

Pack Up, Come to the Convention, Sept. 2-6

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## CONGRESS PASSES REMEDIAL BILL FOR PERU-JAPANESE

Washington

Acting only a few days before adjournment, Congress passed an amendment to the Refugee Relief Act including relief from deportation for Peruvian Japanese, reported Mike Masaoka, Nisei lobbyist in Washington.

The final Congressional act enabling the remedial legislation to be sent to the White House was made possible by the concurrence of the House of Representatives with Senate amendments.

Masaoka, after conferring with White House officials, indicated that President Eisenhower was expected to sign the bill into law within a few days.

### Permanent Residence

Peruvian Japanese, stranded in the United States and unable to return to their former homes and property in Peru, will become eligible to have their status adjusted and apply for permanent residence in the United States by the measure, Masaoka explained.

At the present time, several hundred of these stranded refugees from Peru are subject to deportation for these Peruvian Japanese.

Last week, the Senate had refused to act on the bill, but reversed itself on the following day after Sen. George Smathers (D., Fla.) explained that objection to the bill on the previous day was in error.

Then within only a few days before Congress closed shop for the year, the House called up the amended bill, passed it, and sent it to the White House.

## Meeting rooms set for evacuation claims hearing on Hillings Amendment

Washington

Interested Issei and Nisei are invited to attend the public hearings on the Hillings Amendment to the Japanese Evacuation Claims Law in San Francisco and Los Angeles, announced the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

For the newly naturalized Issei citizens, these congressional hearings will provide a rare opportunity to witness Congress in action. Nisei, too, will have the opportunity to see a congressional subcommittee



A delegation from the East Los Angeles JACL Chapter visited the home of City Councilman Edward R. Roybal (center) on the city council's resolution welcoming the 13th Biennial National JACL Convention. In the photo are (left to right) Beti Yoshida, Tami Kurose, Ida Nishibue, Councilman Roybal, Wilbur Sato, chapter president; Shiz Kaminaka, Akira Hasegawa (above) and Jim Higashi.

## City of Los Angeles extends warm welcome to convention in resolution

Los Angeles

City Councilman Edward R. Roybal today informed the Japanese American Citizens League that the Los Angeles City Council has unanimously adopted his resolution extending a "warm and cordial welcome" to the delegates, members, friends and guests attending the 13th Biennial National JACL Convention Sept. 2-6, at the Statler Hotel.

The resolution in full reads as follows:

Whereas, there are 25,000 persons of Japanese ancestry residing in the city of Los Angeles, the vast majority of them being native American Citizens by birth, and

Whereas, the Japanese American residents and citizens of this city are exemplary Americans by every standard of conduct, and

Whereas, Americans of Japanese ancestry have made great contributions to our culture, economy and industry, and

Whereas, the war record of American servicemen of Japanese ancestry is among the most outstanding in our military history, and

Whereas, the Japanese American Citizens League is the only national organization representing the interests and welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry, and

Whereas, the six chapters of the Japanese American Citizens League in the city of Los Angeles are the hosts to the 13th Biennial National Convention of this organization to be held at the Statler Hotel in the city of Los Angeles from September 2-6, 1954;

Now, therefore be it resolved that the City Council of Los Angeles, in regular session, hereby extend a warm and cordial welcome to the delegates, members, friends and guests attending the 13th Biennial National Convention of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Presented by  
Edward R. Roybal

## 'TANKO BUSHI' DANCE SPECIALTY AT MIXER

Los Angeles

"Tanko Bushi"—the Japanese coal miner's song—will be the specialty dance number to be taught all JACL Convention delegates, boosters and the public attending the Freeway Frolic at the Statler Hotel, Sept. 2, 10:30 p.m., it was announced by Dr. Toru Iura, convention mixer chairman.

A simple "ondo" that can be readily mastered after suitably explained (in English) by the instructors, Bobby Hammack's combo will provide the lilt and rhythms of the Japanese song for the stag-stagette informal.

The party follows the Opening Ceremonies in the same Pacific Ballroom. Refreshments will be available in an adjoining room while the hall is being cleared for the dance.

## ASHES OF FIRST NISEI BORN IN U.S. BURIED IN NATIONAL CEMETERY

San Bruno

The ashes of the first person of Japanese ancestry to be born in the United States, World War I veteran Frank Chujiro Akabane, were buried at the Golden Gate National Cemetery here at simple rites Aug. 16. He died at the age of 74 in Los Angeles Dec. 27, 1953.

He was born in San Francisco Mar. 5, 1879, son of Chuemon Akabane who came to San Francisco in 1874. His father worked as a houseboy then opened a restaurant and rooming house on Stockton Street in 1883.

## Stockton photographer missing since Aug. 14 whereabouts sought

Stockton

Gunji Watanabe, 36, local photographer, is reported missing under mysterious circumstances since Aug. 14, 11:30 p.m. His wife and mother are ill with worry and the family is anxious to locate him. He may have been an amnesia victim or had a nervous breakdown.

He was last seen wearing a very fine checked maroonish, long sleeve shirt; brown slacks, brown shoes; 5 ft. 4 in., 145 lbs., wears glasses. Information leading to his whereabouts can be turned over to the Stockton Missing Persons Bureau, HOWard 5-3407, or their local police. He was a member of the Stockton JACL.

## Japan ready to send 10,000 emigrants in '55

Tokyo

Japan plans to send 10,250 emigrants to North and South America in 1955. Takashi Ishii, chief of the Foreign Office Emigration Section, said Japan hopes to send 6,300 to Brazil; 1,050 to Argentina; 500 each to the United States and Paraguay; 300 to Colombia, and 200 to Chile.

## Miyamura nominated for Nisei of Biennium award by Albuquerque CL

Albuquerque

War-hero Hiroshi "Hershey" Miyamura of Gallup, N.M., was officially nominated by the Albuquerque JACL as a candidate for the 1953-1954 "Nisei of the Biennium" award of the national JACL.

The award will be made at the 13th Biennial National Convention convening at the Statler Hotel, Los Angeles, Sept. 2-6. Mrs. Ruth Y. Hashimoto submitted the nomination as president of the Albuquerque JACL.

Miyamura, the only living Nisei winner of the Medal of Honor, the highest military award which this country can give, is a native of Gallup.

### Niseidom's Finest Hour

Besides his war-time achievements, which, as Mike Masaoka expressed it, "gave Niseidom its finest hour" when Pres. Eisenhower personally awarded the Medal of Honor, Miyamura was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Nation in 1953 by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Moreover, after his return from Korean PW camps, Miyamura undertook a nation-wide speaking tour.

## AUTHORIZE OVER \$110,000 TO PAY BIG CLAIM AWARDS

Washington

Over \$110,000 for payment of evacuation claims awards was approved by Congress in the last days of the 83rd Congress, according to Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The funds, \$113,154.51 to pay 23 evacuation claims awards, were included in a supplemental appropriation measure which received Congressional approval shortly after the measure was reported out of a joint House-Senate Conference Committee.

Two weeks ago, it was decided that these funds, then in two separate measures, might not receive Congressional approval and were consolidated along with other departmental requests into a single bill.

### In Conference

The new and larger supplemental appropriation bill required Conference Committee action because of several differences between the bill passed by the Senate and one passed by the House, explained the Washington JACL representative.

Within the last few days before adjournment, both the Senate and House passed the consolidated supplemental appropriation and the measure was sent to the White House for President Eisenhower's signature.

### 23 Claimants

All 23 claimants to receive the \$113,154.51 had their evacuation claims adjudicated under the 1948 Evacuation Claims Act, which was sponsored by the JACL.

The consolidated measure included \$38,359.63 for nine awards adjudicated early in June and \$74,785.88 for 14 awards adjudicated in April and May.

"With the passage of this consolidated supplemental appropriation, there are no other outstanding appropriations for payment of evacuation claims in this Congress," Masaoka said.

Everywhere Miyamura went, his unassuming modesty and willingness to participate in a rigorous public relations program, which advanced the interests of Nisei in America, won respect and admiration that benefitted all Nisei.

### Distinguished Service

Winning of the Medal of Honor alone would make Miyamura an outstanding Nisei, and his conduct after his return to America, personally appearing and speaking out as a Nisei, has been a distinguished service to the Nisei of the United States.

The Mountain-Plains JACL district wholeheartedly supports the candidacy of Hiroshi Miyamura as "Nisei of the Biennium for 1952-1954."

## Placer legionnaires

Loomis

Two Nisei legionnaires of John A. Stacker Post 775, American Legion, have been appointed to offices of the Sixth District, it was announced by Orlo Strike, district commander-elect. They are:

Jr. Past Commander George Makimoto, dist. hist.; First Vice-Comm. George Hirakawa, dist. Americanism comm.

## Nat'l convention running six days

Los Angeles

The schedule of events for the 13th biennial National JACL Convention meeting at the Statler Hotel, Sept. 2-6, was released today to include the Sept. 1 National Board and Staff meeting.

Delegates are due to arrive in great numbers on Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. The convention registration desk will be opened at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1 and will be staffed daily for the remainder of the convention.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, convention board chairman, said because of the congressional hearings on the evacuation claims law to be conducted at the Federal Building, Sept. 1-3, booster delegates should take this opportunity to see Congress in action while attending the convention.

conduct hearings on a bill of special interest to them.

The Hillings Amendment, introduced by Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Calif.) would remove the present \$2,500 ceiling for compensating evacuation claims or allow claimants to seek a judicial determination of their claims in the Court of Claims, if they so elect. This subcommittee, after conclusion of the California hearings, will make recommendation to Congress on this Hillings Amendment.

Rep. Edgar A. Jonas (R., Ill.), chairman of the subcommittee, announced the following hours and locations for the hearings:

**SAN FRANCISCO**  
Rm. 338, Federal Court House Bldg.  
Aug. 30 (Mon.)—10 a.m.-12 noon;  
2-5 p.m.  
Aug. 31 (Tues.)—10 a.m.-12 noon;  
2-5 p.m.

**LOS ANGELES**  
Rm. 330, Federal Court House Bldg.  
Sept. 1 (Wed.)—2-5 p.m.  
Sept. 2 (Thu.)—10 a.m.-12 noon;  
2-5 p.m.  
Sept. 3 (Fri.)—10 a.m.-12 noon; 2-5 p.m.

The subcommittee is still considering additional public hearings in Fresno, Calif. If Fresno hearings are scheduled, it is most likely that only a half-day in the afternoon of Sept. 7 will be allotted, the Washington JACL Office said.

