

## BILL RESTORING V.A. BENEFITS AT WHITE HOUSE

Washington

The Senate approved and sent to the White House for the President's signature the JACL-supported bill to restore Veterans Administration benefits to former Japanese recipients now residing in Japan, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Acting within two weeks after the House approved the measure, the Senate unanimously concurred on the legislation.

Because identical measures had been introduced in the House and Senate by Rep. Craig Hosmer and Sen. William F. Knowland, both Republicans from California, a parliamentary maneuver in the Senate enabled the House-approved bill also to pass the Senate, explained Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative.

### Quick Action

Three weeks ago, the House passed the bill introduced by Rep. Hosmer and sent the measure over to the Senate.

An identical bill in the Senate introduced by the Senate Majority Leader, Sen. Knowland, came up before the Senate for debate and vote. After favorably voting on the Senate bill, substitution of the identical House-approved measure enabled a single bill to receive both House and Senate concurrence without going to conference, the Washington JACL representative said.

The measure, now sent to the White House for President Eisenhower's signature or veto, will enable Japanese nationals residing in Japan to file with

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## Slowaway spend 11 days without water

Vancouver, B.C.

Manji Tamura, who managed to creep unobserved into the chain locker of the fore-peak of the Canadian Pacific steamship Mapledell at Yokohama, remained there for 11 days, cold, damp, hungry and thirsty.

He might well have starved to death for the chain locker hatch was padlocked. But fortunately, when the ship was 11 days at sea approaching Vancouver, crew members opened up the locker in preparation for dropping anchor.

When sighted, crewmen could not believe their eyes for he appeared to be more of a ghost than a man. A walking skeleton, he was barely able to walk.

## Korean Nisei ex-Red testifies at Seattle

Seattle

Harold Sunoo, Korean American intellectual and former Communist, last week told members of the House Committee on Un-American Activities at a televised hearing of his dramatic break with communism, which occurred after a bitterly disillusioning trip to Czechoslovakia in 1949.

He was instructor with the Univ. of Washington Far East department from 1943 to 1949 and member of the Communist Party from 1946 to 1949. Last year, he was a government witness in a trial that resulted in convictions of five persons for Communist conspiracy.

## Exchange Club votes to turn in charter rather than oust member

Menlo Park

The Menlo Park Exchange Club has surrendered its charter rather than oust a Chinese member.

This was disclosed June 24 by officials of the defunct organization who have asked that delegates at the state Exchange convention meeting last week in San Diego consider amending the club's national constitution restricting membership to the Caucasian race.

Action of the local club, that amounts to defying the national organization, has been kept a well-guarded secret since April, ostensibly to protect the Chinese member involved—Robert U. H. Ting, 1060 Tehama Ave., Menlo Park.

### Public Matter Now

But now that the matter has been made public, a storm of

comment is pouring from Ting's fellow members and officials of the organization that has 1,500 clubs throughout the country.

E. J. Lehman of San Francisco, the Exchange Club's district governor, contacted at the convention, said he "doesn't think" the matter will be presented delegates.

"This isn't the place for it," he said. "It should be brought up at a national convention. It would require a majority vote to change the constitution."

### Warned Earlier

Lehman added that local members were warned of their violation long before they were asked to comply with the constitution or surrender their charter.

"They were told they would

be given as much time as necessary to remedy the situation so that it would not be embarrassing for the member involved. We are a national organization, not international at all. We're purely American. After all, we change the law before we break it, don't we?" Lehman said that personally he thinks the organization as a whole is not ready for such an amendment.

"There are certain individuals in all clubs that favor it, but I don't think the majority would," he added.

The Menlo Park club was organized three years ago, according to L. D. Lockwood of Atherton, its former vice-president. Ting, 35-year old purchasing agent for the Magna Engineering Corporation in Menlo Park, was accepted as a member in 1952.

"Nobody ever showed us a copy of the national by-laws," Lockwood declared. "We didn't know they prohibited Chinese."

### Selective Organization

A national headquarters spokesman who wished to remain unidentified but who was contacted by Associated Press, said his organization makes no pretense at being democratic but rather is a "selective" organization.

Its articles, approved when

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## SPOKESMAN DENIES RACE ISSUE IN EXCHANGE CLUB

San Diego

A spokesman for the National Exchange Club denied racial discrimination was involved in the Menlo incident.

Harold M. Harter, national secretary attending a district convention here last week, denied that the Menlo Park Club had been ordered or even asked to surrender the charter.

"There is no more racial discrimination involved than there is in a Chinese family long limiting its members to Chinese or a private Negro organization excluding whites."

He said the organization's charter confines its membership to male white business and professional men. Thus, he said, women and non-professional businessmen also are excluded.



As the 15th candidate for Miss National JACL honors, Janet Okimoto, 22, hails from Lancaster and represents the East Los Angeles chapter. The 5 ft.-2 in., 115-lb. graduate of Los Angeles City College and Lancaster High is employed as secretary at the Bank of America. A member of the Elgenes, she lists dancing, swimming, bowling and baking among her hobbies.

—Photo by Roy Hoshizaki



Rep. Walter (D., Pa.) gets enthusiastic acclaim following his address to the 200 guests attending the second annual Anniversary Banquet in Washington, commemorating the passage of the McCarran-Wal-

ter Act. (Left to right): Sen. McCarran (D., Nev.), Mike Masaoka, Rep. Walter and Ambassador from Japan Sadao Iguchi.

—Photo by Joe Ogata, Seabrook Farms

## WASHINGTON HONORS ISSEI AT HUGE FETE

Washington

Naturalized Issei citizens were congratulated by Sen. Pat McCarran (D., Nev.) and Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.), co-authors of the enabling legislation, and the Ambassador Sadao Iguchi of Japan at the Second Anniversary banquet commemorating the enactment of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 last Sunday at the Sheraton-Park Hotel.

The banquet was sponsored by the Washington, D.C., chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

All three speakers expressed their gratification that deserving issei pioneers, who had contributed much to the land of their adoption, were finally granted the privilege of naturalization as United States citizens.

### Peace in the Pacific

They also joined in calling upon Issei and Nisei to promote friendship and understanding between peoples of the United States and Japan as possibly the best means for keeping peace in the Pacific.

It was the largest gathering of persons of Japanese ancestry at a banquet in the Nation's Capital, paying tribute to the legislators, their staff directors and assistants responsible for enactment of the 1952 law which extended naturalization privileges as well as repeal the 1924 Exclusion Act.

"This is the first time we have ever been able to honor at one time, and in one place," toastmaster Mike Masaoka pointed out, "the authors of the statute that means more to persons of Japanese ancestry in this country than any law ever passed by the Congress in American history, and their principal assistants."

### 6,000 Issei Naturalized

Masaoka declared that some 6,000 Issei have been naturalized in the United States and Hawaii since the law became effective Dec. 24, 1952, and that in the same period some 6,000 Japanese have been admitted as permanent residents.

Congressman Walter declared he knew that the 1952 law had brought joy to many. Describing American citizenship as the most priceless thing in the world today, he hoped that all Americans had only half the appreciation of blessings of liberty that "I know is in your hearts."

"... I am very happy that I was able to contribute in a small measure to eliminating what was, in my judgment," Walter continued, "one of the worst things ever done by our great Republic—to deny naturalization and immigration privileges to a very fine people." He emphasized that no more liberal immigration law was ever passed by any other country.

### Act Solidifies Hope

The Nevada senator was "glad to give to the industrious people of Japan an immigration quota on an equal basis as any other country in the world and also naturalization privileges to those who have lived here for so many years and have given their sons in wars that our nation might live."

Noting the threat of international communism, he declared that "if the McCarran-Walter Act did anything to solidify the unity of hope and action between the great people of Japan and the great people of America, then indeed the Congressman from Pennsylvania and the Senator from Nevada have done something that may be worthwhile."

Ambassador Iguchi called up-

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# Washington Newsletter

MIKE M. MASAOKA

To honor the Nisei who, during the past several years and particularly in the last biennium, has contributed most, by "signal success and meritorious accomplishments . . . to advance the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry (in the United States mainland) and to bring about a greater acceptance of our people to the American way of life," the 13th Biennial National JACL Convention to be held in Los Angeles over the Labor Day weekend will name The Nisei of the Biennium.

This is the highest accolade that Niseidom offers and its recipient is the acknowledged "top" Nisei in the country. He joins a kind of Nisei Hall of Fame.

## Outgrowth of Yamagata Award . . .

The present JACL recognitions program is the outgrowth of the prewar Yamagata Award, presented annually to "The Nisei of the Year" by the Chicago Young Peoples Association "for meritorious achievement." The award itself was a huge gold, winged-victory trophy donated by a Chicago Issei businessman, S. Yamagata, who served in America's armed forces in World War I and is now in Yokohama, Japan, associated with an export-import company. The sponsoring organization was an association of young Nisei in the Windy City, sparked by two attorneys who are still active, Franklin Chino and Min Yasui.

The first award, in 1939, was presented to Walter T. Tsukamoto, then a Sacramento attorney and National JACL President, for his effective work in the California Legislature against discriminatory fishing bills. He is now a Lieutenant Colonel in the Judge Advocate General's Department of the Army and is stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco.

The second, and last, award was presented to Mike Masaoka in 1940 for his community activities in the Salt Lake City and intermountain areas.

## JACL Revives Idea . . .

Following the war and its aftermath, in 1948, at the 10th Biennial National Convention in Salt Lake City, the JACL revived this idea of honoring outstanding Nisei for community service and established a National Recognitions Committee to set up the "rules" and to select the ultimate winner from among the nominations to be submitted.

At the 11th Biennial National Convention in Chicago in 1950, Mike Masaoka was named JACL's first Nisei of the Biennium for his wartime activities as National Secretary of the JACL and his post-war accomplishments as its Washington legislative director.

Last Convention, in San Francisco in 1952, Denver's Min Yasui was honored as The Nisei of the Biennium for his multitudinous activities on behalf of persons of Japanese ancestry before, during, and since the war.

## Nominations Now Due . . .

Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, immediate past National JACL president and chairman of the National Recognitions Committee, reminds us that the deadline for all nominations is Aug. 15. This will allow sufficient time to study the nominations and to select the final five candidates before the Los Angeles Convention.

The Nisei of the Biennium will be selected by a special panel of judges at the Convention. He will be announced at the Convention Banquet and receive a gold medallion. The other four finalists will receive silver medallions.

Any person or any JACL chapter may nominate a Nisei for this highest award. Nomination blanks may be secured by writing National Recognitions Chairman, JACL Regional Office, 1200 North Clark Street, Chicago 10, Illinois.

Since the primary purpose of this program is to give recognition to Nisei who devote themselves to community service, it is suggested that prominent local Nisei who have aided in community acceptance for the group be nominated by their friends. Nominees need not be JACL members.

## Personal Nominations . . .

It is the considered opinion of the writer that the candidates for this biennium's award are particularly outstanding. Perhaps this explains why so few nominations have been made up to date.

This writer's nominees are, in alphabetical

order, Judge John F. Aiso of Los Angeles, George J. Inagaki of Venice, California, Dr. Harvey A. Itano of Pasadena, Hiroshi H. Miyamura of Gallup, New Mexico, and Masao W. Satow of San Francisco.

Although the writer is aware that the National Recognitions Committee has announced that it is considering special awards for Dr. Itano and Miyamura, he believes that they qualify and are entitled to consideration for The Nisei of the Biennium award under the spirit of the definition.

## Judge John F. Aiso . . .

First mainland Nisei to be appointed to be a judge, he is presently serving on the municipal bench of Los Angeles. Prior to this latest honor, he was appointed to be a Commissioner of the Courts of Los Angeles County. During the war, he was instrumental in preparing Nisei troops for intelligence work in the Pacific while at Camp Savage and Fort Snelling in Minnesota. As a Lieutenant Colonel, he served as executive assistant to chief of General MacArthur's Intelligence Officer in Japan during the Occupation. Honored by his alma mater, Brown University, with the Doctorate of Laws, he is one of the outstanding Nisei attorneys and spokesmen in the nation.

## George J. Inagaki . . .

National president of the JACL, most of his adult life has been dedicated to community service. During the early days of evacuation, he worked with Mike Masaoka in Washington and elsewhere to improve the lot and life of the evacuees. A veteran of G-2, he is also founder of the JACL Thousand Club and its chief executive during its two most crucial years of post-war adjustment. An able businessman, he is president of the Southern California Flower Growers, Inc., a director of a bank, several other businesses, and of such volunteer community service organizations as the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California, Japan-America Society of Los Angeles, Japan Visiting Farmers Association, Japanese Children's Home, Citizens Committee for Hard To Place Children, and Rotary International. Few Nisei have contributed more in the way of community leadership.

## Dr. Harvey A. Itano . . .

Recipient of the Eli Lilly Award in Biological Chemistry this spring, third oldest award administered by the American Chemical Society, he has already joined the company of distinguished doctors of Japanese ancestry who have contributed so much to medical science. His research on sickle cell anemia has been described by medical journals as a "biochemical contribution of the first order" which "provides medicine with a more penetrating understanding than is possessed for any other disease" and "if it proves possible to duplicate the work on other diseases, the entire course of medicine may be changed." An all-time honor graduate of the University of California, his outstanding discoveries were made while at the California Institute of Technology. He is presently assigned to the National Health Institutes at Bethesda, Maryland, where his research will help make human life the richer and better.

## Hiroshi H. Miyamura . . .

The only living Nisei Congressional Medal of Honor winner, he is also the only Nisei ever to be named "One of the Ten Outstanding Young Men in the United States" by the Junior Chambers of Commerce of the country. His heroic gallantry on the Korean battlefields reminded Americans anew of the epic record on the Nisei soldier in World War II; his quiet modesty and winning personality endeared him to all and contributed much to his being named among the outstanding young men of the nation. His human qualities did much to make other Americans aware of the fact that Nisei too are worthy Americans.

## Masao W. Satow . . .

Probably no other Nisei has done more to develop younger Nisei than Mas Satow. For more than a decade before the war, he served as the director of the Japanese YMCA in Los Angeles. During the war, he represented the National YMCA in aiding the evacuees in their resettlement. After the war, he became National Director of the JACL and in that

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## Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama

### Praises of Salt Lake City

#### Salt Lake City

Modesty should assert itself here and what the generous community of Salt Lake City lavished on this correspondent should be told by someone else. But those words of praise from the local Japanese for my help in arranging to ship four stone lanterns from Japan should be returned.

When I learned that the Japanese residents here wished to construct a Japanese garden as their expression of sincere gratitude for the hospitable treatment during the war years from Salt Lakers, it was natural that I wanted to do my share from Japan. Thus, I was able to arrange the shipment of those stone lanterns which are now placed in International Park to give it the Japanese touch.

There was also the Japanese cherry tree episode.

#### Goodwill Promotion

Even Mayor Earl Glade and other civic officials joined hands with the local Japanese American community with eloquent praises, but I personally do not deserve them. I was only doing my small part in Japan as an individual whose interest is the promotion of Japan-U.S. goodwill.

(Tamotsu Murayama has participated in other goodwill gestures, such as restocking Ueno zoo in Tokyo by instigating animal exchanges.)

The local JACL chapter honored 22 naturalized Issei citizens at the same occasion. It was more than inspiring to see the bright faces of our pioneers, whose pride and honor rests in their adopted country—the United States of America. Many of them are over 70 years of age and many have sons who have died in the last war.

#### Henry Y. Kasai

Among them was Henry Yoshihiko Kasai whose energies were bent during the 1930s when I spoke in the Intermountain region on behalf of JACL. He not only scheduled speaking engagements in Idaho, Utah, Colorado and Wyoming, but chauffeured me throughout the tour. Today, we have many JACL chapters in this area. Rightfully, it could be said, he was responsible for the birth of JACL in the Rockies. Henry beamed; his wife Alice looked on him with

pride. Henry has been a devoted servant to his community for more than 40 years. Nobody thought he was an alien.

Other guests present were ex-Gov. Herbert Maw and U.S. District Court Judge Ray Van Cott, who congratulated the pioneers. The local chapter deserves commendation for bringing out all of these distinguished Americans.

#### SLC Tidbits

A nine-pound Bingham copper key to the city given me is about the heaviest civic gift ever . . . Henry prepared TV appearances as well as newspaper interviews . . . It was wonderful to see Hito Okada—the young man from Portland who drove me along the Columbia River before the war on appeals for the JACL—Lyle Kurisaki is still a dynamic personality. He was one of the first Nisei to stand up for the cause of Nisei rights. He drove sons who have died in the last when we held the first Pacific Coast Nisei Leaders conference in San Francisco. As a result of this conference, the Japanese American Citizens League came into being and the first biennial convention was decided for Seattle in 1930. How wonderful it was seeing Lyle with his undying spirit for JACL.

It was a busy stay in Salt Lake City. My next stop was Ogden before heading east to New York.

## New location

### New York

The Japanese American Association of New York, Inc., is now located at 125 W. 72nd St., telephone SUSequehanna 7-1695.

## PRESS FILE:

**COLUMNIST**—Toyo Takata, "Weekly Habit" columnist for the New Canadian, terminated his writing after five years owing to increasing pressure of personal affairs.

**YEARBOOK**—June Omura, 18, majoring in speech and political science, was chosen editor-in-chief of the Queens College (N.Y.) yearbook and co-editor of the campus weekly, The Rampart.

## Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry Honda

### An Oscar for '55

Ninety minutes quietly spent viewing a picturesque Japanese color film, "Jigoku-mon", has sated temporarily any longing I might have had for sightseeing old Nippon . . . "Hell's Gate" as it will be titled while being shown throughout the United States and the '54 Cannes Film Festival first prize winner begs an audience to compare it with a previous Japanese screen biggie—"Rashomon." . . . Where black and white photography was superb in the earlier prize, the new production sets a high mark for color . . . Hollywood's most critical audience, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, was in unanimous praise of the tinting job. It must be admitted that what was placed in view of the cameras depicts old Japan at its best, but Eastman color as processed in Japan merits an Oscar in '55 . . . Produced by the same company, Daiei, and producer, Masaichi Nagata, "Hell's Gate" tells a good story with suspense. The English subtitles on the film make it unnecessary for me to relate the tragedy of a samurai courtier and his lovely wife (Machiko Kyo, who also had a lead role in "Rashomon") . . . Audiences familiar with music of the recent Azuma Kabuki troupe will be fur-

ther delighted with the themes of "Hell's Gate" rendered on koto, biwa and native drums.

In a few weeks after preliminary negotiations for American distribution rights are completed, "Hell's Gate" will be on tour of art houses throughout the country . . . The final scenes of the picture explain the title . . . Meanwhile, Southland audiences might view another worthy picture, "Genji Monogatari", starring Machiko Kyo at Kinema Theater on Main St. between 2nd and 3rd Sts., which was to have been a Daiei color production but switched at the last moment to black and white because of color film shortage at the time.

Los Angeles today has three Japanese theaters in operation, not to mention one or two-night showings in suburban areas . . . Linda Lea (the old Fuji) Theater in Li'l Tokio proper is the oldest; Nippon Gekijo on E. 1st St., just west of the Santa Ana Freeway, and the Nichibei Kinema on Main St. are recent show houses showing Japanese films exclusively . . . And a surprising note is the increase of Nisei patronage at all these theaters.

# Come to Fabulous Los Angeles, Sept. 2-6



# Honolulu Newsletter

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

## Staggering Blow on Communism

Another excellent article on Hawaiian statehood has appeared in a national magazine, this time in the Saturday Evening Post.

The article is noteworthy for Nisei readers on account of its author, Hodding Carter. Carter is a newspaperman extraordinary, for his part of the country, which is the deep South.

As editor of the Delta Democrat-Times in Greenville, Miss., he has gained a national reputation with his interpretive writings about the New South. He shows the Southerners what's wrong with the South and at the same time shows the Northerners what's right about the South.

He won a Pulitzer Prize several years ago for his editorials on race relations, notably one which extolled the wartime record of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

What he has written about statehood in the June 12 issue of the Saturday Evening Post is not new. But he has played up a theme which needed new emphasis: that by making Hawaii the 49th state, the United States can deal a staggering blow to Red propaganda that "Americans think self-government too good for a territory with a majority of Oriental-descended citizens."

This point was brought home repeatedly to Carter as he toured the Hawaiian islands early this year in search of material for the statehood article.

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It underscored the experience which he had encountered a year before while on a State department assignment in Southeast Asia to help answer communist charges of unyielding and worsening racial biases in the United States.

"Some of the accusers then—students, newspapermen, educators, politicians, labor leaders—were professional anti-Westerners, communist goaders of the democracies or angry nationalists in whom the memory of recent Western colonialism still rankled," Carter writes.

"But many to whom I had listened in Asia were our friends, pro-American men and women of unchallengeable democratic convictions, who questioned not angrily but in worry and bewilderment.

"Friendly and unfriendly interrogators alike had asked about the World War II relocation settlements for Japanese Americans. They had reminded me of the Oriental exclusion acts and the continuing fight of the American Indian and the Mexican Americans, the refusal of some American hotels and restaurants to house or feed dark-skinned visitors.

"They had reminded me, also, of Hawaii, fifty-four years a territory and still rebuffed in its yearning for statehood. Always, no matter where I had gone in Asia or to whom I had spoken, Hawaii had been a repeated reproach."

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With this first-hand knowledge about the Asiatic view of America's racial problems generally and on Hawaiian statehood specifically, Carter found in Hawaii an intelligent and convincing way of undercutting communist propaganda.

The answer, he asserts, is to make Hawaii the 49th state and thereby reaffirm America's belief in racial democracy for all, including its citizens of Oriental ancestry.

Carter's article is crammed with factual information about Hawaii and its people. The mass of details which he gathered is painstakingly laid out to demonstrate the amount of note-taking he must have done during his month's stay in Hawaii.

Hawaii was fortunate indeed to have had an "outsider" of Hodding Carter's caliber use his skill and perception in writing about the statehood issue.

## Masaoka -

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capacity coordinated organizational activities that resulted in the many achievements for which others received credit. Much of the present Nisei leadership comes from those whom he counseled years ago and so he deserves considerable credit for the outstanding qua-

ity of that leadership today.

Though these five appear to this writer to be particularly outstanding at this time, there must be many others equally qualified who deserve to be at least nominated for The Nisei of the Biennium.

One of the real features of the forthcoming National Convention will be the answer to this question: Who Will Be The Nisei Of This Biennium?

PACIFIC CITIZEN  
July 2, 1954

## Young minister from Chicago began No. Calif. YPCC, now 25 years old

San Francisco

A young Nisei minister from Chicago came to San Francisco in 1925 and met with a handful of young Protestant churchmen with visions of uniting spiritual forces in Northern California. In the fall of that year, the late Rev. S. Kato initiated the Young Peoples Christian Conference, which has steadily grown in subsequent years.

Under the leadership of Rev. Kato, the first group dedicated itself "to unite spiritual forces, to strengthen local organizations, to cultivate Christian leadership, and to forward the realization of Christ-like living."

Although the young preacher died before the second conference was called, he had left an inspiration which up & coming young Nisei leaders quickly carried on. Pre-war conferences

were held in the Bay Area with the following chairmen:

1925-26: Margaret Tann (now Mrs. Uyei); 1927-29: Sumile Morishita (now Mrs. H. Oda); 1930-32: Dr. Henry Takahashi; 1933: Shigeru Saito; 1934: Yone Hirano (now Mrs. H. Uyesa); 1935: Dr. Heishiro Takao; 1936: Wilbur Takiguchi; 1937: Dave Tatsuno; 1938: Henry Tani; 1939: George Kyotow; 1940: Bob Akamatsu; 1941: Mitsuo Kaneko.

### Interrupted by War

Although the YPCC movement was interrupted by World War II, the threads of the YPCC were picked up when the West Coast was re-opened to persons of Japanese ancestry.

Postwar conferences were resumed in the Bay Area, then moving to Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe, where it has been convening except for two years, 1950-51, when it met at Asilomar, Monterey peninsula.

This year, the NCYPCC celebration, says Yoshinobu Sasaki, secretary and principal of Makiki Japanese Language School, is to help the child grow strong in character and morals and to give him enough command of the language so he can use it.

## 80 Japanese language schools in Hawaii, classes revived since 1947 with stress placed on character-training

Honolulu

Language schools are flourishing once again in Hawaii, but probably with much less opposition today than during the pre-World War II days.

Most thought the language school was dead when they were closed by military order Dec. 8, 1941. To make sure, the Legislature passed the Akana Language Bill in 1943, which proposed to keep those in the first four public school grades out of language schools.

The Chinese community fought the legality of the bill after the war and in 1947 the Territorial courts found it invalid.

This started a rush to establish language schools in Hawaii, mostly Japanese. Today there are an estimated 74 Japanese, five Chinese and one Korean language schools.

### 13,500 Students

The Japanese language schools, as expected, dominate this field by far. Starting with 15 schools, 45 teachers and 3,800 students in 1948, the totals today read 201 teachers and more than 13,500 students in 74 schools throughout the Territory.

Breakdown of schools by Islands shows 23 in Honolulu, 15 in Rural Oahu, 21 in Hawaii, 10 on Maui and 5 on Kauai. Teacher breakdown is Honolulu—113, Rural Oahu—47, Hawaii—49, Maui—25 and Kauai—12.

Tuition in Honolulu is generally set at \$4 per person, with most schools allowing discounts where there are more than one student from the same family.

### Basic Courses

The basic courses recommended by the Territorial Japanese Education Association are reading, conversation, writing, composition and shushin (character and moral training). The main policy of the asso-

ciation, says Yoshinobu Sasaki, secretary and principal of Makiki Japanese Language School, is to help the child grow strong in character and morals and to give him enough command of the language so he can use it.

One of the bigger schools is Fort Gakuen at 1728 Fort St., where 60 students get an hour's instruction a day for five days a week, in two shifts.

The first through third grades are in class from 3 to 4 p.m. and the fourth to seventh grades from 4 to 5 p.m. There are no grades above the seventh at present.

Language arts and character building are the two areas stressed at Fort Gakuen, says Yukio Oyama, principal. He said this is the desire of the parents.

### Nisei Parents

Most of the parents are Nisei, he said, and unlike their parents, the Nisei parents show much greater interest in parent-teacher association meetings and individual consultation with teachers about their children's work.

Discussions at these meetings generally lead to the courses that are taught, unlike in former days when parents had practically no say in the courses taught, he said.

Unlike prewar texts and materials, those today are adapted to American ideals and are written and compiled here. They steer away from the nationalistic tendencies of former days, Oyama said.

### Character-Building

For the character building course, a text is being compiled now for use this fall. First graders will have such subjects as respect for parents, honesty, friendliness, orderliness, personal conduct, relationship with brothers or sisters, etiquette, industry, thrift and personal health.

Subjects get more complicated each year and seventh graders have in addition self-control, courage and broad-mindedness.

One teacher said this is the subject most desired by today's parents who like their own parents, depend greatly on the school to develop their children into moral individuals.

### Non-Japanese Students

It is interesting to note that there are a dozen or so non-

## WATKINS NISEI VOTE BILL OKd BY FULL COMM.

Washington

Restoration of citizenship for Nisei who voted in Japanese elections during the Occupation of Japan moved another step forward when the remedial bill received approval of the full House Judiciary Committee, reported Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Judiciary Committee action followed two days after its Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization favorably reported the so-called Watkins Nisei Elections Bill last week.

Masaoka, who has been conferring with Committee and Subcommittee members, indicated that efforts are now being made with the GOP leadership to have the bill brought up for House vote in the im-

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## Chicago Corner . . . by Smoky Sakurada Commencement Exercises

This past week, Chicago city schools held their commencement exercises and two weeks earlier, the Univ. of Chicago held its 261st convocation, where ten Nisei were conferred their degrees.

● Receiving degrees from the Univ. of Chicago were:

NOBUKO KATO, B.A.; UMEYO TSUDA, M.A. in humanities; AIKO MIYAKE, M.A. in biological sci.; DAVID TAMOTSU KAGIWARA, B.D.; MASARU KOIKE, M.D.; MITSUKO M. HAYASHI, GEORGE SHIRO HOSHINO, JIM MORIKAWA, M.A. in soc. sv. adm.

EDWIN MASANORI UYEKI was elected into the Sigma Xi, evidence of his ability in scientific research, on the nomination of the Dept. of Science . . . ARTHUR JUNICHI OKINAKA was presented the Borden Undergraduate Research Award in Medicine, given to a graduating member in medicine for meritorious research.

● AMY ISHIBASHI was the top graduate in a class of 123 students at Waller High School (near Northside). She received the \$50 Sigma Tau Sigma (Honor Society) gold pin for being an honor student for six semesters, and Harold E. Taylor American Legion award as the outstanding girl graduate at Waller . . . KAZIE HAYASHI

won a \$25 Sigma Tau Sigma scholarship. YOSHIKO ARAKAWA won a \$25 Art Dept. award. Other graduates are: MARIANNE MIZUNO, class treas.; FRANCES TAKAKI, HIMEKO SAKUMA and MARY BINGO.

● Among the elementary schools were: WADSWORTH, 6420 S. University; Melvin Goya, Irene Miyamishi, Jean Miyamishi and Kenji Sakai. SCOTT, 6435 S. Blackstone; Judy Iwasaki.

### Around Windy City . . .

● Last Saturday morning, a huge 20-ft. wave surged along a 60-mile front of Lake Michigan, from Wilmette on the north to Michigan City, Ind., on the south. Weather bureau explained the phenomenon due to a seiche, atmospheric pressure shoving down into the lake and radiating waves outward. Fishermen on Montrose pier were swept into the lake. Thirteen were feared drowned; bodies of four were recovered.

● Currently on display at Oehlschlaeger's Gallery, 107 E. Oak St., is ARTHUR OKAMURA's "Forbidden Games", a delightful painting of two young clowns.

● To get to the Chicago Buddhist Church picnic grounds, July 18, take 95th St. east to the end, where Calumet Park Area 9 is situated . . . Christ Congregational Church is cancelling morning service July 11 in lieu of a church picnic at Jackson Park.

● Some of the best examples of Peruvian pottery from the famous Wasserman Collection acquired by Nathan Cummings of Chicago are on exhibit at the Art Institute now . . . Good news for industrial designers and commercial artists was the announcement of Daniel Catton Rich, Art Institute director, who said a new department of Design and Industry will be established.

● Attention HENRY MORI of Los Angeles: Chicago's proposed convention hall and exposition building (which will be the biggest in America) is to be located on the lakefront between 16th and 23rd Sts., east of Lake Shore Dr. The property was once the site of the Century of Progress exposition. Funds for the hall comes from the Chicago Park Fair, Inc., which now has \$2.5 million allocated from horserace betting.

● Recommended for civic center, including a new city hall and county building, was the area north of the Loop—bounded by Hubbard, State, Wells and the Chicago River.

### Ex-Penryn medico

#### Long Beach

A former Northern Californian, Dr. John E. Kashiwabara of Penryn, opened his office for general practice at 2158 Pacific Ave., Long Beach. He is a graduate of Placer College and Univ. of Illinois, where he received his M.D. degree in 1950.

## CHINESE FAMILY PRESSURED OUT OF TRACT HOME

### Menlo Park

The second disclosure in two days involving racial discrimination against Chinese was made here last week when a Chinese family of five recently decided against moving into a new Palo Alto subdivision after a group of its would-be neighbors applied pressure against the developer.

A group of other prospective home buyers told John Mackay, president of the Palo Alto Development Co., developers of Sunshine Glen subdivision, they would not buy the homes if the Chinese family was allowed to remain.

Three weeks ago, Dr. William Lee, 31-year-old World War II veteran and chemist at Stanford Research Institute, decided to try to purchase a four-bedroom home in the subdivision. The family of five now rents a two-bedroom home at 515 Gilbert Ave., Menlo Park.

### No Objections Seen

"We asked the developer if he had any objections to selling a house to a Chinese family," Dr. Lee explained. "He told us he was sure it would be all right."

Dr. Lee paid \$450 toward the closing costs and the deal appeared ready for consummation. Subsequently, he said, other purchasers learned that a Chinese family intended to move into the tract.

Mackay said they warned him they would not buy their homes unless the Chinese family was forced to withdraw.

These statements were confirmed last week by Mackay who admittedly was reluctant to discuss the "hot issue."

Mackay said he had agreed to build a model of the house chosen by Lee on a lot of the customer's own choosing. The price would be the same (\$14,000), Mackay said, provided that Dr. Lee's lot cost the same as a Sunshine Glen lot, \$2,400.

### Neighbors Praise Family

Neighbors of the Lee family in Menlo Park, the following day, made public a letter:

Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. White, 503 Gilbert Ave., wrote: "We are neighbors of the Lees . . . We feel we could not ask for better than this pleasant, intelligent couple and their three well-mannered, bright little boys."

The Lee family was also besieged with calls of congratulations and support. They also received offers from many who were willing to sell or rent them homes or lots elsewhere in the area.

Dr. Lee said he decided not to move into Sunshine Glen because he did not want to be neighbors of people who objected to living near a Chinese family.

## CALENDAR

July 3 (Saturday)  
SONOMA COUNTY: Two-day Homecoming Festival, Memorial Hall.

July 4 (Sunday)  
SAN DIEGO: Fishing derby and picnic.  
NO. WYO. & MONTANA: Joint picnic.

CLEVELAND: Community picnic, Wiegand's Lake.  
CHICAGO: Weekend outing, George Williams College Camp, Lake Green, Wis.

July 11 (Sunday)  
LOS ANGELES: Nisei Relays, Rancho Stadium, 10 a.m.

July 18 (Sunday)  
PCWDC: Pre-convention rally, Sec. E, Brookside Park, Pasadena; 10 a.m.

July 24 (Saturday)  
BERKELEY: Benefit movies, Longfellow School.

Dr. H. F. Abe, formerly with 442nd RCT medics, opened his new office at 3541 Jerusalem Ave., Wartagh, L.I., N.Y.

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## 39 Livingston area Issei feted by Legion

### Livingston

Thirty-nine new Issei citizens were honored at a reception sponsored by the American Legion Livingston Post, 728 and its auxiliary unit. Judge Gregory P. Maushart of the Merced County superior court, and member of the naturalization commission of the American Legion, spoke on rights and duties of citizenship.

