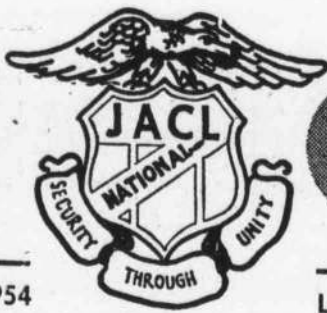


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Dissident Exchange clubs organize new service association

Stockton

Composed of dissident Exchange clubs, the Association of Independent Service Clubs last week elected Richard Gibson of Stockton as its president.

The 15 affiliated clubs, all of Northern California, have either been suspended from the national Exchange organization or have returned their charters as the result of a disagreement over eligibility of non-white persons for membership.

The dispute came to a head over the membership of Americans of Chinese descent in the Stockton and Menlo Park clubs. The national constitution limits admission to white male Americans.

Gibson said that if the national constitution of the Exchange organization is changed at a convention opening Sept. 29 in Louisville, Ky., it is conceivable that the new organization might dissolve and its component clubs return to the fold. He sees no hope of this, however.

Selma community hall to be constructed soon

Selma

A one-acre lot recently purchased on the northside of town will be the new site of the local Japanese community hall. Construction is expected to start soon. The proposed building will accommodate 250 people in the hall.

Santa Maria Union church set for 25th anniversary

Santa Maria

Santa Maria Union Church will hold its 25th anniversary celebration Oct. 2-3. Dr. Frank H. Smith, Dr. Kei Sasaki and the Rev. Taro Goto, superintendent of Japanese Methodist churches, are to speak.

Issei pastor Rev. Yasuo Oshita recently passed his naturalization examination.

Yule packages for GIs overseas should be mailed

Washington

The Pentagon sounded its annual warning that Christmas parcels to servicemen overseas should be mailed between Oct. 15 and Nov. 15.

All the articles normally banned from the mails are contraband for overseas shipment, plus two others—lighter fluid and matches of all kinds.

Holiness Church pastor

San Lorenzo

The Rev. Kichiro Fukuda, longtime pastor of the Honolulu Holiness Church, will assume similar duties this month at the San Lorenzo Holiness Church. The Rev. Mikio Ishino of Azusa is in Hawaii to succeed him.

New look for center

Minneapolis

The Japanese American Community Center, 2200 Blaisdell Ave., took on a "new look" recently when it was given a fresh coat of paint. The exterior bricks were painted buff and the trim and pillars white. Interiors were also redecorated.

National JACL Endowment Fund Report

Current Total: \$79,303.61
In Trust: \$75,000



Four pioneers of the Stockton area, the Ueda brothers (standing left to right: Kazuo, Kaneo, Morimitsu, and Mamoru) were recently naturalized together. Their father, Uzo, came to the United States in 1906 from Aichi Prefecture, Japan, settling in the Stockton area two years later. As his sons in Japan became of age, each joined his father—Kazuo, now 59, coming to the United States in 1914; Kaneo, 54, arriving in 1915; Morimitsu, 51, arriving in 1918; and Mamoru, 48, coming in 1921. All have been staunch JACL sup-

porters. All attending Americanization classes conducted in English and passed their examinations in English. All live together at a large home on 301 W. 9th St., engaged in poultry business. They also have dairy and farming interests in nearby Thornton. Others in the photo are (sitting: left to right) Mrs. Kazuo Ueda, and Mrs. Ayako Ueda, widow of another brother Tsuneo. Wives of the other three brothers were not present for the picture.

Fortune smiles at last on ex-insurance executive who couldn't rejoin Japanese bride in Tokyo

Los Angeles

A former insurance executive bitter over visa difficulties which separated him from his wealthy Japanese bride, was in the psychiatric ward of the General Hospital here after three attempts to commit suicide.

John W. Roy, 50 former state supervisor for Supreme Liberty Life Insurance Co., 4824 Avalon Blvd., for three years, walked into the waters of the Pacific Ocean earlier this month after he had been released from a Santa Monica hospital.

He had penned a note to his wife in Tokyo. "I am getting as near you as I can, near the ocean that separates two who have found what true love means. If only the American government had the heart to realize this."

Picked Up by Police

He walked out into the water, but, apparently dazed or confused, he failed to carry out his intentions. Police found him wandering on the beach.

Previously, police found him in his car which was hanging precariously over a cliff. He tried to drive over the cliff but the wheels had bogged down in the soft ground. Then he took a large dose of sleeping pills.

Roy had resigned his post to take a job as a civilian employee with the Air Force in Japan. There he met Yoko Nishijima, 26, daughter of one of the managing directors of Mitsui Co.

Fired from Job

Roy served in the Air Force for three years. He said that he was fired after arrival of a new commanding general.

Basis of the discharge, he said, was that a lengthy investigation had turned up the fact that he had failed to mention in his application an arrest 17 years ago in Texas for failure to complete an auto payment.

He said he arrived in Japan in 1950 during the occupation when a passport was not needed. He did not have a birth certi-

ficate with him, and after marrying Miss Nishijima, he had returned to the United States to establish his American citizenship. He finally obtained a birth certificate showing he was born in Anaconda, Mont., Dec. 3, 1903, but he was refused a visa to return to Japan.

In Tokyo, his bride was likewise refused a visa to enter

the United States.

Fortune Smiles

Last week, fortune smiled on Roy, who was released as sane from the psychiatric ward.

He learned immediately of assistance to help him obtain a visa to Japan and a job when he arrives. Offers came from relatives of his wife and other well-placed Japanese friends.

150 Japanese farmers recommended for U.S. entry under refugee act

San Francisco

Names of 150 Japanese immigrants has been received at the local Japanese consulate general for entry into the United States under provisions of the 1953 Refugee Relief Act. The consulate has received requests for about 300 names of prospective immigrants from Issei and Nisei farmers in California in need of agricultural help.

The requests have been forwarded to the Japanese Foreign Office, where they were referred to various prefectural agencies. Many prefectures held tests and chose suitable candidates. Names of these recommended persons were then sent here through the Foreign Office. Some 3,000 Orientals displaced by the war or floods may be admitted into the United

States quota-free under the 1953 Refugee Relief Act. The request to have refugees here must be made by a U.S. citizen, who then becomes the refugee's guarantor.

The list received here was the first to be sent from Japan. Some 2,000 applicants were interviewed and given examinations in Tokyo, Kanagawa, Yamaguchi, Hiroshima and Wakayama.

The list of names has been turned over to the first six farmers who asked for a total of 150 men.

Nisei patrolman guards President

Ft. Lupton

State Highway Patrolman Will Kagohara was a member of the special guard detail provided by the Colorado State Patrol for President Eisenhower and his party last week when visiting the Brighton Great Western sugar factory.

He was posted as south gate guard at the factory when the President returned from an inspection of the plant before returning to his summer White House in Denver.

TRASH FIRE EMBERS DESTROY 4,000 CRATES

Santa Clara

Nearly all of the stack of 5,000 lettuce crates was enveloped in flames last week when embers were blown by winds from a trash fire about 15 feet away at Stan Shimamoto's truck farm.

When firemen came, some hosed the fire while others hurriedly moved the unscorched crates away from the pile. About 1,000 were saved.

Simultaneous rites of naturalization for 50,000 planned

Washington

More than 50,000 of America's foreign-born will be sworn in simultaneous solemn ceremonies throughout the country on Nov. 11 (Veterans Day).

Gen. Joseph Swing, immigration and naturalization commissioner, has been working on the mass naturalization project for several weeks, having in mind to clear up a large accumulation of petitions and at the same time dramatizing the importance of acquiring citizenship.

Color, pomp and circumstance will mark the event, involving such settings as the Hollywood Bowl, Ebbets Field in Brooklyn and the Polo Grounds in New York.

District directors have been instructed to calendar Nov. 11 all uncontested cases ready for favorable action.

The Justice Department also added that about 8,000 foreign-born of the Los Angeles area will be sworn in at the Hollywood Bowl. Another 8,000 will be involved at Polo Grounds and about 6,500 at Ebbets Field.

Los Angeles

There should be about 200 Issei among the 8,000 new citizens at the Hollywood Bowl ceremonies Nov. 11, according to one Nisei who has been working closely with local naturalization authorities.