Practically all attorneys and claimants holding the larger evacuation claims are expected to request opportunity to present their cases to the Subcommittee.

However, because of limited time, it is anticipated that most of the witnesses will be representing special area problems rather than individual claims.



# Washington Newsletter

MIKE M. MASAOKA

## 83rd Congress adjourns

Last Friday night, the 83rd Congress adjourned, that is, the House adjourned *sine die* while the Senate recessed indefinitely, until the Majority and Minority Leaders agree and give five days notice to reconvene "whenever, in their opinion, the public business of the Senate so requires."

This strange situation was required in order that the Senate might reconvene, prior to Dec. 25, to discuss the report of the special six-senator committee appointed to consider the motion to censure Senator McCarthy.

The first GOP Congress that was in session while a Republican occupied the White House in 22 years started out slowly enough for the Democrats to begin pinning a "do nothing" label on it.

But, in the Second Session, and particularly in its last two months, it ground out, statistically at least, as much or more than any recent Congress.

According to White House sources, President Eisenhower battled .828, which is just about a record in any league, including politics. They claimed that the President had sent up 64 major recommendations and that the Congress favorably acted in some form on 53 of them.

## Autumn campaigning

Now that the Congress has gone home, and the President has gone to Denver, which has become a kind of summer "White House" for him, the business of campaigning for election this November begins in earnest.

The Republicans will boast of their excellent record in Congress, when in spite of razor-thin majorities in both Houses at the end of the session (deaths in the Senate gave the Republicans a majority of one when in the beginning of the First Session they were in a minority of one), they enacted an overwhelming majority of the President's legislative program to stop the trend of the past 20 years and to gear our nation to new directions.

The Democrats will counter that while the 63rd Congress passed a lot of bills quantitatively the laws lacked qualitatively, particularly as they relate to the so-called "little man" that seems to be the particular concern of that party. Moreover, they will point out that the only "good" portions of the program were a continuation of the "good old days" under Democratic control and even these required the votes of the Democrats to put them over.

All this adds up to what may be the most interesting and closely contested mid-term congressional elections in years, with all 435 House seats up for decision and a near record 37 in the Senate.

While this past Congress will be remembered for many things, here are some of the highlights:

Senate passed a record 426 bills in a single afternoon; participated in the longest round-the-clock session in history; witnessed for first time all Democrats voting together on a single issue (Taft-Hartley); earned designation as "most nose-to-grindstone" Senate in history; experienced a tragic suicide of Sen. Hunt; recorded first time a Majority Leader without a majority; and lived through the McCarthy-Army hearings; while the House saw one of the strangest coalitions in congressional annals defeat the President's health insurance bill; cringed as five Puerto Rican assassins shot from the galleries; and was embarrassed when Congressman Hays trapped an alleged expert witness into identifying the Papal Encyclical as following the communist line.

## Nisei, JACL fared well

And, how did persons of Japanese ancestry, and the JACL, fare in the last biennium?

In terms of number of public bills enacted, this was the most successful since an-

other GOP Congress, the 80th. In addition to the regular appropriations for the various agencies which has a direct relation to Government programs affecting the lives and fortunes of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States, seven public acts were placed on the statute books during the past two years.

## Evacuation Claims hearings

With public hearings on the Hillings Amendment to expedite the final determination of all the remaining and larger evacuation claims scheduled to begin next Monday in San Francisco, it is expected that every claimant and every attorney representing claimants will clamor for an opportunity to be heard.

These claimants will want to express their personal views on the validity and the need for urgency in settling their claims. Their attorneys will want to protect their clients' interests and attempt to have the Subcommittee accept their theory on particular claims.

Both will be most anxious to write some favorable legislative history regarding specific claims in the record of the hearings.

When these San Francisco and Los Angeles hearings were discussed with members of the congressional Subcommittee, the fear was expressed that it would be a very difficult task to screen the various witnesses in order that repetition might be avoided.

As expressed by the congressmen, in every claims hearings they have ever held, attorneys with even minor claims and claimants from all over the country would travel at their own expense to insist upon the right to be heard. After all, money—dollar and cents—is involved and this doesn't come too easy these days, is the way it was explained to the writer.

## Overwhelming interest sought

On the strength of the representations made in San Francisco and Los Angeles lies the fate of the Hillings Amendment. JACL cannot secure favorable consideration of this legislation next year unless there is evidenced overwhelming interest in this proposition by the claimants and their attorneys—the ones most vitally affected by this proposal.

In a sense, this is also the showdown for those few claimants and attorneys—Nisei and non-Japanese—who for the past few years have "sat on the sidelines and criticized the way JACL was carrying the ball."

This is the opportunity for these Monday morning quarterbacks to get out on the field and "try to carry the ball themselves."

The five members of the Subcommittee will be out in California next week to hear all who want to be heard.

Let those who have, in California and elsewhere in the country, expressed disappointment with either the basic law or its administration, attend the hearings and speak out their points of view. For this is the democratic way.

And, unless they do, they will have forfeited the privilege of second-guessing and destructive criticism.

## Nat'l JACL Convention

The 13th Biennial National JACL Convention also convenes in Los Angeles next week. This will be the first such Convention held in the City of the Angels since 1938, 16 years ago.

If detailed planning and vigorous leadership are any indication, this promises to be among the very best Conventions ever held by the JACL or any other national organization.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa and his committee members—on all levels—have done a miraculous job of planning and programming. It is now up to the delegates and boosters to attend and to take advantage of the tedious hours of work put into the pre-Convention activities. Only in this way will the hundreds of JACLers who have virtually slaved to make this forthcoming Convention a success—often at the expense of their own businesses and home lives—be rewarded for all their efforts.

## Mother killed in bus accident, on way to wake

Honolulu

On the way to a friend's funeral, Mrs. Mitsuno Motokane, 71, was crushed to death under wheels of a bus Aug. 9. Police said she died instantly, after stepping off the curb. Her son Masao was killed in Okinawa, Aug. 13, 1945, while serving with the U.S. Army Counter-Intelligence Corps.

Kats Miho, former Washington, D.C., JACLer, is now a full-fledged lawyer having joined the law firm of Fong, Miho, Choy and Chuck in Honolulu. He is a graduate of George Washington Univ. Law School.



Mrs. Marjorie Johnson (third from left) receives a Japanese vase in gratitude for her instructions in Americanization from her Issei students, many of whom have become naturalized citizens. Others are (left to right) Arata Yamasaki, Mrs. Masaki Fujimoto (interpreter), and K. K. Nukaya.

## Idaho Falls naturalized citizens honor class instructor, interpreter

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Idaho Falls

Typical sentiment of old timers glowed delicately at a recent "thank you" dinner for Mrs. Marjorie O. Johnson, Americanization class instructor here. Thirty-five Issei had invited her in appreciation of her efforts to help them pass recent naturalization examinations at the Idaho Falls courthouse.

Mrs. Masaki Fujimoto of Rexburg was similarly honored for her interpreting service during the examinations.

Although many Issei have passed their 70th birthday, many demonstrated a child-like joy on securing their rights as full-fledged American citizens—indeed, a sensation which cannot be measured when one considers their toil and sweat of the past half century.

### New 'Country Needs You'

Upon accepting a beautiful Japanese vase, Mrs. Johnson told her ex-pupils, "In spite of your age, you have demonstrated such keen interest in getting a new knowledge of America in order to get naturalized. Many Nisei also demonstrated their extreme interests to have their parents naturalized as American citizens.

"Our country needs you. Our country needs your culture," she stated.

Never before has such a wonderful display of Issei-Nisei cooperation ever been witnessed as in the naturalization of the Issei. Parents studied with their children the intricate American Constitution and

history.

### Interpreter Service

Mrs. Fujimoto, presented a silver set, proved herself a splendid interpreter and with a deep spirit to help every Issei. Such service is another stepping stone for the fighting pioneers to bridge the gap to their fulfillment of dream of becoming a true segment of this great Union.

The Issei are proving themselves as worthy Americans in this undertaking. Some know American history better than their children. One Issei took pains to memorize the preamble to the Constitution, commas included.

Among recently naturalized were two soldier warbrides: Mrs. Howard T. Watanabe of Tokyo, and Mrs. Leo Morishita of Italy. The naturalized Issei citizens at the Aug. 15 party were:

Mr. and Mrs. K. K. Nukaya, Mr. and Mrs. Arata Yamasaki, Mr. and Mrs. Tsurunosuke Uyeda, Mr. and Mrs. Masaki Honda, Mr. and Mrs. Sen Sakaguchi, Mr. and Mrs. Tsunetsaku Shiratori, Mr. and Mrs. Tsurukichi Morishita.

Seikichi Sato, Yuzo Hirai, Mrs. Terue Nishioaka, Mr. and Mrs. Ippeiichi Saito, Mr. and Mrs. Arata Mayeda, Mrs. Yoshie Ogawa, Kumazo Shikasho, Chikazo Furukawa, Mr. and Mrs. Miyaji Mikami, Mr. and Mrs. Seiji Tokita, Mrs. Iyo Haga, Mrs. Mashie Tanaka, Mr. and Mrs. Orinosuke Harada, Seigichi Sato.

## N.Y. 442nd picnic

New York

The 442nd Association here holds its annual picnic at Heckscher State Park, L.I., on Sept. 5. Walter Bjork is chairman.

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

### A facet of army life

One of the regrets of Army life was not jotting in my diary the comical interludes of one Gabby Yamamoto, whose little daughter Sugako gained a juicy \$250 per week contract with Mickey Rooney Enterprises last week and running for 24 weeks . . . His pretty wife is professionally known as Misa Bando, instructor in classical Japanese dances . . . Gabby was and is thoroughly Kibei . . . The first day he showed up at Fort Warren, Wyo., as a recruit, he was the only lad of Japanese ancestry in his company. He knew a few English words of the pool hall variety, so his first "sarge" asked that I help. That's how we met . . . He got around to learning English when he was hospitalized with a wrenched ankle—from making a bad slide into home-plate for the Camp Barkeley (Tex.) nine. He just had to know English to converse with the pretty nurse in his ward . . . He used to drive a beer truck in Sacramento before the war, still doing the same in Los Angeles . . . He used to emcee Japanese programs before the war at the Sacramento Bukkyokai, still appears in the same role at the Shizuoka Kenjin picnic each year . . . His quick smile, flailing gestures and naniwabushi (which was translated as Japanese hill-billy to curious Texans) attracted fast and enduring friends.

