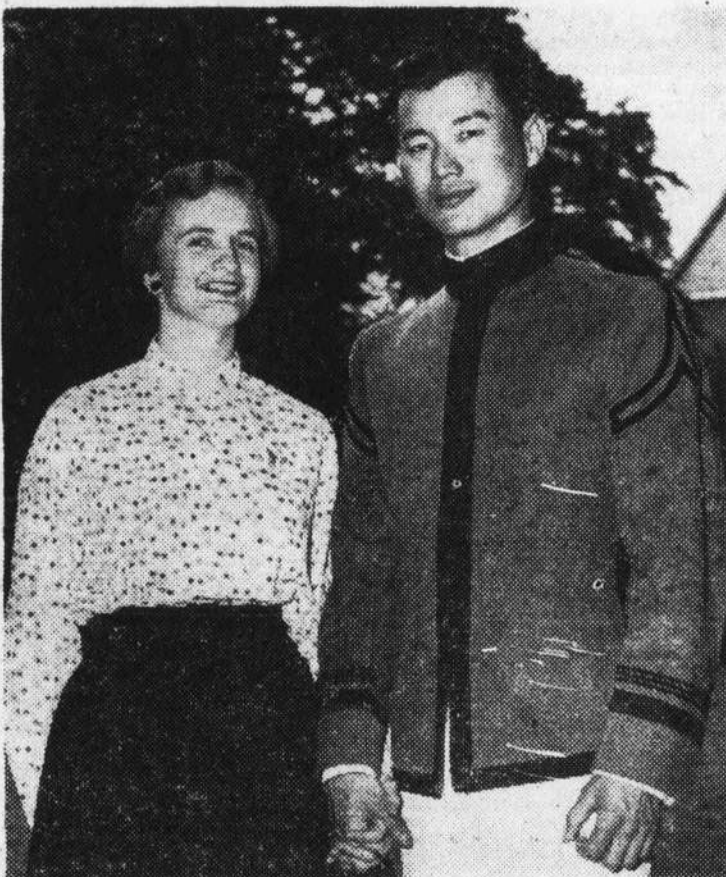
Culver City

Joe Pasternak, MGM, movie producer, is planning an October trip to Japan to scout locations for "Mme. Butterfly."

Charge California officials slow to aid refugee



Julia Sugita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Sugita of Pasadena, is the second candidate to be entered in the JACL National Convention queen contest. The 18-year-old student of Pasadena City College is majoring in medical stenography. She is 5 ft. 5 in. tall, weighs 117 lbs. Last year she was on the WAA "B" basketball all-star team and is vice-president of the Pasadena Chaldeans. —Roy Hoshizaki Photo.



Second Lt. Glenn K. Matsumoto of Bakersfield, Calif., was graduated from West Point this week, and married six hours later to the former Miss Eva M. Loebarth of Brooklyn. —Army Photo.

2nd Nisei commissioned at Point

West Point, N.Y.

Glenn Kenge Matsumoto became the second Nisei to be graduated from the celebrated United States Military Academy here at West Point.

First Lt. George Shibata of Garland, U., now overseas as a jet pilot, was the first Nisei to receive an appointment to the Army officer school. He received his appointment through the late Sen. Elbert D. Thomas of Utah at the request of the Japanese American Citizens League in order that the Academy would be open to Japanese Americans.

Second Lt. Matsumoto received his Bachelor of Science

degree and commission last Tuesday, six hours later was married to Miss Eva M. Loebarth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Loebarth of Brooklyn. She was graduated from the Fordham University School of Business this week.

Sergeant in CIC

Prior to his entry at the Academy, Glen served three years in the Army, two of them as a sergeant in counter-intelligence corps in Japan. He is a graduate of Adams City (Colo.) High School and attended Univ. of Denver one year on a scholarship. Lt. Matsumoto chose anti-aircraft artillery as his branch of service.

Washington

Upon his return from the west coast, Mike Masaoka conferred with State Department officials charged with the administration of the Refugee Relief Act regarding the problems presented him while in California.

While on the west coast, he had discussed the operations of the Refugee Relief Act with interested individuals and organizations, including the Consul-General of Japan in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

In his conference with Department officials, the Nisei lobbyist stressed the difficulties that individual citizens were encountering in securing certifications for available housing and employment and urged that the federal government call upon state employment offices to be more cooperative in carrying out congressional intent.

3,000 Refugees Allowed

The Refugee Relief Act provides for the entry of some 3,000 refugees from Asia, including Japan, outside the regular quotas.

The law provides that applicants in Japan, for example, must register with their nearest American consular officers. Applicants must qualify as refugees.

In the United States, their sponsors must provide written assurances from citizens regard-

ing housing, employment and against becoming public charges. Assurances for housing and employment must be certified by state employment offices.