Legion certificates of citizenship were presented by Arthur Casaretto of Livingston, 12th dist. commander, to:

Mmes. Chiyono Kiriha, Tomi Kaji, Chiyu Okuy, Chiyoko Kishi, Mineyo Okuda and Tokuyue Tanigoshi; Rev. Masaji Goto, Frank Kashiwase, Isaji Kiriha, Kohei Nakashima, Rinai Shoji and Hegoro Yoshino, all of Livingston; Harry H. Makita, Delhi; Mmes. Yoshi Andow, Fujie Handa, Katsu Hoshino; Tay Andow, Junichi Hashimoto, Jitsuo Handa, Tatsuzo Hoshino, all of Winton; Mmes. Aki Suzuki, Michi Tanji, Tei Tanji; Kwanzo Tanji, Kumatoro Matsumoto, Chiyosaku Suzuki, Tomoshiro Tanji, all of Cressey; and Morikichi Yoshida, Merced.

Gordon H. Winton, Jr., VFW department commander, and member of the Livingston-Merced JACL, extended a welcome from the VFW.

## Veteran benefit—

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the Veterans Administration for their former benefits which were canceled at the outbreak of World War II.

### JACL in Favor

Supporting the measure in both the Senate and House, the JACL argued that these canceled benefits had been earned by Japanese who served in the United States military services during the Spanish-American War and World War I.

When war broke out between the United States and Japan in 1941, the Veterans Administration canceled the benefits going to Japanese nationals residing in Japan.

Other governmental agencies have since restored benefits to nationals of Japan, regardless of residence, and the JACL-supported legislation would now allow former Japanese recipients residing in Japan to apply for their former Veterans Administration pensions and benefits.

## Cleveland graduates

### Cleveland

Recent Nisei Clevelanders graduating from college and high schools here include:

Joe Kadowaki, BBA, Western Reserve-Cleveland College; Bill Mukai (of Seabrook), BS in chem. engr., Case Institute; Maureen Sashihara, BS in educ., Ohio State; Ruth Kono, BS, Ohio State; George Ochi, CE, Fenn College.

George Ikeda, BS in CE; Edwin Kawasaki, BS in chem. engr.; Takuo Mimura, MS in ME, all of Case Institute; George L. Kawasaki, BS; Hazel Nishimura, Lynne Tamaru, Stella Watanabe, Mitsuko Yamamoto, MS in lib. sci.; Harriet Yamahira, MS in soc. adm.; Louise Kubota, BS in nurs.; Susumu Ito, Ph.D., all of Western Reserve University.

Rey Higashi, Rocky River High; Mariko Yamane, Lil Fujiyama, East High; Hiroko Satow, West High; and John Kawasaki, Glenview High.

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## City council waives race restrictions on all city deeds

### Redwood City

The Redwood City city council unanimously passed a resolution last week waiving racial restrictions on all city deeds, past and future.

The action was taken on recommendation of City Attorney Curthbert B. Currie, who explained the practice of placing racial barriers in deeds has been outlawed by the U.S. Supreme Court.

The action was deemed necessary as racial restrictive clauses were placed on certain deeds in sales of city property 10 years and more ago.

"The city can't make such distinctions," Currie told the council.

## Prof. Obata of U.C. to lead special Japan tour

### San Francisco

Chiura Obata, professor emeritus of Univ. of California's art department, will lead a special tour to Japan this autumn after his retirement from professorial ranks.

The "Autumn Tour to Colorful Japan" departs from San Francisco via Pan American World Airways on Oct. 15 and will wind up Oct. 31. The itinerary includes:

Nikko and its famous temples; Lake Chuzenji; Kamakura, home of the giant bronze Buddha; Hakone; Atami; Kyoto, art center of Japan; Nara, first permanent capital of Japan and now a cultural center; Osaka; and Tokyo.

Points of interest were personally selected by Prof. Obata to give the best cross-section of all that is Japan during a season when its landscape is at its best. One highlight, according to Prof. Obata, is the visit of Katsura Imperial Palace in Kyoto, an experience not readily available to the usual visitor.

A lifetime specialist in Japanese art, he will be accompanied by his wife, who is a teacher of flower arrangement in Berkeley and an authority of her own right on Japanese culture.

Chiye Kurose, McPherson (Chicago) elementary school teacher, is studying at Columbia University this summer for a professional degree in remedial reading.

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# 500 Issei Signed

MASAO W. SATOW

Hats off to our Seattle Chapter for a terrific job in signing up 500 naturalized citizen members, and our grateful appreciation to these new Issei members for their grand support. This means that Seattle with 722 members runs a close second to Chicago's 818. San Francisco moves into third spot with 629, and Mile Hi (Denver) needs only a few more to hit 600.

With these gains, however, wereget to announce that we are dropping two chapters. In accordance with the accepted recommendations of our National Credential Committee and with the approval of the District Councils involved, the New England and Rio Grande Chapters are hereby declared defunct because of inactivity.

## Convention spirit . . .

Our coming 13th Biennial National Convention will look toward JACL's second quarter century of effort. One cannot help but be impressed with the loyalty and devotion and farsightedness of JACLers down through the years, who have come together to spell out our program. In a larger sense, these deliberations by the cream of our Nisei community leadership across the country have touched the lives of every person of Japanese ancestry in America.

Anyone who has participated in previous Biennials will assure you that these National Council sessions are no picnic, but they are the very heart of our meeting together. There is no better way of finding out what JACL is all about, how it operates, get better acquainted with other JACLers, and have a hand in shaping JACL's policies and program.

Old timers will recall the Seattle Convention in 1936 when committee meetings were held on the boat en route to the outing; Los Angeles in 1938 when the whole convention went by special busses to beautiful Lake Norconian, but for official delegates this meant only a change of site for another all day session; or more recently, the special long night session in Salt Lake in 1948 to work out our evacuation claims program.

## Pre-convention activity rolling . . .

It is of utmost importance that Chapters send in at once the names of their official delegates. Beginning this week National Headquarters will start rolling out necessary background material, pose some of the problems to be discussed. The more discussions that can be held on these at the local chapter level prior to the Convention, the more our work at the National Council sessions will be enriched and facilitated.

## Nat'l board meeting . . .

There will be a special meeting for members of the National Board and staff one day prior to the Convention proper, Wednesday, Sept. 1. That same evening District Council Chairmen will convene. We shall endeavor to complete the National Council sessions on Monday morning, Sept. 6, so that the afternoon can be devoted to an orientation and organizational meeting of the newly elected National Board.

## Program and Activities Clinic . . .

Various National Committees will hold meetings on the first afternoon of the Convention. It is planned to convert the meeting of the National Program and Activities Committee into a "clinic" session for an exchange of our best experiences at the local chapter level, with the view of giving practical help to chapter officers. Booster delegates are not only invited, but urged to participate in these important National Committee meetings, for the recommendations from these smaller and more informal sessions are basic to our National Council deliberation.

## A matter of record . . .

In answer to a number of recent inquiries, the 4th National Biennial held in Seattle in 1936 recorded the following resolution:

Whereas there exists today a national problem of combating the sinister forces of communism and fascism which seek to overthrow our present form of government,

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Japanese American Citizens League in its National Convention held at Seattle, Washington, go on record:

1. That we reaffirm our faith in the founders of the Republic and uphold the just principles of true Americanism,
2. That we oppose all those agitators which seek the overthrow of our government,
3. That we believe in the fundamental principles of our government and that such foreign "isms" have no place in our American life.

## The 1000th One Thousander? . . .

We are grateful for the wonderful response this past month on 1000 Club memberships. Some 90 members have joined or renewed their membership, and the 891st member since the 1000 Club started has signed up. Of these, 567 are currently in good standing.

At the present rate, we are hopeful that the 1000th Thousander will join during the National Convention. If we know head 1000 Clubber Tokuzo, not only will he work for this goal, but he will also make something special of it.

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In a very close race for the title of Queen of Selma Fair Days, Miss Kikuye Katayama, 19, Selma JACL entrant, was named first attendant to the queen for the three-day festival held June 17-19. She is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Itsuji Katayama. The 5 ft.-4 in. Fresno State sophomore is majoring in secretarial administration. Dancing and swimming are her summer pastimes.

## CHAPTER MEMO

**Ventura County JACL:** The public is invited to the Fourth of July picnic at Mandalay Beach, end of W. 5th St., near Oxnard. The chapter will provide cold drinks, watermelon and hold a weenie bake in the evening. A fish derby starts from sunrise 'til 10:30 a.m. at the same spot. On the committee are: Mae Kurihara, Mas Mori, John Takasugi, Henry Gibbons, Grace Kurihara, Nao Takasugi and George Oka.

**Arizona JACL:** Starting with the June issue of the chapter newsletter, the entire membership will be informed of all general and cabinet meetings, it was announced by Tom Kadomoto, chapter president. The chapter is also underwriting gas and oil expenses at \$20 per car for the July 18 pre-convention rally at Pasadena.

**Watsonville JACL:** Over 60 Nisei graduates were honored at the JACL barbecue outing held at Sunset Beach recently. More than 130 attended.

**East Los Angeles JACL:** By popular demand, the chapter will sponsor the second Japanese cooking demonstration July 9, 7:30 p.m., at the home of Mrs. Kimi Matsuda, 2636 Gleason St. Chieko Sato, cooking teacher from Japan, will prepare tempura, sunomono, sukiyaki and sashimi.

## Nippon-bound

**Denver**  
George T. Fukuma, 500-25th St., one of the first five Issei men to be naturalized here, and his wife, accompanied by Arthur A. Jolliffe, an importer, departed last week for a month's vacation in Japan. Fukuma, active supporter of the JACL program here, contributed \$10 in appreciation for the work done on naturalization of Issei by the Mile-Hi JACL.

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# NEW ISSEI CITIZENS OF DENVER RECOGNIZED AT MILE-HI BANQUET

Over 200 people honored 82 Issei who have become newly naturalized U.S. citizens at the super program sponsored by the Mile-Hi JACL last Friday at the YWCA.

Honored citizens were presented gold lapel pins fashioned in the form of the American flag.

Larry Tajiri, former Pacific Citizen editor during World War II at Salt Lake City, representing National JACL, made a presentation to Attorney Min Yasui, citing his services rendered to the Japanese American community in helping to clarify the 5-F Issei male draft status.

Official greetings were extended by:

Charles Montandon, mayor of Brighton; Guy R. Justis, Dept. of Welfare mgr., for Mayor Quigg Newton of Denver; and Duke W. Dunbar, state Atty. Gen. for Gov. Dan Thornton of Colorado; Harry Sakata, Brighton JAA pres.; Sam Y. Matsumoto, Mile-Hi JACL pres.; and Min Yasui, Mt.-Plains regional rep.

John T. Horie of Brighton, Mrs. J. Kanegaye and Harry G.

Matoba made brief response on behalf of the Issei.

Emcee Dick Yanase acknowledged public services rendered by:

Fred I. Kaihara, Denver; John T. Horie, Brighton; Henry Suzuki, Henderson (for conducting citizenship classes); Ray S. Tani, Rev. George Uyemura, Henry Suzuki, Sam Matsumoto, Mitsu Matsuda, Henry Imaga, John Sakayama, Kana Yorimoto, Peggy Mikuni, Mrs. N. Tspnoda (for interpreter services).

Fumi Katagiri read the roll of new citizens as Mrs. Alice Kumagai made presentations on behalf of the Mile-Hi chapter. Tom Masamori, 5335 E. Colfax Ave., photographed the mass Issei group.

The program opened and closed with advance and retreat of colors by the Cathay American Legion Post, commanded by Babe Takeoka. Nancy Soga sang the National Anthem, accompanied by Grace Kawakami.

John Sakayama, banquet chairman, was assisted by:

Ethel Yanase, Kana Yorimoto, Rose Tanabe, supper; Mmes. Betty Suzuki, Amy Miura, Bessie Shiymura, Gladys Taniwaki, Bernice Ohashi, Jean Fujimoto, Toshi Tanaka, Guyo Tajiri, Chiye Horiuchi, Florence Nakata, Mitsu Matsuda, Helen Okada, Kazuo Gleason, Fumi Yabe, Hana Takamine and Mary Takamine, reception; Iosh Anoo, movies; Shig Teraji, pins; Harry Yanari, flowers; Girl Scouts under Mary Kuritani and Boy Scouts under Sam Terasaki.

# Biennium Nisei deadline Aug. 15

Chicago

Candidates for the Nisei of the Biennium award should be submitted at once to Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, c/o JACL Midwest Office, 1200 N. Clark St., Chicago 10, it was reminded.

Five finalists, nominated on the basis of "distinguished community leadership" and "signal success and meritorious accomplishments which have helped to advance the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry and to bring about a greater acceptance of our people into the American way of life," will be chosen by a nucleus committee group of the National JACL Recognitions Committee.

Deadline for nominations has been moved up to Aug. 15.

Final selection will be announced at the 13th biennial National JACL Convention in Los Angeles.

## CCDC chairman urges Membership drive push

Fowler

An Issei division to the Fresno JACL is being planned, according to Seichi Mikami, president, attending the last Central California District Council meeting.

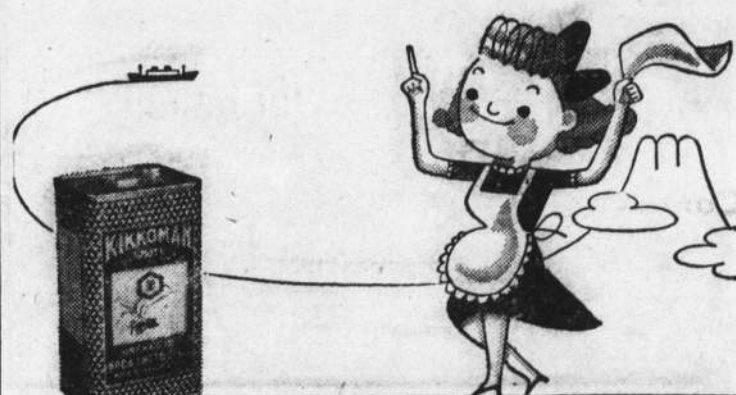
Tom Nakamura, district head, urged chapters complete their membership drives and to push the National JACL endowment fund campaign.

Several chapters reported on their solicitations for greetings in the JACL Convention souvenir booklet.

Andrew Ono, Grinnell College junior in political science, will be engaged in political work in the city and county of Denver for the summer.



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## Encouraging Memos

★ GEORGE INAGAKI ★

As I mentioned on several previous occasions, correspondence from National Headquarters, Regional Offices, National Committees, etc., comes across my desk in a steady flow. By this method of sending me these copies, the organization endeavors to keep the National president up to date on what is happening to this nation-wide set-up that is the JACL.

Some of them carry good news; many are routine; and once in a while I see one that isn't so encouraging.

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Today, I thought I would pass on a few of the more encouraging items that I have found.

Among the larger chapters, we are familiar with the names of the Chicago Chapter and the Denver Chapter but I just learned that the Seattle Chapter under the presidency of Shang Kashiwagi has reached a membership this year of 720. On top of this, the Chapter has 38 "1000 Club" members. A wonderful accomplishment on the part of this PNWDC Chapter, credit should go to present leaders as well as to the past officers who have been building a solid foundation for the Chapter.

Another thing from which I derive an immense mount of encouragement is the manner in which the all-important National Planning Committee under Shig Wakamatsu of Chicago is functioning. National Committees have much difficulty in functioning because most of its work has to be done by letters but Shig's Committee has been doing a swell job.

It will make its report and submit recommendations during the National Council Session at the Convention and I know that the delegates will be impressed with the thorough thinking that has been put into them. I am particularly happy that this committee is working so well because this is the Committee that will lay the groundwork for the important task of planning our future.

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Correspondence between the National Director and Harold Tokuzo Gordon, the National 1000 Club chairman, shows really encouraging news also. I was amazed and happy to learn that 891 good JACLers have joined the Club since its inception and the goal of 1000 from which the Club gets its name will probably be reached by Convention time. A lot of credit goes to Tokuzo and those who are helping him for the wonderful job they are doing.

At the same time, the organization's appreciation goes to those 1000 Club members who joined in the early years of the Club and gave it the boost that was needed to make it what it is today.

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Lastly, but certainly not the least, the reams of correspondence that the 13th Biennial National Convention Committee has been putting out presents very wonderful news. Here it is still nine weeks till Convention time and it looks like most of the committees are ready for the Convention. This certainly shows that the committees under Dr. Roy Nishikawa have really worked hard on the preparations.

However, the thoroughness of the Convention Committee is further indicated in the fact that it is using a "Check List" to ascertain that every little detail has been taken care of. The Committee is fully aware of the fact that it is these little details which, in the final analysis, determine whether a Convention is a real success or not. I think that this 13th Biennial Convention has every indications of being a huge success.

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So much of this for the present. One of these days, I think I should pass on to you some of the news that I find rather discouraging. Now, if Harry will give me a little more space, I'd like to ask just how one goes about buying a HORSE. Living out in the sticks, we have neighbors who own riding horses. Patti and Chris have been bumming rides from them quite often of late. Also, it's come to my knowledge that Patti's been complaining to them that "Daddy won't buy me nothing . . . not EVEN a horse."

Feeling that Daddy ought to be able to buy her AT LEAST a horse, I've placed myself in the market for one. I've looked at quite a few of them but horses are much harder to buy than used cars. Just what do you look for anyhow? I know that you're supposed to look at their teeth but none of my dentist friends have had any experience with horses . . . Well, I have one who probably has but he's a major in the Air Forces and not available at the moment. Anyhow, the pressure from Patti and even Chris is getting mighty strong so if you have any suggestions, they'll be appreciated.