On the basis that Issei examined in the past three months have not been called (because of the ruling naturalizations cannot take place 60 days before the general elections) and future examinations to be conducted the number of 200 is probable, it was explained.

Los Angeles I&NS calls in final Issei group

Los Angeles

A final group of Issei citizenship candidates was called this morning to the local Immigration and Naturalization Service office. As in the past, the JACL is providing free interpreter service.

Many petitioners are being called within two or three weeks from the time they file, it was revealed by the JACL regional office, indicating the stepped-up efforts of the I&NS office in recent months.

A-bomb survivor enlists in army

San Francisco

Kazumi Sadamasa, 24, of Palo Alto, a survivor of the atom bombing of Hiroshima, was sworn into the Army Sept. 16.

He said he enlisted "because I feel it is my duty as an American citizen."

Sadamasa lost his parents and a sister in the atom blast nine years ago. He suffered severe burns himself and was in a hospital for two months. He was a mile away from ground center at the time of the blast.

He was born in Seattle, went to Japan with his parents when he was eight and returned to the United States in 1948.

Gas station robbery

Seattle

After buying two flashlight batteries, a man and woman demanded all the money in the cash register from Jack Mizuta, gas station attendant at 923 Jackson St., recently. He was robbed of \$200.

Washington Newsletter

MIKE M. MASAOKA

New National JACL officers . . .

Though the National JACL officers through the years have been of exceptional calibre, except for the president, treasurer, and more recently the 1000 Club chairman, theirs have been in the main more or less honorary posts, with little in the way of specific responsibility assigned them.

This biennium, however, according to the National President, all of the elected officers will be called upon to assume active leadership in a drive to raise at least a half million dollars for the National JACL Endowment Fund.

This high objective has been set for 1955-1956 as the one great contribution this biennium's officers can make to the National Organization.

To secure this substantial amount means as intensive a fund drive as any ever carried on by the JACL, including those for the ADC's legislative campaigns of a few years back.

With all due credit to past boards, though the official delegates to the recent National JACL Convention in Los Angeles were not aware of this specific fund appeal, they could hardly have elected a more competent board, even if they had deliberately tried to elect only those specifically qualified for money raising purposes.

The two hold-overs, both unanimously acclaimed and re-elected because of their outstanding work during the past biennium, are National President George Inagaki of Venice, Calif., and National Treasurer Dr. Roy Nishikawa of Los Angeles. These two veteran JACLers are too well known to all supporters to need introductions at this time; suffice it to say that their leadership should prove inspirational to the others, all of whom are new to the National Board.

Incidentally, to demonstrate his willingness to carry the major share of the burden, President Inagaki has placed himself squarely on the spot by personally agreeing to head up the fund drive.

First National Vice-President Tom Yego of Penryn, Calif., is one of the founders of the National JACL movement, having been an active member for more than a quarter of a century. Winner of the Community leadership Award at the recent National Convention for his significant services in his area to create friendly relations between the Japanese American community and the larger American community, Vice-President Yego brings years of experience and proven ability to his new responsibility.

Second National Vice-President Kenji Tashiro of Orosi, Calif., though a relative newcomer to National JACL prominence as the immediate past chairman of the Central California District Council, is another whose sincerity and willingness to sacrifice personal fortune for the benefit of his fellow Nisei assures real leadership in the present biennium.

Third National Vice-President Tak Terasaki of Denver, while not too well known outside Colorado, has won the affectionate name "Terrific Tak" because of his enthusiasm and drive for JACL. For the past several years, for example, he has personally signed up more than a 100 members annually for the Mile High chapter.

Board Secretary Bill Mambu of Seattle, is one of the best known Nisei attorneys in the country. Astute, respected, and able, he is the first JACLer in the Pacific Northwest to win election to the National Board since World War II.

Shig Wakamatsu, 1000 Club Chairman, from Chicago, epitomizes the best in JACL spirit and tradition. His sincerity, ability, and willingness to carry more than his share have won the admiration of his fellow JACLers.

Rounding out the National Board, except for the district council chairmen, are immediate past National President Dr. Randolph M. Sakada and first constitutionally elected National President Thomas T. Yatabe, both of Chicago. Their records are too well-known to need recounting here.

The preponderance of officers from the west coast simply emphasizes that about 90 per cent of all persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States proper reside in the three Pacific Coast states. That every district council in California is represented for the first time on the National Board points up the fact that about 80 per cent of all persons of Ja-

panese ancestry on the mainland live in this state, and that most of JACL's chapters and members are residents of the Golden State.

President Inagaki calls himself a "dirt farmer" but he's also a businessman and a nurseryman. Vice-President Yego used to be a "farmer" too, though an orchardist. Right now, he's working for the State of California and is one of the big wheels in the GOP organization. Vice-President Tashiro claims to be a "farmer" also, and this is his vocation when he's not spending his time on JACL activities.

Vice-President Terasaki is a pharmacist-businessman, while Treasurer Nishikawa and Past President Sakada are optometrists. Board Secretary Mambu, as already noted, is a barrister; 1000 Club Chairman Wakamatsu is a chemist; and Past President Yatabe is a dentist.

The Chicago chapter and the Midwest District Council have the most representatives on the National Board—Wakamatsu and Doctors Sakada and Yatabe.

Though the Intermountain and Eastern District Councils do not have elected representatives on the National Board, Terasaki and Wakamatsu are expected to be their special advocates.

From this vantage point, the 1955-1956 Board looks to be an active, representative one fully capable of raising the half million or more goal for the National JACL Endowment Fund.

With the support of the membership, theirs is not an impossible or even improbable objective.

Central, Northern California meetings

Demonstrating their desire to immediately implement the national program as hammered out at the National JACL Convention in Los Angeles over the Labor Day weekend, the Central California District Council and the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council have already held special meetings to discuss the specifics of their implementation.

Under Chairman Tom Nakamura of Sanger, the Central California Council met on Sept. 15 in Fresno while the Northern California Council met on Sept. 19 in San Francisco. At the latter meeting, old-timer George Nishita of San Juan Bautista assumed the chairmanship of the District Council relinquished by Tom Yego, elected National Vice-President.

The dispatch with which these district councils met to plan for the future speaks well for their leadership, as well as the interest and concern of their membership.

All of the other district councils are expected to meet in the near future to ratify the decisions of the National Convention and to activate programs to implement them.

With such spirit, the JACL can look to its "New Horizons" with vigor and confidence.

Tokyo Bay Aftermath

Stockton Record

Yesterday (Sept. 2) was the 15th anniversary of the invasion of Poland and the beginning of World War II. Today is the ninth anniversary of Allied victory in the Pacific phase of the war, the surrender of Japan aboard the U.S.S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

The intervening years can be spanned in memory. More challenging to the mind is the analysis and appreciation of events since then which make Germany a bastion in the defense of Europe, and which convert Japan into an essential base for the free world in preventing the expansion of Communism. How drastic a change of heart has swept the American people!

Many loose ends still are left by World War II, some them beyond our unsnarling. One thing this Nation can do, and this to make adequate compensation to Americans of Japanese ancestry who were displaced from the Pacific Coast in the apprehension after Pearl Harbor. Congressional hearings now are under way to that end.

Before the tenth anniversary of the Pacific peace rolls around Congress should dispose of this issue involving 62 million dollars in claims for loss of or damage to property.

board of directors of the Pacheco Storm Water District at a meeting of the San Benito County board of supervisors.

Walter M. Fuchigami, law graduate of George Washington University, Washington, D.C., hopes to practice law at Ontario after being informed last week he had passed the Oregon bar examination. He also has a B.A. degree from Colorado State College of Education.

IN HONOR OF

Rev. Kensaburo Igashira, retiring from the active ministry after 20 years of service, was honored at a testimonial banquet Sunday by the Japanese Baptist congregations of Sacramento and Mayhew.

Jack Obata of Hollister was reappointed recently to the

Tokyo Topics . . . by Tamotsu Murayama

American boy on Japan stamp

(Until Tamotsu Murayama, who has been revisiting the United States this past summer, returns to Tokyo and resumes his weekly reports, we shall continue to publish stories he has filed with us.—Editor.)

New York

Since it is a tradition in the United States not to have likenesses of living Americans on its postage stamps, it is indeed a rare incident when it does occur on any stamp.

When the Japanese government issued a commemorative stamp in September, 1949, to honor the first national jamboree of the Boy Scouts of Japan, a picture of an American Boy Scout was used on the brown stamp.