California Reluctant

Masaoka declared that California state officials have been most reluctant to certify these assurances, insisting upon technicalities that make it virtually impossible to receive a certification.

During the conference, it was disclosed that government officials hoped to develop a workable arrangement with the state authorities.

At the same time, it was revealed that there is a special Refugee Relief Act team operating in Japan but only with orphans scheduled for admission into the United States under the provisions of the 1953 law. It is expected that special teams to process adult applicants will be sent to Japan as soon as there are sufficient assurances to warrant such action.

At the present time, only a handful of assurances for applicants in Japan have been processed in Washington.

Masaoka is assisting in the expeditious Washington processing of a number of assurances from west coast citizens who desire to speed the entry of refugee friends and prospective employees from Japan.

HOUSE OKs SOCIAL SECURITY BILL, AIDS JAPANESE DOMESTICS

Washington

Proposals to include most Japanese domestic workers in social security were included in the bill passed by the House of Representatives, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The JACL-endorsed provisions included in the House bill would change existing social security requirements for domestic workers and enable most Japanese "day workers" to be included in the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance program.

Coverage qualifications for all domestic workers would be combined in a single test of \$50 or more cash wages received in any calendar quarter from a single employer. A calendar quarter is a three-month period beginning January, April, July or October.

Aid Japanese Domestic

Since most Japanese domestic and "day workers" receive over \$50 from each of their employers in a calendar quarter, these new provisions would enable them to enjoy social security benefits as do other workers in business firms, the Washington JACL office explained.

Existing law now requires that domestic workers report for work to each employer for at least 24 days in a calendar quarter and receive at least \$50 in cash wages from that employer. Japanese day workers who work for each employer only once a week or once every two weeks are unable to meet the present requirements.

The new proposals would enable almost all of these "day workers" to qualify for social security coverage if they regularly earn \$16.67 or more a month from an employer. Two or three days work in a month for an employer would be sufficient in most instances.

Self-Employed Farmers

Other coverage provisions of the House bill to amend the Social Security Act include self-employed farm operators, professional self-employed persons now excluded, certain Federal,

state and local government workers, farm workers under certain conditions, American citizens employed abroad under certain conditions, home workers under certain conditions and certain fishermen would be brought into the government insurance program.

Changes in the present benefit formula, general increases in present and future benefits and earning limitations are included in the measure.

Detailed JACL studies are now being conducted on the 122-page Social Security Bill and 99-page accompanying House Report regarding limitations on benefit payments to persons residing abroad. The study will consider the aspects of the proposed law as it would affect persons now in Japan and those who may go to Japan in the future.

Additional attention is also directed towards all provisions of the bill which might affect present or future benefits to Issei and Nisei in the United States or abroad, including sections regarding termination of social security benefits to persons illegally in the United States.

House Ways and Means Committee staff technicians informed the Washington JACL office that illegal Mexican "wet-back" immigrants were considered in the sections dealing with illegal immigrants.

Denver prep graduates

Denver

Manual High School with its 20 Nisei seniors leads in the number of Japanese American students being graduated this week from the public high schools. Out of 2,518 seniors, 32 are Nisei.

Seattle

A total of 3,076 seniors will be graduated during the coming week from the Seattle public high schools. Forty Japanese American students are included, 29 of them from Garfield High School.

Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

President's Legislative Program . . .

With the current congressional session at the two-thirds mark, Capitol Hill observers predict that the President will get about half of the ambitious legislative program he outlined for the Congress last January.

This is considerably more than the Democrats were willing to concede only a few weeks ago but still considerably less than some Republican leaders were claiming at the beginning of the session.

Thus far, the President has gotten or is likely to get a good part of what he wants in the fields of taxation, social security, housing, highway and hospital construction, and foreign policy.

Apparently dead for the session are his requests for revising the Taft-Hartley labor law and the vote for 18-year olds. He is also not likely to receive all he asked for in the way of tariff-cutting powers, farm legislation, postal rate increases, antisubversion statutes, and health insurance.

Adjournment Rush Threatens Program . . .

Some highly controversial measures almost certainly will fail by the wayside in the traditional adjournment rush. With every seat in the House and a third of the Senate seats up for election this November, GOP leaders are bending every effort to wind up Congress by the end of July in order that members can return home to campaign for re-election.

At the same time, congressional leaders on both sides are mindful of the President's declarations that his Administration should "stand or fall" on its record, including its legislative history.

Senate Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas estimates that the lawmakers cannot finish up their work before Aug. 15 at the earliest. He declared last week that certain of the Administration's measures, such as the \$1,397,000,000 tax reform bill, will require extended debate.

