



A petite secretary, Ruth Kosaka, 25, is the third candidate for Miss National JACL of 1954. She represents the Downtown Los Angeles chapter, although she lives in West Los Angeles with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kosaka. She was graduated from UCLA in physiology after attending Hollywood High School and Los Angeles City College. She is 5 ft. 1½ in., weighs 100 lbs., a member of the Luknes and works for W. B. Ross Advertising. —Roy Hoshizaki Photo.

Survey shows most evacuees prefer big claim compromise plan

San Francisco

An estimated 90 percent of all the remaining evacuee-claimants apparently prefer to compromise and settle their claims, if presented the opportunity proposed by the Hillings Amendment to the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948, Masao Satow, National Director of the Japanese American Citizens League, announced following completion of an informal letter survey by National JACL Headquarters.

The so-called Hillings Amendment is presently under consideration by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims. Introduced early in January by Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Calif.), it authorizes claimants to elect either a compromise-settlement or a Court of Claims procedure for the final determination of their claims.

The overwhelming endorse-

ment of the compromise-settlement procedure as against the Court of Claims alternative was determined on the basis of the response to a letter mailed out last month over the signature of George J. Inagaki, national JACL president.

The indicated response, plus personal contacts with attorneys and chapter officials on the west coast, was the basis of Satow's estimate.

"It is quite clear," the National JACL Director said, "that perhaps as many as nine out of every ten of the larger remaining evacuee claimants would elect to have their claims compromised and settled according to the terms of the Hillings Amendment if given that opportunity. These figures do not appear exaggerated if one considers that most of the larger claimants want to receive their awards as soon as possible."

Satow pledged that the JACL would do everything in its power to secure enactment of the legislation during this session but pointed out that there is a distinct possibility that, because of the legislative situation, it may not even be considered this year before adjournment.

If and when the Hillings Amendment becomes law, the National JACL Director said, claimants should consult with their local attorneys immediately to determine which of the alternatives is best for their particular claim.

Satow explained that this announcement was prompted by those who were interested to learn the attitude of the claimants to the alternatives proposed in the Hillings Amendment and by those who wanted a clarification of JACL's position as expressed in its recent letter.

CONGRESSIONAL PASSAGE OF WATKINS ELECTIONS BILL BEFORE ADJOURNMENT SOUGHT, CL URGES HOUSE ACTION

Washington

Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, was hopeful today that the so-called Watkins Nisei elections bill, already passed by the Senate, would get House action before adjournment.

The bill involves some 2,000 Nisei, mostly women, who lost United States citizenship solely by reason of having voted in a Japanese election between Sept. 2, 1945 and Apr. 27, 1952. Introduced by Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R., Utah) at JACL request, the measure provides their expeditious naturalization, if otherwise qualified.

Masaoka conferred with congressional and staff members of the House Judiciary subcom-

mittee on immigration and naturalization to assure consideration of this remedial legislation. The House Judiciary committee calendar, it was pointed out, is overloaded with thousands of public and private bills.

This problem is similar to that faced by Italian Americans stranded by the war in Italy. Congress saw fit to restore their citizenship, when lost only because of voting, and so it is only just that identical treatment be accorded those in Ja-

pan who were able to maintain their American citizenship throughout the war, only to lose it unknowingly because they voted in an election after the war in what they believed was an effort to help their fellow Americans facilitate their occupation duties," Masaoka said.

He said that passage of this legislation would help clear up the confused nationality problems of many stranded Nisei in Japan and would improve Japan-America relations.

Nisei couple miraculously escape death as train demolishes truck

Stockton

Nurseryman Dan Nakata, 39, and his wife, Agnes Mae, 25, of Rt. 1, Box A-419, Manteca, miraculously escaped death when their light truck was struck by the Western Pacific's California Zephyr June 8 on the Corral Hollow Rd., southwest of Tracy.

Mrs. Nakata's injuries, listed as serious, included a possible fractured skull, lacerations of the head and extensive abrasions. Nakata suffered only minor injuries. Both were being treated in Tracy Memorial Hospital.

The truck was demolished

after being hurled 140 feet by the impact, its chassis twisted so that the rear wheels were within inches of the windshield.

Engineer Harry Jones, Berkeley, said he saw the truck approaching the crossing while the train was some distance away, and that he repeatedly sounded the stream liner's whistle. Highway Patrolman

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House passes Hosmer bill restoring veteran benefits to nationals in Japan

Washington

Restoration of Veteran's Administration benefits to former enemy nationals residing in Japan was approved by the House, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Introduced by Rep. Craig Hosmer (R., Calif.) and supported by JACL, the bill would authorize the Veterans Administration to restore benefits and pensions cancelled at the outbreak of World War II for Japanese nationals residing in Japan.

The JACL pointed out that these cancelled benefits affected many veterans of Japanese ancestry who earned their pensions through service with the United States naval forces during the Spanish-American War and World War I. These veterans of their surviving widows residing in Japan

deserve to have their former pensions restored.

Japan Now Aily

Social security, railroad retirement and civil service benefits have been restored to former enemy nationals now living in Germany and Japan and there is no valid reason to continue suspension of Veterans Administration payments. The Treaty of Peace was signed more than two years ago; and Japan, as ally, should be treated as such, contends the JACL.

The House bill would enable former recipients of benefits and pensions to refile for their pensions with the Veterans Administration. Qualified claims filed within a year after reenactment of the legislation would restore benefits from the date of passage. Other claims awarded but filed beyond the year limit would become effective as of their filing dates.

No new benefits and no new classes of persons become eligible under the bill. Only the present bar against Veterans Administration payments to former recipients (Japanese nationals) residing in Japan would be removed.

Referred to the Senate for consideration, the House bill may be jointly considered with an identical bill introduced by Senate Majority Leader William F. Knowland, (R., Calif.).

Sympathetic regard of Japanese in Sacramento redevelopment area told

Sacramento

Representatives of the Sacramento Japanese community, which is to be affected directly by the proposed Capitol Mall redevelopment project, pleaded their case before members of the city council Tuesday.

Sympathies were with the Japanese community, which would sustain the hardship of being relocated a second time in a matter of a decade.

(A letter from the Sacramento JACL is published in Haruo Ishimaru's column in this week's Pacific Citizen.)

While the representatives, led by Henry Taketa and Dean Itano of the Japanese American Redevelopment Study Association, were not against the principles of redevelopment, they cited the extreme hardship which would be suffered by residents and businessmen in the area tentatively outlined by the plan in moving into other neighborhoods.

A reevaluation meeting was scheduled by the study group yesterday. Further hearings by the city council are also due.

LONG SONG TITLE TOO CORNY, BUT MIGHT SELL

Hollywood

Latest ditty to be written in Hollywood about postwar Japan is titled: "I Never Go Out with Suki Yaki Too Much" by John Rich, whose nephew in Japan with the U.S. Army complained that his geisha girl friend talked too much.

Senate committee OKs \$200,000 for evacuation claims office expenses

Washington

Appropriations of \$200,000 for the administration expenses of the Japanese evacuation claims program for fiscal year 1955 were approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

The \$200,000 item in the Justice Department budget for the period of July 1, 1954, through June 30, 1955, is for payment of government salaries and other administrative expenses to carry on the evacuation claims program.

While the amount approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee is \$25,000 less than the current budget, no reduction was made from the amount recommended by the House of Representatives.

"Reduction of \$25,000 from this year's appropriations in the ministrative budget of the Japanese Evacuation Claims Sec-

tion means that a number of adjudicating attorneys must be released for other duties, further delaying JACL efforts to encourage early payment of evacuation claims," declared Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative.

Administrative personnel reductions in the Justice Department demonstrates additional need for congressional approval of the Hillings' Bill to permit compromise of evacuation claims over the present \$2500 ceiling, Masaoka said.

At JACL request, Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Calif.) introduced legislation which provides that the remaining claimants may elect to have their claims compromised and settled without regard as to amount or determined judicially through the Court of Claims. This bill is presently under consideration by the House Judiciary Committee.

Nominations open for CL scholarship

San Francisco

National JACL Headquarters announced this week that nominations are now being received for candidates for the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship for 1954.

The scholarship, worth \$200 is open to any Nisei high school graduate of this year planning to continue in higher education. All candidates must be nominated by a JACL chapter in good standing. Application blanks are now available at National Headquarters. The Pvt. Ben Frank Masa-

oka Memorial Scholarship was established in 1946 by Mrs. Haruye Masaoka in memory of her son, Pvt. Ben Frank, who was killed in action with the 442nd Combat Team during the rescue of the lost Texas battalion in the Vosges Mountains of France. National JACL acts as the administrator of the scholarship at the request of Mrs. Masaoka.

The final date for nominations will be July 17. A special committee of educators will make the final determination of this year's award.

Washington Newsletter

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MIKE MASAOKA

CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN'S FIRST TERM . . .

Of special interest to Californians generally, and to Nisei in particular, was last year's appointment of Gov. Earl Warren to be Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Though known as an able administrator, there was some question at that time of his judicial talents.

Now that the nation's highest tribunal has completed its first term under the direction of its new Chief Justice, some observations may be made regarding his first "year". Obviously, though, it is yet too early to attempt to rank him among the great jurists of history.

SUPREME COURT RECORD . . .

"I'm here to work," Governor Warren is quoted to have remarked on opening day last October. His record during his first term justifies that comment, for his nine written majority opinions, together with one written and seven non-written dissents were considerably more than new members ordinarily produce.

The Court since last October heard arguments on 113 cases, of which 84 were decided by 65 written opinions of the Court and 23 by per curiam, or unsigned, opinions or orders. Six were set down for reargument at the 1954-55 term beginning next Oct. 5.

All in all, the Court disposed of 1,303 cases of all kinds on a docket that carried 1,463 cases. Relatively speaking, this is about par for the Supreme Court in recent years.

MOST SURPRISING ACHIEVEMENT . . .

The most surprising achievement credited to him by many lawyers and laymen is the unanimous opinion in the historic school segregation cases.

A look at the other majority opinions he wrote, the dissents he made, and the amount of legal and administrative work he did during the term ended Monday, June 7, shows that the Chief Justice has steadily grown surer of himself in presiding on "Decision Days" and at oral argument sessions.

Moreover, there was less outward evidence of personal bitterness and bickering among the nine justices than in any session in recent years. Chief Justice Warren's talent for teamwork, peacemaking and reasonable compromise is given credit for this remarkable display of harmony.

THE WARREN RECORD . . .