He has been identified as George Paxton Russell, now 27, living in St. Petersburg, Fla. He was born in Westfield, N.J., near Schiff Scout Reservation. When this lad joined the local scout group (Troop 1, Mendham, N.J.), his scoutmaster was preparing the now popular Boy Scout field book.

His scoutmaster, William Hillcourt, is today the national director of Scoutcraft for the Boy Scouts of America. He revealed that he took pictures of the young Russell more than 15 years ago to illustrate his field book and other magazine articles.

"I took many pictures of scouts in order to illustrate my books and magazine articles," Hillcourt said. "George was one of our boys whose pictures were taken many times. I am very happy that his picture was adopted by the Japanese postal authority."

Russell, after service in the war, returned home and was married to Jean Hearford of Livingston, N.J., and is the proud father of two girls. He is the St. Petersburg representative of Geiger Brothers, advertising specialists of Newark, N.J.

Among stamp collectors, this story is widely circulated as the only living American Boy Scout to be pictured on a postage stamp.

Commemorative Proposed

When the Boy Scouts of Japan returned to the International Association of Scouting in London that year, many references were handed to stamp designers in Japan for the Boy Scout commemorative. (The original proposal to issue such a commemorative was made by Murayama.—Editor.)

W. Arthur McKinney, assistant to the Chief Scout Executive and prominent authority on Boy Scout stamps, also pointed out Japan is the only country where a picture of an American Boy Scout was used to illustrate a stamp.

Scouting is an international brotherhood of young men. This instance of getting Japanese postal authorities to use an American boy on its scout commemorative manifests this great spirit.

JAL plans 14,000-mile

Rio-to-Tokyo air route

Tokyo

Japan Air Lines is planning a 14,000-mile route between Tokyo and Rio de Janeiro via California next April. A test flight carrying Foreign Minister Katsuo Okazaki and a goodwill mission will leave here Oct. 5 to Sao Paulo's quadricentennial celebration.

JAL is also pleading with the U.S. Civil Aeronautics authorities to permit Japanese planes to add Los Angeles as a regular stop.

Very Truly Yours . . . by Harry Honda

Holiday Issue time again

October is the usual month the PC gets the dust off the files labelled Christmas edition . . . Already, plans have been discussed to get feature material for the Japanese heritage section of the 72-page edition. The same three-part format shall be used again—since it worked out so conveniently last year . . . We'll want Nisei success and Issei stories, creative pieces and a round-up of chapter activities . . . But the biggest "want" is the cooperation of chapters to solicit holiday greetings again.

The business staff is preparing material which will be going to each chapter in the next few days . . . As in the past, liberal commissions are being offered to chapters obtaining advertising for this special edition . . . Every attempt to keep the greetings and advertising under one geographic heading will be made. It proved a boon last year . . . Our one-line greetings of chapter members and friends have become a source of information that can surpass any directory . . . The page devoted to the 1000 Club

with a complete roster of its members is too popular to omit. This year, it'll contain over 700 names—the biggest ever.

We'll revive a calendar of events as gleaned from previous issues of the PC for the year. It can serve as a quick reference in subsequent years . . . Another innovation can be the photographs of 1955 JACL chapter cabinets, if they're elected by the middle of November . . . So you can see, it'll be an issue worth keeping . . . At least, that's our hope—that it will merit your setting this particular issue aside for future reference . . . It took a lot of extra hours to put the 1953 Holiday Issue . . . A sense of accomplishment that can only be derived from such fatiguing toil is worth all the loss of sleep that inevitably hits us in the final weeks of preparation . . . We sincerely appreciated the combined efforts of all the chapters, the contributors and special staff to produce the biggest of all Holiday Issues among the Japanese American vernaculars.

Joyce Takako Kurosawa of Honolulu was recently graduated with highest honors from the Fashion Institute of Technology, New York. She is presently employed by Couture Fabrics, N.Y., and plans to stay for several years before returning to the Islands.

Joe Katano, Delano JACL chapter president, was appointed to serve as city planner in Delano.

Honolulu Newsletter

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Politicking at a wedding party

There's more handshaking and backslapping at Nisei get-togethers these days, noticeably more. The political season is here, and that means the candidates are out beating the bushes for votes.

Nearly a score of Nisei are running for office on Oahu. This number is probably larger than in any election heretofore.

Wherever Nisei gather in large numbers, you're almost sure to find some candidates making the rounds, introducing themselves or being introduced by friends to other friends.

The other night, while at a large wedding reception, I noticed a good deal of this type of politicking. The technique, as the candidate learns quickly enough, is to get around to as many peoples as possible at a party.

Don't get into long-winded conversations but keep moving, and be sure your wife is making friends for you among the women folks—that's advice of one of the candidates. "And," he added, "don't stay too long at one party, if there's another one going on somewhere else."

Hawaiian politics has its own brand of election rallies. Both the Republican and the Democratic parties arrange for these night-time rallies in various parts of the city, usually at a school house or a park.

Candidates speak from a "mike" on a wooden, portable platform decorated with party banners. A musical troupe goes along to add zest to the program.

Speakers are limited to three minutes each, barely enough time for each one to make a self-introduction with such vital statistics as to where he was born, educated and employed; how many offsprings he has, and what a wonderful fella he really is.

After the weaker candidates are eliminated in the primary election on Oct. 2, there'll be more speaking time allotted during the general election campaign which winds up on Nov. 2.

A veteran campaigner was surprised the other day over the improvement of both speakers and speeches. "During my time, only a couple of candidates spoke correct English," he recalled. "Now, only a couple that I heard the other night spoke English with an accent."

Time was when pidgin English was a stock in trade of most candidates, and the crowds enjoyed the patois. Nowadays, the fellow who deliberately tortures the English language to get a laugh out of his audience is the exception, rather than the rule.

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Approach improving

The higher quality grammar heard today makes for duller rallies but pleases the school teachers who have trouble enough with youngsters copying the pidgin of the early politicians.

The rallies themselves are slowly becoming passe. Radio and television are a more effective media to reach the masses.

TV is being tried for the first time in Hawaiian politics, but the politicians are a bit wary of it.

My own observation is that TV can win a lot of votes IF the speaker is fluent, has a ready smile and easy manners, and can talk solid sense. But how many can meet such standards?

It was painful watching on TV recently, a Nisei candidate who was new to television. Obviously he had no coaching. He wore a dark, dark suit which "glared back" on the TV screen. He looked nervous and his speech was unpersuasive. He probably lost, instead of won, votes with that inept performance.

The more ambitious politicians are making house-to-house calls. There's nothing like a face-to-face meeting for an office seeker to impress others; that is, if he is the type that can impress others.

A stenographer confided to me that a Nisei candidate called on her on a recent Saturday. "It was my wash day and I was busy," she related. "But when this handsome fellow knocked on my door and introduced himself in that cultured voice of his, I was for him right then and there."

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The personal approach is still the best technique in political salesmanship.

Issei granted permanent residency after hasty trip to Central America

Stockton

Masao Nakawatase, well-known Issei here, is home this week following a special trip from Central America after receiving an immigrant visa for permanent residence in the United States.

Nakawatase had entered the U.S. without a visa in 1928 and subsequently married an American citizen. He was served with a warrant of arrest in deportation proceedings last November and three months later found to be deportable.

Frank Chuman, his attorney, obtained voluntary departure from the U.S., so that he might apply abroad for an immigrant visa and re-enter as a permanent resident.

By virtue of this change in status, Nakawatase is eligible for naturalization as an American citizen.

10 Nisei teachers begin San Francisco classes

San Francisco

At least two more Nisei are teaching this fall in San Francisco public schools. Setsu Katayama, recent San Francisco State College graduate, is teaching at John Muir. Shun Ochi, San Jose State College graduate, is teaching metal work at Portola Jr. High. Among others are:

Alice Shikamura, Bayview; Alice Shigezumi, West Portola; Katherine Reyes, Fairmount; Mrs. Helen Hori, Monroe; Kazu Muraoka, Pacific Heights; Grace Kuwada, Edison; Jane Kuwada, Alamo; Tad Yamasaki, Columbia.

Palo Alto

Helen Aoyagi, former teacher in Vallejo, is now with the Ravenswood School in East Palo Alto.

Home econ teacher

Granada, Colo.