Appropriations Roadblock Not Anticipated . . .

Customarily, the various money or appropriations bills foul up early adjournment plans. But this year for a change Congress is pretty well up on money bills. The House, which under the Constitution initiates these measures, is well ahead of schedule. It has acted upon all regular fiscal year appropriations except those for the Departments of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare, the District of Columbia, and foreign aid.

Of these, only foreign aid is of controversial nature. The House Foreign Affairs Committee has not approved legislation authorizing additional foreign spending. Congressional leaders are holding back on this measure so that it may reflect the latest developments in Indo-China, the European Army, and other elements of the ever-changing world picture.

Among other things, foreign aid is expected to cause sharp debate over East-West trade in the Senate where Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy and others are expected to lead a fight to deny funds to those who trade with Communist China.

Senate Picks Up Steam . . .

Apart from foreign aid, in spite of the McCarthy-Army hearings, the Senate is beginning to roll out its appropriations bills. Chances are much better than in most recent years that most, if not all, of the money bills will be sent to the White House by or soon after July 1, when the 1955 fiscal year begins.

Under Majority Leader William Knowland's direction, the Senate is also moving to clear its docket as rapidly as possible in order to avoid the usual "last days" chaos before final adjournment.

In any case, according to the political pundits, the President's legislative boxscore at the end of the session will look something like this:

Taxes . . .

Cuts of nearly a billion dollars in excise taxes, more than the President wanted, already law; continuation of the present 52 per cent corporation tax rate and existing taxes on liquor, tobacco, autos and gasoline, approved by the House and likely to win Senate endorsement; and \$1,397,000,000 in tax "reforms" facing a fight in the Senate where Democrats want to increase individual exemptions.

Foreign Relations, Defense . . .

Ratification completed of a mutual assistance pact with Korea; some form of foreign aid to be continued, including major help for the French in Indo-China, still awaiting initial action in both Houses.

A reduced defense budget, unless an international emergency arises, passed by the House and pending in the Senate; approval of stepped-up funds for hydrogen and atomic construction, passed by both Houses and now in Conference to compromise differences, and approval of the long-delayed St. Lawrence River Seaway, signed recently into law.

Domestic Items . . .

An Administration housing bill to ease mortgage requirements and help builders, passed by both Houses and awaiting Conference to adjust differences; funds for expanded road building, now law; expanded hospital building, approved by House and pending in Senate; expansion of coverage under Social Security, passed by House and pending in Senate; establishment of a new federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare, now law; enactment of a bill permitting importation of Mexican farm labor; and a wool growers' subsidy bill, passed by Senate and pending in House.

Doubtful and Dead Issues . . .

Presidential requests which are dead or in doubt include Taft-Hartley revisions, apparently dead; "flexible farm supports," not likely—Congress will probably continue present rigid 90 per cent supports for another year; higher postal rates, not likely in an election year; tariff cuts, not a chance—Congress will probably continue present reciprocal trade law another year; health insurance, doubtful; 18-year old vote, dead; statehood for Hawaii and Alaska, doubtful; wire tapping evidence to be used in court cases involving subversion, doubtful; stiff anti-Communist measures, doubtful; increase in debt limit, passed by House last year but facing a stiff Senate fight unless international situation worsens.

IN HONOR OF

Dickie Matsuishi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Matsuishi of Oasis, was elected student-body president of Coachella Valley Union High School. He is the first Sansei to be selected.

Richard Arakawa of Reedley received a \$300 scholarship from the Univ. of California alumni.

Kaizu Kubo of Reedley, senior at Pomona College, has been awarded the Bracken Fellowship for study at Claremont Graduate School.

Kay Nakamaye, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kay Nakamaye, 238 Colfax Ave., Salt Lake City, was honored as "Boy of the Month" by the Salt Lake Optimists. Award is made on basis of leadership and citizenship qualities displayed during their school year.

Harold Shigetaka Harada, UCLA graduate from Riverside, Calif., is believed to be the first Nisei to be elected into the Delta Sigma Delta, national dental honorary fraternity. A student at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, San Francisco, he is the brother-in-law of Saburo Kido.

Chizuko Takasago, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Takasago, Los Angeles, was awarded a four-year \$2,500 scholarship to the Univ. of Southern California. The attractive Manual Arts High School senior is the sister of Tazuko, recent regional winner of Science Fair, who won a trip to Purdue University.

Marjorie Okano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. Okano, Rock Springs, was tapped by the Spurs, sophomore women's honorary at the Univ. of Wyoming.