Of the nine written opinions of the Chief Justice, including the two on school segregation, all except three were unanimous.

A deeper insight into the Warren record must be sought in the issues themselves. Besides the rulings outlawing racial segregation in the public schools and upholding validity of the registration section of the Federal Lobbying Regulation Act, other opinions written by Warren include:

Holding that the Government could not deport a Filipino who came to the United States while the islands were a possession of this country and who later was convicted of crimes involving moral turpitude;

Reversing the murder conviction of a Mexican tried before a Texas jury from which persons of Mexican descent were excluded.

Declaring that radio-television giveaway programs do not violate the lottery law and that the Federal Communications Commission exceeded its authority in trying to ban them;

Announcing that the longshoremen's compensation law was interpreted by a lower court with "harsh and incongruous results" in denying damages to an injured dock worker;

Stating that minimum wage rates in a Government contract did not represent prevailing wages in a contract area; and

Affirming the conviction of a man who claimed he did not "contemplate" using the mails to defraud in a scheme that involved going through a marriage as part of the fraud.

WARREN'S DISSENTS . . .

Considering that the dissenters at one term may one day become the majority, Chief Justice Warren's dissents add to the picture of his present attitude.

He joined Justices Reed, Burton, and Clark in dissenting from a decision allowing shipment of gambling machines in interstate commerce under specific circumstances;

With Justices Clark and Minton contending it was up to Congress, and not the courts, to change the law allowing the courts to vacate a judgment against a person after serving a full sentence from an original conviction;

With Justices Black, Douglas, and Clark against a majority ruling that Maryland could not compel out-of-state merchants to collect its use tax on products sold to Maryland residents; and

With Justices Black and Douglas in declaring that until Congress says differently a state should not be allowed to tax all sales to cost-plus Government contractors.

OTHER DECISIONS . . .

The Chief Justice may be judged to some extent not alone by the opinions he wrote and those from which he dissented but also from several key cases in which he went along with the majority.

He joined the majority in decisions or orders that said that professional baseball was not subject to Federal anti-trust laws;

That employees can legally be fired for "disloyalty" to their employers;

That the Federal Power Commission must regulate prices of natural gas produced and gathered by independents and sold in interstate commerce;

That an alien who became a communist temporarily after entering the United States years ago can be deported under the Internal Security Act; and

That evidence a Maryland man gave before a congressional committee cannot be used to convict him in a state court.

QUOTABLE OPINIONS . . .

A final look at the Chief Justice's first term must include an evaluation of his writings; that is the literary quality of his opinions.

None have suggested that he is another Holmes, Brandeis, or even a Murphy, let alone another Marshall or Chase, but whatever their depth, scope or soundness, he writes his opinions clearly and forcefully, yet temperately. His opinions, in other

Ambassador Iguchi, Deputy Immigration Commissioner Mackey accept invitation for McCarran-Walter banquet

Washington

With announcement that Ambassador of Japan Sadao Iguchi and Deputy Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization Argyle Mackey have accepted invitations to attend the June 27 testimonial banquet of the Washington, D.C., JACL chapter, banquet chairman Harold Horiuchi released the tentative program.

The banquet commemorates the second anniversary of the enactment of the Immigration and Nationality (McCarran-Walter Act) of 1952 and honors new Issei citizens of this area at the Sheraton Park Hotel.

The chapter wanted to honor Mackey particularly, Horiuchi declared, for the cooperation he rendered in expediting naturalization of Issei. Mackey was commissioner during the congressional consideration of this bill and during the first 18 months of its administration.

"We are pleased that Ambassador Iguchi will be with us as the representative of the nation most benefited by the McCarran-Walter Act," Horiuchi added.

National JACL president George Inagaki is expected to fly in to participate. The tentative program is as follows:

"Star Spangled Banner," sung by William Wakatsuki, accompanied by John Fuyume; invocation by Rev. Andrew Kuroda; dinner; greetings by the toastmaster; introduction of special guests; greetings by John Katsu, D.C. chapter pres.; greetings by Ira Shimazaki, EDC chmn.; "The Japanese American Creed" read by Miss Carol Tsuda.

Tribute to the Issei Citizens by George J. Inagaki, nat'l JACL pres.; introduction of Issei citizens by Harold Horiuchi, banquet chmn.; response on behalf of the New Citizens by Toshichi Mitoma, pres., Japanese American Society of Washington; vocal selections by Wakatsuki accompanied by Fuyume;

Tributes to leaders in the Fight for Equality in Immigration and Naturalization by Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL rep.; responses by Argyle Mackey, dep. I&NS comm.; Richard Arens, staff director of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization; and Walter Besterman, staff director of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization; piano selections by Fuyume;

Remarks by Ambassador of Japan Sadao Iguchi; and Sen. Pat McCarran and Rep. Francis E. Walter, co-authors of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

Banquet reservation deadline is June 23. Dr. George Furukawa, 3429 Yuma St. NW, Emerson 3-6029, is reservation chairman.

Nisei model in 'Universe' contest

San Francisco

There will be a Nisei contestant in the 1954 Miss Universe contest.

Entered in the San Francisco beauty competition is Ruby Yamamoto, 21, 1833 Buchanan St., local model and designer.

She is representing the local John Roberts Powers school.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Minoru Yamamoto of McDonald Island village, near Stockton.

Ex-Yakima son, daughter studying medicine

Cincinnati

Graduating from the Univ. of Cincinnati College of Medicine June 4 was Yoichi Oikawa, son of Sakari H. Oikawa, formerly of Yakima, Wash. Dr. Oikawa will intern at the Cincinnati General Hospital.

Dr. Oikawa is married to the former Grace Ogata of Montebello, Calif., and has two children.

words, are often quotable.

AN EVALUATION . . .

During his first term, Chief Justice Warren has demonstrated his remarkable administrative ability in supervising the Court and its work.

His opinions represent, overall, a slightly liberal tendency, though he is still pretty much "middle of the road."

He is proving himself to be a good judge, in spite of his lack of previous judicial experience.

His appointment ranks as among the best that President Eisenhower has made to date.

Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama

Revisiting America

Los Angeles

What I should be singing is "California, Here I Come!"

When U.S. Consul General James Pilcher handed me a visa in Tokyo to visit the United States, he asked:

"How do you feel returning to America with a Japanese passport?"

"I am confident that I can yet serve to better Japanese-American relationship although I became a Japanese," I replied. "I am still a good American in heart." There was a moment of silence between us, then he extended his hand. "I am very happy to hear that."

There was three-hour delay at Tokyo's International Airport, allowing more time to bid adieu to the Tokyo Boy Scouts and friends, before boarding Japan Air Line's City of Tokyo on June 2. I felt good flying in the City of Tokyo. Toward midnight of June 1, I arrived in Honolulu. The hulk of Suwa Maru appeared as an old wound of the past war.

My Hawaiian Guide

Curtis Otani of the Honolulu Advertiser, Earl Finch, the Rev. and Mrs. Hingetsu Akaboshi were standing in the cool night air waiting. Incidentally, I met Otani in 1929 when I took 18 American high school students from San Francisco for a summer vacation tour. He was the student representative greeting us. Later he came to California for further studies.

As my guide in Honolulu, he arranged a Waikiki luncheon with Hazen Shower, scout executive; C. Dudley Pratt, attorney; and Shigeru Soga, Hawaii Times editor. He also took me to the Hawaii Times, Hawaii Hochi and the Honolulu Advertiser.

Ralph Honda, a very familiar name to many Bussei, and who attended the World Buddhist Conference in Tokyo last year, invited Curtis and me for breakfast.

Gakuen in Decline

The 24-hour stay in Honolulu brought this astonishing fact to light—the gradual disappearance of Japanese language schools in Hawaii, where it was strongly advocated before the war. The Nisei today are reading English language newspapers. The Japanese vernacular is assuming the aura of a daily supplement to its huge English sections.

In Hawaii, more than 2,000 Japanese pioneers have been already naturalized. Which is wonderful. Curtis was honored

as the second Japanese to be naturalized in Hawaii.

By midnight, it was time to leave for the second leg of the transpacific hop. This time it was the flight for Seattle via Portland on the Northwest Airliner.

The flight was very smooth and the stars were really close as we flew at altitudes 20,000 feet or more above the water.

Friends in Seattle

At Seattle, Curtis's brother, Rev. Otani, met me at the airport. Then Jimmy Sakamoto appeared with Tony Gomes. Jimmy appeared as dynamic as ever. We then went to the Olympia Hotel where I was invited to luncheon by Sol Levy, one of the original scouters of Washington and well-known social worker. Ex-Mayor Bill Davin, Hal Synder, potentate of Nile Temple; Consul Shizuo Saito and Jimmy joined us.

I went to visit Jimmy's wife, recuperating from a recent operation at a hospital. Misao has been a great inspiration to those who knew her for her courageous and heroic struggle in publishing with her husband the Japanese American Courier besides caring for her children and aged parents. She still has her radiant smile—an inspiration of the Sakamoto family.

Consul Saito gave a cocktail reception party for me at the Raineer Club, inviting many local Nisei leaders. It was certainly a wonderful reunion. Kelly Yamada, JACL oldtimer, and others were there. Potentate Snyder appeared to present me with a diamond-studded Shriner pin. An unexpected honor, indeed! Then we decided to go to Consul Saito's home for a bite.

'Fire-Chief' Arai

Jimmy and I went to call on "Fire Chief" Clarence Arai, one of JACL organizers and first Nisei attorney. Again, it

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Accident—

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Hart Wilson reported.

The Nakatas, who were returning to Tracy after taking a load of trash to the city dump, apparently were talking and driving with truck's windows closed, it was reported.

They had recently sold their holdings in the West Side Nursery and had been cleaning the property prior to moving. They also own a nursery in Modesto.

Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry Honda

Letting the Wind Out

Our Tokyo correspondent Tamotsu Murayama is revisiting his relatives and friends in America for the first time in 16 years and has much to say . . . Which is good, because what has to be said this week in this corner won't take much

space.

ren, Jeanne and Robert. His sister, Dr. Katsu Oikawa, begins her residency in pediatrics at Detroit's Harpers Hospital, July 1.

One of the best things about a democracy such as ours is that when anybody gets too big for his britches, somebody is pretty sure to let the wind out of his bag and ultimately restores the proper relationship . . . It happens in the neighborhood as well as on all levels of politics. It's now happening to Sen. McCarthy . . . Until he made the amazing proposal that federal employees flout a presidential order and supply him with any secret information, there was a broad spell guarding him . . . Now that's broken. Even tongue-tied Republican colleagues are beginning to join McCarthy's critics . . . That our democracy can meet such exigencies even though we are sometimes slow to act should not be forgotten.