Tomi Hiram, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Hiram of this city, was recently assigned to teach home economics at Granada High School. She is a graduate of Colorado A. & M.

Northwest Orient starts 'fly now—pay later' plan

Seattle

Northwest Orient Airlines has in effect now a "fly now—pay later" plan for both its domestic and international service. U.S. citizens who meet credit standards will be able to make trips, then take them from 3 to 20 months to pay for the transportation.

This "fly now—pay later" plan is the first to be made available along Northwest's routes, extending from New York-Washington, D.C., to Seattle-Tacoma and Portland, as well as overseas to Hawaii, Alaska and the Orient.

San Francisco

The Japanese American Philatelic Society operated the East Asian hospitality room with two other stamp clubs during the five-day convention of the American Philatelic Society, Sept. 15-19.



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Aged Issei victim of foul play, reports Colorado coroner's jury

By KATHERINE KAWAMURA

Montrose, Colo.

A coroner's jury returned the verdict that George J. Ohi, 65, of Ash Mesa "came to his death by a felonious blow on the head struck by an unknown person", following an inquest at the courthouse here last week.

Ohi was found dead Sept. 10 in his one-room home on the John Kramer Sr. Farm, west of Olathe, by John Kramer Jr. According to the sheriff and county coroner, Ohi died before 10 p.m., Sept. 9, of a crushed skull. No motive for

the apparent murder has been uncovered.

It was brought out in the testimony that Ohi, who lived alone, had leased land from Kramer and farmed it since 1948. He was well-liked in the community, witnesses stated, and had provoked no one.

Investigators reported his crushed skull which started at the top and went to the base, facial bruises and bruises on one hand as though he had tried to ward off the blow all pointed to assault.

Ohi had drawn \$500 from his bank two days earlier and had paid several bills. The remainder of the money was intact, officers said.

Ohi was born Dec. 16, 1888, at Fukuoka. As far as is known, he was unmarried.

Shin Nichi Bei directory

Los Angeles

The Shin Nichi Bei directory is expected to come off the press sometime in November or December this year, according to Sab Kido, president of the Shin Nichi Bei. The 1000-page or more directory will be published in Tokyo.

Dr. and Mrs. Toshio Ezaki of Allentown, Pa., were visitors at Kingsburg, Calif., recently. The surgeon, a graduate of Kingsburg High, had completed two years' of military service in France.



S. John Nitta of American Chick Sexing School, Lansdale, Pa., attended the JACL Convention in Los Angeles before going to Japan on a business trip. He expects to return sometime in November.
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Chicago Corner . . . by Smoky Sakurada

For Illinois voters

● If you're a registered voter, fine! If not, now's the time (in Illinois) to get ready for the Nov. 2 general elections.

You should register if you've turned 21 and have lived in this state for a year, in Cook County for 90 days and in precinct 30 days before election day.

You should register if you've moved, or if you've changed your name.

You should re-register if you haven't voted in the last four years.

Voters can register at the City Hall until Oct. 4. Office is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., until noon on Saturdays.

Precinct registrations will be held Oct. 5.

JACL Meetings . . .

● Future meetings of the Chicago JACL chapter are to be held on the second Friday of each month in the air-conditioned Woodrow Wilson Room, now situated on the second floor at 116 S. Michigan Ave.

At the last meeting (Sept. 17), JOHN Y. YOSHINO, 1st v.p., chaired. National convention reports were made by the new National 1000 Club chairman SHIG WAKAMATSU; chapter president KUMEO YOSHINARI; HAROLD GORDON and Dr. RANDOLPH SAKADA.

Sakada presented the sapphire JACL pin to Dr. GEORGE HIURA for his long service to the organization. Gordon exhibited a silver statuette of the 1000 Club Knight, presented to him at the Convention.

● HARRY MIZUNO reminded the audience of the forthcoming chapter carnival on Oct. 23-24 and of Operation XI.

● FRANKLIN CHINO will chair the next chapter meeting, Oct. 8, when four or five political candidates will appear. Naturalized Issei are being invited also. JOE MARUYAMA, chairman of the nominations committee, will present the 1955 slate of chapter officers.

One final note: refreshments are good at all meetings.

Around Windy City . . .

● The College Age Group will sponsor the "Autumn Serenade" dance Oct. 9, 8 p.m., at McCormick YWCA.

● An exhibition of 62 color photographs taken by Arthur Siegel is an Art Institute feature until Nov. 1.

● The Womens. Fellowship of Christ Congregational Church has packed 18 cartons of clothing for overseas relief.

● The Chicago JACL is sponsoring the civic reception for naturalized Issei of this area Oct. 2, at the McCormick YWCA.

Sports Notes . . .

● Halfback EDMUND ISHINO, 17, formerly of Stockton, Calif., is regarded as the best blocker for the Hyde Park High School varsity. Another regular starter is HOWARD MIURA, 17, formerly of Santa Barbara, at leftend. Hyde Park won 19-14 last Saturday over Englewood.

● HAL NEMOTO, veteran guard and letterman, is expected to see a lot of action this year for Navy Pier Illini. Their opening game is against Hillsdale College Oct. 2.

● MAY KUROSE won Chicago Fairway's annual club tournament at Woodridge golf course Sept. 12 with 99-27-72. MICHIO SHIMIZU was runner-up; HELEN NAKAGAWA and HIROKO NISHI tied for third.

CALENDAR

Sept. 25 (Saturday)
Chicago—Lily Miki Concert, Kimball Hall, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit—Issei Citizens Banquet, Coral Room, Hotel Ft. Shelby, 7 p.m.

Sept. 26 (Sunday)
Richmond—El Cerrito—Outing, Mitchell Canyon.

Sept. 28 (Tuesday)
West Los Angeles—Gen'l meeting, Gakuen Hall, 8 p.m. Rep. Donald M. Jackson, spkr. "Far Eastern Affairs".

Oct. 2 (Saturday)
Berkeley—Talent-Vision Show, Little Theater, Grove and Allston
Chicago—New Issei Citizens Reception, McCormick YWCA, 1001 N. Dearborn, 8 p.m.

Oct. 8 (Friday)
Chicago—Gen'l meeting, Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan. Pre-election rally.

Oct. 24 (Sunday)
Detroit—Sukiyaki dinner, International Institute.

Far East affairs subject of talk at WLA meeting

By STEVE YAGI

West Los Angeles

Rep. Donald L. Jackson (R., Calif.) will speak on "Far Eastern Affairs" at the final meeting of the year of the West Los Angeles JACL chapter next Tuesday, Sept. 28, 8 p.m. at the Gakuen Hall.

The Santa Monica congressman recently returned from a tour of the Far East. The chapter has invited the naturalized Issei as well as the general public.

Participating in a community project to construct a youth house on the grounds of the new Richland Ave. Jr. High School to be opened to all youngsters living south of Santa Monica Blvd. and west of Sepulveda Blvd., the local JACL Uchida, chapter resident, has raised \$625 for the building fund.

A check was presented at a recent Richland Avenue Youth Community Council, Mrs. Seiko Nakanishi of the Jr. Matrons, and Mrs. Elmer Uchida, JACL.

Various organizations contributing were:

Community Council, \$300; JACL, \$150; Jr. Matrons, \$100; Methodist Men, \$25; YBA, \$25; Windsors, \$15; and WSCS Circle III, \$10.

The youth house will provide club rooms and a social hall for some 90 percent of Nisei and Sansei youth of this area.

Four winter festival tours via APL liners

San Francisco

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The tours beginning Dec. 19 and Jan. 11 leave Los Angeles with the former celebrating Christmas and New Years at sea. They will include many of the sites visited by the other tours and will disband at Bepu following visits to Hiroshima, Ogori, Yuda Spa. The all-inclusive tour fare is \$930 from West Coast ports round-trip, the fare from Honolulu being only \$790.

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CHAPTER MEMO

Newsletter Received: Cleveland Bulletin, Arizona.

Arizona JACL: The next chapter newsletter "new look" will be through the efforts of Dave Moore, one-time chapter vice-president . . . Tom Kado-moto and Ken Yoshioka chapter delegates to the National JACL Convention, presented their report last week. Carl K. Sato, who was cited for a Distinguished Achievement Award, and Shig Tanita, sapphire JACL pin honoree, were honored.