I remember our first trip to San Antonio—not being able to

find a place to stay, we finally went back to the bus depot and slept there . . . I remember the day he tossed the officer of the day riding in the front seat with him out of the car on a fast turn . . . I remember his heckling in Nihongo when playing baseball . . . I remember his teaching mah-jong, his snappy salute on pay days, his gloom when the rest of the Nisei in the company were transferred out of Texas—in fact, he helped close the camp . . . He was finally discharged from Presidio of Monterey, where he had been instructing Japanese—a skill which could have been utilized much earlier.

Much has been written about the exploits of Nisei in the 442nd and G-2 . . . Gabby, like several hundred other Nisei veterans who never had the chance to go overseas but faithfully plodded through the war years as station complement personnel, belongs to the unsung hero category . . . The glory rightfully belongs to the men on the front, but it should be remembered also that it took equally good men to keep the training camps in the states nearly regarded indispensable . . . Look how long they kept Gabby at Camp Barkeley, where the 45th and 90th Divisions, three armored divisions, and replacements for the Army Nurse Corps and Medical Corps were trained.

## 68 naturalized Issei at Portland

Portland, Ore.

U.S. District Judge Claude McCulloch presided at naturalization ceremonies July 1 for 68 more Issei citizens. Over half had taken examinations in Japanese.

Arden X. Pangborn, editor of the Journal, addressed a group in morning ceremonies while Malcom Bauer, editorial writer for the Oregonian, spoke in the afternoon. Those naturalized were:

Yachiyo Kinoshita, Yoshihei Shirashi, Yukino Takabayashi, Jenzo George Kodama, Toye Ebihara, Naoko Tanida, Chiyo Uyesugi, Fumio

Tom Tamura, Kinuyo Takeoka, Matsutaro Sam Muramitsu, Kyu Muramatsu, Jack Uchida Tanaka, Mary Fukiyo Masuda, Frank Ryoichi Iwata, Yasue Iwata, Itaro Kato, Kiyoshi Sasaki, Sam Kondo, Zenzaburo Ochiai, Hatsutaro Azumano, Satsuki Azumano, Zoichi Joe Komachi, Kimino-Hishikawa, Toyoki Murahashi, Mokuo Tomori, Yachiyo Yoshizawa, Tokichi Tom Tsujimura, K. Y. Keijiro Yoshitomi, Chiyono Uyeda, Helen Seki Naemura, Yaeno Nakata, Arthur A. Tambara, Masano Tambara, Tomi Inuzuka, Giichi Kayama, Etsuo Namba, George M. Yamasaki, Billy Iwasaki, Toyoko Alice Tamura, Rio Shaw Yamane, Seiji Fujita, Rikichi Maeda, Henry Tomita, Tamiro Miura, Yoshio Joe Inouye, Shohachi Kasubuchi, Tom Tamiyasu, Hidekichi Tanida, Joe Tazawa, Chieto Morita, Chiyoshi Shioji, Junji Fujiyama, Nobuichi S. Minami, Barbara Sono, Minosuke Gimba, Kuniji Tamura, Michizo Horagami, Yukiyo Horagami, Masami Oyamada, Tom Kasahara, Ruby Sachiko Shiomi, Takeshi Nigo, Takashi Inuzuka, Shina Ohta, Yoshichiro Funatake, Kamaichi Maehara.



## Macadamia nut industry . . .

Great oaks from little acorns grow. With a little play on words, this axiom can be applied to the macadamia nut industry started by a Honolulu business firm.

The embryonic industry had a rough start—it carved itself an orchard out of jungle-covered lava land.

That was six years ago. In that time the firm of Castle & Cooke, Ltd., spent \$1,100,000, with no returns.

This summer, for the first time, the macadamia trees are producing the marble-sized nuts with the crunchy kernels. Three tons of nuts in shell will be harvested this year but most of it will go for experimental processing and not the commercial market at this time. Production will increase until by 1970 a peak of 2,500 tons should be reached.

Most of the 27 employees on the project, located on the Big Island of Hawaii, are of Japanese ancestry. They were selected for their ability to contribute special talents in their jobs.

## Contributing special talents . . .

For example, Gordon T. Shigeura is employed as a horticulturist. Born on Oahu 38 years ago he has a B.S. and an M.S. from the Univ. of Hawaii. He has worked as a research assistant for the Hawaiian Pineapple Co. and in agronomy and plant physiology at the University's Agricultural Experiment Station.

His scientific interests are obvious from his membership in such organizations as the American Association for the Advancement of Science; American Society of Plant Physiologists; the American Society for Horticultural Science; Hawaiian Academy of Science; and the Hawaiian Botanical Society.

In his spare time he grows orchids and breeds new varieties of hibiscus plants.

As a member of the press group that was flown from Honolulu last week aboard a plane chartered by Castle & Cooke, I had a chance to talk with Shigeura and his men at the orchard at Keaau, 10 miles from the town of Hilo.

Shigeura had just returned from a Mainland trip and was brimming over with enthusiasm to see the macadamia orchard again.

He answered questions from the reporters about macadamia growing, while Yoshi Ogimura, the orchard foreman, demonstrated the grafting process.

With a sharp knife, Ogimura slashed the stem of a young plant half-way and inserted a scion (plant shoot) into the slit. He wrapped the wound with tape and poured paraffin on it.

It was a quick, neat job. I asked whether many grafted plants died. "Not if Shigeura or the men he taught did the job," I was told.

Later, we saw Isamu Yamauchi and Tamotsu Nakashima operate over-sized vacuum cleaner-like hoses to harvest fallen nuts. Then Nakashima and Katsuto Katsunai showed how the outer, green covering was husked from the hard, smooth shell of the nuts.

At a still later stage, we watched Mamoru Fujio cook the shelled kernels in coconut oil, until the nuts came out crunchy and golden, ready for salting.

## Tasty flavor all its own . . .

The macadamia is the tastiest nut I've tasted. It has a flavor all its own.

It will be a long time before Castle & Cooke reaps any profits from its million dollar investment to transform a jungle of volcano rock and trees into productive land. If the price can be brought down to below \$2 a pound retail, so it can compete with almonds and walnuts, the macadamia may find a wide market on the Mainland.

It's a luxury nut now, since only a limited amount is grown on a few orchards in Hawaii, none of which compare in size with the 1,000 acres of the Keaau project. The aim is to lower the price into the semi-luxury class.



Carl Sato of Mesa, Ariz., is the first candidate of Japanese ancestry for the Arizona State Legislature. Lone Republican nominee for a seat in the House from his district, his place on the final ballot is assured in the general November elections. The primaries take place Sept. 7.

## Pennsylvania Issei cited by Legion for Americanism

Sharon, Pa.

Masanobu M. Morisuye of Sharon, electrical engineer for Westinghouse who became naturalized last year, was honored with the Sharon Post 299 American Legion Americanism Award during the Legion-sponsored National Air Show at Chadderton Airport Aug. 15.

An engraved plaque was presented by Russell Miller, post commander, Rep. Carrol D. of the Issei, who first came to the United States at the age of 10 with his parents, going through public schools in San Francisco and being graduated from the Univ. of California in 1921.

Morisuye joined Westinghouse in Pittsburgh in 1923 after receiving his master's degree in electrical engineering at Cornell University. He was transferred to the Sharon plant in 1925.

Morisuye is an active leader in his church, rendered great service to scouting organizations, service and civic groups, charities and other community work.

In accepting the citation, somewhat akin to the "Oscars" of the motion picture industry, Morisuye called forward his wife and pointed out that she had been willing to be a "widow" for all the work.

The Morisuyes have two daughters, both college graduates, and live at 84 Buhl Ct.

## Perry Post legionnaires named to district posts

Los Angeles

Nine Nisei members of the Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion were appointed to 17th District committee posts recently. They are:

Judge John F. Aiso, constitution and by-laws; James K. Mitsumori, legis. & resolutions; Shig Imamura, housing; Doc Saito, John K. Akiyama, amateur radio; George Waki, mus. org.; Jim Kawakami, naturalization; Soichi Fukui, budget & fin.; and Casey Kasuyama, inter-district liaison.



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## 5 HOUSE JUDICIARY SUBCOMMITTEE MEN TO CONDUCT CLAIMS HEARINGS

Washington

The five House Judiciary Subcommittee members, who will conduct the west coast hearings on the Hillings Amendment, are the same congressmen, who conducted extensive public hearings on the explosions at Texas City earlier this year, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The Subcommittee, under the chairmanship of Rep. Edgar A. Jonas (R., Ill.), is noted for drafting the largest single private bill ever to receive Congressional approval. The record breaking private bill provided compensation for the hundreds of injured persons and for property damage in the Texas City disaster.

In California, this Subcommittee will conduct public hearings on the bill introduced by Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Calif.) for expeditious completion and payment of large evacuation claims.

### Choice for Claimants

The Hillings Amendment would enable claimants to elect between a compromise procedure without any ceiling limitation on the amount or to seek a judicial determination of their evacuation claims in the Court of Claims. If the claimant does not elect either of these alternatives, he will have his claim adjudicated under present law.

Congressman Jonas was also subcommittee chairman on the Texas City disaster. He is a graduate from Chicago Law School, a former judge, and has served as a member of the 81st and 83rd Congresses.

### 16 Year Congressman

Rep. Usher L. Burdick (R., N.D.) is a graduate of the Minnesota School of Jurisprudence, a former prosecuting and district attorney, and is a prolific writer. He has served in the House of Representatives for 16 out of the last 20 years.

Rep. William E. Miller (R., N.Y.) is a graduate of Notre Dame University and Albany Law School, a veteran of World War II, a former district attorney, and served as a prosecuting attorney at the war criminal trials at Nuremberg, Germany. He has served in Congress since 1950.

Rep. Thomas J. Lane (D., Mass.) is a graduate from Suffolk Law School, a veteran of World War I, and served 12 years in the Massachusetts State Legislature before his first

election to Washington in 1941. He has since been reelected for each succeeding Congress.

### World War II Veteran

Rep. Peter W. Rodino, Jr. (D., N.J.) is an attorney, a much decorated veteran of World War II, and is well known for spearheading the drive against communism in the 1948 Italian elections. He was first elected to Congress in the 81st Congress and has been reelected for each succeeding Congress.

Walter Lee is a Democrat from Mississippi and is the administrative staff director of the House Judiciary Committee. He has served the House Committee for the past 12 years.

Cyril Brickfield, from Brooklyn, New York, earned his Bachelor and Master degrees at Fordham University. He has served as legal counsel for the House Judiciary Committee for the past four years and will attend the California hearings in the same capacity.