'Tempus fugit'-JACL Convention Three Months Off

Honolulu Newsletter

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Conference on Race Relations

Hawaii will be host late this month and in July to the first race relations conference of its kind in the world.

Thirty social scientists from scattered parts of the globe will assemble on the Univ. of Hawaii campus for four weeks of discussion on this delicate subject.

The project, called "Conference on Race Relations in World Perspective," is sponsored by three institutions with a major interest in race relations research—the Univ. of Hawaii, the Univ. of California and the Univ. of Chicago.

Funds come from the Ford Foundation and the McInerny Foundation of Hawaii.

The purpose of the conference is "to review the state of scientific knowledge about race relations in world-wide perspective."

Professors Andrew W. Lind, Clarence E. Glick and Bernhard L. Hormann, Univ. of Hawaii sociologists, briefed the press last week on details of the conference which they have had an active part in planning for several years.

Dr. Lind, the conference director, recalled that back in 1911, an international conference was held in London. Its purpose was to seek solutions to certain problems in race relations.

Unlike 1911 international meeting

The forthcoming conference will be unlike that earlier meeting in that it is not "action-oriented"—that is, the planners have no illusions that the conference will result in changing the attitudes or policies of peoples all over the world.

As Dr. Lind put it, "We are not trying to formulate precise definitions of what procedures to be followed in any part of the world. But out of the planning and thinking of this group, we hope there will come a better understanding in dealing with specific problems of race relations."

The scientists will come from South Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia, South America and the United States. Dr. Glick says they will be primarily interested in research and "not so much with solutions." They will look more into the historical developments of race relations than into the "hot news" from trouble spots, such as the Mau-Mau uprising in Africa, or the nationalistic or nativistic movements elsewhere.

Among the conferees will be sociologists, social anthropologists, political scientists, historians, economists, social psychologists and journalists.

From a global point of view

With few exceptions, students of race relations have been preoccupied with problems of minority groups within their own areas of experience.

As a result, serious gaps exist in the present knowledge of race relations from a global point of view.

"We have a problem of understanding each other," Dr. Glick said of the social scientists. "But we look for an improved quality of research when the scientists go back home, after the conference is over."

Dr. Hormann told the reporters that the conferees will hold morning and afternoon sessions among themselves, concentrating on the more technical topics. For the public, a series of 10 lectures has been scheduled. They will be devoted primarily to descriptive analyses of race relations in the more critical areas of the world, such as the American scene, Central Africa, South Africa, Southeast Asia, the Indo-Muslim world, the European scene, Latin American and the islands of the Pacific.

The visitors will have an opportunity to see Hawaii "as it is" during free hours. Field trips to plantations, rural farm and urban communities, plus visits to homes and institutions characteristic of Hawaii's racial elements, are being arranged.

House-passed social security proposals to affect virtually all Issei, Nisei; JACL studying sections on foreign payment

Washington

Because virtually every Issei and Nisei would be affected by social security proposals passed by the House of Representatives, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League is conducting a special study of the provisions in the 122-page bill.

As passed by the House, the bill does not rewrite present basic law, but extends coverage to include many more new persons under the program, increases monthly benefits and attempts to equalize foreign and domestic payments.

Because of legal problems involved, additional study is being made on sections dealing with residence and foreign payments. A further JACL report will be made concerning the affect of these sections on payments to persons in Japan, the Washington JACL Office announced.

New Groups Included

By including new groups under social security, eight out of every ten jobs or a total of 62 million wage earners and self-employed persons are affected in the House bill.

Present law does not apply to farm owners or operators and few of their employees can qualify for social security. The new bill includes farm operators and most farm employees into the comprehensive social insurance program.

Japanese farm operators should note that the following explanations are those of the House-passed bill and will not become law until the legislative process is completed with the President's signature.

Two Methods Allowed

A self-employed farm operator with an annual gross income of less than \$1,800 and who reports Federal income taxes on a cash basis (rather than accrual basis) may elect to report his social security earnings in one of two ways.

1. Report the actual amount computed on his Federal Income Tax return. If his net earnings are less than \$400, he does not pay any self-employment social security tax.

2. He may take 50 percent of his gross income and pay his self-employment social security tax on this amount. If by this method his "net earnings from self-employment" are less than \$400, he does not pay his social security tax on his self-employment. Since 50 percent of \$800 is \$400, \$800 is the minimum gross income in which this second method can be used.

The farmer is permitted to elect the method of calculation he desires to use.

Over \$1,800 Gross Income

When the gross income of the farmer is \$1,800 or over, he must compute his net earnings. If, however, his net earnings are

Howard Hiroki, territorial auditor, was chosen president of the Young Republicans of Hawaii. Age limits on the organization are 18 to 38 and members must be signed-up party members.

less than \$900, he may report \$900 as his social security self-employment income and pay the social security tax on the \$900.

As with all self-employed persons (except physicians), farmers would report their social security taxes and net earnings once a year along with their Federal Income Tax form. Where social security net earnings are less than \$400 a year, no social security tax is paid and no credit toward benefits is given. If "net earnings from self-employment" are calculated at \$400 or more, the social security tax must be paid.

Under existing law, only "regularly employed" farm workers can qualify for social security. The new proposals make it easier for mandatory coverage of most farm workers on an annual basis.

Farm Worker

Any farm worker, who receives \$200 or more in cash wages during a year by a single farm operator, would receive social security credit through that employer. Farm operators paying less than \$200 a year to a worker need not report his wages and the worker receives no social security credit.

Once each year the farm operator would be required to report wages of each of his workers paid \$200 or more during the previous year. Only cash wages are included in the annual report. Board and room values are excluded.

Normally, an unincorporated farm operator is the only person reporting his own social security as a self-employed farm operator. Unless a partnership does exist between the husband and wife, the husband is considered the sole owner for social security purposes.

Children Under 21

Parents of self-employed persons are excluded from receiving credit for work done for their parents. Similarly, children under 21 are not considered "employees" of their parents. Brothers, sisters and "in-law" relatives are to be reported as "employees" when the employer-employee relationship is bona fide.

These regulations on family relationships are in the present law and are not changed by the House amendments. These same regulations apply to all farms and commercial enterprises.

Teenage Nisei robber sentenced to maximum 60-year prison term

Honolulu

Edward H. Yamaguchi, 19, 2727 Booth Rd., is under a maximum 60-year-sentence today for participation in an armed robbery at a Kapiolani cafe.

Yamaguchi was one of a trio of bandits who held up the restaurant, robbing the cash register of about \$419, records show.

Yamaguchi was sentenced recently by Circuit Judge Carlick H. Buck.

Life for Associate

Judge Buck set a minimum 15-year sentence for Johannes J. Poche Jr., 17, one of Yama-

guchi's associates in the holdup. Poche's maximum term was life imprisonment.

James K. (Egghead) Wong, 18, the third bandit, is now under a life sentence for the crime. His minimum term has not yet been set. A minimum term for Yamaguchi will be recommended by the prison board in three months.

According to police reports, Yamaguchi was the only one of the group who was not armed. Both Wong and Poche fired pistols, wounding Yotoku Arakaki, 38, the cafe cook, in the right knee and on his face, evidence showed.

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Chicago Corner . . . by Smoky Sakurada

Artists in Old Town Holiday

Three Nisei artists participated last weekend, despite the mid-90-degree sticky summer heat wave, in the annual outdoor arts and crafts fair at the 1800-block of Lincoln Park West. It was the fifth annual Old Town Holiday with proceeds going to the Menomonee Boys' Club. Along the sidewalks were displayed paintings, jewelry, sculpture, weavings, pottery, etchings—all for sale. Artists were also in action in Wisconsin Row alley and in small enclosed patios—reminiscent of New Orleans. Among the artists were:

● **ARTHUR OKAMURA**, 4838 N. Winchester Ave., who was graduated last week from the Art Institute, was awarded the Edward L. Ryerson Foreign Travel \$2,500 fellowship—highest honors at the Art Institute. He plans to continue his studies in France, Italy, Spain and Finland. The Long Beach (Calif.)-born Nisei is employed by Graphic Arts Displays, has had his oils and graphic artworks exhibited widely, and was married last August in Evanston to Northwestern U. co-ed of Finnish descent, **ELIZABETH TUOMI**, Virginia, Minn. . . . His mother, Mrs. **YUKI OKAMURA** of Los Angeles, attended the commencement. His brother, **BOB**, is a TV repairman in Los Angeles, is married to **ROSE MATSUBARA**, Los Angeles.

● Mrs. **AYA YAMAKOSHI**, 853 W. Dickens, oil painter, is a former student of **SUEO SERISAWA** at Kann Institute of Art, Los Angeles. She is the former **AYA HOSAKA** of San Diego, married to **NOBY** of Reedley, now a commercial artist for Nobart Studio; one child: **WARREN SHOJI**, 4½ months. She is the sister of:

✓ **HENRY**, farming in Reedley, married to **MAE KUBO**, Parlier; one child: **RUSSELL**, 3½ months.
✓ **GEORGE**, (with brother Henry), married to **CHIYO MUKAI**, San Jose.
✓ **SAYO**, married to Dr. **SUMIO KUBO**, Kerman, Calif., who is now a captain in the Army Medical Corps, stationed in France.

● Mrs. **IRENE SUEYOKA**, 2731 N. Halsted St., hand-fabric weaver, married last November to **GEORGE SUEYOKA** of Honolulu, a commercial artist for Bret Ray Studio. She was the former **IRENE NISHIMOTO** of Los Angeles.

About People . . .

● Visiting her parents, the **TADAS** (formerly of Seattle), 4827 N. Winthrop Ave., is Mrs. **MOMOYE OHMOTO**, 9794 Sherrell Court, St. Louis, Mo.

A fine singer who sang in the American Opera Co. chorus in Chicago in 1951, she is married to Dr. **MASAO OHMOTO**, M.D., formerly of Tacoma; one child: **MICHAEL**, 10 months. Her sisters, all in Chicago JACL, are:

✓ **HISA**, now Mrs. **KATS HORI**. Husband is from Los Angeles, active enterpriser, with United Asia Trading Co.; children: **STEVEN**, 15 months, and **CALVIN**, 4 months.
✓ **SUMIYE**, now Mrs. **SHIG KANO**. Husband, from Sacramento, is an insurance agent. She is an office employee for Consolidated Radio.
✓ **TOMOYE**, an assistant to a dress designer.