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Budget chairman Ken Dyo (left) presents his report to the JACL Convention board meeting at Ginza Sukiyaki. Listening are (left to right) Roy Nishikawa, convention chairman; Hannah Uno, Elmer Uchida, Ken Amamoto, Dick Jeniye and Miwa Yamamoto.

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Two sisters initiated  
together into Phi Beta  
Kappa at U.C. exercises

Los Angeles

Two business administration co-eds, Joy Ohno and Violet Nozaki, from Los Angeles were graduated from Univ. of California at Berkeley and initiated into the Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honorary. In itself, it meant little more than the fact that two more students with Los Angeles listed as their hometown had achieved the distinction, The Rafu Shimpō began.

But then a woman's given name and surname can be misleading and the young ladies were not listed as Miss or Mrs. Both graduates, the Rafu Shimpō reported, are sisters and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ki-yoshi Nozaki, formerly of Arroyo Grande, and now of Kyoto.

Violet completed her work for B.S. degree in January; her married sister, Mrs. Theodore T. (Joy Yukashi) Ohno, earned her B.S. last September and her M.S. degree this June. Ohno is currently teaching at the Presidio of Monterey language school.

Houses for Korea bids  
for contributions

San Jose

Floyd Schmoie of Seattle, who was instrumental in establishing the Houses for Hiroshima project, is now in Kyonggi-do, Korea, continuing the same type of work as its director, it was announced by Florence Hornig, secretary-treasurer of Houses for Korea, 580 Minnesota Ave.

A charitable institution doing civilian relief and reconstruction work in Korea, it selected Kumyangiang-ni, a village almost totally destroyed by war, as its work—helping its 3,000 inhabitants rebuild an irrigation project, organize farm cooperatives and setting up a clinic for the sick.

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## Minister —

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brates its 25th year at Zephyr Point on the Nevada side of Lake Tahoe, July 26-31. Conference committees anticipate the largest attendance to date, including delegations from Central and Southern California.

## NC YPCC Nucleus

The Northern California Church Federation, which is sponsoring the YPCC, is composed of four sectional conferences—Bay Region, Coast Region, Fresno Sectional and Sacramento Valley — forming the NCPCC nucleus.

Postwar conference chairmen are:

1947: Rhoda Nishimura (now Mrs. N. Iyoya); 1948: Joe Kamiya; 1949: Paul Tani; 1950: John Takeuchi and Lois Kanagawa (now Mrs. Yee); 1951: Etsuko Onizuka; 1952: Wayne Osaki; and 1953: Arthur Okuno.

Leading the 1954 conference is Katsumi Hikido of San Jose. Keynote speaker is an outstanding Negro clergyman, the Rev. Roy Nichols of Downs Memorial Methodist Church, Berkeley, on the theme, "Christ and I".

## Conference Program

A conference day, according to the planning committee, will include morning water service, meditations, workshop, afternoons for recreation, evening fellowship, vespers and cabin fellowship.

Conference rates are \$28 for adults, \$23 for teenagers to cover six days including 15 meals, lodging, insurance and registration. Conference registrar is Miss Rose Nakano, 1800 Stuart St., Berkeley. Further information is obtainable from Miss Alyce Matsumoto, 36 Parker Ave., San Francisco 18.

## Flat tire mischief

Denver

Fun is fun, but not the mischief of removing valves from 56 tires from cars parked in the neighborhood of 20th and Lawrence Sts. Culprits let the air out of 24 tires last week of cars parked in George Kuramoto's service station lot.

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

## Sansei Committeewomen

In our last column we mentioned that the TAYAMA family was really active in the Convention with CHIYO co-chairing the banquet (Sept. 6) and FRED, prewar PSWDC chairman, heading the 1000 Club affair (Sept. 4) at the Nikabob—the only Official Event not located within the Statler. Fred informs us that the 1000 Club Affair, as usual, will be as they say—out of this world.

Chiyo and Fred's daughter, Mrs. MARIANNE KIMURA, a schoolteacher, will chair the Fashion Show which follows the Saturday (Sept. 4) Luncheon. Marianne is the only committee chairman we know of who also chaired another committee at another national conclave. She was Mixer Chairman at the 1952 San Francisco convention. Included in Marianne's committee are: SUMI HAYAMIZU, MIDORI TAYAMA, MARIANNE SHIGAKI, SADAOKO NOGUCHI, MARY HIDEKAWA, SANAYE KATAKO and RUTH SHIRAIISHI. We understand many of these girls are Sansei.

## Sayonara ball at 'two' places

Vivacious SUE JOE and winsome MIWAKO YANAMOTO co-chair the Sayonara Ball (Sept. 6) which promises to be the most gala occasion ever held among Southland Nisei circles. Rafu Shimpō English Editor HENRY MORI, BESSIE YANAMOTO, NOBIE NARITA and RITSUKO KAWAKAMI will assist and active Nisei Veteran PAUL BANNAI will emcee.

This event will use both the Pacific Ballroom and the Sierra Room at the Statler. This does not mean the Ball will be held in two places. These two rooms are separated by a hydraulic wall which lifts up and presents a combined capacity of around 2,000, which we hope will be enough. The Pacific room also features a hydraulic stage and lighting facilities which could make a chameleon blush.

The ladies who have visited this room claim that sudden changes in lighting could make their make-up deceptive. Is this good or bad?

## Judge Aiso to address Issei banquet

GONGORO NAKAMURA, big wheel among Southern California Issei and a staunch friend of the JACL, will chair the Issei Banquet (Sept. 5). He will be assisted by DUKE OGATA and KEI UCHIMA. Either of these two fellows will get you in the end as Duke is a mortician and Kei is an attorney.

The Issei Banquet will honor all new and prospective Issei Citizens and we hope that by September most of them will be members of the JACL. Attorney and publisher SABURO KIDO will emcee this affair and hizzoner JUDGE JOHN AISO will be the principal speaker. Greetings will be extended by KIN-ICHI TAKATA, Prexy of the So. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Consul-General SHINSAKU HOGEN, and JACL Prexy GEORGE INAGAKI. Appropriate Japanese entertainment will be provided.

## Special Events: first come, first serve basis

Another meeting attended recently was insurance-man HARRY FUJITA's Special Events division at the home of Harry's Chief Assistant, LILY OTERA. If it sounds like we are attending a heckava lot of meetings, it is only because we are. Harry's committees will soon be overworking Uncle Sam's postmen with a flood of brochures and application blanks going out to all of our local chapters.

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, Harry states, for all Special Events will be on a first come, first serve basis, so get your reservations in early. This of course also applies to pre-registrations, advanced registrations, and housing reservations.

## Fishing — Bowling — Golf tournaments

GEORGE MIO, insurance agent of Long Beach, heads the Fishing Derby (Sept. 4) which ought to be one of the most enjoyable of convention activities. Sunshine, fresh air, and Catalina. Maybe even a fish. Boosters always did get a better break.

Since boat space is limited, out of town delegates are requested to get entries in early. George is aided by KEN UYE-SUGI, twice president of the Orange County Chapter, PETE OGAWA, SHIG NAKAJI, and MAS NARITA, a past president of the Long Beach Chapter.

West Ellay JACler FRANK KISHI heads the Bowling Committee. Since Frank has recently acquired his own bowling alley at Pico and LaCienega, this tournament ought to be run with a maximum of smoothness and efficiency. It is scheduled for Sept. 2, 3, 4.

RICHARD JENIYE, also of West Ellay and a past president of that chapter, heads the Golf Tournament which will be held Sept. 4 and 5 at Fox Hills Country Club. FRANK ONISHI and HARRY HANKAWA are assisting Dick.

One of our favorite columnists, Mrs. MARY MITTWER (Smoglites) heads the Date Bureau which we understand will function whenever and wherever its services are called upon. Helping to clear away the smog will be IDA NISHIBUE, ROSE YONAGO, MARGARET TAKAHASHI, and NANCY TAKAMATSU.

## Speculation of curves or angles

HISASHI HORITA, president of the Southwest Ellay chapter is also chairman of two convention events. He chairs the Bridge Tournament (Sept. 4) and has lined up RUBY CHUMAN, MARGE SHINNO, and FRANK IWASAKI to help. Hisashi is perhaps the outstanding Nisei bridge expert in Southern California—having a feature article on the subject every week in SABURO KIDO's Shin Nichi Bei. With all due respect to bridge players everywhere, we incline towards the guy who observed, "Life is too short to play bridge."

Hisashi also chairs the Queen Contest, an interesting speculation with many angles or curves. Hisashi moans and groans about how tough his job is and how he has interviewed at least umpteen dozen girls, but confidentially we think he has been having more fun than a barrel of monkeys.

ELJI TANABE, former Regional Director in Los Angeles (1947-48) and present head of the Optimists Club, is now running a Service Bureau including travel. Hence he is the ideal man to chair the Sightseeing Committee. We understand tours will be arranged to accommodate the out of town delegates.

## Convention pre-registration honor roll

Following are the latest chapters to make the Convention Honor Roll for Advanced Registrations:

SANTA BARBARA and FRENCH CAMP chapters. Delegates to be named later.

PORTLAND chapter with Dr. MITSUO NAKATA, president, and JOHN HADA, past president as official delegates. We recall John's wonderful hospitality when we attended the Pacific Northwest district conclave last December.

DOWNTOWN L.A. chapter with DAVID YOKOZEKI and KEI UCHIMA as official delegates and GEORGE MARUYA and FRANK SUZUKIDA as alternates. Don't get in an argument with this group at the convention as the first three are attorneys. Frank is in real estate.



## 1952 law 'measure of justice', Sen. McCarran declares at CL fete

Highlights of Sen. McCarran's address congratulating the Issei at the June 27 banquet at Washington, D.C., include the following:

"I congratulate those of you who are celebrating the occasion of the passage of the law, giving a measure of justice to you people. I congratulate especially those who have become citizens under that law."

### Fair System Devised

"No more liberal immigration law was ever passed by any country in the world. This fact is provable on the basis of the records, for we have eliminated race and sex as barriers to immigration. We have given non-quota status to the spouse and children of American citizens. We have helped to unite separated families."

"We have not let down the barriers but we have devised a fair system that no longer excludes certain peoples on account of their race."

"America is at the crossroads of her existence. There was never a time in the history of this land when America needs friends more than she does now."

"The day may not be too far distant — God forbid that it comes at all — when we have only a few allies in the Far Pacific — Japan, Formosa and the Philippines."

### Japan as Ally

"And yet, before 1952, we denied to the Japanese — and most other Asian peoples — immigration and naturalization privileges we extended to oth-

ers. We discriminated against the Japanese — though we wanted them to be our allies. We did the same with the Koreans and the Indo-Chinese. We said in effect that while the Red Chinese who are our enemies, for example, were welcome on the basis of their race to come to our shores and to be naturalized; the Japanese and others on our side were not welcome. That was the rankest kind of discrimination, for it was discrimination among Asiatics. The McCarran-Walter Act, at least, eliminated that."

"If the McCarran-Walter Act did anything to solidify the unity of hope and action between the great people of Japan and the great people of America, then indeed the Congressman from Pennsylvania and the Senator from Nevada have done something that may be worthwhile."

"If we lower our arms against the Communist conspiracy, the very land that has given you citizenship may suffer a setback in our civilization. So those of you who are of Japanese ancestry and who have had the privilege of naturalization conferred on you must continue to assist this great country in order that we may remain the leader of the free and civilized world that includes Japan as our Pacific outpost."

A luxurious ocean liner, the APL President Wilson, will be the setting of the judging of candidates for Miss National JACL for the final circle of three girls on Wednesday, July 14, 8:30 p.m., at the Marco Polo lounge. Candidates, their escorts, committee members, judges, chapter officials and press representatives will be personal guests of the American Pre-

sident Lines, it was announced by Hisashi Horita, queen contest chairman. The final judging of queen and her two ladies-in-waiting will take place at the residence of Consul General of Japan in Pasadena, July 18, and crowned at the pre-convention rally of the PSWDC at Brookside Park later the same day.

## SCENE FROM THE GOLDEN GATE Monterey Rally

HARUO ISHIMARU

Hard working members of the No. Calif.-Western Nevada District Council executive board met in Sacramento to complete plans for the third quarterly District Council meeting to be held in Monterey Aug. 1 and prepare the agenda. Present were TOM YEGO, chairman, GEORGE NISHITA, vice-chairman, JACK NODA, GINJI MIZUTANI, BILL MATSUMOTO and ALICE SHIGEZUMI. Also attending were KEI HORI, MARTHA TSUKIYAMA and yours truly.

The big item was the pre-convention rally which will be held in conjunction with the third quarterly District Council meeting. A feature will be the annual JACL District Council golf tournament, plus guests from the Pacific Southwest headed by Dr. and Mrs. ROY NISHIKAWA, National JACL Treasurer and Convention Board Chairman, TATS KUSHIDA, Regional Director and Miss National JACL. We also hope to see KEN DYO, District Council Chairman and GEORGE INAGAKI, National Prexy with us. It looks like this will be one of the biggest events of the year for our District Council. The site will be the San Carlos Hotel, with the golf tournament starting at 7 a.m. at the famous Pebble Beach Course.

One of the newest propositions suggested by the executive board was a change in National Constitution to cut the minimum number for a chapter from 25 to 15. It sounds like a good idea because there are many areas not only in Northern California but nationally, where the population cannot support the 25 members per chapter, but where a chapter could be established if 15 were the minimum requirement. Since there is no limitation on size otherwise, it was the considered opinion of the Executive Board that it would expand the JACL program.

### San Francisco joint board meeting

Under the skillful gavel pounding of JERRY ENOMOTO, energetic San Francisco chapter prexy, the San Francisco Chapter Board of Governors and Issei Board met jointly for the first time. This Chapter is certainly to be congratulated for their programming this year and Enomoto has done a superb job of sparking the activities. It seems as if for the first time the San Francisco Chapter will go over the 600 mark in membership and will really challenge Denver and Chicago for the honor of being the largest Chapter in the nation.

One of the major decisions was that the Chapter will put on a testimonial dinner honoring new Issei citizens sometime in July. This will be a tremendous project since upwards of 300 Issei have been naturalized in the San Francisco area. Heading the committee is JACK HIROSE, chairman; VIOLA NAKANO, KATHY REYES, ALICE SHIGEZUMI, BEN OKADA, HATSURO AIZAWA, TASY HIRONAKA and with KOTEI SUGAYA, KENJI KASAI and SHICHISABURO HIDEISHIMA, Issei advisors. We look forward to a splendid testimonial banquet.

### Honoring Dr. George Togasaki

Under joint auspices of the San Francisco JACL Chapter, Japanese Chamber of Commerce, and Univ. of California Alumni, Dr. GEORGE TOGASAKI was honored by his many friends. He is a native of San Francisco, and an original founder of the National JACL. He is president of the Nippon Times, which is the most important English daily in Japan, managing director of the Japan-American Society of Tokyo, and chairman of the board of trustees of International Christian University. He is also an active Rotarian and Shriner and serves in many other official and unofficial capacities.

Dr. Togasaki has been recognized as the most important and prominent Nisei in Japan and has long served as an unofficial ambassador of goodwill between Japan and America. His many friends will be happy to see him.

## Banquet —

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on the new naturalized citizens to take leadership in developing mutual understanding and amity between the land of their birth and the land of their new citizenship at a time when America-Japan relations were never better. He expressed his belief also that Issei citizens have always been upright citizens of the United States and that their Nisei sons had made their contribution to American life in World War II.

### Unprecedented Response

Argyle R. Mackey, Deputy Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization, and responsible for issuing the first regulations of the 1952 statute when he was commissioner, expressed his pleasure that so many alien Japanese were taking advantage of naturalization privileges. The unprecedented response of the Japanese was a demonstration of their loyalty and desire to be an integral part of this country, he said.

Richard Aréns and Walter Besterman, staff directors of the Senate and House Judiciary subcommittees on immigration and naturalization respectively, commented on the law and stated they were happy to have taken a part in making many Japanese happy through naturalization. Also honored were:

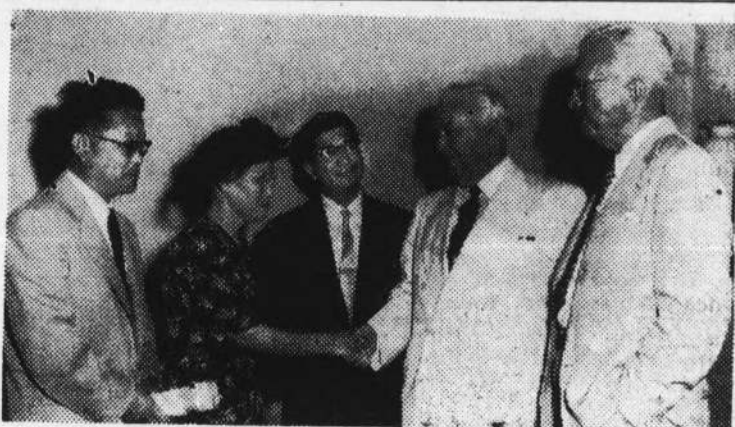
Even Adams, adm. asst. to Sen. McCarran; Ruth Miskell, sec. to Rep. Walter; and Edward J. Ennis, chmn., Comm. for Equality in Naturalization.

### Other Participants

Invocation was offered by the Rev. Andrew Kuroda, candidate for naturalization. Bill Wakatsuki of Seabrook opened the program singing the National Anthem. John Katsu, president of the host chapter, and Ira Shimazaki, EDC chairman, extended greetings.