Lily A. Shimamoto, 16, daughter of a naturalized Issei citizen and Nisei mother, was the first valedictorian of Oriental ancestry in the 33-year history of Memorial High School, West New York, N.J. She had the highest scholastic average of 93.6 in a class of 124, plans to study pre-med or psychology in the fall. Her father, George Shimamoto, formerly of San Francisco, is believed to be the only person of Japanese ancestry to hold New York state licenses as a professional engineer and as registered architect.

Final resting place of Comm. Perry determined by N.Y. Times writer

New York

The final resting place of Comm. Matthew C. Perry, who opened Japan to the West a hundred years ago, was finally determined by Meyer Berger, special writer for the New York Times.

Two gravestones had hitherto marked the final resting place of the commodore, one in the churchyard at St. Marks-in-the-Bouwerie, the other at Island Cemetery at Newport, R.I.

A search of the New York tomb disclosed the fact that the commodore's body was not there. The Health Department dug out an order dated Mar. 21, 1866, for transfer of the body from New York to Newport.

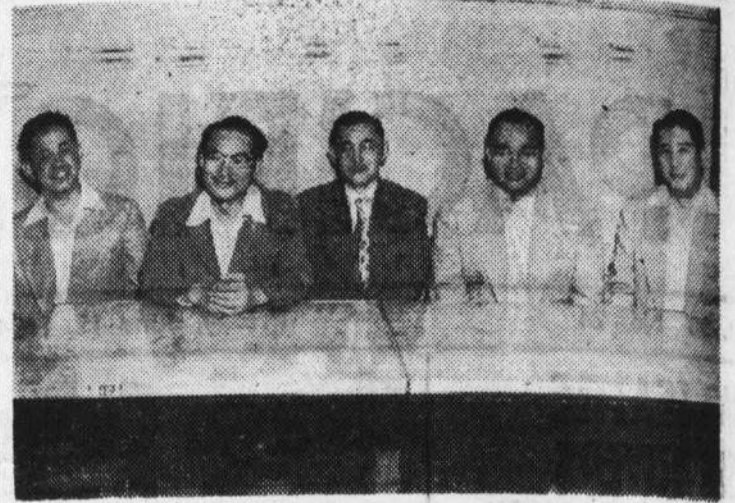
Reservations for McCarran-Walter banquet being accepted

Washington

Advance reservations for the Second Anniversary Banquet of the McCarran-Walter Act, to be held Sunday evening, June 27, at the Sheraton Park Hotel, are now being accepted, Harold Horiuchi, chairman announced.

The banquet, sponsored by the Washington, D.C., Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, commemorates the second anniversary of the enactment of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 and honors the newly naturalized Issei citizens in the Washington area.

Because both Senate and House sponsors of the legislation that mean so much to all per-



On his first trip of the United States since the war, JACLers renewed acquaintances with Tamotsu Murayama (second from left), P.C. columnist, who will spend six weeks training on scout leadership in New Jersey. Others in the photo are (left to right) Harry Honda, Saburo Kido, George Inagaki and Tats Kushida.

—Bob Kishita photo.

Murayama revisiting America

Los Angeles

Enjoying a brief stay here was Tamotsu Murayama, city editor of the Nippon Times and PC columnist, who is enroute to New York on a \$1,500 grant from the Boy Scouts of America to train for six weeks in scouting leadership.

("Tokyo Topics", a regular PC feature relating human interest stories about Nisei in Japan, will be resumed next week. He expects to comment on how the United States strikes him after a 16-year absence.—Editor.)

Murayama, recently deputy chief to the Japanese Boy Scouts attending the Filipino scout jamboree, told local scouting officials and friends that scouting in Japan is most fundamental.

"It must reteach the youth of

Japan a tradition wiped out by the war and postwar years—that of love of family," he declared. The scouting program, he believes, is the best counterpart to the hold being sought by Japanese Communists, especially school teachers who are in Red-controlled unions.

Of his brief travels on the west coast from Seattle down to Los Angeles, he pleasantly regarded the fact that not once did he overhear or hear the term "Jap."

While in San Francisco this past weekend, he stayed with his mother, Mrs. Namiye Murayama, and sister at 1727 Lyon St. He was in Salt Lake City as guests of the Henry Kasais this weekend before reporting for training June 15.

Very Truly Yours by Harry Honda

On fighting communism

Gen. Carlos Romulo, personal envoy of the president of the Philippines in the United States, spoke on "How to Fight Communism in Asia" last week before graduates of Seattle University . . . What Gen. Romulo had to say is interesting in the light of stories from our Tokyo colleague, Tamotsu Murayama, who has been reporting on the heartening aspects of Filipino-Japanese goodwill among the people . . . Gen. Romulo described the situation in Asia at present as critical and said that "though we are racing toward catastrophe, there is still time to do some hard thinking and intelligent planning" . . . "The most dynamic single fact of our time is the awakening of Asia." Asia is no longer mysterious, resigned or meek, he warned . . . The Asian peoples will no longer tolerate the "shackles of colonialism." They want status of equal partnership with other nations.