### Vacations Cut Short

Even though Congress has adjourned, these subcommittee members are taking time out from their fall election campaigns and summer vacations to conduct the hearings on the Hillings Amendment.

"These hearings," said Mike Masaoka, Washington representative, "will enable the claimants of larger evacuation claims demonstrate their interest in the enactment of legislation to expedite completion and payment of their evacuation claims."

## Santa Cruz Issei petition denied

Santa Cruz

Failure to mention his past affiliation with the defunct Heimusha Kai cost Toshito Kadotani his petition for naturalization. When pressed by the examiner on his relationship with the organization, which had collected funds for Japanese war relief, he admitted serving as president of the Santa Cruz chapter.

The Issei was immediately denied his petition by the superior court judge and examiner on grounds he had "falsified his statement under oath."

Meanwhile, the court successfully passed and swore in five other Issei as U.S. citizens:

Dr. Kichiro Koda, Shuro Kobayashi, Shohei Tsuyuki, Susumu Mizuta and Keitaro Tao.

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Portland—John M. Hada and Dr. Mitsuo Nakata.  
Puyallup Valley—Tom Takemura and Bob Mizukami.  
Seattle—Miss Miyo Nakatsu and George Kashiwagi.

### No. Calif.-Western Nevada District Council

District Delegate: Tom Yego, Penryn.  
Berkeley—George Yasukochi and Al Kosakura. Alt: Mas Yone-mura and Mas Fujii.  
Eden Township—Kenji Fujii and Tok Hironaka. Alt: Takiko Shinoda and Rose Kurotori.  
Gilroy—Kimiko Okawa.  
Marysville—Frank N. Okimoto.  
Oakland—Paul T. Nomura.  
Placer Co.—Koichi Uyeno, Roy Yoshida. Alt: James Makimoto, Martha Iwasaki.  
Reno—Oscar Fujii.  
San Benito Co.—Glenn Kowaki and Shoso Nakamoto.  
San Francisco—Jerry Enomoto, Kei Hori and Kaye Uyeda.  
Sequoia—John Enomoto and Harry Higaki.  
Sonoma County—Frank Oda.  
Stockton—Miss Yuki Shinoda and Miss Louise Baba.

### Central California District Council

District Delegate: Tom Nakamura, Sanger.  
Sanger—Robert K. Kanagawa and George Nishimura.  
Fresno—Mike Iwatsubo.

### Pacific Southwest District Council

District Delegate: Ken Dyo, Pasadena.  
Downtown Los Angeles—David Yokozeki and Kei Uchima. Alt: George Maruya, Frank Suzukida.  
East Los Angeles—Wilbur Sato and Lucille Okada.  
Hollywood—Art Endo and Art Ito.  
Orange County—Ken Uyesugi and George Kanno.  
Pasadena—Tom T. Ito and Florence Wada.  
San Diego—Hiomi Nakamura and Masaaki Hironaka.  
San Luis Obispo—Saburo Ikeda.  
Santa Barbara—Mike Hide and John Suzuki.  
Ventura Co.—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Uno.  
West Los Angeles—Sho Komai and Steve Yagi.

### Intermountain District Council

District Delegate: Jim Ushio, Murray, Utah.

### Mountain Plains District Council

District Delegate: George Masunaga (for Floyd Koshio, Ft. Lupton).  
Albuquerque—Mrs. Ruth Y. Hashimoto.  
Arkansas Valley—Henry Hirose.  
Denver—Sam Matsumoto and Ben Miyahara.  
Northern Wyoming—Kaz Uriu.  
Omaha—Miss Emiko Watanabe.

### Midwest District Council

District Delegate: Harry Takagi, Minneapolis.  
Chicago—Shig Wakamatsu, Kumeo Yoshinari. Alt: Abe Hagiwara, John Yoshino.  
Dayton—Dr. Ruby Hirose.  
Twin Cities—George Yoshino.

### Eastern District Council

District Delegate: Ira Shimasaki, Bethesda, Md.  
Philadelphia—Dr. H. T. Tamaki. Alt: Miss Mary Toda.  
Washington, DC—John Katsu, Miss Carol Tsuda. Alt: Kathleen Iseri.

The following list of pre-registered delegates and boosters includes those who have either the \$3 advance or the \$30 "package deal" registrations, as prepared by Mrs. Mabel Ota, convention registration chairman. All convention events require registration except the Issei Recognitions Banquet and Opening Ceremonies.

ALBUQUERQUE—Ada Jean Hashimoto.

EAST LOS ANGELES—Dick Fujioka, Mrs. Dick Fujioka, Mrs. Wilbur Sato, Roy Yamadera, Betty Yoshida, Fred Takata, Linda Ito, Dorothy Takata, Don Matsuda, Kimi Matsuda, Ritsuko Kawakami, Charles Asawa, Yaeko Nakashima, Mrs. Marvel Miyata.

FRESNO—T. Kasadara, Henry Mikami.

DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES—Ruth Kosaka, Merijane Yokoe, Harry Honda.

MARYSVILLE—Mrs. Frank N. Okimoto.

NEW YORK—Tomio Enochy, Sam Kai, Mike Suzuki.

OMAHA—Lily Okura.

ORANGE COUNTY—Ken Uyesugi, Mrs. Ken Uyesugi, Elden Kanegae, James Kobayashi, Fred Mizusawa, Hitoshi Nitta, Harry Matsukane, Tad Ochiai, Roy Kobayashi.

PHILADELPHIA—Dick Horikawa, Marion Tamaki.

PORTLAND—Hana Yamada, Tamachi Yamada, Mi. Hasuika.

SALINAS—Tom Miyahara, Mrs. Tom Miyahara, Sumi Iwashige, Roberta Urabe, James Abe, John Terakawa, Mrs. John Terakawa.

SALT LAKE—Henry Kasai.

SAN BENITO CO.—George Nishita, Mrs. George Nishita.

SAN FRANCISCO—Chiz Satow.

SAN LUIS OBISPO—Seirin Ikeda, Masaji Eto.

SOUTHWEST LOS ANGELES—Mrs. Chiyo Tayama, Fred Tayama, Marianne Kimura, Joe Kimura, Michi Kataoka, Hana Uno, Mabel Ota, Alice Nishikawa.

TULARE COUNTY—Kenji Tashiro, Yelki Tashiro, Tom Hiramoto.

VENICE—George Isoda, Mrs. George Isoda, Frances Kitagawa, Mary Wakamatsu, Steve Nakaji, Louis Kado, Miyo Nishi, Miki Chikasawa, Ken Amamoto, George Mikawa.

WEST LOS ANGELES—Mabel Kitsuse.

CHAPTER NOT DESIGNATED Ann Sakawye.

## CALENDAR

Aug. 29 (Sunday)  
SEQUOIA: Beach outing, Table Beach.

Sept. 2-6  
LOS ANGELES: Nat'l JACL Convention, Statler Hotel.

## CHAPTER MEMO

**New York JACL:** The 1954 JACL Fund Appeal, which opened Aug. 4 and to close Sept. 30, has raised \$773.06 of its \$3,000 goal, it was announced by Sam Kai, president. Contributions are deductible for income tax purposes and should be mailed to JACL, P.O. Box 134, Planetarium Station, New York 24.

**Arkansas Valley JACL:** As of Aug. 7, the chapter reported 80 members. National Headquarters commended the chapter leadership for signing up the largest group to date, adding that it was an expression of interest in JACL in Arkansas Valley.

**San Mateo JACL:** Howard Imada, chapter president, and Yobu Tanaka are co-chairman of the JACL fund drive being conducted this month. The area quota is \$855.20.

**Gilroy JACL:** A recent benefit movie here netted \$433.50 to meet National JACL budget quota. The chapter expressed its appreciation to all who contributed so generously to make the benefit a success.

### Sequoia, San Mateo CLs hold joint meeting

Sequoia and San Mateo JACL chapters met together last night to hear Haruo Ishimaru, San Francisco Regional JACL Director, discuss the role of JACL and the JACL credit union. They met at the local Buddhist church.



Miss National JACL of 1954, Janet Fukuda (center), a touch of gaiety, beauty and informality to the hectic five-day convention opening Sept. 2 at the Los Angeles Statler. —George Waki Photo.

## YAMAKAWA CITED WINNER OF 1954 SCHOLARSHIP

San Francisco  
David Yamakawa of San Francisco was named the 1954 winner of the Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship, it was announced by JACL National Headquarters.

Yamakawa was chosen from a record group of 18 candidates nominated by their respective JACL Chapters by a panel of judges composed of:

Mrs. Marshall Kempner, member of Vassar College Scholarship Committee; Mrs. Frank Gerbode, active in World Affairs Council, Council for Civic Unity, and International Hospitality Center; Dr. Norman Reider, chief psychiatrist, Mt. Zion Hospital; Mrs. Bernice Engle, research assistant, Langley Porter Clinic of Univ. of California; Charles Van Winkle, metropolitan field secretary, San Francisco Young Men's Christian Association, and Dr. Nagel T. Miner, president, Golden Gate College.

The 1954 Scholarship winner is the son of David Kiyoshi and Shizuko Yamakawa, and was nominated by the San Francisco JACL Chapter.

### 2.92 Average

Yamakawa is a graduate of Mission High School in San Francisco, where he compiled a brilliant record, both scholastically and for extra-curricular activities. He finished at the top of his class with a 2.92 average and received certificates of honor from both Stanford and University of California and from the American Legion.

He also won a Bank of America science and mathematics award and Lions Club oratory trophy, and is a life member of the California Scholarship Federation.

He served as a colonel in the Mission High School ROTC; served on the Senior, Junior, and Sophomore Service Society; was a member of the Executive Board, Student Senate, Student Court, Junior Red Cross Committee, Saber Club, Drill Team, Traffic Squad, and Projectionists Club.

### Junior Red Cross

In addition to his school activities, he was active in the Pacific Area Council of the Junior Red Cross and served on the San Francisco Red Cross Chapter Board of Directors as the Junior representative.

Yamakawa was also one of the officers in the San Francisco Youth Association, which included leaders from all local high schools. He has served on the Board of Stewards of the Pine Methodist Church and the Executive Committee of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Peter Ohtaki has been appointed commercial sales manager for Japan Air Lines and is based in Los Angeles. He was associated with Northwest Orient Airlines in Seattle for the past three years.

## 13th Biennial National JACL Convention

### September 1 (Wednesday)

#### STATLER HOTEL EVENTS

9 a.m.-12 noon, 1-6 p.m.—National Board and Staff Meeting, Washington Room.  
12-1 p.m.—Board and Staff Luncheon, Detroit Room.  
1-12 p.m.—Registration, Lobby.  
6-7 p.m.—Recess for Dinner.  
7-12 p.m.—Board and Staff and/or District Chairmen's Meeting.