● In our personality of the week recently on **CORKY T. KAWASAKI**, this corner failed to mention Mrs. **FRANCES MASAYE MAKINO** of Clarksburg, Calif., one of Corky's sisters. Her husband **HARRY** is a CLer and both staunch PC readers . . . Corky's mother resides at 4346 S. Lake Park Ave., Chicago.

INTERMOUNTAIN CLERS MEET AT YELLOWSTONE

West Yellowstone, Idaho
Eight chapters of the Intermountain District Council will meet at Max's Inn here Sunday, June 27, 12 noon, with the Yellowstone JACL as hosts.

Topics of national and district importance will be discussed. The meeting site is also an ideal fishermen's haven, so the delegates were advised by the host chapter to come equipped with rod and reel.

L.A. YBA: Sam Yoneyama is in charge of the eighth annual Obon Carnival, July 10-11.

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New York JACL: The date of the chapter's dinner in honor of school graduates and naturalized Issei has been changed to Tuesday, June 29, according to Sam Kai, president.

Reservation for the affair, which will be held at Ding Ho, 6:30 p.m., at \$4, should be made as soon as possible.

Eden Township JACL: A supper barbecue will be held tomorrow night from 6 p.m. at the Hayward Memorial Park. Willie Nieda is chairman, assisted by:

Mrs. Alyce Fujii, Tok Hironaka, George Minami, Toichi Domoto, Kuni Shibata, chefs: Miko Tanisawa, Mrs. Michi Naruo, Aki Hasegawa, Tamo Saito, Ben Tanisawa, Kenji Fujii, and Mrs. Masako Minami.

San Francisco JACL: Socialites of the Bay Area and Peninsula are anticipating the Summer Informal dance at the spacious Colonial Ballroom of the St. Francis Hotel, June 26, from 9 p.m. Evening attire suggested include cocktail or after-five dresses, gowns of cotton, organdy or nylon for women; dark suits for the men. Yone Satoda, chairman, announced Ray Hackett's orchestra will play. Tickets go for \$4 per couple to JACL members; \$5 per couple to non-members.

NCWNDC: There is a 60-player limit for the NCWNDC pre-convention rally golf tournament at Pebble Beach, Aug. 1. Green fee is \$5. Entrants should submit names by July 1 with the San Francisco regional office . . . The meeting will be held at San Carlos Hotel, Monterey.

Salinas Valley JACL: Honoring the graduates on June 20, the chapter sponsors the annual Community picnic Bar-B-Que at Bolado Park, Hollister. General chairman Charles Tanda and his capable committee are completing plans to make this an outstanding event. Juicy steaks with all the trimmings will be the order of the day with Harry Sakasegawa presiding over the barbecue pits.

Mile-Hi JACL: All plans for the June 25 Issei Citizens dinner at the Denver YWCA have been completed, John Sakayama, program chairman, informed the chapter cabinet last week . . . The chapter extended a special invitation to all prep school and college graduates in the Colorado area to attend a graduate's dance in the main auditorium following the dinner . . . A summer community picnic was tentatively scheduled for July 18. Sam Y. Matsumoto, president, presided at the meeting held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Yanase, 849 S. Quieto Ct.

CENTRAL CAL DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETS JUNE 23

The next Central California JACL District Council meeting will be convened at the Fowler Buddhist Church, with the Fowler JACL as host, on Wednesday, June 23, according to Tom Nakamura, district chairman.

Agenda will include the latest progress reports of the '54 National JACL Convention to be held in Los Angeles Sept. 2-6.

The second group of 22 Issei citizens were honored by the Salt Lake City JACL last week at Pagoda. Standing (left to right) are: K. Kurumada, . Ono, G. Tobari, George I. Watanabe, Mason Akiyama, K. Mizuki, K. Inouye, J. Inouye, T. Ogawa, Mrs. Anne S. McCarnes, H. H. Kumagai, H. Hasegawa, S. Kawakami, R. Kariya, K. Hoshida, K. M. Hachiya, K. K. Sugiyama. Sitting (left to right) are: Tamotsu Murayama, Mrs. Y. Ono, Mrs. William Lence, Naturalization Examiner Lence, Judge Ray Van Cott, Mas Horiuchi, m.c.; Rupert Hachiya, chapter pres.; Mayor Earl J. Glade, Kei Iwamoto and the Rev. T. Saito.

UTAH JUDGE LAUDS CITIZEN ISSEI ON EFFORTS FOR NATURALIZATION

By ALICE KASAI
Salt Lake City

Twenty-two Issei, recently naturalized, were invited and honored by the community and the Salt Lake City JACL last week at a dinner at Pagoda. Caucasian friends attending included the former Gov. Herbert B. Maw of Utah.

Judge Ray Van Cott, main speaker, touched on the great effort being made by the aged Issei who must study and attend naturalization classes to gain citizenship as compared with the plight of native-born citizens who simply accept the privilege as a passing existence and pay no attention to civic responsibility.

Tamotsu Murayama, visiting scout executive from Tokyo and Nippon Times city editor, recounted the early struggles of apanese Americans in the late 20s and early 30s. Some of the problems were restoration of citizenship to Nisei women marrying aliens (Cable Act amendment), recognition of Nisei passports, U.S. citizenship of Orientals by virtue of service in World War I, alien land laws and the organization of JACL in the Intermountain areas.

Murayama's Remarks

Murayama urged the new Issei citizens to carry on the new responsibilities. "You may be old in age, but young in spirit," he declared, "to start anew

and further pioneer in carrying on proudly the American pledge."

Sue Kaneko and Jean Konishi presented new citizens with a corsage favor as they were individually introduced. Thomas T. Ogawa responded in English in behalf of the honored citizens.

The Rev. T. Saito made the invocation at the beginning of the program, followed by the posting of colors by Nisei Boy Scouts. Rupert Hachiya, chapter president, extended greetings and introduced Mas Horiuchi, master of ceremonies.

Mayor Glade Proud

Following the dinner, Mayor Earl J. Glade extended his congratulations, adding that Salt Lake's Japanese community has consistently made him very proud. Kei Iwamoto then said a few remarks in Japanese.

William Lence, naturalization examiner here, reported from 60 to 90 percent of new applicants in the Utah communities were Japanese and out of the 500 new citizens to date this year, 129 have been Japanese. He deemed this a tremendous response of the Japanese to this new opportunity.

Santa Barbara JACL: Chapter membership of 70 surpasses last year's mark, according to Ikey Kakimoto, vice-president in charge. A drive is underway to boost the JACL 1000 Club.

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Sacramento Redevelopment . . .

Tuesday, June 15, saw one of the most well-planned and coordinated efforts of Japanese American residents of a major American city voice concern and participation in the affairs of their city. Tentative plans of the Sacramento Redevelopment Agency threatened the economic security of many persons of minority groups of this city because of the lack of provisions for business relocation expenses and planned housing for the many low-income residents who would be uprooted from the area now being considered.

The Japanese American Redevelopment Study Association, chaired by Dr. AKIO HAYASHI with DEAN ITANO as executive secretary, has guided efforts of the Japanese Americans in their work. The JACL, because of its concern for the welfare of Japanese Americans, called the first meeting and has worked wholeheartedly with the Study Association and has prepared the following statement to the City Council.

Honorable Sirs:

The Sacramento Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, which is entirely composed of American citizens, commends the City Council and the Sacramento Redevelopment Agency for their keen interest and effort in the improvement of our great city and state capitol.

Since we know from first hand experience the debilitating effects of slums not only on the residents themselves, but on the health and welfare of the whole city and nation, we wholeheartedly endorse plans to improve this city which is our home.

Because of our history of continued residence in the marginal area of the city through economic circumstances, we are deeply aware of the necessity for removing the ghettos and slums not only of Sacramento, but of any city which hopes to build with courage and vision.

However, we do point to certain areas in which we feel concern relative to the proposed tentative plans for redevelopment. Unfortunately, many of the persons and businesses affected in this area involve people of minority groups who have constantly had to struggle under particular difficulties and handicaps.

We feel that certain areas of responsibility have not received the attention which they require. First of all, a number of small businessmen, mostly of the minority groups, will be forced out of existence creating great difficulties for them and for their families. In fact, Report Number Six of the Redevelopment Agency itself states on page 12, "the existing ethnic grouping of business affects their (small businessmen's) prosperity. It is doubtful if many could exist if they were isolated from similar establishments or from neighborhood population made up predominantly of their own social or racial group."

Secondly, a great many families, mostly of low-income groups, live in the proposed area. We are of the opinion that adequate provisions have not been made for their relocation and adjustment even though such provisions are stipulated and required in the redevelopment plan.

The Japanese Americans, as a particular minority group, are just barely recovering from the tragedy of the recent mass evacuation of World War II. Because of our experiences, we hope that safeguards will be insured for every resident of Sacramento regardless of his economic status and that the City Council will defend the needs and rights of every person regardless of race or color.

As fellow Americans, we again commend every effort made to improve and beautify our city, but we respectfully urge that the City Council seriously considers provisions of the redevelopment plan in order to protect the small businessmen and residents of the proposed area for redevelopment.

Very truly yours,
Sacramento Chapter JACL
Toko Fujii, President

Lessons from This Experience . . .

We hope that the Japanese American Community will receive the favorable consideration which they merit. Regardless of the outcome, I believe that the cooperative efforts of the Japanese Americans will have been very significant.

First of all, the Japanese Americans will emerge as an articulate voice in government on the local level and I hope that they will continue their concern even on issues which will not affect them so directly.

Secondly, compared with the situation before and during the war, it indicates the respect and receptivity of the local officials to the request for a just hearing by one of the small minority groups.

Third and related to both of the preceding is the mutual respect and cooperation which must be engendered between the city officials and the citizens group.

This has been an important experience and lesson for our people and we are pleased that the Japanese Americans have developed their program consistently with the national slogan of the JACL, "For better Americans in a greater America."



Yuko Tsuchiguchi, 18, daughter of Mrs. Yone Tsuchiguchi, is the recipient of the 1954 Fowler JACL scholarship. She plans to continue her studies in education at Reedley and Fresno State College.

Deadline nears for nat'l recognition of Biennium Nisei

Chicago

"Distinguished community leadership" is the sole basis for JACL chapters being urged to nominate a "Nisei of the Biennium" by the Aug. 15 deadline.

Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, past National JACL president and chairman of the National Recognition Committee, this week reminded chapter presidents and district JACL representatives that nominations must be submitted on official forms previously distributed and they should be filled out and returned as soon as possible to the National Recognition Chairman, 1200 N. Clark St., Chicago 10.

Selection for Nisei of the Biennium is to be based upon signal success and meritorious accomplishments which have helped to advance the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry and to bring about a greater acceptance onto the American way of life.

Nisei within the continental United States are eligible to be named, but previous winners are not. Five finalists will be chosen by the Chicago nucleus committee and another panel will render the winner, who will be awarded a gold medalion while the remaining four will be awarded silver medalions.

Dr. Sakada pointed out that ex-Sgt. Hershey Miyamura of Gallup, N. M., only living Nisei Medal of Honor winner, was being considered for special award. Further, Dr. Harvey Itano, who achieved distinction in medical research above and beyond any discovery to date is being considered for a special category award.

On the nucleus committee are:

Shig Wakamatsu, Dr. T. T. Yatabe, Abe Hagiwara, George Tanaka, Mari Sabusawa, Harold Gordon; Mike Masaoka, Min Yasui, adv.

Reactivate CL in San Fernando

San Fernando

The Pacific Southwest JACL District Council soon will be 17 chapters strong with the latest addition—San Fernando—recently reactivated. Dr. Chibo Sakaguchi of North Hollywood was elected last week as its first postwar chapter president.

At the second reorganizational meeting held at San Fernando Gakuen Bldg., June 9, presided by Tom Endow, temporary chairman, eight cabinet officials were elected and the chapter constitution unanimously adopted.

Assisting Dr. Sakaguchi are: Fred Muto, 1st v.p.; George Shibuya, 2nd v.p.; Tom Endow, 3rd v.p.; Kats Hazama, treas.; Chiyo Shibuya, rec. sec.; Chiyo Yamamoto cor. sec.; Gene Kono, del.

A comprehensive background of the JACL was presented by Regional Director Tats Kushida who also explained the many activities planned for the forthcoming national convention.

The new cabinet will next meet to map out a chapter program for the year. Fred Muto

On to L.A. by Roy Nishikawa

Wire to Chapter Presidents

URGENTLY REQUEST MAXIMUM CO-OPERATION OF YOU AND YOUR CHAPTER IN SUBMITTING CONVENTION SOUVENIR BOOKLET ADS. WOULD APPRECIATE ORGANIZATION OF A COMMITTEE TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THIS IMMEDIATELY. PLEASE SUBMIT ADS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS AS YOUR NATIONAL CONVENTION FINANCING IS IN JEOPARDY.

This is a copy of a wire we sent recently to all PSWDC Chapters and to some key people in other areas. We reproduce it here to point out the urgency behind this phase of the convention. We hope all local chapter leaders everywhere will take instant action on this as we feel very strongly that a National Convention means that it is a National affair. Other areas should not cavalierly shrug off the problem by saying, "let the host chapters worry about it."

One of the toughest problems we face is when to "push hard," and when to cajole, plead, inveigle, exhort and beg. Our experiences on this job convinces us that firm hands encased in velvet gloves is the best policy. After all, 99 per cent of us are VOLUNTEERS and the labor behind the convention is truly a labor of love. The time, services and energies that the hundreds of committeemen give freely could not be purchased with money. This is the spirit which keeps us going when things get rough. Lecture is over for the day.

Mike's valuable suggestions

When MIKE MASAOKA was in town last month, we had the pleasure of lunching with him, FRANK CHUMAN, Official Events chairman; and TATS KUSHIDA, Regional Director. We discussed various convention matters such as guests, dignitaries, speakers, protocol, public relations, and the program in general. Because of Mike's vast background and know-how, he was able to give us some very valuable suggestions.

Earlier, the same group had met with MAS SATOW, GEORGE INAGAKI, KEN DYU, HARRY HONDA, SABURO KIDO and DAVID MCKIBBEN at the West Jefferson Branch of the Convention Board which is also sometimes used by us as a domicile. Two important suggestions were made by the Board and Staff members present.

It was decided to ask HARUO ISHIMARU, whose expansive pride in the NCWN District Council is matched only by his avoirdupois, to serve as a consultant and trouble-shooter during the convention. A big man for a big job.

MIN YASUI, regional director of Denver, will be asked to handle Public Relations during the convention. With a high-powered group such as this pitching in, there is more reason than ever to believe that this 13th Biennial National Convention will be the best ever had.

We know that FRANK CHUMAN'S Official Events are under good control as we met recently with some of his subcommittee chairmen. Frank has appointed his law partner DAVID YOKOZEKI and popular MERIJANE YOKOE to act as his co-supervisors.

Attorney GEORGE MARUYA, a bachelor who has been enjoying himself very much in scouting around for prospective queen candidates, chairs the Opening Ceremonies (Sept. 2). Another bachelor, past PSWDC Chairman TUT YATA will emcee while personal greetings will be extended by Los Angeles' MAYOR POULSON. SHOBO DOWICHI of the Vets will present the colors and MGM's DORE SCHARY will speak on the convention theme, NEW HORIZONS. Congressional Medal of Honor winner HERSHEY MIYAMURA, an honored guest of the Convention, will be introduced at this time. RUBY CHUMAN and SUD YAKURA are other members of this committee.

Registered delegates, boosters invited

The National Council Sessions (Sept. 2-6) will be held in the Sierra Room daily. Because of ample facilities and because of the growing importance of local chapter problems, official business sessions will especially encourage all registered delegates and boosters to attend their meetings. GEORGE OMATSU and TETSU ASATO, two-thirds of a well-known insurance company, will handle the facilities. The business agenda, which ought to be ready any day now, will be prepared by National Director MAS SATOW and National Prexy GEORGE INAGAKI.

Dr. KIYOSHI SONODA, West Ellay dentist, is co-chairman of the two Official Luncheons along with personable MARY OI. The first luncheon will honor various civic officials and JACL members while the second luncheon features a Fashion Show. Assisting these chairmen are RUTH MIYADA, MIYE YOSHIMORI, YUKI SATO and that well-known thrush, singer UTA SHIMOTSUKA.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank TOM YEGO, NCWN chairman, for his aid in securing Gov. GOODWIN KNIGHT as the main speaker at the Banquet (Sept. 6). Other features of the banquet will be the installation of new National Officers and the announcement of the Nisei of the Biennium by Dr. RANDOLPH SAKADA's National Recognition Committee. MIKE MASAOKA will also speak during the evening. The Banquet Committee is co-chaired by Mrs. SUMI KASHIWAGI and Mrs. CHIYO TAYAMA. Assisting these two very capable chairmen are MARY MIKURIYA, TOSHI MORITA, GEORGE ISODA, WILLIE FUNAKOSHI, and CHARLES HISATOMI. We're glad to see these "Pioneers" get into the act.

The active Tayama family

The TAYAMA family is really active in this Convention as Chiyo's lesser half FRED chairs the 1000 Club affair and their daughter MARIANNE KIMURA chairs the Fashion Show. More about these and other Officials Events in our next issue.

Our apologies to BOB KINOSHITA, 3036 Malabar, Los Angeles, who is handling the entries for the National JACL Barber Shop Quartet Contest as well as talent and skits from all chapters so inclined. In our last column his name somehow came out as Bob Okazaki.

Orchids to the SONOMA COUNTY chapter, the latest chapter to make the Convention Honor Roll for prepaid advanced registrations. FRANK K. ODA is the official delegate for this chapter. Welcome aboard, Frank.

has accepted the chairmanship of the membership committee and revealed that annual chapter membership dues is \$5 per member, noting that there are already several members of the JACL 1000 Club. Tom Endow will be in charge of the Souvenir Program Committee to obtain advertising support for the convention, it was announced.

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SPORTSCOPE:

● Annually competing in the national AAU boxing tournament at Boston, the Hawaiian squad passed that up to tour the United States this year. They appear in four cities. The Islanders were defeated 6-4 by the Pacific Northwest AAU team at Portland, May 31, winning most of the lighter-weight bouts; but topped the Cleveland Golden Glovers 7-3 on June 10. They went to Albany, N.Y., this week and stopped in New York before going home. Helping to bulge the book of press clippings is MICHINORU OKUDA, 112-lb., who has lost only one bout in several years of battling. In Cleveland, Okuda won a unanimous decision over Freddie Brooks, '53 Cleveland flyweight champ. Other Nisei in the line-up include BOBBY KISHIMOTO, 18-year-old Honolulu 118-lb. prepster; YOSHITOKU, 132-lb.

● The sapping sultriness of Ann Arbor's heatwave last Saturday took its toll in the gruelling NCAA 2-miles run championship but KIKUO MORIYA, 26-year-old Tokyo student at Wheaton College, Ill., came through with a spectacular surprise to win the title in 9m.22.7s. Scarcely a record, but it was fast enough to run half the field into the ground, including Rich Ferguson of Iowa, defending champion who quit about half way, and Gene Matthews of Purdue, Big Ten champion.

● The Nisei Solons are entered in the Chicago Park District Minor League, a summer hardball league for boys under 18. According to GEORGE OSAKI, manager, it is the first time a Nisei group has entered this Sunday afternoon league. The league opens June 20 at Cornell Park and Damen diamonds in south-side Chicago. . . In Los Angeles, the Maryknoll Boys Club has been organized for Little League play under guidance of SLIM SUGIYAMA and TOM YAMATE. BROTHER EDWARD in charge of the club says the lads are between the ages of 10 and 12, wear cut-down uniforms from the Boston Red Sox and have two games under their belt.

● After trailing 11-0 in the third inning, the Denver Nisei made a desperate effort but lost 11-10 against Garden Home Grange in the opening Metropolitan League game two Sundays ago. Starting pitcher HIDEO HIROSE was knocked out in the second inning, followed by KENT YORITOMO to stop the spree. MICKIEY TAKESHITA, newly-acquired chucker, finished. MAS YOSHIMURA, No. 4 man, paced the Nisei at bat with three out of five, including one home-run. . . Two Saturdays ago in a Placer-Nevada League game, Placer JACL took advantage of breaks to win 4-1 over the Auburn Cubs, managed by Rupert Thompson, ex-major leaguer now residing in the vicinity. Starting hurler BOB TAKEMOTO was relieved in the fourth by GEORGE GOTO, who held the Cubs at bay. Cubs outhit JACL 6 to 4. . . SHIG MORIKI came on in the sixth inning as relief pitcher to preserve San Mateo's 6-4 edge over Capuchino High in the Peninsula Athletic League championship game. It was the third title for the preps.