Many of its problems will not yield to pat and easy solutions. Romulo declared Asians want to know if it is to be saved from communism,

for what is it being saved . . . "It is not wholly certain that it is meant to save Asia in the interest of its own people . . . The Asian peoples are fired with an aspiration to human dignity and an economic well-being which can no longer be held in abeyance . . . The Asian peoples will not fight for the vague concept of a 'free world'; they will fight on the side of the free world only if they have a stake in freedom, being themselves free."

This sudden awakening of the populace in Asia has been attributed to the American G.I. . . . Products of Yankee industry were employed in wasteful quantities. After all, in war everything was expendable . . . Natives, still in unmechanized agricultural economies, couldn't help but notice. And human nature being what it is, the sort of 20th century life in the United States is easy to take . . . The market of Asia, with four-fifths of the world population there, is now readied. And with this cry of Yankee-style goods is this personal status of political freedom Gen. Romulo of which he spoke.

'Tempus fugit'—JACL Convention Three Months Off

Honolulu Newsletter



LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Are Okinawans U.S. Nationals?

Two Nisei attorneys made the news, each in his own way, last week. Shiro Kashiwa did it in the courtroom; Norito Kawakami, by going into government service.

Kashiwa, one of the older, established Nisei lawyers of Honolulu, raised the novel point in Federal court here that Okinawans are U.S. nationals, not aliens.

If he wins this point, he can win the case for his client, an Okinawa-born resident in Hawaii named Ushi Shiroma.

Shiroma is charged with failure to register as an alien with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. He has pleaded not guilty.

Kashiwa contends that because Shiroma is an Okinawan, he is also a national of the U.S. by virtue of the peace treaty with Japan in 1951 and, as a national, he is not required to register.

Under the treaty, says Kashiwa, the U.S. has jurisdiction over Okinawa, formerly held by Japan.

The case has been set for a non-jury trial on June 28. Shiroma is 57 years of age, a farmer who speaks no English and only basic Japanese. His case has news interest also from the fact that he is a member of the Hissho Kai, a group of elderly Japanese in Hawaii who believe Japan won the war.

The Hissho Kai received unwelcome publicity recently when another member also failed to register as an alien. This member asserted that since Japan had won the war, there was no necessity for him to register.

He was found guilty, given a suspended sentence and ordered to quit the organization.

Law degree for 41-year-old Nisei

Norito Kawakami was appointed a deputy attorney general of the Territorial government last week. He received his law degree only last year from the University of Colorado Law School.

But, at 42, he is already well known in political circles. He served one term as a Republican representative in the Legislature from Kauai, where he was born.

A fluent speaker, he made a favorable impression during his term from 1949-51. The legislative experience stimulated him into deciding on a legal career.

He left his earlier calling as an agriculturist and, with his family, went to Colorado to study law. After his return to the islands last year, he went into private practice.

He is being urged to run for elective office this fall, but the chances are he will stay on the sidelines until some future election, after he has established himself as an attorney.

A World War II veteran, he served in military intelligence with the U.S. Air Force in Australia and with the Australian army in Indonesia.

He was a county agent with the Univ. of Hawaii agricultural extension service after his graduation from the local university in 1933.



Miss Miyeko Kosobayashi of Washington, D.C., sister of World War II veteran Tom Kosobayashi, places JACL wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier during Memorial Day services at Arlington National Cemetery. Wreath placed by President Eisenhower during the same ceremonies is in the foreground.

JACL participates in traditional commemorative Memorial Day services

Washington

Honoring American soldier dead during Memorial Day services, the Arlington National Cemetery Committee of the Japanese American Citizens League participated in the traditional commemorative services with President Eisenhower and 50 other patriotic and veterans organizations.

Placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Chief Executive initiated the Memorial Day rites at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. Following the eulogy by Secretary of Navy Charles Thomas, a JACL floral wreath was placed beside the presidential wreath by Miss Miyeko Kosobayashi.

Veteran's Sister

Miss Kosobayashi is the sister of Tom Kosobayashi, veteran with three years service in the Pacific during World War II and sister-in-law of 442nd veteran Kenneth Nishimura, recently named commander of the California Golden Poppy Council of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Accompanying Miss Kosobayashi in the Memorial Day rites was John Katsu, Washington JACL Chapter president and a veteran with military service in Germany. An American Legion Honor Guard escorted the JACL representatives during the wreath presentation.

Earlier in the day, individual floral tributes were placed beside the white marble grave shrines of the 20 Nisei soldier dead in the Cemetery. Local JA-

CL members and friends participated with the JACL National Arlington Cemetery Committee in this seventh annual Memorial Day Service.