San Francisco JACL: The 10th annual JACL New Year's Eve dance will be held again at the Palace Hotel, scene of last year's social. Several name bands, including Ray Hackett's orchestra, are being considered for the gala party.

Watsonville JACL: Some 30 Issei of Pajaro Valley who have been naturalized were honored at dinner last week.

Rep. Yates speaker at Oct. 2 Chicago reception

Chicago

Rep. Sidney R. Yates (D., Ill.) has been announced as the principal speaker at the Oct. 2 civic reception for naturalized Issei at the McCormick YWCA.

The committee in charge, still working out details, added that the following will be guests of the evening:

Mayor Martin H. Kennelly, Consul-General H. Kuroda, Rep. Edgar A. Jonas and Dewey Hutchinson, nationality section chief.

Ex-San Francisco girl earns top secretary post

Chicago

Sumi Shimizu, 321 W. Schiller, was recently appointed to a top secretarial position at General Electric's Central District office here. She is secretary to William M. Ballanger, district manager (engineering) for the midwestern states.

The former San Franciscan first joined the company in 1943 as a member of the secretarial pool. For the past three years, she was secretary to the manager of GE's apparatus service shop here. Her new appointment came through change of location of the service shop and the manager's high recommendations.

Miss Shimizu is an active JACLer, served in cabinet positions with the JACL chapter, credit union, is past corresponding secretary, Midwest District Council, and served on the National JACL Planning Committee. She is a member of the Midwest Buddhist Church.

Sequoia JACL combines bowling, business session

Redwood City

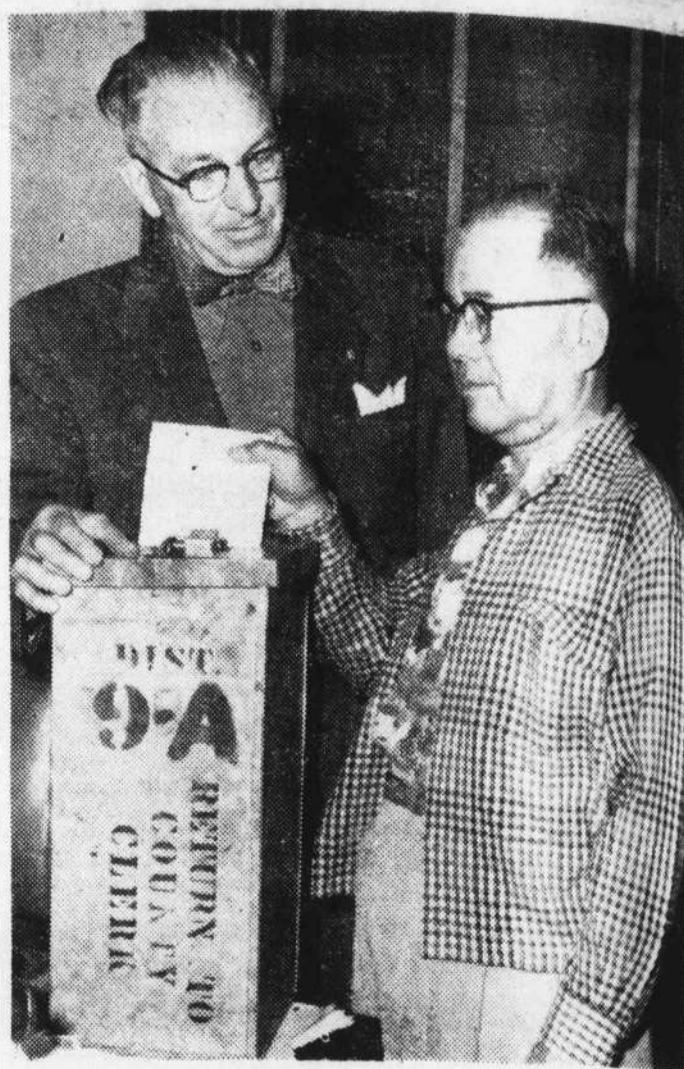
It will be Bowling Night for Sequoia JACL at the Redwood Bowl tomorrow night, according to Hiroshi Honda who is in charge. A special division for Jr. JACL bowlers will be included.

A short business meeting prior to bowling will be held in the meeting room upstairs. The evening agenda includes a report on the National Convention by Harry Higaki and selection of a nominating committee for the 1955 chapter officers.

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—Terashima Photo.

news item

President Signs Bill

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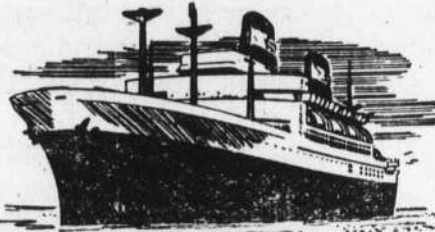
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National JACL endowment fund nears \$80,000 mark

San Francisco
National JACL Headquarters announced that recent contributions totaling \$1,385.15 have been received for the National JACL Endowment Fund. Total contributions to this Fund now stand at \$79,303.61.
Recent contributors to the Fund include:

- CALIFORNIA**
Berkeley—Mr. and Mrs. George Nakano \$75, Kiyoshi Otsuji \$15; Delia—Ernest Makita \$30; Dinuba—R. K. Yamamoto \$25; Fowler—Bill Hashimoto \$5, T. Hashizume \$5, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kamikawa \$25, Bill Kondo \$5, Tokuchi Mukai \$5, K. Nakagawa \$20, Kanichi Renge \$25, Mrs. Minnie Takahashi \$5, George Teraoka \$5, Hiroshi Tsuboi \$5, Frank Yamaguchi \$5, Haruo Yoshimoto \$25; Fresno—Edna Fujimoto Yabuno \$50, Fresno—Yokomi \$5; Kingsburg—T. Akira \$125; Los Angeles—Mrs. Masako Aratani \$25, Takeji & Minnie Yamada \$100; Monterey—Yasumatsu Manaka \$40, Tajuro Watanabe \$15; Oakland—Fred S. Nomura \$76.70, Ben Oishi \$25, Tokutaro Oishi \$17; Sacramento—Naoki Akune \$25; San Francisco—T. Soga \$15; Sanger—Mas Okada \$5, M. Tsuji \$2.50, Sak Yamaguchi \$2.50; Santa Ana—S. Nitta \$100; Yuba City—Henry K. Kodama \$50.
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Chicago—Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe \$250.
OHIO
Cleveland—Kiichi Furukawa \$10.

SUMMARY OF NAT'L CONVENTION TO BE PUBLISHED NEXT ISSUE

San Francisco
Mas Satow, National JACL Director, will summarize in his monthly report to be published in next week's Pacific Citizen the business sessions of the 13th biennial National JACL Convention.
The official minutes are expected to be in the hands of chapter delegates by November, it was stated.

IN HONOR OF

Harry Yoshizumi of Watsonville, who has studied at the Carmel Art Institute, will again enter in the competition of the Santa Cruz County Fair art show opening this week. He took first place in oils last year and was also awarded first prize in the State Fair student division.

John Hayakawa, 28, was appointed public health educator for the city of San Jose by City Mgr. A. P. Hamann. Hayakawa is graduate with a master's degree in public health education from Univ. of California at Berkeley.

WASHINGTON
Seattle—Albert Bonus \$5, Naosaburo Kirita \$30.

63 Fresno Issei pass examinations

Fresno
A welcome ceremony for new American citizens was held Sept. 16 at the Municipal Auditorium by the Fresno American Legion Post 4. Sixty-three Issei were presented naturalization certificates by J. L. Brown, county clerk.

Assisting the Legionnaires were the Fresno County schools, Fresno City Unified School District; VFW Post 884, DAV Chapter 1 and Sierra Nisei VFW Post 8499.

Issei honored were:
Teruo Arasuna, Takaji Doi, Sakumatsu Fujita, George Fujiwara, Kiroku Harada, Ayako Hirabayashi, Yakichi Honda, Shikichi Ii, Sugimatsu Ikeda, Takeno Inouye, Shigewaka Ishida, Kiichi Iwamura.

Junjiro Kawagoe, Kojiro Kawamoto, Tome Kawamura, Kakuichi Kawano, Yasu Kawano, Jim Kobashi, Kenso Kobori, George Kondo, Roy Kondo, Harry Kono, Kiyo Kogoku, Hisa Matsuyama, Masato Mayebo, Kenneth Mayeda, Tami Mayeda, Juichi Mikami, Akie Mitsui, Richard Miura, Tadashi Mizuki, Sadabei Mukai.