Carol Tsuda, daughter of a newly naturalized citizen, read "The Japanese American Creed." Tom Hayashi of New York, 1st National JACL vice-president, paid tribute to the Issei citizens by extolling their half-century record in the United States. He reminded that many of their virtues—industry, frugality, courtesy, obedience to law and community service—were characteristic that the Nisei should practice as good citizens.

Harold Horiuchi, banquet chairman, introduced 15 Issei citizens from the Washington area, 25 from Seabrook, and five from Philadelphia, who attended as guests of their respective JACL chapters.



Gold Star Mother Mrs. Mume Minakata (second from left) is greeted by Sen. McCarran, who congratulated her on her achievement of U.S. citizenship. Her son George was killed in Korea. Others are (left to right) Harry Okamoto, Seabrook JACL president; Mike Masaoka, Sen. McCarran and Rep. Walter. —Photo by Joe Ogata, Seabrook Farms

## Issei deserve citizenship, Walter tells Washington banquet group

Highlights of Rep. Walter's address congratulating the Issei at the June 27 banquet at Washington, D.C., include the following:

"This Immigration and Nationality Act has brought joy to many. I know the feelings of Mike Masaoka and the people that he represents—the first generation born in the United States. I also know how you older people must feel now that you have the most priceless thing in the world today—American citizenship."

"I only hope that all Americans have half the appreciation for the blessings of liberty that I know is in your hearts."

"I don't know how much credit any one is entitled to for doing his duty, but I want to say that I am very happy that I was able to contribute in a small measure to eliminating what was, in my judgment, one of the worst things ever done by our great Republic—to deny naturalization and immigration privileges to a very

fine people."

### Criticism Misleading

"No one can write a perfect law that will please everyone, but the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 was written by those who had the best interests of the nation at heart." (He could not say as much for all of its detractors.)

"Of course there are a few cases in which some people may not receive the proper evaluation of their individual cases, but I know of no formula that makes it possible to distinguish good people from the bad. Until such a formula is devised, for the protection of the vast majority of the people, the best interests of the United States will be maintained under the McCarran-Walter Law."

### Re-uniting Families

"It is the quota-free allowances with resultant reuniting of families that is most important." (For example, even though Japan has a quota of 185 per year, almost 3,000 Japanese immigrants were admitted during the first six months of the law. Rigid quotas themselves are misleading.)

"I am ready, and I know that Sen. McCarran agrees, to assist in making any amendments when it is proved they are needed and in the best interests of our country."





## Thousand Club Notes

HAROLD GORDON, Nat'l Chairman

### L.A. city limits out to Honolulu

Los Angeles: In a determined effort to hit its 100-member goal for the 1000 Club before the 13th Biennial National JACL Convention rolls around in September, the Downtown Los Angeles JACL chapter this week redoubled its forces to bring the campaign to an early close.

To date, 56 have signed to join the organization which has "one whooping shindig" once every other year when the National biennial conventions are held.

The 1954 noise-maker will take place Sept. 4 at the Nikabob Restaurant when hundreds of wearers of the 1000 Club big-button emblems sing, snake-dance, parade, and raise the roof in a six-hour blow-off which should make other events appear rather lukewarm.

DAVID YOKOZEKI, president of the Downtown chapter, and FRANK SUZUKIDA, chairman of the local 1000 Club drive for the 100 members, said when the goal is reached, "we'll still keep on going."

With 56 under their belt, Yokozeki and Suzukida meantime announced that so far as the Downtown chapter is concerned the city limits of Los Angeles extend to Hawaii since one of the celebrated "new members" in the 1000 Club is Attorney KATS MIHO of Honolulu.

As one of the host chapters to the September's national meeting at the Hotel Statler, the chapter went on record to give away two additional prizes during the Sept. 4 jam session: one to a rural chapter with most 1000 Club members, and another to a rural chapter with most members on percentage-wise basis. Deadline for this contest is August 30.

Suzukida also issued a challenge and a dare to any of the larger chapters in the country to pick up 100 or more new members to top the Downtown stint before the hilarious party gets under way here. "We'll give off with more prizes there, too, if we have to," he boasted with great self-assurance.

The Los Angeles 1000 Club members, as corralled by the Downtown chapter, are as follows:

David Yokozeki, Frank Chuman, David McKibbin, George Aratani, Tats Kishida, Ernest Iwasaki, Sho Iino, Harry Honda, Lily Otera, John F. Also, Saburo Kido, Dr. George Baba, Fred Tayama, Eiji Tanabe, Ken Utsunomiya, Frank Ito, James Ito, Blanche Shiosaki, Kei Uchima, Masaru Watamura, Yasuo Tanaka, Willie Funakoshi, Ted Okumoto, Ted I. Akahoshi, Soichi Fukui, Hitoshi Fukui, Dave Nitake, Frank Suzukida, Hugh Manes, Bob Rissman, Fred Okrand, Al Wirin, George Maruya, Elmer Yamamoto, Chiyoko Sakamoto, Seiji Ogata, Bruce Kaji, Kats Miho, Masaji Buffy Mural, Larry Y. Kaya, Benjamin Adachi, Kaz Inouye, Dean Hoshida, Hughes Tsuneishi, Ty Saito, James Mitsumori, Kiyu Yamato, George Ono, Henry Mori, Shig Yasutake, Shig Taketa, Merijane Yokoe, Harry Fujita, John Maeno.

### Chicago takes on challenge

Chicago: Twenty-five JACL old-timers batted the breeze around the dinner table recently on the subject of JACL's financial needs. They didn't have to be sold. They knew!

Concluded the group: setting up a long-term financial program in which each JACler would establish a personal quota each year as a supporting member, according to his ability.

But the interim should be met, and the Chicago JACL is on record to (1) get 100 1000-Club members [present membership is 28 out of a 900 membership]; (2) accept Downtown L.A.'s challenge to any two other chapters for the most membership by convention time; (3) urge those who can afford more than \$25 to volunteer a sum to their financial ability; (4) ask those who have joined as \$10 supporting members to join the 1000 Club by sending in an additional \$17 to National Headquarters; and (5) to do so by June 30.

## Redwood City Tribune editorial lauds stand of Menlo Park Exchange

### Redwood City

The Redwood City Tribune, last Saturday, praised the "larger view" adopted by the Menlo Park Exchange Club for preferring to surrender its charter rather than oust a Chinese member. The editorial declared:

"The national secretary couldn't have put it with more punch.

"Commenting on the Menlo Park Exchange Club's decision to turn in its charter rather than out China-born Robert Ting on racial grounds, Secretary Harold Harter said: 'There is no more racial discrimination involved than there is in a Chinese family tong limiting its membership to Chinese.'

### 'White Men' Only

Exactly. If you don't belong to the right race you can't be in a tong and if you don't belong to the right race you can't be in the Exchange Club. Its national charter says 'white men only.'

"The issue before Exchange Club members is not whether its restrictions constitute racial discrimination; they do. The issue is whether the members want to break down the restrictions and admit any business or professional man whose comradeship they enjoy and who can work with them to advance their service program.

"It is to the credit of the members of the late Menlo Park Exchange Club that they take the larger view. We wish them success in their efforts

to remove from the club's constitution a restriction out of harmony with the spirit of an American service club."

### WEST FRESNO EXCHANGE QUILTS BECAUSE OF NISEI

#### San Francisco

A similar ruckus of the national Exchange Club for including a Nisei member occurred Mar. 27, 1952, when the West Fresno Exchange Club resigned from the national organization, it was recalled by the Nichipei Times.

The club continued to function as the West Fresno Service Club and a year later was chartered as the West Fresno Rotary.

### Nisei stenographer in Sen. Kuchel's office

#### Washington

Joan Shigekawa of Takoma Park, Md., has been appointed to Sen. Thomas H. Kuchel's (R., Calif.) office in the capitol as a stenographer-typist. She will serve during the remainder of the present session and act as vacation relief for members of the permanent staff until she enters college in the fall.

Miss Shigekawa's father, George, attended school with Sen. Kuchel in Anaheim, Calif. Her father is a statistician in the office of the surgeon general of the army.

## Ex-president sheds background of Menlo Park Exchange membership fight

### Menlo Park

A former president of the disbanded Menlo Park Exchange Club told the Redwood City Tribune last week that the club's national headquarters once sent a representative here "who made abusive statements against Chinese members."

Gilbert C. Richards, Atherton home designer who was president in 1952, told of the background which led to a club decision to disband rather than drop a member of Chinese extraction.

"I guess I was the one who got the ball rolling," Richards said. "During my term as pre-

sident I put Bob (Robert U. M. Ting, the Chinese member involved in the controversy) on the club's board of control."

### But Not for Board

"When national headquarters heard of this," Richards added, "they told us it would be all right to have him as a member but not on the board of control."

"We couldn't see that. There is no sense having him in the club if he is denied the privileges to which all members are entitled. After all, is he a qualified or junior member?" Richards said that he and other club members decided to make a test case of the issue and they ignored the parent organization.

### Threatening Letters

"We started to receive threatening letters from national headquarters," he said, "and they finally sent a man out here to meet with Bill (William Felts, who was president when the Menlo Park Club disbanded)."

Richards said the representative was "abusive" in his attitude toward Chinese members.

Richards said the representative produced an ultimatum to drop Ting from the club.

### Sounded Un-American

"We decided the organization sounded as un-American as it possibly could be and we decided to give back the charter."

Richards, looking back on the controversy, said he is glad the club decided to disband "because I didn't want to be a part to a discriminatory thing like that. A person should be judged on his merits, not his color."

### Stockton Exchange Club voting on Chinese member

#### Stockton

Members of the local Exchange Club are deciding between having their club charter revoked or keeping on a member of Chinese descent, it was disclosed this week by Richard Gibson, president.

Informal tally taken earlier in the week resulted in a 31-5 margin in favor of Richard Wong, gift shop owner who was once chapter president.

Gibson said he thought the formal vote would follow the same pattern. Official action was to have been announced at the regular Thursday meeting yesterday.

### Three colleges conduct summer courses on Japan

#### New York

Syracuse, Duke and Delaware universities have received grants from the Japan Society of New York to conduct special summer sessions on the civilization of Japan.

Prof. Chitoshi Yanaga of Yale will be among the lecturers at the five-week general orientation course at Syracuse.

Duke conducts a comprehensive program in Japanese Civilization to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Comm. Perry's historic mission to Japan.

The Delaware program, directed by Dr. Hyman Kublin of Brooklyn University, is outlined for educators wanting to be better informed on Japan.

The Japan Society, a non-profit, non-political association of Americans and Japanese interested in fostering cultural interchange between the two nations, is headed by John D. Rockefeller III.

## \$55,000 fire hits Stockton market

### Stockton

Fire of undetermined origin caused damage estimated at \$55,000 to the Save-Mart, 3310 E. Main, last Saturday night. Roy Nakashima, one of the owners, said fire and water damage to contents and adjacent warehouse was about \$30,000. The fire chief estimated building damages at \$25,000.

Nakashima said the blaze was discovered as he started to drive away.

## Salinas youth wins 4-yr. scholarship

### Salinas

John Osugi, second son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Osugi, gave the valedictory address during the commencement exercises of the Salinas Union High School.

Outstanding in a class of 412 students, he was elected Commissioner of Finance for the student body and was co-captain of the light weight basketball team.

### J. OSUGA

In addition to being a nominee for the Seymour Award Scholarship and first place winner in the second annual Mathematics Contest at California State Polytechnic College; he was awarded the Univ. of Southern California 4-year scholarship, Elks \$150 scholarship, Bank of America Achievement cup for Science and Math, Phi Beta Kappa scholarship certificate, Reader's Digest Valedictory Award, California Scholarship Federation life membership, Meritorious Award for service to school and a Life student body pass.

### Lindsay legionnaire

#### Lindsay

Yosh Imoto was elected commander of the local American Legion Post 128. He is also delegate to the county council and department convention for the coming year.

## IN HONOR OF

Raymond Morimitsu, 24 of Hamilton, Ont., was awarded a \$1,200 fellowship from the Central Mortgage and Housing Corp. to undertake post-graduate work in community planning. It was his eleventh scholastic award in the brilliant five-year stint in architectural study at the Univ. of Toronto. His ultra-modern civic center design for his hometown is under consideration by the city board of control.

Maxine Furuike, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Furuike, 339 N. Delaware St., San Mateo was the outstanding student of Turnbull School, being awarded honors amounting to \$860.63. She won second place in the state championship baton twirling contest in Oakland.

Peter Minoru Nakahara of San Pedro was awarded his bachelor of law degree last month from Stanford University.

Asa M. Akinaka, 16, of Honolulu was elected president of National Hi-Y at its seventh national congress concluded last week at Oxford, O. It was the first time a Nisei was chosen.

Dr. Kakuichi Oshimo, Hawaiian-born professor in theology, was elected president of Tokyo's Doshisha University. He is a graduate of Univ. of Missouri and did post-graduate work at Univ. of Chicago.

Min Mochizuki, recent theological Seminary, Chicago, received his first call of the ministry to serve as assistant minister at the First Presbyterian Church, Dearborn, Mich. He is married to the former June Suzuki of Colorado A&M.

Irene Kodani of Arroyo Grande was a recent recipient of an \$100 award from the Bank of America Achievement fund.

Terry Kuwada, daughter of Mrs. Shizuo Kuwada, Redwood City, is the recipient of the Clara Barton Nursing Scholarship of the Spanish-American War Veterans' Auxiliary. The Tri-Villes girls' club president plans to enroll at San Francisco Children's Hospital nursing school in September.

Dorothy Furuya, home from Paris, held a one-man show of oils and wash drawings last month at Waikiki. For a girl in her 20s, one Honolulu critic said she displays exceptional technical dexterity in handling heavy applications of colors with a sure but somehow masculine touch.

Katherine Hasegawa, 18, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shunji Hasegawa, 565-D N. Kukui St., Honolulu, was named the 1954 Dole College Scholarship Award winner. The scholarship includes college expenses while at the Univ. of Hawaii for three years and all living and school expenses when she attends Colorado State Teachers College.

Tom Hiroaki Uyeda, 17, son of Masao Uyeda, Sun Valley, was elected as the first Nisei student-body president at Verdugo Hills (Los Angeles) High semester. He also is attending the Boys State at Sacramento this week. He lettered in football and track.

Thomas Hoshiyama, Jr., 10, was elected student body president of Raphael Weill Grammar School, San Francisco, for the fall term. He defeated Ima Kojima in an all-Nisei election. He is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom T. Hoshiyama, 1519 Webster.

Betty Miya of Layton was among 21 Girl Staters awarded with scholarship to Utah State Agricultural College.

Naomi Numoto was granted the top scholarship prize, the \$300 S. Scholastic nursing award, of Gilroy High School.

Joan Nishimoto, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nishimoto, 711-27th St., Denver, and junior student at Manual High School, was delegate to the annual Girls State last week. She was sponsored by the Caythay American Legion women's auxiliary.



# Lowest Druggist

TATS KUSHIDA

The "lowest" drug store in the United States—by elevation, that is—is owned by a good JACL supporter, TAKEO MOMITA. That's the claim of Calipatria Drug Co., the only such store in this Imperial Valley community and owned by the only Japanese in town.

Located at the main intersection, the store is actually 184 ft. below sea-level. Nearest Japanese are farming at Niland, 10 miles northeast.

We remember Tak from Poston Camp I days when he was in charge of the telegraph office. A good looking guy as are his siblings, wife and children, he was probably the only WRA inmate getting paid while peddling a bicycle around the desert camp.

When he returned to California, he opened his Standard Drug Co. in El Centro and for several years was a one-man ADC fund-raiser for all of Imperial Valley. A couple of years ago, he moved to Calipatria and established a nice drug store with an attractive soda fountain and even stocked veterinarian supplies. We recall our last visit when we peeked into his icebox and saw penicillin for sick cattle. Hanging on the back wall were deerskins and other instruments known to cattlemen.

A popular Lions Club member, he was appointed as Lion Tamer his first year. He is now a director of the Chamber of Commerce as well as the Lions. Tak and his family have been well accepted by this community which paradoxically was violently anti-Oriental during evacuation and the pre-war years. Although an Issei, he is as American as they come, which fact was soon recognized by his neighbors. To his fellow townsmen he is affectionately known as "Harry."

The popularity of the Momita family was manifested in a different way last May when Tak's son, MILTON, was elected president of the student body of Calipatria High School, winning over two other candidates and becoming the first Nisei to hold this position. He also served as president of the Junior class and was elected as an alternate to visit the United Nations in New York, a trip which he didn't take although he did attend as delegate to the Boys' State in Sacramento.

An interesting sidelight is Mrs. Momita's nephew who in his own right is making history in the sport of kings—the celebrated Nisei jockey, GEORGE TANIGUCHI.

The Momitas have moved into their new home and just weeks ago gave a house warming party which was attended by the Mayor, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, newspaper publisher, school teachers and other newly made friends.

Meanwhile, Milton, the only Nisei in school, won varsity letters in football (quarterback), basketball (guard) and baseball (shortstop). Tak has two married daughters, LOUISE and LAINE, now living in Long Beach.

We appreciate Tak's sentiments which he sent along with his annual donation this week when he said, "Large credit goes to JACL for helping to open up the West Coast again soon after the war" and helping persons of Japanese ancestry in many other problems.