### September 2 (Thursday)

#### STATLER HOTEL EVENTS

9 a.m.-11 p.m.—Registration, Lobby.  
9 a.m.-12 noon—National Council Session, Sierra Room.  
12-2 p.m.—Official Luncheon, Pacific Ballroom.  
2-6 p.m.—National Committee Meetings (places to be announced).  
6-7:30 p.m.—Free period for dinner.  
7:30 p.m.—Opening Ceremony, Pacific Ballroom. Dore Schar, keynote speaker, "New Horizons".  
10:30 p.m.-1 a.m.—Convention Mixer, "Freeway Frolic", Pacific Ballroom. Bobby Hammack's Combo.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

✓ Bowling—West Pico Bowl, 6081 W. Pico Blvd. Men's team scheduled from 6 p.m. (Subject to change.)

### September 3 (Friday)

#### STATLER HOTEL EVENTS

9 a.m.—Registration, Lobby.  
9 a.m.-12 noon, 1:30-5:30 p.m.—National Council Session, Sierra Room.  
12-1:30 p.m.—Free Period for Luncheon.  
6:30 p.m.—Issei Banquet, Pacific Ballroom. Judge John F. Aiso, main speaker.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

✓ Bowling—West Pico Bowl, 6081 W. Pico Blvd. Men's singles and doubles from 6 p.m. (Subject to change.)  
✓ Sightseeing—Chartered busses leaving at 9 a.m., 1 p.m.

### September 4 (Saturday)

#### STATLER HOTEL EVENTS

9 a.m.—Registration, Lobby.  
9 a.m.-12 noon, 3-5 p.m.—National Council Session, Sierra Room.  
12-1:30 p.m.—Official Luncheon, Pacific Ballroom.  
1:30-3 p.m.—California Fall Fashion Show, Pacific Ballroom.

#### SPECIAL EVENTS

✓ Deep-Sea Fishing—Aboard "Hornet", Pierpont Landing, Long Beach, departing 2 a.m.  
✓ Golf—Fox Hills Country Club, 5800 W. Slauson Blvd., Culver City. 36-hole tournament: first tee-off, 12 noon.  
✓ Bridge Tournament—Statler Hotel Assembly Room, from 2-6 p.m.  
✓ 1000 Club Affair—Nikabob Restaurant, 9th and Western Ave., 6 p.m.-12 midnight.  
✓ Bowling—West Pico Bowl, 6081 W. Pico Blvd. Women's singles and mixed doubles from 1 p.m. (Subject to change.)

### September 5 (Sunday)

#### STATLER HOTEL EVENTS

9 a.m.-12 noon—Registration, Lobby.  
**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
✓ Religious Services—A directory of churches will be available at the registration desk.  
✓ Outing—Royal Palms, Palos Verdes Estate, 11 a.m.-2 a.m. Official convention photograph, barbershop quartet contest, Ichi-Doru awards, tournament awards, games, skits, entertainment. Lunch and dinner. Dancing to Jim Araki's combo in the evening.

### September 6 (Monday)

#### STATLER HOTEL EVENTS

9 a.m.-12 noon, 1:30-5 p.m.—National Council Sessions, Sierra Room.  
12-1:30 p.m.—Free period for Luncheon.  
6 p.m.—Convention Banquet, Pacific Ballroom. Nisei of Biennium Award, Installation of 1954-55 JACL National Officers. Gov. Goodwin Knight, main speaker.  
10 p.m.-2 a.m.—Sayonara Ball, Pacific-Sierra Rooms. Elliott Brothers' orchestra. (Semi-formal).



# Auxiliary Debut

HARUO ISHIMARU

One of the most successful debuts and programs was the first project of the San Francisco JACL Chapter Women's Auxiliary. The affair was a Sunday afternoon fashion show, held at the Buchanan Y, which displayed creations by Nisei models. Over 200 attended this practically standing-room-only affair with a fair sprinkling of male on-lookers, who were probably there so that they could get an idea of how to buy clothes for their wives.

The beginning of the Women's Auxiliary owes much of its credit to VI NAKANO, effervescent chapter vice-president, who has worked very energetically for its success. The cabinet pro tem of the Women's Auxiliary consists of Mrs. Haru Hedani, pres.; Mrs. Katherine Nunotani, v.p.; Sumi Utsumi, treas.; Margie Shigezumi, sec.; and Vi Nakano, chapter liaison.

Although I am far from being an expert on fashions and wasn't able to attend because I had to baby sit, I had dinner later with the YUKIO WADAs, and the WILLIE HOSHIYAMAs, and from YASUKO WADA, FUMI HOSHIYAMA and wife Yoshiko who all attended the fashion show, I got a pretty good post mortem "blow by blow" account.

The show began with a mother and daughter ensemble, modeled by Mrs. YO HIRONAKA and daughter MARCIA. This was followed by school-wear, modeled by the children. Other models were JOAN ABIKO, GAIL HOSHIYAMA, HIDEKO MIYAZAKI, HIROKO MOCHIDA, JEAN OKUBO, NANCY ITO, RICKI ONUMA, SUE ARASHIRO, MARY HAMAMOTO, KINUKO ABE, RUBY YAMAMOTO, NELLIE NOGUCHI, VIOLA NAKANO and CHIZ MIYAZAKI.

The fashion show program was chaired by KAYE UYEDA. NANCY LIMJAP and RUBY YAMAMOTO coached the models. AIKO HIRONAKA was the commentator and KAY SADANAGA, the pianist. The chairman of the refreshment committee was TSUYU HIURA.

Delicious refreshments were made and served by other members of the Auxiliary including AMEY AIZAWA, JOYCE ENOMOTO, TESS HIDEHIMA, CHIYE HIURA, YOSHIKO ISHIMARU, KATHERINE NUNOTANI, FRANCES OGAKHARA, YOSHIKO TAMURA KIYO TANI. General arrangements were made by JERRY ENOMOTO, president of the San Francisco Chapter, HATS AIZAWA, TAXY HIRONAKA, JACK HIROSE, FRED OBAYASHI and HISASHI TANI.

Special guests for the afternoon were TOMI KANAZAWA, Nisei opera star, and MIEKO KONDO, Miss Japan of 1954. The latter was dressed in a beautiful Japanese kimono. Congratulations to the Women's Auxiliary to a very auspicious beginning. We'll watch their progress with a great deal of interest and anticipation.

## Rumors about my weight

I received quite a few comments on the rampant rumor that I am foregoing my stylish stout figure.

The truth is that I didn't dare tell my wife, but I have hit as high as 230 pounds *a la natural* on my squat five feet five (not five by five) frame.

In desperation at the end of June, I made a bet with our office staff that I would get down to 195 by Convention time or take them all out to a steak dinner. I can't tell you where I stand now.

However, don't be surprised if I show up at the Convention with one leg missing. Anyhow "Boy, am I hungry!"



## Thousand Club Notes

HAROLD GORDON, Nat'l Chairman

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## NAT'L COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN FOR C.I. CONFAB NAMED

Venice

National JACL President George Inagaki this week named the list of National Committee Chairmen, who will preside over the meetings of the various National Committees and present the official reports to the National Council at the 13th Biennial National Convention.

The National Council will divide up into these National Committee meetings on the afternoon of Sept. 2, and first day of the Convention at the Statler.

The Program and Activities Committee meeting will be conducted as a "clinic" with Tad Masaoka of Washington, D.C., as chairman and Haruo Ishimaru, Northern California Regional Director, as resource. Other Committee Chairmen named are:

Public Relations and Issei Relations—Patrick Okura, Omaha; Finance and Budget—Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Los Angeles; Membership—Bob Takahashi, Stockton; National Constitution—Dave Yokozeki, Los Angeles; Legislative and Legal—Tom Hayashi, New York; Pacific Citizen—Susumu Togasaki, San Francisco; National Planning—Shig Wakamatsu, Chicago.

In addition, reports will be made for the National Credentials Committee by Mrs. Alice Kasai of Salt Lake City; Arlington National Cemetery Committee by Chairman Ira Shimazaki of Washington, D.C.; and National Recognitions Committee by Chairman Dr. Randolph Sakada of Chicago. Seichi Mikami of Fresno will act as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

The first official National Committee meeting will be that of the National Nominations Committee which will hold a special breakfast meeting on Sept. 2, according to Masuji Fujii of Oakland, chairman. At that time the final slate of nominations for national officers will be drawn up for presentation to the first meeting of the National Council. The election for national officers will take place at the final meeting of the National Council on Monday morning, Sept. 6.

## Convention Sayonara ball definitely open to public

Los Angeles

In reply to numerous inquiries, the National JACL Convention Sayonara Ball committee stressed that the Sept. 6 semi-formal dance at the Statler Hotel is open to the general public.

Tickets at \$3 per person are available from committee members, the JACL regional office and at Joseph's Men's Wear. Persons attending must be registered. Assisting the Ball committee are:

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miyata, Dr. and Mrs. Tom Watanabe, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Nitake, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ito, Mr. and Mrs. Art Endo, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ikeguchi, Mrs. Umeko Hoshizaki, John Watanabe, Dick Zumwinkle, Jim Higashi, and Roy Yamadera.

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## Treat for young and old promised at JACL convention outing at Royal Palms

Los Angeles

An outing site peculiarly sub-tropic and by the surging surf of the blue Pacific has been chosen for delegates attending the New Horizons National JACL Convention meeting Sept. 2-6 in Los Angeles.

The outing committee, headed by Lily Otera, promises a memorable day with special treats for the youngsters, who will be occupied all afternoon. The East Los Angeles JACL chapter, locally renowned for its picnics, has planned a wide array of entertainment for adults.

Most important, however, is the food—five different salads, baked ham Hawaiian style, French cut green beans with chestnuts, candied sweet potatoes, baked beans Hawaiian style, buttered rolls with guava jelly, choice of dessert make up the dinner menu. Lunch will be served also in the price of one admission.

### Admission Concession

A special concession is made to families where only the family head need be registered, otherwise convention registration of \$3 is required. Adults will be charged \$6 per person, \$3 for children 6-12, \$1.50 for children 2-5.

Admission includes an evening of dancing with Jim Arai's orchestra at the palm

shaded spot, Royal Palms, beneath the cliffs of Palos Verdes. Lane Nakano will entertain as vocalist and m.c.