Traditional Tributes

Committee chairman, Ira Shimazaki, himself a veteran of World War II and JACL Eastern District Council chairman, said, "Realizing that few families of the 20 Nisei war dead buried here are unable to visit the gravesites of their loved ones, these JACL services for them at Arlington have become traditional as a tribute to all Nisei heroes who died in the military services of our country."

The individual services were conducted for:

Pfc. Fumitake Nagato, Pfc. Saburo Tanamachi, Pfc. John M. Nakamura, Pfc. Kiyoshi Murakami, Pvt. Raito Nakashima, Pfc. Victor K. Hada, Pfc. Shichizo Toyota, Pvt. Hiroshi Nagano, Pfc. John Tanaka, Cpl. Jimmie T. Kokubu, Pfc. Roy T. Morihiro, T/Sgt. Jimmie T. Shimizu, Pfc. Lloyd Mitsuru Onoye, Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka, Pvt. Stanley Takashi Oba, Pvt. Roy R. Shiozawa, T/4 George T. Yamaguchi, Pfc. Tamotsu Thomas Kuge, Sgt. Haruo Ishida and Sgt. Wataru Nakashima.

"Photographs of the individual JACL services for these honored dead will be mailed to next of kin," announced Shimazaki.

A-bomb radiation on unborn told

Los Angeles

Frightening implications of the A-bomb and the unborn were detailed in the American Journal of Diseases of Children by three Los Angeles doctors.

Drs. James N. Yamazaki, Stanley W. Wright and Phyllis Wright studied pregnant women exposed to radiation from the atomic bomb explosion over Nagasaki in 1945.

A survey of 30 pregnant women disclosed:

Three miscarriages, four stillbirths, three babies who died within the first month of life, three who died within the first year of life and one who died at 2 1/2 years. Four of the surviving 16 were mentally retarded.

Concluded the investigators: "The evidence strongly suggests, however, that radiation either directly to the fetus or indirectly as a result of its effect on the maternal issues, was of considerable importance in determining the outcome of these pregnancies."

The authors of the report are faculty members of the UCLA School of Medicine and are associated with the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission, Hiroshima.

Iowa doctor honored with high Masonic post

Webster City, Iowa

Dr. Sam I. Kuramoto was elected president of the local High Twelve club for the coming year. The organization is devoted to service and composed of professional and businessmen of the Masonic order.

As osteopathic physician and surgeon, Dr. Kuramoto and his wife have resided in Webster City for 10 years and the only persons of Japanese ancestry in this community of 8,000.

Dr. Kuramoto is also a member of the Kiwanis, deacon of the church and JACLer of the Twin Cities UCL.

Ex-Sen. McFarland in bid for Arizona governorship

Florence, Ariz.

Former Sen. Ernest McFarland (D., Ariz.) last week announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for governor. He is the second candidate to enter the Democratic primary race. Election day is Sept. 7.

Held for stabbing

Visalia

Dick Murokita, 14, who admitted stabbing 17-year-old Patsy Inn, has been charged with assault with a deadly weapon. A June 29 hearing has been set. Meanwhile, he is being held in juvenile detention hall.

Alien Japanese population in Hawaii dwindling—by death or naturalization

Honolulu

Like burning a candle from both ends, the alien Japanese population of the Territory which totalled 30,380—16,021 males and 14,359 females—at the time the 1950 decennial census was taken is dwindling fast—by natural death on account of old age and by naturalization.

On Oahu alone, it is estimated that some 101 alien Japanese died during the period from Jan. 1 of this year to Apr. 6—a period of 96 days—or an average of one a day.

Up to the 1950 decennial census, some 463 Japanese aliens were naturalized—280 males and 183 females—throughout the Territory. Since the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality act took effect on Dec. 24, 1952, however, the naturalization of alien Japanese in the islands has been accelerated.

On Oahu alone, during the 15-month period from Jan. 16, 1953, to Apr. 6 of this year, 1,859 alien petitioners have been granted U.S. citizenship. Of these 1,859 new citizens on Oahu, 766 or about 41.2 percent are of Japanese ancestry. Nisei and Sansei births on

Oahu alone during the period from Jan. 1 to Apr. 6 of this year—a period of 96 days—totalled 709 or an average of better than seven a day. In the close American-Japanese stork derby, sons are leading daughters by the narrow margin of 358 to 351.

Deaths among the Oahu residents of Japanese descent for the same period totalled 159 or less than an average of two a day—58 citizens and 101 alien Japanese. The natural increase of the American-Japanese population on Oahu for the 96-day period is, therefore, estimated at 651 or a little less than seven a day.