## We're over the hump . . .

We can breathe easily now that the deadline for ads on the convention booklet is passed.

A sufficient volume of ads have been received to assure a very successful convention booklet. Art editor MICHIO KATAOKA and her hard working committee along with editor CHARLIE ASAWA have worked at a terrific pace the last few weeks on layout, proofing, paste up, art work and the hundred other details that go into publication of a booklet of this size.

Our thanks to those chapters and district councils making this committee's work easier by sending in their ads and greetings well in advance of deadline. We regret those which were received late will not receive the best possible positions. However, editors have planned to place all ads with some program or editorial material so that advertisers will not be concentrated in one section of the booklet.

As we had warned previously we have had to adhere strictly to our deadline schedule so that ads that have been sent in subsequent to deadline may not be accommodated, for which we are very sorry.

Those who have contributed toward the success of this booklet may indeed be proud of the high caliber publication that will result from the efforts of its committee. Look for a terrific 90 page or better at the Convention!

## Something wrong with flag

Ventura

"There's something wrong with your flag," a 12-year-old Japanese American Boy Scout told a Montalvo real estate broker last week. Sure enough, there was.

Tommy Inouye pointed out to Carroll Myers that the flag in front of his office had only 45 stars instead of the usual 48.

"How do you suppose that happened?" Myers asked.

"It was manufactured before Oklahoma was admitted to the United States in 1907 and after Utah was admitted

in 1896," Inouye explained.

Myers checked with the building's owner, Frank Morrill, and found that the flag had been in the family for years but no one had realized it was outmoded.

"It didn't look right," Tommy explained, "so me and my cousin, Ray Tomooka, counted the stars."

Tommy's parents are active Ventura County JACLers since moving here from Phoenix, Ariz. Cousin Raymond is visiting from Arizona.

San Luis Obispo

Twelve Issei of San Luis Obispo county have completed their naturalization interviews and examinations and are being called today before Superior Court Judge Ray B. Lyon to take their oath of allegiance. The Issei are:

Mrs. Y. Nagafo, Mr. Fuchiwaki, Mr. and Mrs. Yamada, Mr. Kamitsuka, Mr. Ojayashi, Mr. Hyama, Mrs. S. Saruwatari, Mr. and Mrs. S. Kobara, Mr. K. Fukuhara, Mr. Y. Hayashi.

## 73 Sacramento Issei naturalized

Sacramento

Seventy-three more Issei of the Sacramento area were made United States citizens in ceremonies presided by Federal Judge Oliver J. Carter June 7. It was the second largest mass naturalization of Japanese as 104 Issei were sworn in last month.

Speakers at the ceremony included Mrs. Jun Miyakawa of the Sacramento JACL, Rev. Junichi Fujimori of the Florin and Sacramento Japanese Methodist churches, and Dean Itano of the Sacramento County Bar Association.

Those who assisted is welcoming the new citizens were: Mrs. Noboru Shirai, Mrs. Soichi Nakatani and Mrs. George Kambara.

The new citizens are:

Shino Washino, Tomiye Hori, Tomio Sakamoto, Sadame Inouye, Mohei Tokunaga, Shigeru Imeda, Mitsuru Fujioka, Yoshio Gotan, George Higashi, Yoneyo Hayashi, Yaichi Horita, Magoichi Bishari, Shina Hamatani, Yutaka Hara, Fusa Ishikawa, Tasaku Hitomi, Masataro Umeda, Nobuyoshi Ito, Kazuo Ito, Kazuo Iwatsuru, Kanaburo Ide, Kyoichi Ichiki, Hikotaro Inaba, Hideichi Wakabayashi, Yoneji Ito, Kumago Watanabe, Yoshio Matsumoto, Shigeru Miyahara, Tetsuji Muneakawa, Masatoshi Abe, Fred Matsunaga, Ichizo Matsubara, Toshihiko Nishimi, Niichi Nakayama, Ryoki Nakayama, Fukuzo Nagao, Chika Nakao, Joichi Nitta, Yichi Mizoguchi, Tomosaburo Otani, Kōkan Oshiro.

Toraichi Oda, Ryoze Oji, Harry Sato, Riichi Satow, Sadaichi Okimura, Otokichi Sunahara, Kuma Sunahara, Kiyoshi Nakata, Tomozo Ishi, Fred Shizo, Fumio Sekiguchi, John Seta, Frank Suyenaga, Kizo Sasahara, Shizuma Shikesho, Masato Tambara, Shigeo Takeda, Momiji Terashita, Tsurukichi Goto, Sakutaro Takahashi, Frank Takahashi, Tatsuno Tsuda, Daishiu Yamachi, Kisaburo Yamagata, Shojiro Yamashita, Kuwaichi Otani, Harry Yoshimura.

Goro Yoshida, Masu Uchida, Sahei Makimoto, Usaemon Yamamoto, Kyoko Huffman.

Honolulu

Thirteen Japanese aliens swore loyalty to the United States in their mother tongue May 28 at naturalization ceremonies here in the courtroom of Federal Judge J. Frank McLaughlin.

Merced

Thirty-seven Japanese became naturalized American citizens recently when they were sworn in by Deputy clerk Helen Damos before Superior Judge R. R. Sischo. They were:

Juichi Hashimoto, Kasumi Tanaka, Shizuka Asai, Masaji Goto, Fujie Handa, Frank Kashiwase, Isaji Kirihara, Kisaburo Koda, Sakuzemon Kumimoto, Kiyoko Miyake, Kohei Nakashima, Tomi Kaji, Saburo Narita, Sachi Noda, Chiyo Okuye, Kikuyo Shijiguchi, Rina Shoji, Aki Tanji, Tay Ando, Yosh Ando, Katsu Hoshino, Tatsuzo Hoshino, Mitsuru Kawashima, Chiyoko Kishi, Harry Makita, Kumataro Matsumoto, Mineyo Okuda, Mayu Sakaguchi, Chiyo saku Suzuki, Tomoshiro Tanji, Tokuyue Tanigoshi, Akio Yamamoto, Morikichi Yoshida, Heigoro Yoshino, and Yonezo Yoshida.

Jack Matsuzaki, former Los Angeles Crossroads business manager, is now with Investors Diversified Service, Honolulu.



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## Smoglites . . . . . by Mary Oyama

### Life aboard a ship

With jade ear-pendants tinkling, and morale considerably bolstered we tried getting up from our seasick old bunk on the third day of our ocean voyage. After all, the evening would bring Christmas Eve and it was about time we tried becoming a "seasoned blase traveller." Donning the black jersey dressy dress we decided that IF we felt equal to the occasion we might even be well enough to venture out to the interdenominational Prayer Service for World Peace being conducted by a Lutheran minister, a young Catholic priest, and Rabbi Edgar Magnin.

Even though a bit wobbly, we concluded that just being alive was cause enough for thanks to one's Maker. One seasick soul in the tiny speck of a ship in the midst of the vast and boundless Pacific Ocean had had many a solitary moment to ponder on the eternal verities or to pay silent tribute to all the great sailors of the past, far more hardy and braver than we—the Pilgrim Fathers, Columbus, the ancient Phoenicians: How did they ever weather the rigors of voyages which had lasted one, two, and even three months or more?

Even going to Japan by modern steamer seemed to us a horrible ordeal in the light of what we had experienced within less than 36 hours since embarkation from Wilmington. Even though we had lost a day at sea, with the third day at sea becoming the fourth day of our trip, the half week seemed too long.

We barely got up to one deck in search of the lounge where the religious service was to be held but could go no further, what with high heels swaying and the old feeling assailing us again. Alas, we thought, but never say die. "If I can't go up, I'll go back to my own corridor and visit Phoebe . . ."

## INTERESTING PERSONALITY

Knock-knock. "Come in . . ." We had not seen friend Phoebe in more than 10 years. There she was comfortably ensconced in her corner-suite berth, relaxing over a copy of the New Yorker. She greeted us, "I knew you were aboard ship but WHERE have you been all this time?"

We told her our tale of woe, explaining that we had managed to stay up for two hours at a stretch by lying down every third hour. ("Up" only meant moving slowly, walking gently, sitting, reading, or half-reclining. Nothing more.) Oh dear, we sighed gloomily, we're missing everything.

No, you're not, Phoebe consoled, lots of dull people aboard—rich widows with nothing to discuss but "food" and frustrated well-heeled young ladies searching for Romance. "Even the big-wigs of the ship can discourse only on sailing and not much else. How have you been my dear . . . ? I don't know why I'm aboard myself, for I'd much rather be at home, and rather bored with travel but my son in Maui invited me for vacation, so here I am. After all, one can't very well turn up one's nose at paid-for trip and month's vacation."

Our newly-discovered friend was a prominent society woman from Montreal who was now a California resident, and we had not seen her since back in 1942 just before Evacuation. Our paths first crossed at a Beverly Hills party at the home of our mutual friend, script-writer Ross Wills. She was one of the most charming and interesting older women we'd ever known: intelligent, handsome, and stimulating company.

## WONDERFUL PHOEBE

Seasickness was forgotten as she talked. "Actually, dear Molly, I find more interesting people down in The Hole—in Second Class I met a most charming Japanese gentleman, an interesting Filipino journalist, also a young artist whom you should meet. The people here in First Class mostly bore me. All the women can talk about is the next meal, the previous meal, and conjectures on tomorrow's menus.

"I admit the food is lovely but must one always discuss her stomach? How can these wealthy women waste their time on these ghastly cruises moving around in their own narrow social spheres and never really meeting anybody? Their time and money could be better spent at home in various women's services or child welfare activities. Travel never seems to broaden their small minds.

"Ah, and wistful play-girls seeking Adventure . . ." Here Phoebe lowered her voice, "some I know have fabulous and extensive wardrobes, a dress for every occasion but they never meet anybody. Do you know why?"

## (GO ON, PHOEBE, CONTINUE)

"They're chasing something externally which must come from within. If they couldn't find beaus at home they won't find any here or any place else. Your heart must be out-going toward people, then people will be drawn to you like a magnet: friends, beaus, romance-adventure will come to you. Poor dears, if these poor little rich girls only knew!"

Then on the subject of tipping, she frankly announced that she did not believe in this insidious institution. "I don't tip even if I can afford it. Do you realize that it's the worst form of insult you can give a person? Can you honestly hand a grown man a sum of money?"

We admitted that we had been tipping and fairly generously, but that we always felt a little silly and embarrassed every time we did. "Somehow it DOES seem like a condescending gesture . . ." A necessary evil or an evil necessity, which ever way one looked at it. Anyway, it was fun chatting with Phoebe.

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Northwest Orient Airlines is one of the 39 U.S. air carriers cited by the National Safety Council for a perfect safety record last year. It was pointed out Northwest had flown two years without passenger or crew fatality in any air accident.



## NISEI RELAYS ENTRY DEADLINE EXTENDED; 75 SIGNED UP SO FAR

**Los Angeles**  
Hopeful that more junior division entries could be signed up for the Nisei Relays July 11 at Rancho Stadium, track committeemen extended the entry deadline to Tuesday, July 6.

So far 75 entries have been received, according to Bob Watanabe, Relays chairman. "Since only 25 entries have been received in the Junior Division,

the committee would like more athletes competing in this category," he added.

Pole-vault has been eliminated from the schedule because of the lack of applicants and further difficulty in obtaining proper equipment. In its place, Nisei Relays has added hop-step-jump.

Snakey Okuma was announced as Relays treasurer. Entry forms are available from the local JACL office and Relays committeemen.

Teams and the number of athletes registered as of this week include:

OPEN DIVISION: Nisei A.C. 12; Lords 11; Nisei Trading 13; Maryknoll Chi Rho 4; Fowler JACL 3; Hobos 1; Unatch 1.

JR DIVISION: Hobos 11; Flying Stars 4; Constituents 3; Maryknoll Chi Rho 2; Nisei Trading 2; Unatchd 3.

Under the exponent system adopted by Nisei Relays, 210 points and under totaled from the table (as shown below) qualify in the junior division. The system provides appeal to the committee in special cases. Generally, a lad, 17, 5 ft. 5 in., and 125 lbs. would qualify as a junior.

AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
13...25	5'0"...25	100...30
14...30	5'1"...30	105...35
15...40	5'2"...35	110...40
16...50	5'3"...40	115...50
17...70	5'4"...50	120...60
18...90	5'5"...70	125...70
20...110	5'7"...80	130...75
19...100	5'6"...90	135...80
21...115	5'8"...100	140...82
	5'9"...105	145...84
	5'10"...110	150...86
		160...90

## Waseda summer series called off

**Los Angeles**  
Passport difficulties canceled the series of international baseball games this summer planned by the Waseda University nine, it was disclosed this week by the Japanese American Optimists Club, who were sponsors of the local engagements.

"Regret but due to passport difficulties, all games must be cancelled," the cablegram from Jim McGregor of the Canadian Pacific Airlines to Frank Kuramoto of the Optimists said.

## 810 listings

**Denver**  
The new Denver telephone directory has over 810 Japanese resident listings, the Colorado Times reported.

## SPORTSCOPE:

● SACHIKO KAMO of Japan was ousted in the third round of play at Wimbledon last week by Mrs. N. Migliori of Italy, 6-3, 11-9. She appeared to weaken under a blistering sun trying to overcome an early nervously-played set. . . ATSUSHI MIYAGGI, Japan Davis Cup member, lost to Tom Brown of San Francisco, 6-3, 6-1 in the men's finals of the annual Coronado Invitationals last Sunday at San Diego. Miyagi defeated Luis Ayala, Chilean star, 7-5, 6-1, to enter the finals.

● Fred Moeller of Nevada City Athletics, farmed out from Peoria of the Triple I League, went the distance June 19 to upset Placer JACL 17-12 in the second-half Placer-Nevada semi-pro league opener. JOHNNY NAKAO began on the mound for JACL, but after being tagged for six runs, and relieved by BOB TAKEMOTO and GEORGE GOTO. . . The next day, the Placer JACL Yannigans in the Sac'to Valley Nisei League, defeated top-contending Mayhew 11-9. WAYNE HIRONAKA was the winning pitcher.

● YAS KUZUHARA of York, Pa., won the 132-lb. title in the national AAU weightlifting competition at Los Angeles last week with a total of 685 lbs.

● Hakuryo, Japan's four year old champion, is being groomed for his American debut when he enters the Washington international stakes at Laurel, Maryland, in September. A Hokkaido-bred thoroughbred, Hakuryo lost the derby to Bostonian as a three-year old, but this year has been undefeated as a four year old. Hakuryo has a record of 13 victories in 21 starts. He won the Chrysanthemum stakes and the Emperor's Cup classic this year. In his last appearance in Tokyo, the chestnut stallion ran the mile and an eighth in 1m.5s.

## Nisei group joins underwater spearfishing fraternity, three-man team qualifies for Pacific Coast tryouts

By ROY YAMADERA

**Los Angeles**  
Fastest growing sport in the country is skin-diving. At the end of World War II, there were no more than 500 of them in the wet fraternity, but today, there are more than a million skin divers.

Among the many goggled gangs is one Japanese American club: the Nisei Kelp Tanglers, which competed for the first time in the sport of underwater spearfishing at the Southern California eliminations at Cabrillo Beach last month.

The three-man team of Bill Yamachika, Hank Nunokawa and Sam Ichikawa wound up in third-place in the field of 55 teams, thus qualifying for the Pacific Coast championships, Aug. 29, at Laguna Beach.

The trio speared 17 pounds of various fish and were leading throughout the contest until the final 40 minutes, when two other teams passed with 24 and 21-pound hauls.

### Nisei Kelp Tanglers

Devotees of the deep have been organized recently with the newly-formed International Underwater Spearfishing Ass'n, headquartered at Helms Hall. California leads with 100,000 members; Florida is second with about 40,000 human submarines.

Nisei Kelp Tanglers have a nucleus of experienced divers from Hawaii. Club officers are:

Bill Yamachika, pres.; Hank Nunokawa, v.p.; Sam Ichikawa, treas.; and Roy Yamadera, pub.

Other members are:

Roy Sasaki, George Niya, Bob Haworth, Ross Morrow, Tom Maeda, Joe Hamada, Sam Sakamoto, Stanley Ito, Walter Ishii, Scotty Sakata, Yosh Ishihara, Hide Ishihara and Hideo Takahashi.

### Trophy Winner

At the Cabrillo Beach eliminations, Yamachika won the Rene Bussoz Trophy for the largest single catch of the day. Local contests were sponsored by the Los Angeles Jr. Chamber of Commerce assisted by the Underwater Spearfishing Association and city recreation department.

Skin-diving has been sanctioned as a sport by the National AAU. While equipped with a variety of underwater gear, including deadly accurate fishing guns, goggles and an unearthly rubber-like suits, no artificial breathing apparatus is used by contestants during competition.

The complete outfit can be described for the skin diver as a man from Mars. He wears a tight-fitting rubber suit, fins, tight rubber mask with a glass front, a snorkel tube which enables him to breathe while floating face down looking for fish, a 4-5 ft. spear gun powered by thick bands. And he uses an inflated tire tube to rest between dives.

### Variety of Catches

Larger fish are found below the kelp beds and along the reefs, some 100 to 500 yards off shore.

Some of the species speared include small perch, capizorno, kelp, calico and bull bass, rays, leopard sharks, halibut, sheepshead and white sea bass.