Tickets for the outing are available from any chapter president or representative. The committee is calling for these tickets by Aug. 31, after which reservations can be made only at the convention registration desk at the Statler by Friday noon, Sept. 3 To assure adequate food supply, cooperation is asked that all comply with the Friday noon deadline—especially those in the local area.

### West of San Pedro

Aside from entertainment, skits, the barber shop quartet contest, various tournament awards are to be presented.

Royal Palms is situated west of Pt. Fermin Park, San Pedro, Maps will be available at the registration desk.

## Convention fashion models announced

Los Angeles

California fall fashions from swimwear to formal attire are being featured at the forthcoming National JACL Convention meeting Sept. 2-6 at the Los Angeles Statler.

Mrs. Marianne Kimura, fashion show chairman, announced admission will be by registration card only. A luncheon is preceding the Saturday (Sept. 4) show, which is being held in the same Pacific Ballroom. Southland's loveliest will be among the models:

June Aochi, Jeane Yokota, Florence Ochi, Dorothy Mayeno, Janet Okimoto, Janet Fukuda, Ruth Kosaka, Emy Sakamoto, Junko Kawai, Mary Enomoto, Kay Nishimura, Julia Sugita, Pat Nagai, Florence Wada, Itsuko Hamasaki, Susie Iwasaki, Hatsuko Nakatsuka, Alice Iino, Yuki Tawa and Evelyn Yoshimura.

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## Convention Fever

TATS KUSHIDA

Convention fever has reached a high pitch. All committees are rolling in high gear with the exception of the program booklet committee, whose blood, sweat and tears poured heavily the past five months in preparing the mammoth publication.

The booklet is now off the press, and a beautiful creation it is, the proud work of editor CHARLES ASAWA, art editor MICHI KATAOKA and their loyal staff of artists, secretaries and assistants. We do not know of any other publication attempted by any that approaches this booklet in terms of artistic and editorial content and arrangement—number of pages also reflect the wealth of supporting advertisers and the total man-hours put into its production.

Consternation was thrown into the convention board when it was learned that the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims would hold hearings on the proposed Hillings amendment to the evacuation claims act in Los Angeles on Sept. 1, 2 and 3.

The conflicting dates with our Sept. 2-6 convention would mean that some of JACL's key national officers would be absent from the national council sessions in order to be present at the hearings. Also, the proposed national board and staff meeting would have to be reshuffled with the hearings scheduled to begin at 2 peeyem of the 1st.

## Glutton for punishment

FRANK CHUMAN, JACL National Legal Counsel who doubles as chairman of the JACL evacuation claims committee, triples as the convention's associate chairman in charge of official events. Here is a glutton for punishment, and it's about time, the Sou'wester feels, that at least the readers of this column should know more about indefatigable Frank.

Busy as he is with his law practice (Chuman, McKibbin & Yokozeki), he has probably given more time and lost more sleep over JACL matters in which he is involved than on legal cases.

And this goes for the rest of his office. While DAVE YOKOZEKI is drafting a revision of the JACL constitution or out signing up 1000 Club members, DAVE MCKIBBIN is doing invaluable evacuation claims research for JACL while the secretaries, LILY OTERA and RUBY YAMAHATA work more with JACL letterheads than the firm's.

Frankie Boy (that's when he wears a bow tie) is a Maryland U. grad in law while McKibbin claims Harvard Law as his alma mater, as does their former partner who is now a municipal judge, JOHN AISO. Yokozeki's loyalty is USC.

The C-M-Y team is a high-powered outfit that has steadily and rapidly gained in stature in the community and legal circles. What is gratifying to us is that this terrific combination of *medulla oblongata* is willing to give so much service and support to the JACL.

## See you at the courthouse

Frank has labored hard and long in preparation for the forthcoming hearings and has met with local Nisei attorneys and a number of claimants and others to present testimony before the congressional subcommittee. If the hearings go well here, the remaining claimants have much to thank for Chuman's efforts.

We hope that many Issei and Nisei will avail themselves of this rare opportunity to attend these public hearings. It isn't often that one is privileged to observe Congress in action, and most of Congress' actions are by its committees. And especially this one, which concerns legislation of direct interest to thousands of persons of Japanese ancestry.

We urge all who can to be on hand at the hearing room in the Federal Court House (Postoffice) Building at the Civic Center, room 330, beginning Sept. 1, 2 p.m. Your presence, too, will assure the subcommittee of your interest and appreciation of members of Congress giving consideration to a matter affecting your interest and welfare.

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Only several days remain to sign up for a choice spot on the JACL Convention Fishing Derby boat, the "Hornet" from Pierpoint Landing, Long Beach. Joe Tanaka (left) and Kay Higashi, both of Los Angeles, hold recent catches off Catalina waters Sept. 4. Reservations should be made by Aug. 31 to George Mio, 920 Frigate, Wilmington, Calif. Entry fee of \$8, rod & tackle rental of \$1.50 may be paid aboard the boat, which will leave at 2 a.m. Several trophies are to be awarded prize catches.

## SPORTSCOPE:

## Tennis

Down 1-5 in games and facing defeat at point, set and match, Wally Kau, New York Nisei Tennis Club ace, won the heart of a large gallery by fighting back to a 5-5 tie and then going on to win his third and final set, 9-7, from Paul Cranis of Brooklyn, to capture the 1954 Greater New York men's singles tennis championship Sunday.

Score was 6-3, 7-9, 6-1, 4-6, 9-7.

Hawaiian-born Kau, who was No. 2 man on a Michigan State net team, is believed to be the first player of Oriental extraction to take the title. The city-wide men's and juniors' championships in which 3,103 took part were sponsored jointly by The Mirror and the Dept. of Parks.

Tiny and mighty Shig Ito wrapped up two crowns in the So. Calif. Japanese Tennis championships last Sunday at Los Angeles. He overpowered

George Ishimoto, 6-3, 6-3 for the men's Aye singles; teamed with Tom Tamura to slam Jimmy Sakamoto-Frank Saraye, 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 . . . Perennial women's champion Helen Watanabe defeated Bessie Igarashi in the Ayes; Kitty Yamachi won the Bees. Henry Yamada, SC frosh, took the Bee singles. Jim Sato and wife Kimi won the Aye mixed duo; Tom Keimi and wife Margaret claimed the Bee mixed title . . . An award dinner is scheduled this Sunday, Aug. 29, 7 p.m. at San Kwo Low. Open to the public, reservations can be made with Ty Saito, RE 1-2121.

## Baseball

Jim Daijogo and John Horio waged a pitchers' duel, each allowing six hits, in the San Jose Zebras-Lodi A.C. game Sunday. The former (hosts) capitalized on errors to win 2-1. Lodi chucker Daijogo poled a 350-ft. homer for the only run. The win evens a two-game series, Lodi having won earlier 8-4. The Zebras meet Fresno Nisei All-Stars in the final tune-up for the coming state Nisei baseball tournament at Lodi, Sept. 5-6.

Sacramento Valley Nisei All-Stars, defending champions in the coming Lodi Labor Day tournament and favored to repeat, hope they have all the kinks out of their system. They dropped a pair of games over the weekend: Lodi A.C. won 9-3, and Placer JACL won 13-6.

## Softball

Sacramento's Fairmount Cleaners handily won the first annual NAU softball tournament last weekend at Berkeley. Toki Matsuura pitched air-tight ball to shutout Alameda 4-0 in the championship. Three other teams were entered.

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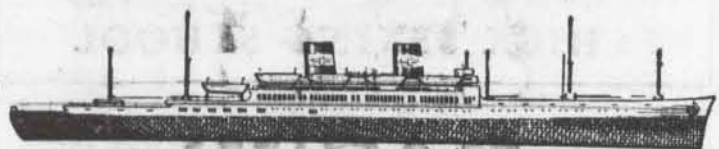
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# Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

★ The end came Sunday night to the 14th annual Nisei Week Festival in the traditional manner with the Weller St. closing ceremony attended by Festival bigwigs and committeemen.

This one-week "vacationing" reporter found no source where there were civic dignitaries present to bring the curtain down but it has been noted that the Festival was the most "decorated" affair as far as street-dress-up was concerned.

Lanterns, parasols and banners imported from Japan added real color to Li'l Tokio's gaiety for nine days. While city ordinance banned parading in streets the Festival officials and City Fathers labeled the ondo dances as "religious processions" and permitted them to go through their routines on First St. only.

Added to this year's celebration was the Japanese oratorical contest sponsored by various gakuens in Los Angeles for those between the ages of seven and 16.

In the two-division competition between seven and 12, 13 and 16, Kiyoshi Tsuchiya, 8, of Daiichi Gakuen and Sachiko Muranaka, 15, of San Fernando Gakuen, were declared first place winners.

The "prince and princess" titles in the Nisei Week baby show were won by Kenneth Masaaki Goto, 3 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Masaji Goto (nee Chikako Shoguchi) of Pasadena, and Susan Kaoru Wada, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benji Wada (nee Kayo Hayashi) of Los Angeles.

Need we say more than that the 1954 queen contest was as hectic and as unpopular among the so-called general public supporters as in the past?

The one-vote for each dollar purchase trick, which before the war were passed out on 25 cent buys, really went out of control and it became more a "money race" than a beauty, personality, and poise contest.

Needless to say the 1953 method of picking out 10 or more semi-finalists by a panel of judges and then letting the public vote on an all-around qualified candidate appears to be more sound.

But all that is now just water under the bridge and we'll probably sleep over it until next August.

Of course we aren't taking anything away from Queen June Aochi when we make this comment since she definitely ranked first among the 10 candidates who ran this time.

★ On a much happier note, 1951 Queen Aiko Ogomori, now Mrs. George Shoichi Takahashi, became the mother of a six-pound boy, Michael Takeshi, Aug. 19, at St. Vincent Hospital with Dr. George Baba attending.

The couple's first child will be ready for the baby show in 1955.

★ An associate in the accounting firm of Sho Iino, CPA, last week was notified by the Calif. State Board of Accountancy that he has qualified as a Certified Public Accountant.

He is Thomas Hiroshi Matsunaga, son of Mrs. Sueno Matsunaga and two-year ex-staff sergeant in the U.S. Army. The 32-year-old graduate of UCLA with a B.A. degree comes from a family of professional men, one of his brothers Hideo being an architect, and another, Ronald,

## Scholarship students from Japan fail to impress in leadership roles

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Salt Lake City

Longtime Japanese residents in most of the Pacific Coast states and here are "sick and tired" of the so-called scholarship students from Japan. They have no use for students, who have been regarded as "spoiled kids" or "good for nothing."