Kenroku Nakagawa, Hiroshima Henry Nakai, Joe Nakamura, Sojiro Nakamura, Heizo Nakano, Hiteyo Nakashima, Motono Nakata, Masuichi Nakatani, Nisuke Niizawa, Harry Minetaro Nishimura, James Nishioka, Joe Odaka, Hanako Ohama.

Tora Renge, Fushi Sasaki, Umeko Shigekawa, Hatsumi Shohara, Hachizo Sumida, Mumeyo Sumida, Chicka Taketa, Fukutaro Takata, Gunichi Takata, Motoyo Tanaka, Tsuneshichi Taniguchi.

Shunsuke Uchiyama, Toshi Uchiyama, Seiji Uemura, Araihiro Watarai, Frank Yoshiyama, Tom Yoshiyama.

Citizenship class instructors were:
Toru Ikeda, Gary Kadani, Jim Miyasaki, Howard Nakamura and James Yamane.

Denver
Close to 100 naturalized Issei citizens were among 300 Denverites honored at Citizenship Day ceremonies Sept. 14 at the City Auditorium. Invitations were sent to 500 new citizens, who has been made citizens since the last city-wide observance.

San Jose
Four Issei granted citizenship here Aug. 27 before Superior Court Judge M. G. Del Mutolo were:
Matasaku Kurasaki, Taro Ishigaki, Taiichiro Mishima and Mikanosuke Takaichi.

North Platte
Charles T. Yanagida and Mrs. Kuni Yoneyama were among newly naturalized citizens at a Nebraska district court here Aug. 23.

Tom Shimasaki is in charge of the Lindsay (Calif.) Chamber of Commerce display at the Tulare County Fair.



Thousand Club Notes

SHIG WAKAMATSU, Nat'l Chmn.

● **ARIZONA:** The stork visited homes of several Valley of the Sun residents this past month and left a bundle all in blue in each. Proud parents of baby boys were the SHIG TANITAS (their fifth child), the TAD TADANOS (No. 8), and the BILL KOBAYASHIs (their fifth).

● **OMAHA:** K. PATRICK OKURA, psychologist at Boys Town, and past national JACL vice-president, was selected recently to the Nebraska steering committee for Youth and Juvenile Delinquency by Gov. Robert Crosby. It was the first such selection by the governor. Mrs. LILY OKURA is now national chairman of the Rules and By-Laws committee of the National Secretary Association of St. Louis, Mo.

Educational trust fund for Nisei orphan started as girls' club project

Los Angeles
An educational trust fund for a Nisei orphan has been created by the Vandas, young adult girls' club, it was disclosed by Ruby Koyama, club president.

"Project Lucy", as this fund is called, has been established with the Pacific Southwest JACL Credit Union with the initial deposit of \$291.04 representing proceeds from the Vandas' cookie sale, benefit dance and Nisei Week carnival booth.

Lucy is a 12-year-old Japanese American who is under the care of the County Foster Home program. The trust fund will be made available for her educational needs when she reaches the age of 18, according to Michi Uyeda, chairman of "Project Lucy".

"Spare time of our 16 members has been taken up for the past several months on the project and we are very pleased to be able to kick off this trust fund with this amount," Miss Koyama stated. "We are also happy to know that the JACL Credit Union is willing share our responsibility with us. Our club also plans to give Lucy an insight into the life of the Japanese community here. Because of her institutionalized upbringing she is totally unfamiliar with all facets of Japanese culture."

Saburo Kido, board chairman of the JACL Credit Union, expressed his satisfaction that the Credit Union could extend its services to a fund of this nature, adding that the annual high dividends paid by the Credit Union has already established much support and confidence by the community.

MAILBOX

Cincinnati Negroes

Editor: In your Aug. 20th issue, in your Minority Column, you mentioned about the Cincinnati Negro who obtained a court order permitting him to enter a privately owned amusement resort, namely Coney Island. I thought it may interest you to know a little of the background of this particular case.

Approximately two years ago, three colored women filed a Class Action case requesting that all persons of the colored race be permitted to enter this amusement park. The court decided that this was not a proper matter for such a class action and that it should be thrown out of court, which it was. In the dicta of this case it was stated that had one of these individuals brought this suit to permit themselves to enter the park, that the case would have stood. The case which you mentioned is the result of the dicta of this case.

It should be interesting to note next year how many colored persons file private suits for entrance to this amusement park. The owners of this park have stated repeatedly that they will move the amusement park to Northern Kentucky rather than have colored persons enter same.

I will keep you advised as to any further development.

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TOP—Coach Tony Cavallo (left) of Glendale (Ariz.) High School has 44 men on the varsity this year. Jim Kobashi (center), the 140-lb. quarterback, is counted upon for a key role in the Cardinal passing attack. Jack Takasuye, 205-lb. tackle, is expected to see much action on the offensive this season. In the initial game of the season last Friday, Phoenix Tech High creaked through an 8-0 victory over Glendale. Starting quarterback Kobashi received a head injury in

the fourth quarter. BOTTOM—Ray "Cappy" Mitokawa, (left) is assistant football coach at Peoria (Ariz.) High School to Tom Hyde (right). Mitokawa, a Univ. of Arizona graduate and active in football for two years, was among new instructors added to the Peoria school system this year. He will also teach social studies, physical education and is also head track coach.

—Byron R. Shaw photo.

165 golfers vie in Chicago CL Open, women's division to be played over

Chicago

In the greatest golf tournament ever sponsored by a Japanese American group in Chicago, the Chicago JACL's open golf tournament held at Glendale Country Club on Sept. 19 saw a total of 165 men and women golfers tee off in three hours' time under the direction of George Yoshioka.

Hank Yamagata walked off with the Championship Flight honors with a net score of 68 while Rocky Yamanaka won

the "A" Flight handily with a net 64. Low gross honors went to George Koyama who carded a 73.

The Women's Division was postponed until Oct. 2 as some of the foursomes were unable to finish due to darkness. The scores of those who finished earlier were disregarded and the tourney will be played over.

Trophies were awarded to the first three top scorers in the men's flights while balls went to those up to 14th place.

SPORTSCOPE:

Football

Art Takido, 170-lb. halfback was pictured in the Football Annual magazine as one of Cal Tech's returning veteran.

The Engineer's eleven in being boomed as one of the strongest in years with 15 lettermen returning, including the Nisei rambler. He stands 5' 10" in height.

Four Nisei were among 62 reporting to Coach Don Hall at Stockton College, which faces Bakersfield JC, Little Rose Bowl champions, tonight. They are Shi'o Sasaki, Nobu Tamura, guards; Jerald Kosaka, center; and Howard Takaoka, half. The Stockton College Colts (11th and 12th graders) have signed up Toshio Ishihara, quarter; John Kawada, half; and Gary Ishihara, fullback.

Shun Tamura, returning letterman halfback for Lodi High, and four other Nisei: Matsuo Fukumoto, Howard Kishida, Ken Tanabe and Jun Tanimoto, began workouts to defend their Sac-Joaquin Conference title for the fourth year.

Gilroy graduate Bob Hira-

saki, a guard, will play football this season for San Bernardino J.C.

Golf

Ervin Furukawa outstroked a formidable array of golfers in the Northwest Nisei Open at West Seattle over the Labor Day holidays—his second straight title with a low gross of 79-76—155. His closest competitor, as expected, was Ray Hashitani from Ontario, Ore., at 80-76—156.

Low-gross leaders in other flights were: 2nd Flight—Yoshito Harada, 163; Seiji Hata, 168; 3rd Flight—Shigeo Watanabe, 163; Tosh Tanemura, 165; 4th Flight—Kenji Onishi, 168, and Hank Fukano, 172.

Chicago

For the first time in the history of golf tournaments in the midwest a hole-in-one was scored when Hank Yamagata registered an ace in the Midwest Golf Association's annual fall tournament held at Woodridge golf course. In the 193-yard sixth hole, Yamagata's 3-iron shot fell into the cup. He finished second in the Championship Flight won by Brush Arai. Richard Suyama won the "A" Flight championship while

San Jose State Nisei linemen set for Cal encounter

San Jose

San Jose State came through Saturday's grid season opener with Utah State without injury and figure to be at full strength when they meet California at Berkeley tomorrow.