Larger fish speared by the Nisei Kelp Tanglers include a 18-lb. white sea bass, 14-lb. sheepshead as well as abalone and lobsters weighing up to 14-lb.

Since there is a certain element of danger to this fascinating sport, the association cautions all divers to go out in pairs or buddy-dive, as they put it. A diver may be snipped by sharks or rays, get entangled in kelp weeds or develop cramps.

Nisei interested in joining can call Bill Yamachika at REpublic 2-6957 or write him at 1714 S. Berendo.

## Second Nisei entered in 'Miss Universe' contest

### San Francisco

Miss Rebecca Sayo, 21, born as Yaeko Mary Kito in Belle Fouché, S.D., where her parents still reside, is the second Nisei contestant entered in the "Miss Universe" search here. Ruby Yamamoto of Stockton was the first Nisei entrant.

### Osaka

Mieko Kondo, 18, of Nagoya was chosen as the Japan candidate for Miss Universe in the 1954 contest at Long Beach, Calif. She stands 5 ft. 3½ in. weighs 101 lb., and measures 34-in. bust, 21-in. waist and 36-in. hips.

## Camp school reunions

### Los Angeles

The Manzanar and Denson High School graduating classes of 1944 are celebrating their first reunion in 10 years during Nisei Week here, Aug. 14-22. Further information is available by writing to: Manzanar—Ralph Lazo, c/o International Institute, 435 S. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles 33; Denson—Mrs. Marge Nakamura Tanaka, 9715-A Stanford, South Gate; Mrs. Miyo Kunitake Kawamura, 1506 Sunset Ave., Pasadena, Calif.



Bill Yamachika (left) of Nisei Kelp Tanglers accepts trophy for spearing the largest single catch in the recent Southern California eliminations at Cabrillo Beach, where 55 teams competed, from George McDonald, chairman of the L.A. Jr. Chamber of Commerce, contest sponsors.

## Deep-sea fishing thrills offered to CL conventioners

### Los Angeles

Is there a fisherman in the crowd?

Out-of-state conventioners to the 13th biennial National JACL Convention Sept. 2-4 in Los Angeles, who have fished lakes and streams, will get some new thrills from the exciting sportfishing found in Southern California coastal waters.

George Mio, chairman of the convention fishing derby, this week announced a 55-passenger live-bait boat "Hornet" has been contracted for Saturday, Sept. 4, off Pierpoint Landing, Long Beach. Fishing area will be Catalina or in the channel waters if albacore tuna are running.

### \$8 Fare

Boat leaves at 2 a.m. and fare is \$8 per person. The "Hornet" also has 24 sleeping bunks, available at \$1 per bunk. While a galley will be operated for the convenience of fishermen, the committee plans to furnish sushi.

Mio, past president of the Long Beach JACL, is being assisted by:

Ken Uyesugi, Orange County JACL pres.; Pete Ogawa, Long Beach Squidders pres.; Shig Nakai, Santa Fe Bait and Tackle Shop; and Mas Narita.

A state license is required for anyone 16 years old or over, except members of the armed forces, or for persons fishing from a public pier. The fee is \$3 for a resident citizen, \$10 non-citizen; \$3 for 10-day nonresident license, or \$1 for 3-day citizen license for Pacific Ocean only.

## VETS MAN CARNIVAL BOOTH SELLING FLAGS

### Fresno

The Sierra Nisei VFW Post 8499 manned an unusual carnival booth last week at the Central California YBA benefit. The Stars & Stripes, three by five feet, were being sold to encourage the Yankee custom of prominently displaying the U.S. Flag on the 4th of July and other national holidays.

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What "Jigokumon," the 1954 first prize winner at the Cannes Film Festival might lack in emotional entanglement and plot as compared to the 1952 top motion picture, "Rashomon," the color in the new vehicle excels anything we've seen.

The latest super achievement by Daiei Motion Picture Co. of Tokyo was screened last Sunday at the Academy Awards Theater for the members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and guests.

One might readily say that Masaichi Nagata, president of Daiei, who produced the very appealing cinema can stand next to any Hollywood director or producer and feel at equal. Only his material resources and facilities in Japan may be lacking. But he hopes to overcome that by continuous study and improvement.

Nagata happily admitted that his color photography has been well accepted by all those who have seen the picture. "Through the years we have given an intense study to the subject of color, and if the results appear to have value, it is due primarily to our research in that field," Nagata said through his interpreter, Yukihiko Tamura, who is head of foreign exploitation for the organization.

The English sub-titles glitter in gold print which we thought was quite different. We might make a humorous comment that for a Nisei whose Japanese is "not quite up to par," it poses a rather difficult problem: whether only to listen to the players, or first hasten your eyes across the screen for an immediate translation.

Of course for a good picture like "Hell's Gate," the superb acting seems sufficient for one to know what is going on.

Distributors, bidding for the film, are RKO which previously handled "Rashomon," and Columbia Studios. The general public will probably see it sometime in the fall.

#### Anti-freeway Committee to renew forces

Boyle Heights residents received a rude jolt again this week when they learned that the State Highway Commission in Sacramento has adopted a freeway route which would cut through the historic section of Hollenbeck Park, some churches, schools, and hospitals.

The project was under consideration for a year but at one time, the proposal was just about abandoned due to strong pressure from dwellers in that area.

The state is bent on cutting through Cumming St. between Olympic on the south and the Santa Ana Freeway on the north, but will first need funds.

The East Los Angeles Anti-Freeway Committee is mustering up forces to see if they can renew their objections.

#### Three Candidates vie for Festival Queen title

Nisei Week Festival queen candidates are getting younger. It may be that more girls in the late teen bracket are available now than ever before for public appearances while the older ones have more matured interests.

Unlike candidates of prewar years when over-21s competed, the Festival queen committee noted that three of the four entrants are only 18. In order of their sign-up, they are Cheri Iwata, ex-New Mexico coed; Takako Yamada, who spent most of her life in Japan; and Tomiko Baba, 21, from West Los Angeles, whose interest is in odori; and Florence Ochi.

#### Rev. Yamaka retires from active ministry

One of the oldest Issei pastors retired in Los Angeles when the Rev. Yuzuru Yamaka, a naturalized citizen of one month, stepped down from his pulpit at Centenary Methodist Church where he had served the last 23 years.

The 72-year old minister whose son Wesley is a student pastor in Berkeley leaves with a record of 43 years of active religious work. He becomes the So. Calif. District evangelist and will serve from behind-the-scenes for his followers.

The Rev. Yamaka comes from a family of clergymen. His father, also a Methodist preacher in Japan, died at the age of 91. His two brothers in Japan today serve as men of the cloth.

The servant of God came to the United States in 1909 after being graduated from Aoyama Gakuin in Tokyo at the age of 25. He served in Hawaii for four years before coming to the mainland.

He said he recalled vividly how he was stoned in Japan when he tried to spread the Gospel but such barbaric outbursts no longer exist today.

The Pacific Japanese Provisional Conference, which comprises of 32 churches, has about 5,500 Issei and Nisei members. One of the oldest members is Shosuke Nitta of Orange County who has been with the church the last 60 years. He is an active JACL leader in his community as well as in Los Angeles.

#### Two dates for Issei naturalization set

The speed-up process in naturalization of aliens under the McCarran Act of 1952 will find two-court ceremonies being held together, four sessions per day, on July 15 and 22.

It means that with 125 persons in each court session, a total of 2,000 will have been naturalized during the two-day mass ceremonies.

While petitioners are not segregated according to race, it is quite possible that upwards of 200 or 10 per cent of the total number may be alien Japanese who will be receiving their papers.

For those Issei in need of interpreters, another mass rite is scheduled in late August.

#### SDA associate pastor

Isao Horinouchi of Honolulu was welcomed as associate pastor of the Japanese Seventh Day Adventist church here. He is a 1953 graduate of Pacific Union College with a B.A. degree in theology.

#### Nisei Week office

The Nisei Week Festival office was in operation this past week with Victor Ikeda as executive secretary and Kazumi Uwate, office secretary. It is situated at 369 E. 1st St., telephone MI 1732.

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#### Births

NAKAI—June 2, twin girls Joanne and Suzanne to the Joe Hideo Nakais (Daisy Yasuko Saruwatari), Los Angeles.

NAKAMURA—June : a girl Linda Shizu to the George Nakamuras (Kayo Iida), San Francisco.

NAKANISHI—May 23, a boy to the Minoru Nakanishis, Stockton.

NAKASAKO—May 24, a girl Jill Terumi to the Tsumui Nakasakos (Shirley Kayoko Inouye), Los Angeles.

NANIMATSU—May 28, a boy Lester Michio to the Hiroshi Nanimatsus, Santa Clara.

NARITA—May 23, a boy Thomas to the Kazuo Naritas (Mitsuko Ito-mura), Los Angeles.

NISHIDA—May 18, a girl Gail Keiko to the Masao Nishidas (Nanako Tanaka), Los Angeles.

NINO—May 19, a girl to the George Ninos, Madera.

NISHIKI—May 28, a boy to the Jack Nishikis, San Francisco.

NISHIMOTO—May 19, a boy Michael Ken to the Ben Nishimotos (Helen Neishi), Lancaster.

NISHIMURA—June 19, a boy to the Frank K. Nishimuras, Seattle.

NISHIO—May 7, a boy Reynold Sumu to the Roy Yoshito Nishios (Kiyoko Rose Shoda), Whittier.

NISHIOKA—May 22, a boy to the James Nishiokas, Fresno.

NISHIOKI—June 12, a girl to the Ben Nishiokis, Sanger.

NOMAGUCHI—June 15, a girl to the George Nomaguchis, Seattle.

NOMURA—June 11, a girl to the Isao Nomuras, Fresno.

NOMURA—May 27, a boy Jon Wesley to the Tamotsu Nomuras (Kimiyo Inouye), Los Angeles.

NONAKA—May 17, a girl to the Takeo Nonakas, San Francisco.

OGURA—June 13, a girl to the Richard Oguras, Ontario, Ore.

OHIRA—May 25, a boy Dean Masami to the Sumiji Ohiras (Chiyo-ka Kawanami), Los Angeles.

OKADA—May 14, a boy to the George Okadas, Fresno.

OKADA—June 5, a girl to the Roy H. Okadas, Seattle.

OKAMOTO—May 29, a girl to the Hiroyuki Roy Okamotos, Salt Lake City.

OKAMURA—June 15, a girl to the Robert Okamuras, Hayward.

OKAMURA—May 20, a boy to the George Okamuras, Reedley.

OKANO—May 25, a boy to the George I. Okanos, Sacramento.

OKI—May 13, a boy Douglas Koji to the Naozo Okis (Sunako Hori), Whittier.

OKIHARA—June 20, a boy to the Johnny Okiharas, Kent, Wash.

OKUBO—May 28, a boy Kei to the Hirotaka Okubos (Tomoye Isobe), Los Angeles.

OSAKA—June 7, a boy to the Mitsugu Osakas, Pasadena.

SADAKANE—May 31, a girl Michiko to the Hideo Sadakanes (Kumi Sato), Los Angeles.

SAKAMOTO—May 16, a girl Shirley Marjories to the Sam Isamu Sakamotos (Yukie Florence Fujisaka), Los Angeles.

SAKAMOTO—May 17, a boy Randall to the Dr. Frank Sakamotos (Toshi Kurotsuchi), Chicago.

SAKURADA—June 1, a girl to the Shizuo Sakuradas, Lyman, Neb.

SANYAL—May 19, a girl Indira Reiko to the Pulak Nath Sanyals (Dorothy Aiko Fuchigami), Los Angeles.

SATO—June 8, a girl to the Tad Satos, Seattle.

SATO—May 16, a girl to the Haruo E. Satos, Sacramento.

SERA—May 25, a boy Ronald Kiyoshi to the Masao Seras (Shizuye Ogimachi), Los Angeles.

SHIMIZU—May 25, a boy Robert Woodrow to the Dr. Keichi W. Shimizus, Oakland.

SHIMIZU—June 15, a girl to the Masaru Shimizus, Yuba City.

SHIMIZU—May 21, a girl to the Tom M. Shimizus, San Francisco.

SHIOTA—May 8, a girl Mary Ann Sachiko to the Roy Shiotas, Morgan Hill.

SHIRAIISHI—May 22, a girl to the Toru T. Shiraiishis, San Diego.

SHIRO—May 25, a girl Jo Ann to the Joseph Shiros, San Jose.

SHOJI—June 8, a boy to the Joseph Shojis, Seattle.

SUGIMOTO—May 21, a boy William Joji to the Fred Sugimotos, San Jose.

SUGIMURA—May 14, a girl Joy Naomi to the George Hiroichi Sugimuras (Sachiko Kashiwagi), Los Angeles.

SUSUKI—May 28, a girl Kimberly A. to the Roy Susukis, Portland.

TAKAHASHI—May 29, a girl to the Junichi Takahashis, Stockton.

TAKAHASHI—June 10, a boy to the Homer Takahashis, Auburn.

TAKAHASHI—June 9, a girl to the Ko Takahashis, Garden Grove.

TAKEDA—May 29, a boy to the Tokijiro Takedas, Stockton.

TAKENAKA—May 24, a girl Gwen Yuri to the Tadao Roy Takenakas (Natsuko Otomo), Los Angeles.

TAKEITA—May 10, a girl to the John T. Taketas, San Francisco.

TAKEUCHI—May 27, a girl to the Takeshi Takeuchis, Rio Oso.

TAKEUCHI—May 22, a boy to the Ryoichi Takeuchis, San Francisco.

TANAKA—May 7, a boy to the James Hiroyuki Tanakas, Stockton.

TANGE—May 16, a girl to the Henry Tanges, Sanger.

TANI—May 24, a boy Alvin Itsuo to the Masao Tanis (Sadako Kozaki), Los Angeles.

TERAMOTO—May 25, a boy Philip Takeshi to the Takeo Teramotos

## VITAL STATISTICS

(Masami Nagao), Los Angeles.

TERANISHI—May 29, a boy to the Frank Yutaka Teranishis, Acampo.

TSUKAMOTO—June 13, a boy to the Yoshimi Tsukamotos, San Jose.

TSURUTA—May 4, a boy Toyoshi Gary to the Yoshio Roy Tsurutas (Tamaru Margaret Shijo), Los Angeles.

UNO—June 13, a boy to the Kunihiro Unos, Auburn.

WAKAMATSU—May 14, a boy Mark Kunio to the Jack Kuniyoshi Wakamatsus (Fumiko Frances Matsumura), Venice.

YAMAGIWA—May 30, a girl to the Mits Yamagiwas, Bowles.

YAMAMOTO—June 8, a girl to the Mitsuo Yamamotos, Sacramento.

YAMAMOTO—June 9, a boy to the Nagashi E. Yamamotos, Wilmington.

YAMANOUYE—May 26, a girl Jann Aiko to the Sekai H. Yamanouyes (Yukiko Shigemori), Los Angeles.

YAMASHITA—May 20, a girl Toyo Lynn to the Henry Yoshiro Yamashitas (Tomoe Nii), Los Angeles.

YASUDA—June 3, a girl to the Kay Yasudas, Wilder, Ore.

YOKOYAMA—May 23, a boy David Ross to the Roy Ryuo Yokoyamas (Mary Tetsuko Nose), Los Angeles.

YOSHIDA—May 29, a boy Ronald Yoshi to the Ronald Yutaka Yoshidas (Yoshie Shimabukuro), Los Angeles.

YOSHIDA—Apr. 16, a boy Steven Haruo to the Robert Seichi Yoshidas (Betty Fusae Yoshida), Los Angeles.

YOSHIMI—June 3, a girl to the Henry Hiroshi Yoshimis, Stockton.

#### Engagements

KUZUHARA-HISAO K A—Renko, Chicago, to Dr. Ken, Lethridge, Alta.

MATSUDA-SHINDO—Elene, Denver, to Richard, Los Angeles, June 12.

NAGANUMA-HONMA—Mary to Tsuneo, both of Chicago.

NISHIMOTO-YAMAMOTO—Shizuo, Hood River, to Tak, Fife, Wash., May 8.

OKA-HANE—Setsuko, San Francisco, to Mitsugi, San Jose, June 13.

RENGE-OKUBO—Chiaki, Fowler, to Min, Selma, June 19.

SUGIMOTO-KATO—Satsuki, San Francisco, to Masaru, Mountain View, June 13.

TANI-MATSUI—Chiyo to Noby, both of San Francisco, June 4.

TATEISHI-KANEMOTO—Michiko to George Masato, both of Los Angeles.

YAMAGA-KASUYA—Yoshiye to Tak, both of Denver.

YOSHIOKA-MANO—Tomi, Seattle, to Tosh, Earlington, Wash., June 13.

#### Marriage Licenses Issued

BURCH-MATSUMOTO—Charles and Violet, both of Honolulu, at San Francisco.

HAMAI-KAWAMURA—Jun and Frances, both of Portland.

HANDA-OYAMA—Robert Y., Seattle, and Minnie M., Portland.

KOBAYASHI-CHIKAMURA—Kazuo, 24, and Amy E., 24, both of Seattle.

MATSUURA-MATSUSHITA—Koichi and Yayoe, both of San Francisco.

MORIOKA-SHINKE—Eiro, Palo Alto, and Fumiye, Sunnyvale.

MURAYAMA-KUWATA N I—Sam Osamu, San Lorenzo, and Jean, Pacific Grove.

NAGAI-SAMATA—Arthur T., 23, U.S. Army, and Helen, Seattle.