Such impressions have been repeated in Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, where exist sizeable Japanese American communities, and where colleges in or near the cities have students from Japan.

A San Francisco journalist typified some of the observations gathered by this reporter.

"Naturally, we are doing everything possible for these scholarship students from Japan, but they're simply too spoiled to learn the American way of hard work."

### Good Love-Makers

"The so-called Japanese spirit to face hardship has completely disappeared. Instead, they are perfect love-makers to Nisei and Sansei girls."

"They're always trying to find the easy way out. When the (Issei) pioneers came to America, they struggled to learn English, to make their livelihood and raise a family. Today, the students from Japan are getting too soft in life," the journalist

felt. An influential Nisei leader in Salt Lake City had about the same thing to say. They're very smart in the sense of appearance, he began. "We had to work hard to get our education. Today, many Japanese students have scholarships, but nothing sinks into their heads. Too bad, Japan is represented by students who are softies," he continued.

### No Leadership Seen

The Nisei commented that these students know English well, attend dances, but see no leadership qualities. "Many of them are sad cases." Young students from Korea show more promise, he thought.

All is not grim, however. A Bussei leader in Los Angeles was warm in his praise of young farmers from Japan in California.

"Young men from the farming villages of Japan on California farms (many of them operated by Issei and Nisei) are not only hard workers but they are sincere."

"As a matter of fact, the farmers here want to invite more of them from Japan each year in order to aid in the reconstruction of Japan. It would be a fine gesture," the Angeleno concluded.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

AKISADA—May 5, a girl to the Yutaka Akisadas, Salt Lake City.

AOKI—Aug. 2, a boy to the Tadashi Aokis, Salt Lake City.

FUDENNA—July 27, a boy Frank to the Takeo Fudennas, Irvington.

FUJISHIN—July 27, a boy Keith Richard to the Ike Fujishins, San Jose.

FUNAMURA—July 19, a boy to the Masao Funamuras, Lodi.

FURUKAWA—July 29, a boy to the Ervin Furukawas, Seattle.

FURUKAWA—July 28, a girl Cheryl Ann to the Yukio Furukawas, Bellevue, Wash.

HARADA—July 31, a boy Clifford Kenji to the Calvin Haradas (Chiyeko Sato), San Francisco.

HAYASHI—July 9, a girl to the Tania E. Hayashis, Sacramento.

IKEDA—July 29, a girl Wanda Amy to the Tsuguo Ikedas, Seattle.

INAMASU—July 17, a girl to the Masao Jack Inamasus, Stockton.

ISOGAWA—July 27, a girl to the Hiro Isogawas, North Fresno.

KONISHI—July 22, a girl to the Harry Konishis, Platteville, Colo.

MIHARA—July 28, a boy to the Roy Miharas, Seattle.

MORIMOTO—July 18, a boy Stephen to the Fred Morimotos, Pescadero.

NAKAGAWA—July 17, a boy to the Toshio Nakagawas, Fowler.

NAKAMURA—July 19, a boy to the Teruo Ted Nakamuras, Lodi.

OHTA—July 13, a girl to the Roy Akira Ohtas, Stockton.

OGAWA—July 30, a girl to the James Ogawas, Altadena.

OTANI—July 5, a girl Karen Chiyeko to the Shoichi Otanis (Mary Yaeko Masaoka), Los Angeles.

OTO—July 2, a girl to the George Yoshihiko Ootos (Emi Yano), Oakland.

SAKAGUCHI—July 15, a boy to the Taylor Sakaguchis, Kingsburg.

SAKAI—June 14, a girl to the Sadao Sakais, Salt Lake City.

SAKAKIHARA—July 12, a boy to the Tom T. Sakakihas, North Sacramento.

SORAKA—July 27, a boy to the Genzo Soarakas, San Francisco.

SUZUKI—May 30, a girl Lori Toyo to the Frank Suzukis, Livingston.

TAKATA—July 24, a boy to the Kiyoshi Takatas, Denver.

TERAKAWA—July 17, a boy to the Hiroshi Terakawas, San Francisco.

TOSAYA—July 31, a boy to the Noboru Tosayas, Seattle.

UCHIDA—July 18, a girl to the Mike Uchidas, Pasadena.

a dentist.

★ The Rev. David T. Kagiwada, who is assistant pastor at Hollywood Independent Church, has been assigned as youth director at Central Church in Pasadena.

The Univ. of Chicago graduate with a degree of bachelor of divinity last June also studied at Wesleyan Univ. in Ohio before serving on the staff of the First Baptist Church of Delaware, Ohio. He will be minister of education in Pasadena too.

YOKOYAMA—June 26, a boy Ronald Kiyoshi to the Harry Chiyoshi Yokoyamas (Amy Yoshida), Los Angeles.

YONAI—June 28, a boy David to the Francis Yonais (Mitose Kuramoto), Los Angeles.

YOSHIMIYA—July 31, a boy to the Tim Yoshimiya, Marysville.

### Engagements

HAMACHI-HIRAHARA—Kay, West Covina, to Art, Los Angeles.

HORI-KAWAGUCHI—May, Sunnyvale, to Tom T. Fresno, July 25.

MAYEHARA-OHASHI—Yuki to Michael, both of Los Angeles.

NAGATA-YADA—Edna Eiko to Charles H., both of Los Angeles, Aug. 4.

NISHI-HARKNESS—Mary Hideko, Pasadena, to David, St. Louis, Mo.

SAKAGUCHI-OHASHI—Yaye to Jim, both of San Francisco.

YUMIBA-NAKAMURA—Tami to Hiro, both of Los Angeles, Aug. 1.

### Marriage Licenses Issued

TAKAHASHI-VEGA—Noboru, 30, and Frances, 21, both of Seattle.

TANIGAWA - MATSUSHIMA—Thomas T., Denver, and Yeda Edna, Ft. Lupton.

### Weddings

FUJIMOTO - TOMOIKE—July 25, Harry H. and Hisako, both of Los Angeles.

MATSUMURA-AISO—Aug. 1, Wakatsu and Yasuko, both of Los Angeles.

NAGATA-TANAKA—Aug. 8, Tom, Fresno, and Jane, Fowler.

OKINO-MORIHIRO—July 25, Saburo, and Sally, both of Delano.

OKUBO-RENGE—Aug. 7, Minoru and Chiaki, both of Fowler.

SHIGEMASA-MOTOWAKI—Aug. 1, Fred Tsutomu, Santa Ana, and Judy Nobuko, Los Angeles.

SHINKAWA-OZAKI—July 31, Yoshio, Bowles, and Mary, Dinuba.

UYEDA-NISHIMINE—Aug. 1, Saburo John, Los Angeles, and Alice, Reedley.

WADA-FUJIMOTO—July 24, Bob Kyuji, Hawthorne, and Aiko, South Gate.

### Deaths

CHUMAN, Mrs. Toyo, 69, Altadena, Aug. 1, survived by husband Yoshitsugu, sons Yoshikazu, Masato, three daughters Mrs. Mutsu Shimizu, Mrs. Moto Sera and Mrs. Atsu Ogawa.

GOTO, Shinshichi, 72: Stockton, Aug. 7, survived by son Shigeru (Inglewood).

HASHIMOTO, K. K., 43: Salt Lake City, July 28, survived by wife Yoshiko, son Gordon, daughters Joyce, Eleanor and Agnes.

KOBUCHI, Kichi, 72: San Francisco, Aug. 8, survived by wife Matsuyo, son Tamotsu, daughters Mrs. Shizuko Baba (Japan), Mrs. Yoshino Oikawa and Suzie Mitsuyo.

SAWA, Naoshige, 65: New York, July 26.

SUGIYAMA, Yoshino, 46: Detroit, Aug. 22, survived by husband George, sons Herbert, Curt, daughters Mabel and Helen.

SUMI, Bunju, 76: Sanger, Aug. 7.

YAMAMOTO, Juichi, 69: Parlier, July 26, survived by wife Fusano, daughters Mrs. Sumiye Sekimi, Mrs. Kikuye Hirakawa and two grandsons.

Hollywood sopranos as Grace Moore and Deanna Durbin, while the duet from the opera was performed in *The Toast of New Orleans* by Mario Lanza and Kathryn Grayson.

Now, still another motion picture is being made of *Madame Butterfly*, this time again in Italy. The news, however, is that the production will present Japanese singers in the Japanese roles and Italians singing the American parts. Japan's Toho Films is associated in the venture with Italian Films Export and the film will start to roll in September in Rome.

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## Americanization course to open here Sept. 15

Los Angeles

An Americanization class to help prepare Issei petitioners for naturalization will be conducted at the Hobart Grammar School from Sept. 15, it was announced by David Yokozeki, president of the sponsoring Downtown L.A. JACL.

The class will be held Wednesday from 7 to 9:30 p.m. with registration on the first day.

Miki Moriwaki will be the instructor for this class which is under the Los Angeles High School jurisdiction with Principal Vanderbie in charge. Moriwaki has taught this same course at Dayton Heights Grammar School and Hollywood Evening High School.

## Ex-JAL stewardess gets scholarship at U.C.

Tokyo

A former Japan Air Lines stewardess, Hiroko Aoyoshi, 24, of Tokyo, will study a year at Univ. of California at Berkeley through kindness of an American school teacher, who taught at the U.S. Dependent's School at Grant Heights, Tokyo.

Miss Aoyoshi, daughter of a Japanese scholar who was educated at Princeton, became acquainted with Miss Gladys Briggs, the Grant Heights school teacher, and told her foremost ambition was to follow her father's footsteps and study in the United States.

Miss Briggs returned to the United States in 1952 and was able to obtain benefits of the Foreign Student Fund and International House Fellowship Fund at UC.

## Bishop Breton

Los Angeles

Bishop Albert Breton, who established the Japanese Catholic mission here years before the Maryknoll Fathers took up the work, died Aug. 12 at Kamakura, Japan, it was announced.



Sugako Yamamoto, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Masao Yamamoto, Los Angeles, is under a 24-week contract calling for \$250 per week with Mickey Rooney Enterprises, which is shooting "Dateline Tokyo", a TV series on Tokyo police activities.

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## Larry Tajiri--

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at the Metropolitan in New York, and in opera houses in various parts of the nation. And in decades past it has been the subject of at least one Italian motion picture and full-dress Hollywood production which used the libretto but not the music. *One Fine Day*, the opera's soaring aria, has been sung, however, by such



## EDITORIALS

## Hearings in California

Five members of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims are foregoing a week of needed rest following one of the most strenuous sessions of Congress to hold extensive public hearings on the so-called Hillings Amendment to the Evacuation Claims Act next week, Aug. 30-31 in San Francisco, and Sept. 1-3 in Los Angeles.