Standouts in the 20-0 win for the Spartans were three Nisei linemen. Jim Nakagawa, 210-lb. tackle who played for East Los Angeles JC, time and time again broke into the Utah State backfield to smear plays.

Two-year letterman center Tom Yagi of Livingston saw plenty of action as starter Jerry Ruse was injured early in the game. Ted Nabeta, guard from Yuba City, also saw action.

Russell Ushiro took the "B" Flight trophy.

At their annual dinner meeting Hank Yamagata was unanimously elected president of the Midwest Golf Association. Members of his cabinet include Dick Takaki, v.p.; Corky Kawasaki, sec.; and Roy Odoi, treas.

Special trophies awarded at this dinner were the President's trophy for the best net score for all tourneys to John Doi; the Toguri Trophy for the best low net for those with 12 handicap or less to Brush Arai; the Harry Sakamoto Memorial Trophy went to Richard Suyama.

The organization's final tournament of the year will be held on Oct. 10 at St. Andrews golf course for all flights. The Consul-General Kuroda trophy will be awarded to the winner.

San Diego Jr. YBA

San Diego

The San Diego Jr. YBA will install Tracy Kawasaki and his cabinet tomorrow night at a dinner-dance at the local Buddhist church.

★ THE SOUTHWESTER

Mabel's Able

TATS KUSHIDA

We can't seem to get it out of our blood. The convention, that is. Maybe it's because we are still winding it up to see if the plus will balance the minus.

One of the remarkable things about the 13th Biennial that many of us will long remember is the precision in which MABEL OTA's registration machinery operated. Efficiency requires much planning and trained manpower. With able help like MARVEL MIYATA, YAEKO NAKASHIMA, FRANCES KITAGAWA, MIDORI NISHI and a host of others, Mabel had prepared a detailed job-description of each registration section, almost every move that a committeeman would make, something like a time and motion analysis by an efficiency expert. The committee even went through a dress rehearsal at St. Mary's Episcopal Church to get the routine down pat for everyone. That's what we call meticulous preparation. Thanks to Mabel's organization no jam-up ensued at the confab.

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Tremendous transportation help

The Hull-Dobbs, a local Ford dealer, went all-out to win the goodwill and friendship of the conventioners, and it looks like they have. A fleet of five brand new Fords including a ranch wagon were placed at the disposal of the transportation committee. The firm's sales manager, Bill Kellas, even assigned his top Nisei salesman, personable ED KUSADA, full time to attend the convention and supervise the use of the cars.

We knew Ed as a pre-war Boyle Heights and a Postman when we called him Kotch. He played varsity football at Roosevelt High. More than a few inquiries were tossed our way as to his marital status, our disappointing answer being to the effect that the TDH guy was out of circulation. Ed was of immense help as were those who served on the committee. We appreciate, also, Hull-Dobbs' offer as per last week's PC ad that a \$25 donation goes to JACL for every car purchased by a JACL member.

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'Friendly' convention

Dr. ROY NISHIKAWA who chaired the shebang had at many meetings expressed his desire that the convention committeemen extend as much cordiality and hospitality to the delegates as possible. He wanted this to be truly a "friendly convention." There is no doubt that Roy's hopes were realized, for the appreciation letters we have received since seem to place at the top of the list the friendliness of everyone at the convention above the other nice comments.

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30 more Issei applicants

A "final" batch of 30 Issei applicants for citizenship took their oral exams this morning at the I&NS office. Spending the ayem there as volunteer JACL interpreters were TED OKUMOTO, SABURO KIDO, NISUKE MITSUMORI, TAKEO TAKEKOSHI and TAKEO TANINO.

This should bring to around 1,000 the number of naturalized Issei in Ellay county. At least another 500 have been sworn in as new citizens in Southern California and Arizona. Several Americanization schools are still going full blast, inspired by the up-to-date situation at the I&NS office which is now calling petitioners within a couple of weeks for their tests.

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Visitor from Hawaii

A distinguished visitor from Hawaii paid a call early this week. He is KENJI GOTO, who for seven years has served as administrator of the Kuakini Hospital in Honolulu. This was formerly the Japanese Hospital. The million dollar institution has 150 beds with nearly half of the patients being non-Japanese. Kenji, who is a cousin of the eminent Hawaiian, BARON GOTO, who is also a big JACL booster, was in the States attending a conference of hospital administrators.

Kenji is a Camp Savage schoolmate of nat'l prexy CALLAHAN INAGAKI. Kenji's son, IRVING KEN GOTO, is a plebe at Annapolis, having been appointed by the Secretary of the Navy to begin this year at the naval academy, and is Hawaii's first Japanese American to attend there, and the second Nisei in its history.

Baron, of course, is well known to thousands of AJAs. He is a naturalized Issei, having received his citizenship through the JACL-sponsored legislation which extended naturalization to Issei who served in World War II. Baron served a number of years with the University of Hawaii extension service and now heads up the Point Four exchange program for students from Eastern Asia.

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Boys Town experiences

When PAT OKURA, past nat'l veep, told us of his experiences at Boys Town, Nebraska, where he is on the staff as psychologist, we were amazed to learn of the tremendous (millions) pieces of mail that go through the Boys Town post office.

He and his wife LILY, mostly Lily, graced the head table at a recent evening meeting of the local Optimist Club. Pat gave a terrific report on Boys Town activities and topped it off with a sound-color movie. Naturally, the Optimists, whose slogan is "Friend of the Boy", were deeply interested.

We were delighted to know that Pat is a fellow philatelist. Our specialty is U.S. commemorative mint plate blocks. So's also local fourth estate HENRY MORI and PC ed HARRY HONDA.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

A Stockton Issei came to Los Angeles to be recognized as a permanent resident, by way of Costa Rica, through an immigrant's visa.

Untangling what appeared as a complicated affair was Attorney Frank Chuman, who after a busy week with the 13th Biennial National JACL convention, accompanied Masao Nakawatase to Central America to establish his rights to live in the United States permanently.

Nakawatase gained a voluntary departure permit so that he might qualify for an immigrant visa under the McCarran Act of 1952. It took him less than seven days to process his return papers in Costa Rica and also become eligible for naturalization.

Nakawatase had entered the United States first in 1928, without a visa, and subsequently married a citizen. Last November he was served with a warrant of arrest in deportation proceedings. At a subsequent hearing held earlier this year, he was found deportable.

Nakawatase is again home in Stockton, a much happier man.

True to the colors of the Republican Party, scores of civic-minded Li'l Tokio GOP leaders participated in the Eisenhower Hollywood Bowl Rally yesterday by attending the gala county-wide program.

As a matter of fact, there were traces of registered Nisei Democrats in the group of 53 committee members who were taken to the Bowl from First and San Pedro Sts., in a chartered bus.

Such prominent personalities as Municipal Court Judge John F. Aiso, and Gongoro Nakamura, chairman of the Naturalization Committee of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, led the contingent of Ike supporters.

It may be noted here that among naturalized Issei, the Republicans far outnumber the Democrats. Political aspirants may well keep this in mind when campaigning for office.

When Donsho Kodama, now in New York, predicted three weeks before that Gov. Thomas E. Dewey will not run again, the Nipponese soothsayer had his professional stock boosted.

The mystic character from the Orient uses polished bamboo sticks and several wooden blocks to forecast future happenings.

Now comes a Japanese Yamagata bird, by way of New York, demonstrate its (or is it his?) talent in the business of fortune-telling. The gay bird is trained by its master, one Mr. Isobe from Tokyo.

The pair is staying at a Li'l Tokio hotel, making up schedules for television and theatrical appearances.

Yamagata's performance as a fortune teller may not appear too convincing but for strict entertainment, it's better than a bag of polly seeds.

The bird is enclosed in a small cage. In the background tiny slips of paper containing prognostications are pinned in several slots. When the master says "boo" the feathered friend tip-toes to the decorated altar of "bread and butter" to pick up one. Mr. Isobe merely reads what's on the slip, and there you have your fortune in a nutshell.

What money is raised here will be turned over to the March of Dimes, Yamagata chirped, and Isobe agrees.

Eiji Tanabe, president of the Japanese American Optimist Club of Los Angeles, left Monday on APL's Pres. Cleveland for a two-week excursion trip of Japan, acting in the capacity as a tourist guide.