OKAZAKI-TSUTSUMI—Keso, Kahului, T.H., and Gladys, San Francisco.

OKINO-YOSHIDA—Harry Kazuo, Berkeley, and Helen Shizuko, Oakland.

TAKEDA-KOGURA—Herbert K., 25, and Chiyeko, 23, both of San Jose.

YANO-TAKEMURA—Arthur, 39, and Kiku, 30, both of San Francisco.

YAKUSHI-NIGUMA—Ralph and Clara, both of San Francisco.

#### Weddings

AIZAWA-ENDO—June 13, Kiyoshi and Keiko, both of Los Angeles.

ASAMI-KAWAMURA—June 12, Taro, Reedley, and Joy, Fresno.

ASATO-ISHIMOTO—June 20, George Los Angeles, and Toshiko, West Los Angeles.

HOSODA-NOMI—May 10, Ray, Denver, and Mary Kaoru, Toronto.

IMAI-TANAKA—June 13, George, Sacramento, and Eiko, Japan.

KATSUMATA-MATSUMOTO—June 13, Tak, Gardena, and Margaret, San Pedro.

KINOSHITA-YOSHIDA—May 23, George Hidenobu, Sacramento, and Florence Sadako, San Francisco.

Ben, Selma, and Yoko, Visalia.

KOBAYASHI-CHIKAMURA—June 13, Kazuo, Oakland, and Amy, Seattle.

KURODA-UMENE—June 13, Ken-ichi, Reedley, and Kazuye, Alameda.

KUWATA-HASHIMOTO—June 20, Makoto and Emy, both of Los Angeles.

MARUYAMA-OKAMURA—June 13, Henry Masazo and Mideko, both of Los Angeles.

MATSUMOTO-LEOBARTH—June 8, 2nd Lt. Glenn Kenge, Bakersfield, Calif., and Eva Marianne, Brooklyn, at West Point, N.Y.

MITSUUCHI-TAKABAYASHI—June 20, Henry Noriki, Los Angeles, and Susie Yoshiko, Corinne, Utah.

MITSUUCHI-TAKABAYASHI—June 19, Asaka, Livingston, and Susie, Oakland.

NAKASHIMA-MINABE—June 20, Isao and Chizuko, both of Los Angeles.

NODA-TOYOFUKU—May 29, George and Mutsue Janice, both of San Jose.

OANA-YOSHIMOTO—June 13, Francis Akira and Doris Toshiko, both of Los Angeles.

OGAWA-KANAME—June 19, Clarence, Los Angeles, and Margaret, Glendale.

OGURA-SHIGENO—June 6, Henry F., Ontario, and Mary, Boise.

OKUNO-AWAYA—May 23, Arthur and Akiko, both of San Francisco.

SUGII-HORI—June 19, Yoshihiko, Sun Valley, and Toshiye, San Fernando.

SUMIDA-KAIZOJI—June 20, Sumito and Sadako, both of Los Angeles.

SUZUKI-UYENO—June 27, Henry E. and Ryo, both of Pasadena.

TANIGUCHI-TANIMOTO—June 19, Mitsuo, Monterey, and Yuriko, Guadalupe.

TERAOKA-NAKAGAWA—June 26, Masaki, Bowles, and Sachiye, West Fresno.

TENGAN-NATSUHARA—June 13, Albert Shinzo, Hawaii, and Mae Shizuno, Los Angeles.

UZAKI-MASADA—June 5, Rev. Jundo and Miyoko, both of Fresno.

YAMANE-KAWAHIRA—June 20, Kenichi, Fowler, and Tatsuye, Sacramento.

YANO-TAKEMURA—June 16, Arthur and Kiku, both of San Francisco.

#### Deaths

ABE, Mrs. Tami, 82: Santa Monica, June 5, survived by son Kunitaro, three grandchildren.

AMANO, Mrs. Shizue, 52: Ontario, Ore., June 18, survived by husband Tom, son Gish, daughter Nicky Kanetomi, three grandchildren.

ASHIKAGA, Mrs. Kono, 54: New York, June 9, survived by daughter Toshiko Betty Watanabe, three grandsons and brother, Henry Takeuchi.

CHIBA, Naokichi, 84: Los Angeles, June 12, survived by wife Hisa, daughters Naoko Yamada, Chiye-ko Izu, 14 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

HATTORI, Yutaka, 65: Los Angeles, (formerly of San Diego), June 24, survived by wife Kotsuru, sons Ben, William, daughters Fumiko Hosaka, Toyoko Hirai and in-law Mrs. Kazue Hattori.

HIDA, Tsuchi, 70: Los Angeles, June 12 (in San Diego), survived by three adopted sons Akimori, Haru-shige and Kenji (all in Japan).

IMADA, Milton, 2: Denver, June 12, survived by parents. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Imada, brothers Leonard, Ronald, sister Evelyn, Jane, Carolyn and Beverly.

IWAMOTO, Tsuneo: Los Angeles, June 20.

KINOSHITA, Mrs. Fuki, 83: Chicago, June 13, survived by husband Kin-juro, son Katsuro, daughters Naoko Ebihara, Mei Fukano, Haruno Miyata.

KOBAMA, Toichi, 75: San Diego, June 15, survived by wife Yukino, sons Kazumasa, Masayuki, Yukio, four daughters Masae Ninomiya, Fujiye Nakagawa, Itsue Sugita and Yae.

KOGA, Shigezo, 66: Santa Barbara, June 23, survived by wife Sueno, son Yoichi, daughters Keiko, Mizote and Mieke Hondo.

MACHIDA, Yojiro, 84: Los Angeles, June 23.

MASUOKA, Mrs. Toshiko, 42: Chicago, June 10, survived by husband Hiroshi.

NOZAKI, Seisuke, 68: Pasadena, June 15 (in Japan), survived by wife Fumie, sons Roy, Tom, Bob and daughter Akiko.

OISHI, Hanroku, 70: Los Angeles, June 16, survived by wife Taye, son Kazuo, daughters Rumi Okamoto, Masako Okuno.

OKABE, Tetsuji: Phoenix, June 23 (in Long Beach), survived by brothers Tetsuo, Kenichi and sister Emiko.

OMOTO, Mrs. Inoyo, 50: Seattle, June 8, survived by husband Shio-ichi, sons Nobuo, Yasuo R., and two grandchildren.

ONISHI, Ichijiro, 78: Culver City, June 12, survived by wife Tetsu and son Kenichi.

OZAWA, Sukesaku, 75: Los Angeles, June 24, survived by wife Tsuya, sons Masashi, Naoshi and six grandchildren.

SUGI, Sadajiro, 86: Los Angeles, June 11, survived by wife Haru, sons Sey, Sen, Satoru, four daughters Tetsu, Tei, Suma Yokotake, Sumi Iriye.

TAKAHASHI, Shozaburo, 73: Menlo Park, June 15, survived by son Kazuei and four grandchildren.

UCHIDA, Mrs. Jennie: Denver, June 17, survived by husband George, son Leonard.

WADA, Mrs. Asano, 77: Santa Ana, June 4, survived by sons Jack Takao, George Shigeru, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

YAMAMOTO, Gennosuke, 72: Denver, June 12, survived by wife Torie and son James Genji.

## Larry Tajiri--

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in 16th century Nippon who combined soy sauce, beef and Japanese vegetables. There are many variations, of course, and the Japanese in Hawaii have a version called "heka." Duck, chicken and pheasant also are used in place of meat.

There is a restaurant on the highway in Littleton, Colo., which features smorgasbord and is much favored by tourists and Coloradans alike, called The County Kitchen. As Bill Hosokawa has reported previously, the restaurant's owners recently returned from a trip to Japan for the first time and

are now featuring suki-yaki as a main hot dish on the smorgasbord table. It's a good suki-yaki, or it must be. Whenever we get to it, the pan is empty and an attendant is rushing up with more.

Suki-yaki is being featured almost monthly in one woman's magazine or other and there seem to be more and more restaurants featuring it. Some of the new ones in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York, offer it with all the trimmings—including waitresses in kimonos and straw mats to sit on. Speaking of eating suki-yaki while sitting cross-legged on the floor, one of our favorite places on Grant Avenue in San Francisco before the war used to have a sign over the entrance:

"You may sit on floor or on table."



## EDITORIALS

## Exchange Club

Of the various methods in fighting racial discrimination, the action chosen by the Menlo Park Exchange Club to surrender its charter rather than oust a Chinese member is most impelling and meaningful. It may be regarded as the second phase of injecting more vitality to the American way of life.

The first phase could be the struggles of the persecuted making their grievances known and seeking redress. And by making known such discrimination in the press, in the legislatures and in the courts, the public was made aware of injustices.

The second phase assumes public awareness for fair play. The persecuted has his neighbors battling for him. A great sense of relief and gratitude must be in Robert Ting, the man in question.

That this is happening in California, once ripe ground for anti-orientalism, is matchless. That the second phase, as we see it, is taking root is stimulating.

Such are the friends "who make salt sweet and blackness bright"; the quotes from poet John Masfield.

## Fourth of July

"When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume . . . the separate and equal station to which the laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect for the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes that impel them to separation.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these Rights, Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed . . ."

The men who signed this great document, the Declaration of Independence (and recalled annually on July 4), laid themselves open to a charge of treason. Yet by the presentation of grievances that follow in the Declaration, they sought to show this act was not treasonable but proper and lawful.

The philosophy of our government has been translated into the Constitution which was adopted by the original colonies 13 years later. It is well to remember that without the Declaration, our constitution would lack foundation.

## From the Frying Pan . . .

## Four Short Stories

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver, Colo.

Friend of mine, who runs a motel, was telling about a young Japanese who drove up the other evening. He was very polite, and by way of introduction he produced some documents stating that he was a member of the Japanese embassy staff. Then he asked if he might rent a room for the night. My friend was somewhat overcome by all this formality and said of course he'd be happy to rent him a room.

Next morning the maid came rushing into the office and said the Japanese, who was accompanied by his wife and a child, hadn't slept in the beds at all. My friend hurried to investigate and found that his guests had indeed used the beds, but had made them expertly before driving on. Not only that, but the room had been swept and dusted out as the small, neat pile of litter in the wastebasket showed. This was a delightful shock after viewing some of the messes tourists leave.

A few days later my friend got a postcard from the Japanese who thanked him for renting the room, told what a pleasant night he had spent, and promised to stop again if his travels took him through. My friend is asking what kind of people these Japanese might be. He's beginning to wonder if the war of '41-'45 might not have been a ghastly mistake.

John Rademaker, professor of sociology at Willamette University in Salem, Ore., spent the last nine months in Denver working on a book about ethnic relations. Recently he shipped the first chapter and an outline to a publisher. The outline itself was a monumental piece of work—90 typewritten pages, single-spaced. The manuscript when completed is expected to run some 900 pages, 350 words to the page.

John, who got his Ph.D. at the University of Washington, was WRA sociologist at Granada camp for a while. Then he went to the

University of Hawaii to teach. While there he got together a book about the war role of Japanese Americans in Hawaii and it was published under the title "These Are Americans." His newest work is about the relationship of peoples all over the world and is aimed as a text for upperclass college courses.

Talking about WRA people, Jolly Bonnie Mechau, reports officer at Heart Mountain and my boss for a long spell, is on his way back to the U.S.A. after several years in Asuncion, Paraguay. Mechau served with the Institute of Inter-American Affairs in a land where the Fourth of July comes in mid-winter and it's sweltering hot at Christmas.

Mechau is scheduled to be transferred, but he doesn't know where he's going next until he reports in Washington for consultations.

Charles Kambe, who was just plain Chuck when I last saw him in 1938, showed up unexpectedly last week. Since that time he became eligible to add Dr. before his name (surgery), married and acquired two youngsters.

Some individuals change in appearance over the years, but Chuck looked just about the way I remembered him from University of Washington days. Being in traveling clothes, he didn't look any more prosperous even, although he told me his practice is beginning to take hold. He's taking a month's vacation to visit folks in Los Angeles and in-laws in Salt Lake City and Moses Lake, Wash.

There were a lot of old times to talk about but we didn't get much talking done. Too busy baiting hooks and untangling lines for the youngsters. Of course it was more important to take them fishing than to sit around and shoot the breeze like a couple of old gas bags.

## Vagaries . . .

by Larry Tajiri

## From Sukiyaki to Sirloins

Last Sunday's New York Times had a full-page ad, sponsored by the city, which bid tourists to visit Manhattan and its environs. One part of the ad dealt with the wide range of cuisine available: "From . . . suki-yaki to sirloins, your wishes won't go wanting . . ."

We've had suki-yaki in New York, at the Miyako and at several other restaurants, and it's good. We've also had shish kebab, sauerbraten, guacamole, and beef Stroganoff in any number of the city's "foreign" restaurants. The baked beans at the Automat are pretty tasty, too, and used to cost only a dime per pot. Down in the Village there was Roman Marie's where you get food with a gypsy flavor, and Shima's which could be described as "American." There were any number of French and Italian places, where you bought atmosphere along with the vittles.

When we lived in New York, though, suki-yaki wasn't the star attraction it is today. If it came to Oriental cooking, the emphasis was more on Chinese dishes and Indian curry stews, even though most of the so-called "Chinese" dishes had never been heard of in China. The story, probably apocryphal, is that chop suey and chow mein were the concoctions of an Irishman in San Francisco. In youthful innocence, one day some years before Pearl Harbor, we once tried to order egg foo yong in a restaurant in a city in northern China. We got a blank stare from the waitress, but decided it was just our pronunciation of "foo yong" she did not understand. We tried sign language, breaking imaginary eggs into a bowl, stirring them and adding vegetables. The waitress giggled, nodded and hurried off, returning some time later with a stack of scrambled eggs—about a foot high.

Almost without exception the Chinese restaurants—there are hundreds in New York and at least one in nearly every city in the United States—offer an Americanized version of the cookery of only one small section of China, the Canton area—most Chinese immigrants to the United States coming from China. Equally famous in the Orient is the Mandarin cuisine of the north Chinese, but

the only restaurant we've found in the country which serves the food of North Chinese is in Washington, D.C., though there are undoubtedly some in New York and San Francisco. This northern Chinese cooking doesn't seem to be as sweet as the Cantonese, and there is considerable difference in the ingredients used. Such things as nuts, pineapples and bird nests are apt to be more common to Canton, which is in the south and sub-tropical, than in Peking, the capital of the north.

When we were growing up on the west coast, suki-yaki didn't seem to be as much a part of the Nisei and the general American culinary culture as it is today. Most Japanese American families, for example, used to have "China-meshi" when dining out, although Japanese dishes were cooked on holidays like New Year's at home. It could be that the Chinese restaurants were the only ones available, or maybe Chinese food just tasted better. There were many Chinese restaurants which catered principally to the Issei and Nisei, while many Japanese also operated Chinese-style cafes.

We remember one evening in Mexico City when we walked several miles through the back streets in search of a Chinese cafe, listed as such in the telephone directory. When we did locate it, the hour was late, and the "Cafe Chinois" turned out to be a restaurant serving mostly Mexican dishes. It was in a working-class neighborhood and had the appearance of the neighborhood pub. The restaurant, many years back, apparently had started specializing in Chinese food, but had been completely integrated into the district.

It is somewhat ironic that suki-yaki is growing in popularity only after a great war had been fought. It took the war, of course, for a million young Americans to get over to Japan and the Orient in the uniform of the GI and to get a taste for dishes with a soy sauce base. Suki-yaki is a symbol of the Japanese cooking art, although it itself is really an importation into Japan. The generally accepted story is that suki-yaki was the culinary invention of a Dutch priest back

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## DECADE AGO

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Over 1,000 drafted and accepted for military service from WRA camps since reopening of selective service for men of Japanese ancestry Jan. 1, 1944.

63 Heart Mountain evacuees found guilty of violating draft act; face 3-year terms. Two Amache evacuees charged with draft evasion found guilty.

California encampment of VFW refuses to adopt Lomita Post resolution barring all Japanese Americans from California forever. Washington State VFW adopts resolution relocating all Japanese, citizen and alien, to Pacific islands.

JACL chapter organized on interracial basis in New York.

Movie inflaming hate against loyal Nisei proposed, protested by commentator Jimmie Fidler over radio network.

California DAV proposes Manzanar be converted as rehabilitation camp for disabled veterans after war.

100 evacuee workers to leave War Food Administration labor camps in Twin Falls, Idaho; beating of workers by white hoodlums blamed.

Pfc. Tommy Higa of Honolulu, 100th Infantry veteran on convalescent furlough, visits Amache, his first relocation camp.

Pacific Pathfinder, new monthly magazine devoted to interracial affairs of Pacific basin and west coast, makes appearance in Los Angeles; edited by Rev. Fred Fertig.

## MINORITY

The Pasadena (Calif.) board of education is now considering practical ways of eliminating those policies which in the past have resulted in virtual separation of races in some of its schools. The NAACP had been protesting the overcrowding of Negro students at Garfield School.

Success of public school desegregation in many communities is told in a 32-page pamphlet, "Segregation and the Schools," published by the NAACP, 20 W. 40th St., New York 18. It sells at 25c.

An appeal seeking to prevent the Grand Rapids (Mich.) board of education from continuing its segregation policies was filed with the state Dept. of Public Instruction.

Effective next September, Canal Zone-operated schools will ban segregation of its students.

If the life insurance agent doesn't sell you he worries you to death.