● ZENZO SHIMIZU will lead the Japan Davis Cup team as non-playing captain this year. Three players are REININ KAMO, KOSEI KAMO and ATSUSHI MIYAGI, who have had previous Davis Cup experience. They are bound for Mexico City for their first-round matches July 9-11 against the Mexico team.

● A 1948 Korean Olympic squad member, SHIM BOK SUK, 24, enrolled during the spring quarter at Brigham Young University and his coach, Clarence Robison, is looking toward next season's prospect with unusual optimism. Shim competed against his coach in the 5,000-m. trial heats in London, although he has a 4m.19s. time in the mile. He likes the longer races, however, and has run the marathon in 29m.56s., which is better than some of the times recorded in the Boston marathon.

● The Hawaiian AAU weightlifting committee will send GEORGE YOSHIOKA, national 123-lb. champion, to the national championships June 25-26 at Los Angeles. He copped territorial honors recently with a total lift of 620-lbs. (175-press, 190-squat, 255-clean & jerk), that surpasses the winning mark of 515 made last year. The 255-clean & jerk smashed the U.S. record of 248 3/4-lb. held by EMERICK ISHIKAWA.

● ERVIN FURUKAWA of Seattle, west coast Nisei golf king, who won the California Nisei championship last year at Pebble Beach, returned the huge tournament perpetual trophy to the Garden City Golf Club of San Jose, tournament sponsors, with hopes of defending his title on Oct. 9-10 on the same course. If he plays, he will be the first champion to seek a second leg of the trophy. Previous winners (MIN YOSHIZAKI, 1951, and JOHN NAITO, 1952, both of Los Angeles) didn't seek to retain their laurels.

● Dr. GENTA NAKAMURA emerged as champion of the 72-hole Mile Hi Golf Club match play concluded two Sundays ago. The Denver dentist battled GEORGE FUJIMOTO up to the 17th hole where the champion won 2 up. . . Veteran SAM MINAMI of Gardena toured the Meadowlark course in 74 to win low gross honors in the Orange County golf tournament Sunday. He edged out newcomer JOHNNY TOYA and TOM MATSUNAGA, who both shot 75s.

● Three of the five YOSHOKA brothers of San Jose copped five prizes in the No. Calif. Nisei Golf Association tournament earlier this month at Santa Cruz's Pasatiempo links. FRANK YOSHIOKA won low-gross with 82-75-157; brother HENRY was runner-up with 76-86-162. Another brother ED won the Hole-in-One contest, by landing some 46 inches away from the 140-yd. 18th hole cup. . . HARRY KIYOMURA (12) of San Mateo won the low net title with 82-82. Other winners were:

CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT
143-Frank Shimada (10) 86-70,
145-Nob Araki (10) 77-88,
147-Bill Noda (11) 86-83,
148-Ed Yoshioka (11) 86-84.
FIRST FLIGHT
142-Babe Morino (13) 83-85,
144-Shig Tokumoto (12) 84-84,
146-Roy Tsuruda (14) 88-86,
147-Dr. James Tanaka (14) 88-87,
Harry Shiraichi (12) 84-87.
SECOND FLIGHT
143-Frank Tokuhou (17) 86-91,
150-Gary Kadanj (16) 91-91; Taxi

Hironaka (17) 92-92; Bill Ito (18) 95-93,
153-George Yuge (18) 94-95,
THIRD FLIGHT
139-Tok Murakami (23) 92-93,
144-Irving Morishita (21) 95-90;
George Kodama (20) 92-92,
154-Yosh Hirata (19) 101-95.
DENTAL FLIGHT (Special)
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Mrs. Bob (Marianne) Endo, active Pocatello CLER, was graduated from Idaho State College with high honors. She was also active with the Campus Wives organization, took care of her home and son Karl Kent at the same time. A sociology major, the college faculty honored her at dinner.

Dorothy Hanaki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hanaki, Pocatello, and active Jr. JACLer, plans to become an occupational therapist at Idaho State College on the \$100 scholarship granted her for being the Soroptimist Girl of the Year. Selection was made from the various Girl of the Month winners.

Kimie Mushiaki, Osaka graduate student at San Francisco State College, is the first foreign student to receive the highest academic honors of Master of Arts degree at the college. An experienced teacher in English, she supervised this work for 20 years in the Ahenko (Okayama) public high school until coming to the U.S. for advance studies at Columbia University in 1950.

Tom Kanazawa, Nisei prima donna, is enroute to sing "Mme. Butterfly" in Puerto Rico at the invitation of Puerto Rico University. She expects to be back in San Francisco by mid-July before going on a concert tour of the Pacific Northwest.

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Ventura County JACLers . . .

Perhaps the most secluded, or at least seldom heard chapter in the Pacific Southwest District Council is the Ventura County JACL located in Oxnard. The 300 Japanese in this area are mostly farming or gardening, and scattered throughout the county although most of them center around Oxnard, on U.S. 101 about seventy miles north of L.A.

Prexy this year is emdee SAM TOKUYAMA whose wife, Alice, is also a professional—an O.D. We recall attending school at Berkeley with ALICE, former Sacramentan like our spouse. Sam, incidentally, was schoolmate of our National Director DEACON SATOW at UCLA.

Last Wednesday night we met with the VC group at the community center in Oxnard. In addition to cabinet members were some staunch members including past presidents TARO INOUE, NAO TAKASUGI (who is a brother-in-law of FRANK NINOKAWA, co-proprietor with KIYOMI TAKATA, of the Southern Calif. Appliance Co. in Ellay) and AKIRA KURIHARA. YUKI HOSAKI, who used to be an active CLER in Cleveland until moving out with her folks four years ago, is still pitching for JACL as a secretary for the cabinet as she was last year.

Two of the major activities of this chapter are the sponsoring of a local bowling league and an annual 4th of July community picnic at Mandalay Beach to which everyone goes. The bowlers will enter two teams in the National Convention Tournament in September. This chapter is among the very few, if not the only one, which has inherited the responsibility of looking after the Japanese cemetery where the JACL sponsors an annual community Memorial Day celebration as it did last month.

The VC chapter has nearly doubled last year's membership with 115 signed up so far, and prospects look bright for a number of Thousand Club members. Doc personally will go after a few ads for the convention booklet to supplement the chapter greetings, he assures us, as well as be on hand with a delegation to the convention.

Other officers at the get-together were MAE KURIHARA, treasurer; and JOHN TAKASUGI, sgt.-at-arms, and members HARRY MIYAMOTO, JIM MURAKAWA, MAS MORI, RAY WAKATSUKI, DOAKS MORIWAKI, GRACE KURIHARA.

Coachella Valley and Arizona next . . .

This weekend, we plan to visit the Coachella Valley and Arizona chapters with CALLAHAN INAGAKI. Being the time of year it is, we will hit the desert road at night, natch. To a non-farmer, it's simply amazing how a combination of water, seed and few chemicals (non-odoriferous fertilizers) can produce such terrific crops from barren land. Of course, it takes considerable know-how, but from what we see, they gamble with the elements only to hit the best market prices. We'll report on those visits next week.

Two recent Southland visitors . . .

Visiting us this week was the PAUL MAKABE family. Paul, who became the first Nisei high school principal in America several years back, is returning to his home in Loomis for a short while before taking up some graduate studies at college. He is married to the former IVA ESTES and they have three children, ages 8, 7 and 5. Paul was top man at the high school in Lincoln, Ark. (pop. 1,500). When he left the school, he was given the biggest sendoff ever staged by that community.

Another visitor was Pfc. KEN HIRANO on his way home to Hilo, on furlough from the army. His dad, JIMMY HIRANO, was one of the delegates from Hawaii to the 11th Biennial National JACL Convention in Chicago in 1950. Staunch JACLer Jimmy is proprietor of a large stationery store in Hilo.

Pre-convention rally . . .

Preparations for the PSWDC pre-convention rally to be hosted by the Pasadena chapter are rounding up in good shape, reports president TOM ITO. Lunch, recreation, steak-bake and dancing highlight the all-day program at Sec. E, Brookside Park, south of Rose Bowl in Arroyo Seco. The date is Sunday, July 18.

Chairmen in charge of the various activity committees are: AKI ABE, luncheon; ANNA OISHI, barbecue; GRACE SATO, KIMI FUKUTAKE, reg.; MINNIE TAKAGAKI, MASAMI TABATA, refreshments; JIRO OISHI, games, swimming; FRANK TANAKA, tennis; SHIKU OMORI, bridge; GENE ROJAS, dancing; FLORENCE WADA, program; Chalons assisting.

The business meeting will be held outdoors with refreshment service by hostesses.

The tariff: (includes two meals) \$2.50 per adult, \$1.50 per children 13 and over, \$1.00 for children 12 and under, \$7.00 maximum for prolific families.

The menu: spaghetti luncheon with cole slaw salad, french rolls and sherbet; New York barbecued steak dinner with relishes plus watermelon; coffee and punch all day.

Don't forget, PSWDC chapters, to send in your reservations to the regional office before the July 10 deadline.

Hats Off to Herbie . . .

The PC sports page last week gave the results of the annual JACL Nisei Olympics held in San Francisco but failed to identify the actual sponsor or team which entered the meet under L.A. chapter auspices. The WLA team was sponsored by the Nisei Trading Co. whose co-proprietor, HERB MARUYAMA, drove the team to 'Frisco. The Downtown LA team was the Lords.

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L.A. Newsletter by Henry Mori

\$125,000 Fellowship for Prepster

Believed to be the largest single scholarship given to a high school student in the United States, a John Marshall senior was awarded a \$12,500 fellowship to Pepperdine College this week.

The grant was presented to Robert Akira Nakamura, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Nakamura, by the Los Angeles Examiner's Scholastic Sports Association, for his mastery in journalism and news photography.

From the vast field of SSA seniors who were eligible to compete, 17-year old Nakamura became the top selection from a group of 12 finalists. Over 50 of his sports pictures have made the pages of the Examiner. One big on-the-spot fire netted him a front page spread.

The biennial Henry Ohye Trophy Race has been announced by the Nisei Flyers of America, sponsors of the derby, for Aug. 1 and 8 from Fullerton Airport to Watsonville and back.

The Flyers also disclosed that Betty Yasui will be queen and Attorney Frank Chuman, adviser to the group, will act as master of ceremonies at the take-off show on Saturday, 10 a.m.