Subject of the hearings will be the bill introduced by Rep. Hillings (R., Calif.) in January of this year to expedite the final determination of remaining evacuation claims by allowing claimants elect either to compromise and settle their claims or to seek judicial decision from the Court of Claims.

In spite of the necessity to return to their home districts to campaign for reelection this November, the five members decided to fly out to California after Congress adjourned to hear evacuees or their attorneys explain the problem and of their hopes in expediting the remaining claims program.

It will be the first congressional hearing on the subject on the west coast. It will be a most opportune moment for evacuees to tell of their plight and suggest possible solutions.

It is important witnesses should have at least 10 copies of their statements prepared in advance and submitted to the subcommittee counsel. Since the JACL has played a leading part in the enactment of the original legislation and the compromise amendment, an 89-page, single-spaced legal size document is being prepared for the subcommittee.

The hearings are open to the public. Nisei and Issei Americans are welcome to witness a congressional committee in action. Even Sansei may gain by this striking example of democracy in action — the legislators in search of facts to write a just law for the land.

Unlike the dramatic investigations recently televised of the Army-McCarthy hearings, the Aug. 30-Sept. 3 hearings in California will be friendly.

Indeed, the five congressmen are most welcome in California for giving a segment of the population on the opposite shores of this Nation a first-hand and always indelible impression of a congressional committee in action, engaged in the vital role of legislative investigation so necessary to drafting a measure and visiting an area so that people most affected may express in person of their particular desires.

## FROM THE FRYING PAN

by Bill Hosokawa

## 'Plenty to Watch'

Denver

One of the warmer memories of childhood has to do with sitting down of an evening and listening to the old Japanese fables and fairy tales. Usually it was my father or mother who recounted the stories. There was Urashima Taro, a kind of Japanese Rip Van Winkle (although I didn't meet poor Rip until long after I had become familiar with Urashima). Urashima rode on a turtle's back to a beautiful princess and was treated to a glorious time.

When at last Urashima felt it was time to go home, he was given a little box for a present, and warned not to open it under any circumstance. Urashima went back to his village, but nothing was familiar. His home, his friends, all the old landmarks were gone. Finally, deeply despondent, he opened the box. A wisp of smoke drifted out, and almost immediately Urashima was transformed into an old man. He had been in paradise for centuries instead of days.

Then there was the story of Momotaro, the boy who was found by an old woman and an old man when they cut open a peach which they found floating in the river. Momotaro grew up into a strapping young man, packed a lunch of "kibi-dango" and went off to conquer the ogres with the help of a dog, monkey and pheasant he befriended along the way.

There were others, too, like Shitakirisuzume, the sparrow whose tongue was cut out by the wicked old woman because he ate her laundry starch. And many more that I've forgotten. All were simple tales, but fascinating. And they must have a basic appeal because we never seemed to get bored with them.

The old Scene magazine published some of these Japanese fairy tales. I've often wished that I could get hold of a published collection of translated stories so I could read them to our own youngsters.

Aside from the universal interest that these

stories have, there's no reason why all American children shouldn't be as familiar with Momotaro, the ogre killer, as with Jack the Giant Killer, Snow White, the three Billy Goats Gruff and all the rest of the fantastic creatures so dear to childhood. They are all part of our melting pot heritage.

This week, the publishers sent along a couple of slim, gaily colored volumes by Mitsu and Taro Yashima that capture a feeling of the delightful fairy tale Japan. The first, called "The Village Tree," was published by The Viking Press (\$2.50) last year. The other one is called "Plenty to Watch" and it goes on sale soon. The text in both books is simple and slanted to children, and Yashima has filled the pages with cheery crayon sketches of the Japan he knew as a child.

Yashima, as readers of The Pacific Citizen know, is a political refugee who fled from the Japanese militarists shortly before World War II for the doubtful security of an emigre in the United States. His American-born daughter, Momo, often asked her father about his childhood in Japan, and in these books he tells about the things he did and the wondrous sights he saw as a boy in a small village in southern Japan.

"Plenty to Watch" is the story of all the things he used to see on his way home from school. There was the village barrel-maker, for instance, who hacked away at the wood and made a sound that went "tanko, tanko, tanko." Also on the way were a blacksmith, a one-legged man who worked a rice-pounding machine, a man who made umbrellas and another who made sweets.

These volumes should be of interest to all children, but they ought to hold a special fascination to Sansei youngsters who are only vaguely familiar with the land of their grandparents. Yashima paints the rural Japan of his boyhood as a quaint, delightful land, and it's fun to read about, even for an adult.

## VAGARIES

By Larry Tajiri

## Remember Bruyeres

The agenda for the JACL's national convention in Los Angeles next month is weighted with what may seem to be heavier matters, but we hope that someone will put in a good word for the JACL's continuation of its assistance to Bruyeres, France, for the maintenance of the JACL's own memorial to Nisei GIs.

The idea for the memorial originated with the Pacific Citizen in the late summer of 1947 and the idea became reality two months later when the granite shaft with the JACL's plaque was dedicated at ceremonies honoring the 3rd anniversary of the liberation of Bruyeres by men of the 442nd Combat Team. On that day all work ceased in Bruyeres and the town's 2,000 men, women and children walked to the clearing in the forest of l'Hellendraye, just outside the Vosges mountain community, for the dedicatory rites. Flags flew and bands played, and officials of the French and United States government and brass from the French and U.S. armies attended. The scene has been repeated annually since then and the little forest clearing has become a community park. All year long young girls are detailed to keep the memorial area clean and fresh flowers

## Hawaii's New Delegate

Portland Oregonian

There will be no relaxation of the pressure for Hawaiian statehood as a result of the election of Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington to succeed her late husband as Hawaii's delegate to congress. Mrs. Farrington as Hawaii's delegate has been in the forefront of the statehood fight, as well as taking leadership in Hawaiian and national Republican affairs, for many years.

The Farringtons met at the University of Wisconsin where both were studying journalism. After their marriage they worked together and on separate newspapers in Washington, D.C., and Ohio, before moving to Hawaii, where Mr. Farrington became publisher and president of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Mr. Farrington was elected delegate to congress in 1942. Mrs. Farrington has served as president of the National Federation of Republican Women and as editor of the federation's news letter which goes to a half-million members. Born in Tokyo, the daughter of Christian Church missionaries, Mrs. Farrington often points to the "perfect example" of inter-racial living in Hawaii to dispel southern fears of admitting Hawaii to the union. Her keen political sense, astuteness and invariable good humor make her a worthy replacement for her late husband.

adorn the shaft in late spring and summer.

Nisei who have visited Bruyeres this past summer—it's not easy to get there from Paris, the trains being slow and the route requiring several changes—report that the people of Bruyeres are proud of JACL's memorial to the American soldiers with Japanese faces who came to help oust the Nazi from the Vosges and from France. The townspeople would maintain the memorial without any help from the JACL, but it seems to us that it would be a splendid gesture if the JACL were to perpetuate its support and allot an annual fund—the amount needn't be large—toward the maintenance of this tribute to the Nisei soldier.

A Tokyo newspaperman, Ryuichi Kaji of the Asahi who stopped in Denver the other day, mentioned how much he enjoyed the Pulitzer-prize winning drama, *Teahouse of the August Moon*, while in New York. The John Patrick play from the Vern Sneider story is scheduled for eventual production in Japan in a Japanese language version. Japan production rights recently were acquired by Mariko Niki, the actress from Tokyo who has the leading feminine role in the New York production, and by Norman Thompson and Bernard Deckle. Miss Niki, however, won't appear in it in Tokyo. The wife of a former U.S. army officer in Japan, she will remain with the New York company. *Teahouse* is currently playing in London and Vienna and a GI production of the play about the American occupation in Okinawa recently was produced in Okinawa itself.

*Teahouse*, a dramatic lesson in human relations, should do well in Japan where the American occupation also is of recent memory. The ability of Americans to chuckle, and sometimes grimace, at their own reflections is a quality few, if any other, military occupations have possessed. It speaks well for the integrity and resiliency of the democratic tradition as practiced by Americans overseas.

Incidentally, an MGM film production of *Teahouse* is in the planning stage.

It may be that *Teahouse of the August Moon*, which tells of Americans who attempt to bring their version of democracy to an Okinawan village and what happens to their project, will be as durable a legend as that of *Madame Butterfly*, a product of Japanese-American relations of a much earlier day. During the past year the operatic version of the story of Cho-Cho-San, as related in musical terms by Giacomo Puccini, has been sung

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## DECADE AGO

Aug. 26, 1944

Pearl Harbor sabotage rumors checked, proved false, says National FBI Director Hoover.

Two Nisei granted right to return to coast evacuated area by Army authorities; had filed suits enjoining military officials from preventing return; court asks Gen. Bonesteel to show cause.

Undersecretary of War Robert C. Patterson pins DSC on two men of 100th Infantry in Italy.

Prime Minister Churchill talks to Japanese American troops in visit to Fifth Army front; hails contribution of Nisei troops.

Nisei volunteer (Pvt. Yoshio Matsuoka of Amache WRA Center) reported Nazi war prisoner; the first Mainland Nisei to be so reported.

Army announces Nisei GIs assigned to Camp Pinedale, Calif.; first group to be assigned to west coast post since outbreak of war.

Attorney General Biddle says exclusion of Japanese from West Coast Army problem, not Dept. of Justice.

Camp Savage unit moved to Ft. Snelling.

Three Shitara sisters sentenced from 20 months to two years for conspiracy to commit treason by Denver court.

Teamster's Union (AFL) opposes employment of Nisei workers.

California state legionnaires want army control of all persons of Japanese ancestry in U.S. for duration.

## MINORITY

Trenton, Mo.

Buddy Trosper won't get a 50-mile-a-day taxi ride when school begins next month.

The Trenton School Board announced it is abolishing segregation in its public schools. But the only student it will affect is young Trosper. It means he can attend school at home instead of being driven every day to Chillicothe where he has attended school the past four years.

Each school day a taxi took him to Chillicothe and then returned to pick him up after school. The taxi fare alone last school year was \$135 in tuition—all paid by the School Board.

The Trosper boy, who will be in the sixth grade, is the only Negro school pupil in Grundy county.

Christian Dior designs new fashions that look like the flapper styles of the 1920's, and young men who have wondered how dad could ever have fallen for mom when she dressed in that ridiculous way, will soon find out.