Women of Japanese descent on Oahu are outliving the men. Of the 159 deaths for the 96-day period, 106 were males and 53 were females—a ratio of two to one.

Marriages among persons of Japanese ancestry, not counting mixed or out-marriages, totalled 227 or an average of about five marriages every two days. Mixed marriages among the Nisei and Sansei totalled 82—the brides outnumbering the grooms 57 to 25—or a ratio of better than two to one.



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Scene from Golden Gate

HARUO ISHIMARU

Redevelopment problem in Sacramento

At the request of the Sacramento JACL Chapter, one of my most recent assignments is to help in the study of the Redevelopment Program in Sacramento which threatens and may seriously damage the economic position of many Japanese Americans of that area unless some assistance and consideration is extended to them.

Neither the Sacramento JACL or the Japanese American community is opposed to Redevelopment, but are requesting equitable treatment of businessmen and residents in the proposed area in order to alleviate any great hardship.

Because of the seriousness of the situation, the Japanese American Redevelopment Study Association has been organized under the general chairmanship of Dr. AKIO HAYASHI with DEAN ITANO, young local attorney serving as the executive secretary. The function of our Regional Office will be to assist in the study by gathering legislative data and aiding in the public relations work.

If necessary, the JACL will arrange for national and state legislative efforts to remedy the situation if possible.

With all respect to the local community leaders, many of whom are JACLers, the present problem and its relationship to national and state legislative needs, points out the usefulness of a strong nationally organized Japanese American organization and statewide chain of district councils which can be pressed into action when any problem affecting Japanese Americans are discovered.

Our sympathies are with the community in Sacramento and we hope that the Redevelopment Agency will present plans whereby the interests of our friends will be protected.

Youngest NCWNDC chapter: Gilroy

Officers of the Gilroy JACL Chapter were officially installed at a dinner dance on Saturday, May 1. The guests included city and county officials. GEORGE NISHITA, vice-chairman of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council, was a guest representing the area council. It is very encouraging to see the enthusiasm in our youngest JACL Chapter which already reports 65 members. Our congratulations to them.

'Christian Basis for Social Action'

Last week, taking sort of a busman's day off, I attended the annual Northern California Conference of the Congregational Christian Churches as the official representative of our church. Although we are the only Nisei family in the Pilgrim Church, we frequently represent it at various meetings. Due to other engagements I was able to attend only one of the three days of the Conference, but found it stimulating.

The Congregational Church has been especially helpful in the area of Social Action. It was one of the first Churches to support the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council, which helped send so many Nisei students to college from the relocation centers. In fact, if it were not for the Social Action Committee of the Congregational Church, I know that I would never have been able to go to college and make myself a more useful (I hope) citizen. This Christian denomination was one of the few that did not stipulate that their educational funds should be limited to Christian students alone, but rather allowed funds to be used by any Nisei student based only on ability and need.

Although not much publicized, the Congregationalists provided the initial funds to set up the Chicago Resettlers Committee and later the L.A. County Conference on Community Relations which received its major support and impetus from them. It is probably the most liberal of the regular Christian Churches. I think that this statement from the "Christian Basis for Social Action" merits thoughtful consideration and applause and we believe it is in harmony with the observations of any of our Buddhist or Christian friends and general JACL philosophy:

At the present hour, certain human problems face us with special insistence and with unusual opportunity.

Among our special concerns are aid to the weak and oppressed; equal opportunity for all children and provision for their health and education; considerate treatment of the physically and mentally ill, the aged and infirm; relief for the victims of natural or social disaster; and the overcoming of personal and public discrimination on grounds of class, creed or color. But our obligation is not discharged when we have contributed to the relief of suffering. We must attempt also to prevent the causes of suffering. As single individuals we are not able to prevent economic depression, large-scale unemployment or war; success depends on common and united action.

I believe that the Japanese American people are greatly indebted to our many friends who have helped us during evacuation and relocation, and it behooves us to repay our debt by serving as better citizens in our many communities.

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Inventory of Human Relations

Denver

Mayor Quigg Newton of Denver invited the JACL and Nisei to participate in a proposed Inventory of Human Relations for the City and County of Denver to be presented to the public sometime during November, 1954. Among those invited to participate were:

Mary Nakamura, Pat Hiram, Rev. Waichi Oyanagi, Y. Terasaki, and Sam Y. Matsumoto.

Mayor Newton pointed out that in 1947, he ordered a survey of discriminatory practices in Denver, which resulted in the creation of the Commission of Human Relations, now headed by Helen M. Burke, executive director. The Mayor expressed his interest in providing equally

for all citizens in Denver the services of the city and opportunities for employment in city government. He further indicated interest in reappraising conditions in housing, employment, educational institutions and public accommodations.