Familiar names will again grace the entry list: Albert Kushihashi of North Platte, Neb.; Herbert Fushimi, Salt Lake City; Thomas Takemura, 1954 winner from Spokane; and Tully Miura, Pismo Beach.

One of the pilots will be Navy Lt. Harvey Kitaoka, who saw action in Korea from the aircraft carrier Princeton during the recent conflict. It's his first time in the Ohye race.

The honorable Municipal court Judge John F. Aiso has been nominated by the Downtown JACL chapter as a candidate for the "Nisei of Biennium" award.

There is little doubt in anyone's mind that Judge Aiso is the most logical choice among Southland community leaders. It would certainly not astonish anyone if he took the title from a group of five finalists whose selection will first be made by a nucleus committee of the National Recognitions Board, headed by Dr. Randolph M. Sakada of Chicago, and then the final pick of winner by a Nisei and non-Nisei panel of judges at the 13th Biennial JACL Convention here in September.

Knowledge is wisdom of life, they say. And a new experience in the daily struggle to live and let live opens for many Japanese Americans who have received their degrees or diplomas this week.

There is something inspiring about commencement week. For the parents, it may represent an end to a long and arduous task to provide education for their children; to the recipient of such education, it is an approach to a world of competition, strife, and existence but with success as its reward for those who do not weaken.

But no man starves who has the ability, the ambition, and good education. Those qualities make men of boys.

In closing, it might be interesting to note that UCLA this summer had five male Nisei, three of them Army veterans, who made Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic society.

They are Jim Araki, Oriental language; Masakazu Iwata, Far East history; Harumi Befu, anthropology; Fred Soichi Miyazaki, pre-medical; and Joe John Yasaki, political science. Araki, Miyazaki, and Yasaki served overseas.

Larry Tajiri--

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next book, also about life in a Japanese village, is titled *Plenty to Watch* and Viking will issue it in September. The books should prove of especial interest to Nisei parents.

Mitsu, also an accomplished painter, is the author of an article, *Momo's Street*, which was published by Glamour magazine some time ago, and which was a mother's tale for her daughter of the New York street in which they lived and of the neighbors who came there from nations far away.

Young Mako was attending Pratt Institute with plans to become an architect when he was drafted. He is now on U.S. duty in Tokyo and the Iwamatsus learned in a recent letter that he was playing baseball for

an Army team. Jun doesn't know what position Mako plays but says that he was advised by a friend that Mako is a good player—so good, in fact, that when Mako was playing schoolboy baseball in New York city he was approached by a scout for the New York Giants who asked if he had thought of making a career in baseball.

Jun and Mack Oike spent the night in Denver before leaving for Los Angeles over Loveland pass which is U.S. Highway 6. Mack explained that they were taking the long way because he wanted to revisit the little mountain town of Rifle, Colo., where he topped sugar beets after leaving the relocation center at Poston, Ariz., more than 10 years ago.

When Jun finds accommodations in Los Angeles, he will send for Mitsu and Momo. It perhaps reflects the tide of American history that the Iwamatsus, those latter-day arrivals, are moving west.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

ADACHI—Apr. 11, a boy to the Hideo T. Adachis, El Cerrito.
ARIKI—May 25, a boy to the Joe Arikis (Kate Kyono), Denver.
DOI—May 29, a girl to the Tokihiro Doi, San Francisco.
FUJIMURA—May 29, a boy to the Sam Fujimuras, Fresno.
FUJINO—May 21, a boy Curtiss Hinkaru to the William Fujinos, San Jose.
FUJITA—June 5, a boy to the Jack Fujitas, Seattle.
HANDA—May 11, a boy to the Yutaka Handas, San Francisco.

CALENDAR

June 19 (Saturday)
SANTA BARBARA: Graduates dance, Montecito Hall, 8:30 p.m.
WATSONVILLE: Graduates' barbecue, Sunset Beach, 6 p.m.
June 20 (Sunday)
SALINAS VALLEY: Community picnic, Bolado Park, Hollister.
POCATELLO: Community picnic, Bilyeu Ranch.
TWIN CITIES: Community picnic, Theodore Wirth Park No. 2.
POCATELLO: Community picnic.
SAN FRANCISCO: Community picnic.
June 23 (Wednesday)
C.C.D.C.: District meeting, Fowler Buddhist Church hall.
June 24 (Thursday)
IDC: District meeting, Max's Inn, West Yellowstone, Idaho; 12 noon.
STOCKTON: General meeting, H-Bomb movies.
June 25 (Friday)
SO. ALAMEDA CITY: Graduation dinner, Mandarin Restaurant, 230 Jackson St., San Jose.
MILE-HI: Issei Citizen recognitions supper, YWCA, 1545 Tremont Pl., Denver.
June 26 (Saturday)
PASADENA: Dance session, Cleveland auditorium.
SAN FRANCISCO: Sports Formal, St. Francis Hotel, Ray Hackett's orch.
STOCKTON: Benefit movie.
June 27 (Sunday)
BERKELEY: Community picnic, Tilden Park Camp Padre.
D.C.: Second anniversary banquet in honor of McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act, Sheraton Park Hotel.
June 29 (Tuesday)
NEW YORK: Graduates, Issei Citizens dinner, Ding Ho, 6:30 p.m.

Murayama --

FROM PAGE 2

was a wonderful reunion with Jimmy, Clarence and Yone. Clarence appeared like Dr. Fu Manchu with his long beard. He showed us some of his international prize-winning pictures.

Because of his sickness, Clarence is a completely changed man. He hasn't tasted salt for many years. But he still has his old fire when he gets together with Jimmy—and we chatted 'til 2 a.m. It could have continued 'til dawn only I had to get up early for an interview with the Seattle Times reporter that morning.

Jimmy took me to the mayor's office before going to the airport and the flight south to San Francisco. Pioneer Heiji Okuda came to see me off.

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HIRONAKA-SATOW—Lillian Yurioko, Del Paso Heights, and Oscar Osami, Sacramento.

Engagements

DOBASHI-DENDO—Ikuye, Fresno, to Takeshi, Guadalupe, June 6.
KATO-KUBOTA—Joy, Fowler, to Shiro, Salinas, May 29.
KAWANAGA-FUKUDA—Bessie to Yoneo, both of Chicago.
MAYEDA-NAKAGAWA—Pauline, Fresno, to William, Los Angeles, June 5.

Weddings

HASHIMOTO-ITO—May 16, Hiroyuki, Van Nuys, and Edna Tamiko, Stockton.
HAYAKAWA-MATTOBA—Apr. 24, Harlan and Tomiko, both of San Francisco.
IMAI-TANAKA—June 13, George, Sacramento, and Eiko, Tokyo.
KANNO-MIYASAKI—June 6, Tom, Minneapolis, and Setsuko, Chicago.
KASHIWAGI-URUSHIBATA—June 6, Masaji and Hideko Ruby, both of Los Angeles.
KATO-FUKEI—June 6, Kaz and Sumi, both of Seattle.
KAWA-OKA—June 6, Kenji and Natsumi, both of Los Angeles.
KAWAGUCHI-SAKOHIRA—June 13, Masaru, San Francisco, and Ida, Fowler.
KAWASHIMA-SANO—June 6, Dan and Fumiko, both of Los Angeles.
KUBO-YAMAMOTO—June 5, Irene, Lyman, Neb., and Leo, Torrington, Wyo.
KURODA-UMENE—June 13, Ken-ichi, Reedley, and Kazuye, Alameda.
KUSHINO-TAKATANI—May 22, Thomas and Daisy, both of Chicago.
MINATO-KIMURA—June 5, Tak, Los Angeles, and Hideko, Cleveland.
MIYAMOTO-KISHIMOTO—June 6, Nobuo and Helen Kiyo, both of Los Angeles.
MIYAMOTO-TAKARA—May 29, Herbert and Ritsuko Rori, both of Los Angeles at Las Vegas.
NAGAI-INAL—June 6, Roy Toshio and Suzanne Suzuki, both of Denver.
NAKASHIGE-UYESUGI—May 29, Sam and Sets, both of Cleveland.
OBATA-SAKAKURA—June 5, Shu-

ichi and Emie, both of Los Angeles.

OKUNO-AWAYA—May 23, Arthur and Akiko, both of San Francisco.
SUYEHIRO-ASANUMA—June 6, Yoneo, Parlier, and Lily, Fresno.
SUYEHIRO-KUNIHIO—June 6, Yoneo and Yuriye, both of Fresno.
TAKEMURA-YAMADA—June 6, Nobushige and Toshiko, both of Los Angeles.

TSUDA-SUTOW—Masuo, Watsonville, and Ann, San Mateo.

YAMAMOTO-NAITO—June 6, Frank Yasuo, Fresno, and Sally Sunako, Pasadena.

YAMAMOTO-UYETANI—Eugene and Cathalin, both of Chicago.

Deaths

FUJIMURA, Mrs. Etsu: Stockton, June 11 (aboard APL Pres. Cleveland).

INUKAI, Kyohel, 68: New York, June 1, survived by three sons Julian, Girard and Earle.

IWAMOTO, Mrs. Yasu, 50: New York, June 1, survived by husband Tsunetoshi, son Takashi, daughters Meriko, Pat Himeko; mother Mrs. Niwa Sonoda, brother Takao, sisters Mrs. Chiyoko Nigaki, Yukiko (San Francisco).

KOJIMA, Kaichi, 69: Seattle, June 2, survived by three daughters Mrs. Satoye Tsujimoto, Mrs. Takiko Nakamura (both of Salt Lake City), Lily, and son Tatsuyoshi.

KUGA, Kenzo, 77: Denver, June 2, survived by wife, four sons Harry, Jim, Pat, George and daughter Mrs. Chizuko Nakayama.

KUNUGI, Mrs. Akiko, 29: Denver, June 7, survived by husband Henry, brothers Noboru, Bruce Tashiro, sisters Fumiko, Chiyoko and Irene.

KUROMIYA, Shotaro: Chicago, May 30, survived by wife Etsuko, son and three daughters.

MIHO, Shusaku, 77: San Francisco, June 6, survived by wife Sada, sons Shuichi (Hermosa Beach), Masao (New York), four daughters Mrs. Chizu Hasaba (Japan), Mrs. Sumie Morioka (Cincinnati), brother Shime, sisters Mrs. Ritsuko Ike and Mrs. Ikuyo Ichio.

SHIMADA, Mrs. Setsuko: San Francisco, June 11, survived by husband Yoshio, son Mark and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Yoneo Araki.

TSUMURA, Kikutaro, 74: Salt Lake City, May 29, survived by son Takeo.

YAMAMOTO, Fred Toshiaki, 30: Sacramento, May 28, survived by wife Haruko, son Chris, parents Mr. and Mrs. Torahel, seven brothers George, Thomas, Hisashi, Toshio, Hiroshi, Masaru; sister Misako.

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EDITORIALS

Urban Redevelopment

Housing is a complex problem at the government level. The Sacramento Japanese community is aware of this today. And the assistance JACL is rendering is but another good reason that organization is needed.

What makes housing complex might be found in the legislative battles that occur in Washington when housing bills come on the floor. During the early New Deal days, the Federal Housing Authority was created to revive a prostrate building industry. Homeowners and lenders were rescued. The FHA was given the right to insure private mortgages—even the speculators.

Then was born Public Housing Administration to handle federal subsidies for local slum clearance and low-rent housing projects. Through the war years, controls were expanded into rents and building materials. After the war, the housing shortage was met by little or no down payment in the FHA-VA system of guarantees.

A nonpartisan effort, led by Senators Taft, Ellender and Wagner, to establish a long-range slum clearance program was initiated in 1942 but blocked by what is now known as the "real-estate lobby." By 1949, however, Congress passed a Housing Act that stated overall federal responsibility for living conditions in no uncertain terms. Urban redevelopment was one of them.

While reformers since the New Deal days have over-emphasized slum clearance, the approach advocated by the Sacramento Redevelopment Study Association and the JACL points out the greatest weakness in urban redevelopment: tearing down slums before the shortage in low and moderate-priced homes could be relieved.

'Under God . . .'

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What began as a much simpler pledge first recited on Columbus Day 1892 in Boston has become a national manifestation of faith. This week, belatedly but with great appropriateness, our trust in God was made a part of the pledge by an Act of Congress.

As the Pledge of Allegiance is said on many occasions, it is well to review the pledge word for word.

From the Frying Pan . . .

A Kindergartener's Report

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver

SUMMER VACATION is here and the loud cheers you hear aren't from Mama. Things are much more placid around the house when three of the four young ones are away at school for a good part of the day, and though it's tough on the teachers, at least they get paid for it. On the last day of school, Pete, the kindergartner, brought home a "report card." Since it was the first time we'd come across a kindergarten-size report, we examined it with special interest. It read:

Child's name: Peter	Can tie a bow: ✓
Knows name: ✓	Recognizes printed name: ✓
Knows address: ✓	Can print name: ✓
Knows phone no.: ✓	Can count to: 40
Knows birthday: ✓	Recognizes number to 10: ✓
Can recognize colors and name them: ✓	
Can skip: ✓	

At first glance it appeared that Pete had passed kindergarten with flying colors. But, when I showed proper parental interest and began to check him out on his tests, we discovered Pete's teacher was either mighty lenient with her young charges or else Pete has a distressingly short memory.

He knew his name, all right. He knew his address, too, but the telephone number stumped him. We could forgive him, though, because he's never had occasion to call home. He knew his birthday, since that's the time he gets presents. Colors were easy and skipping was a lead pipe cinch.

But when I asked him to tie a bow, he threw up his hands, cried "Oh, no," and demanded that the investigation be called off immediately. I could see two reasons for this. He (1) really didn't know how to tie a bow, or (2) he didn't want to give up a small piece of graft, namely that of getting his mother or Mike or Susan to tie his shoe strings for him every morning.

So we skipped the bow-tying test and he demonstrated that he could both print and recognize his printed name. Then the fun started. He must have tried to count to 40

at least a half dozen times and each time he had either too many numbers or not enough when he got through. We gave that up for a bad job and decided Pete would have to get someone to fill out his income tax return for him when he is old enough for a job. After this last fiasco we just passed up the number recognition test and Pete went off to play, mumbling to himself about child labor laws, or something.

MY FOLKS USED to put a lot of stock in good grades back when I was a youngster. They were tickled when I got A's and somewhat concerned when I brought home less showy marks. They were concerned quite often. In Seattle, A's were tops and E's were flunks. I was a bit surprised when Alice told me about all the E's she used to get until I learned that in Portland the teachers gave their best pupils E's for excellent.

Bob Maruyama, who teaches in a Denver elementary school, told me once he thought that in general Sansei students don't make grades as good as those the Nisei made. This was surprising because Sansei youngsters have many advantages that the Nisei didn't. Many Nisei spoke no English when they started grade school. And they couldn't expect to get help with their homework from their parents who were having a time themselves with such subjects as English grammar.

Come to think of it, though, I'm not much help to Mike and Susan on their English either. When they ask about an adjectival participle or a dangling pronoun, I'm just as confused as my Dad ever was. But we Nisei did take pride in grades, and most of the time we took school seriously. It may be that the Sansei in adopting a dim view of such unpleasant institutions as schools, are merely continuing the process of Americanization.

Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

Yashima Moves West

THE OTHER AFTERNOON the phone rang and it was Jun Iwamatsu. Jun, better known to the nation and the world under his penname, Taro Yashima, is a painter and writer who has had three books published in the past ten years. A fourth book is being published in September and contracts have been signed for a fifth.

Jun was driving across the country from his New York studio to California with Mack Oike, the young painter who is the first Nisei to receive a fellowship from the Huntington Hartford Foundation. He will spend the next five months painting on the Pacific Palisades estate of the young scion of the A&P food chain who has become a patron of the arts. Jun, who was at Pacific Palisades last year, liked Southern California after 14 years in a New York apartment and is planning to move his family—wife Mitsu, daughter Momo and son Mako—to the Los Angeles area.

The short visit brought us up to date on what Jun, or Taro Yashima, has been doing since the last time we saw him—which was on a warm summer night at his studio in midtown Manhattan in 1949. Jun, the son of a village doctor, and Mitsu, the daughter of a Kobe shipbuilder, had the courage and audacity to criticize and oppose the Japanese militarists in the years of decision in Japan in the 1930s. Jun's cartoons, for the leading Japanese political-economic monthly, *Kaizo*, and for other publications, attacked the sword rattlers of Nippon. As a result he was jailed nine times in three years and his wife also was imprisoned—and their first child was born in prison.

The situation in Japan became intolerable for Jun and Mitsu who believed in the very tenets of freedom which the militarists and their secret police were crushing out of Japan. Ostensibly to write and draw about America, and the San Francisco international exposition in particular, they came to the United States in 1939. Jun was not to return until 1945 when, shortly after V-J day, he arrived in the uniform of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS).

THE IWAMATSUS arrived in the United States with only money enough for a few months' visit and they had left behind their young son, Mako, then only 5. They found a cold-water flat on New York's eastside, with the Third Avenue elevated rattling by at window height. For weeks they did not even possess a mattress and Jun, attending art classes, scrounged through the waste baskets for paper and canvas on which to draw

and paint. They had traded a comfortable life in Japan—where Jun was one of the nation's outstanding cartoonists—for freedom and poverty in New York.

After Pearl Harbor, Jun worked for awhile for OWI (Office of War Information) and later for OSS. During this time his first book, *The New Sun*, an autobiographical volume of drawings and text which told of his experiences as a young man, an artist and a believer in freedom in Japan, was printed by Henry Holt & Co. Holt also issued Jun's second book, *Horizon Is Calling*. Shining through the drawings and the terse captions is the author's integrity as an artist and as a human being, something which he has not compromised. Talking with him the other night, we found his faith in the human spirit still undiminished.

Jun was in India with an OSS unit on V-J day. Later he flew into the defeated nation on an OSS mission shortly afterward. As the plane paused at Guam, he could not sleep, knowing that on the following morning he would see his native land for the first time in seven years. He would also learn whether his son, now 12, was still alive. (Shortly before, Jun had seen OSS films of B-29 raids on Kobe which showed that the area in which his house was located was completely ravaged.) Jun found his boy alive, although the house had been destroyed. The son, Mako, was not able to join his parents in New York until almost four years later when the U.S. congress passed a special bill granting him the right to join his parents. The Iwamatsus, who had come to the United States originally as visitors, also receive the right of permanent residence from congress in appreciation for wartime services.

Jun has had several New York showings of his paintings, and three of them are part of the permanent collection of the Phillips museum in Washington. Since the war he has been concentrating on teaching, as well as painting, but also has found time to do a pictures-and-text book about his childhood in Kyushu which Viking published last year under the title, *The Village Tree*.

IT IS MOMO, the 5-year-old daughter, who is responsible for *The Village Tree*. Momo was born in New York and has grown up in Manhattan. Jun and Mitsu have told her stories and drawn pictures of life in Japan and it was from these that the book was conceived. *The Village Tree* was the March selection of the Junior Literary Guild and 20,000 copies are in circulation. The

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DECADE AGO

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Military situation on coast will determine any change in exclusion, says Sec. of War Stimson.

Warehouse fire in Topeka WRA camp estimated at \$5,000.

Evacuees on move again as Jerome camp to be closed by end of June.

Federal court upholds right of Japanese Americans to open businesses in Utah; judge enjoins city of Layton from denying license to Nisei (Clarence Okuda) on grounds of racial ancestry of applicant.

Report 51 draft delinquents of Heart Mountain WRA camp indicate willingness to serve if citizenship status cleared as draft trial of 63 Nisei opens in Cheyenne.

General Assembly of Presbyterian Church urges return of loyal evacuees as soon as military situation permits.

U.S. Socialist Party demands right of Japanese Americans to return to evacuated area; made part of party platform.

100th Infantry not asked to do more than other U.S. units, ex-commander tells Honolulu audience to quiet rumors unit was asked to do more than other white troops.

Colorado Springs City drops charge of barratry against Nisei conscientious objector for inciting civil rights case.

MINORITY

"What is particularly sacred about our standard of living?" asked Bishop Raymond A. Lane, Superior General of the Maryknoll Fathers, at the annual Pan-American Dinner of the Knights of Columbus. "Supposing, for instance, that one-tenth of the cosmetic bill every year was diverted to Point Four; or one-fourth of the liquor bill. And in the matter of living expenses, why should it be particularly obnoxious to suggest a graduating scale of reduction as one reaches the areas of luxurious living which are really sinful when in these days people in such great numbers are in such extreme want?" In particular, Bishop Lane stressed the emigration needs of such countries as Japan and Italy, and said that the United States is the country in the best position to help.

The Nashville (Tenn.) city council adopted a resolution of one of its Negro council members banning an operational policy of discrimination and segregation against passengers or patrons at its municipal airport.