The local JACL has been cooperating with the intergroup agencies of the City, through the local JACL office and John Sakayama, program chairman and 1st vice-president of the Mile-Hi JACL.

Nisei artist granted MacDowell Colony honors

New York

Taro Yamamoto, Nisei artist who has won several scholarships, has been accepted for a six weeks' stay at the MacDowell Colony at Peterborough, N.H.

Founded in 1908 by Mrs. Edward MacDowell in honor of her husband, America's first composer of international repute, the MacDowell Colony has among its alumni such artists as Edwin Arlington Robinson, Dabose Heyward, Elinor Wylie, William Rose Benet, Carl Carmer, Hervey Allen, Thornton Wilder, Rumer Godden, Padraic Colum, Aaron Coplan, Marc Blitzstein and many others.

Twenty-four fellows are in residence at one time. Each one has a studio out of sight and sound of the others on the Colony's 600-acre tract in the foothills of the Monadnock region.

"This year's resident fellows represent a fine cross section of American talent in the arts, coming as they do from twelve states, with one distinguished writer, Alex Waugh, coming from England," Carl Carmer, president of the Association, said.

Nippon color film set for Kauai location

Honolulu

Kauai, site for a number of Hollywood movies including Miss Sadie Thompson, Beachhead and Pagan Love Song, will be the locale of another movie this summer—a Japanese comedy titled Hawaii Chindochu or (roughly) Sunny Travels in Hawaii.

Two of Japan's most popular young sisters, Chiemi Eri and Yoshio Tabata, are scheduled for location shots June 15. The picture will be in color.

➤ Peggy Nakasone, reigning 442nd Association, New York, queen, was honored at an aloha dinner before returning home in Honolulu.

➤ Kazuko Kutaka of Kapaa, Kauai, joined the staff of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, as entomologist.

San Francisco Nisei promoted to high supervisory position with SB of E

San Francisco

George R. Reilly, member of the State Board of Equalization for the seven counties comprising District 1, has announced the promotion of Tom T. Sakai of the sales tax auditing division, to a supervising position in the division, effective May 1.

In announcing the advancement of Sakai, the Board's longtime member and chairman pointed out that "ability, adherence to the principles of justice and equality, and service to the people of California are the criteria by which all are judged in the Board of Equalization. In recognition of this, I am pleased to announce the advancement of Tom T. Sakai to new responsibilities in our auditing division," Reilly said.

Sakai is well-known throughout the area as a former treasurer and board member of the San Francisco JACL Chapter and currently is a director of the Cal-Neva JACL Credit Union. He is a former commander of American Legion Townsend Harris Post No. 438, San Francisco, and also served as district finance officer of the American Legion.

A member of the sales tax

auditing division of the State Board of Equalization for the past six years, Sakai previously served with the California Public Utilities Commission.

He is a native of San Francisco and during the war was in the Headquarters Intelligence Division of the U.S. Army. He was graduated from Univ. of California.

Denver area Issei citizens fete plan

Denver

Newly-naturalized Issei citizens of the Brighton-Denver area will be honored at a dinner in the main YWCA auditorium, 1545 Tremont Pl., June 25, commencing at 6 p.m., according to John Sakayama, program chairman of the Mile-Hi JACL.

The chapter will present gold lapel pins fashioned in the form of an American flag to the recently naturalized. Florence Uyeda and Fumi Katagiri will make the presentations on behalf of the chapter.

Assisting Sakayama are: Dick Yanase, m.c.; Kana Yoritomo, Ethel Yanase, Rose Tanabe, dinner; Florence Uyeda, hostess; Babe Takeoka, color guard; Nancy Sogi, soloist; Ben Miyahara, Willie Hasegawa, arr.

Following the dinner program, Japanese movies will be shown to Issei; and there will be a dance in honor of graduates from the Nisei.

Honolulu

Forty-one more Issei were naturalized U.S. citizens May 27 in the courtroom of Federal Judge J. Frank McLaughlin.

Chicago

The Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, pastor of the First Baptist Church, was formally declared a citizen of the United States on June 1. The Canada-born minister attended UCLA and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky.

Portland

George Mamoru Gokami, 29, whose enforced service in the Japanese army in World War II cost him his American citizenship, won it back under an order handed down by U.S. District Judge Claude McCollough.

In 1934, Gokami, born in Portland, went to Japan to visit his grandmother, who was very ill. He returned in 1937 but was sent back right away to visit his father's mother who was ill. Stranded by the outbreak of war, he told the court he was coerced into entering the Japanese army in 1944.

Ordered to report for a physical examination, he was slapped and beaten until he submitted to it, he stated. In service, then, for 11 months, he advanced from private to sergeant but insisted he never fired a shot.


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