One of his tasks there will be setting up groundwork for the pending barnstorming of Tokyo by Lefty O'Doul's baseball team. Tanabe returns home by the end of October.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

ABE—Aug. 7, a boy Alan Lawrence to the Steven Kiyoshi Abes (Kimiko Tanaka), Whittier.

ENG—Aug. 3, a boy Derrick Guy to the Clifford Eng (Ruth Reiko Ogata).

HIGASHI—Aug. 8, a boy Keith Clark to the Kazumasa Higashis (Yosiko Fukuzaka).

IIDA—Aug. 24, a girl Celeste Chizuko to the Hiroyuki Iidas (Takako Kawahata).

IWAI—Aug. 6, a girl Eleanor to the Atsushi Iwais (Sumie Isida), Venice.

KANESHIRO—Aug. 17, a boy Lance to the Masao Kaneshiros (Sachi Tamaki).

MITSUEDA—Aug. 25, a girl Judy Kiyo to the Takashi Mitsuedas (Emiko Shimamoto).

OISHI—Aug. 14, a girl Dale Chi-yomi to the Toshio Oishis (Violet Sumire Ezuka).

OKITA—Aug. 17, a boy Keith Yukio to the George Tsukasa Okitas (Fumiko Nakamo).

SAKIMOTO—Aug. 17, a boy Daniel Tohru to the Kiyoshi Sakimotos (Tamiko Kosakura).

TANAKA—Aug. 19, a boy Gary Wayne to the Saburo Tanakas (Florence Hisako Kizaki).

SAN JOSE

FUDENNA—Aug. 23, boy Paul Taro to the Taro Fudennas, Irvington.

KOJIMA—Sept. 7, a boy Robert K. to the Kunikazu Kojimas.

OTOMORI—Aug. 18, a girl Mona Jane to the Naoki Otomoris.

SATAKE—Aug. 21, a boy Norman to the Neoharu Satakes.

SHISHIDO—Aug. 7, a girl Nancy Darlene to the Hiroshi Shishidos, San Martin.

TOMA—Aug. 23, a boy Byron Kazuyuki to the Takayuki Tomas.

YAMAJI—Aug. 22, a boy Stanley Alan to the Haruo Yamajis, Mountain View.

SACRAMENTO

HIROTO—Sept. 7, a girl to the Minoru Hirots, Auburn.

OMORI—Aug. 26, a girl to the Hiroshi Omoris.

TAKAHORI—Sept. 2, a girl to the Frank Takatoris, Woodland.

FRESNO

IBARA—Sept. 2, a boy to the Tera-shi Ibaras, Reedley.

KAWAHATA—Aug. 27, a girl to the Minoru Kawahatas, Fowler.

KUBO—Aug. 14, a boy to the Dr. Sumio Kubos, Biola (Dr Kubo is stationed in Paris).

MIYAMOTO—Aug. 27, a boy to the Masao Miyamotos, Dinuba.

NAKAMURA—Aug. 20, a boy to the Hiroshi Nakamuras, Hanford.

OMATA—Aug. 20, a boy to the Goro Omatas, Hanford.

TANIGUCHI—Sept. 3, a boy to the Norman Taniguchis, Fowler.

SAN FRANCISCO

HAYASHI—Aug. 26, a boy to the Kazushige Hayashis.

PORTLAND

TAMURA—Aug. 30, a girl Patti A to the Richard H. Tamuras, Oregon City.

SEATTLE

OKAZAKI—Sept. 8, a boy to the Harry Okazakis.

SHIMANO—Sept. 10, a girl to the Ted Shimanos.

YASUDA—Sept. 12, a girl to the Ted Yasudas.

YOSHIMURA—Sept. 10, a boy to the George Yoshiharas.

DENVER

KUBOTA—Aug. 15, a girl to the Noboru Kubotas.

NAMBA—A girl to the S. Nambas.

UYENISHI—A girl to the Roy I. Uyenishis (Ruth Kishimoto).

NEW YORK

KUBO—Sept. 5, a boy Spencer H. to the Dr. Gerald G. Kubos (Eiko Fukuki).

KUURAMOTO—Sept. 1, a boy Don to the Dr. Roy Kuramotos (Yemiko Ota of Wyoming).

ONODERA—Aug. 31, a boy Kirt to the Sho Onoderas (Michi Yasui of Seattle).

WHEATON—Sept. 4, a girl Rena Miwako to the Louis Wheatons (Tomoko Ikeda).

WASHINGTON, D.C.

KITAGAWA—Aug. 1 a boy Martin Akashi to the Saburo Kitagawas, Silver Springs, Md.

Registered nurses in L.A. called for civil defense

Los Angeles

Nisei registered nurses in the metropolitan Los Angeles area were urged to attend a series of five lectures beginning Sept. 30 at the American Red Cross Bldg., 1200 S. Vermont Ave., sponsored by the California State Nurses' Assn. and the L.A. County Advisory Committee to Nursing in Civil Defense.

"A registered nurse assumes a vital role in a disaster, whether war-induced or by natural causes, and the Nisei R.N. could share and participate in this project for national preparedness," declared Mrs. Toshi Nagata of the L.A. City Civil Defense and Disaster Corps.

The civil defense course for nurses will include lectures, discussions, demonstrations and films. The program:

Sept. 30 (7:30 p.m.)—Lessons from the London Blitz; Film: "This Is Civil Defense"

Oct. 7 (7:30 p.m.)—Discussion: Co-ordinated Services in Civil Defense; Panel: Recent Developments in Civil Defense Nursing.

Oct. 14 (7:30 p.m.)—Personal and Home Protection in a Disaster; discussion on disaster nursing with demonstration of improvised equipment.

Oct. 21 (7:30 p.m.)—Mass Panic as related to Civil Defense; first aid demonstrations, new use of tourniquet.

Oct. 28 (7:30 p.m.)—Home Delivery; New Drugs and Plasma Substitutes; Recent information on Radiation.

Engagements

NISHIMOTO-OKAMOTO—Kimiko, Madera, to Joe, Upland.

NISHIOKA-NISHIWAKI—Shirley Shimeko, Santa Ana, to James Kazuo, Westminister, Aug. 28.

TOKINOBU-DOI—Kathryn, Los Gatos, to Douglas, Pasadena, Sept. 4.

Marriage Licenses Issued

HAYTORI-SHINTANI—Shogo and Evelyn, both of San Francisco.

ICHIKAWA-MUROTSUNE—Shigeo James and Mary Sachiye, both of San Jose.

NAMBA-KOYAMA—Alfred H., Salt Lake City, and Eva F., Vancouver, Wash.

TANAKA-NOSE—Arthur, 28, San Jose, and Kazuko, 27, Sunnyvale.

YASUDA-KAGIMOTO—Toshinari and Helen Nobuko, both of Sacramento.

YONEDA-NAKAGAWA—Akira, San Jose, and Yooko, Mountain View.

Weddings

ABBOTT-SAMESHIMA—Sept. 12, Glenn, Honolulu, and Alice, Los Angeles.

ARAI-AKIYAMA—Sept. 4, Geoffrey Akio and Sachiko, both of Los Angeles.

ARAKAKI-YAMADA—Aug. 31, Jim and Fumi, both of Santa Barbara.

HAMAI-FUKUDA—Sept. 10, James and Dorothy Kyoko, both of Los Angeles.

HANAOKA-YAMAMOTO—Sept. 5, Gosato and Betty, both of Los Angeles.

HAYASHI-MATSUNAGA—Sept. 12, Leo, Fresno, and Sally, Seima.

HIRATA-MEGURO—Sept. 12, William and Misako, both of Los Angeles.

ISA-TOYAMA—Sept. 4, Henry and Helen Hatsuye, both of Los Angeles.

KATO-FUJIOKA—Sept. 5, Paul, San Mateo, and Nobuko, Santa Maria.

KAWAGOE-HIRATA—Sept. 12, 2nd Lt. Roy Satoshi (U.S. Army), Reedley, and June Rui, Los Angeles.

KOIDE-SEKIGUCHI—Sept. 5, Jim, Berkeley, and Mariko, Hawthorne.

KOTO-OKIHARA—Aug. 8, Jitsuo and Sadako, both of Chicago.

KURASHITA-SHIOTANI—Sept. 6, Jim Haruo, Pacoima, and Betty Shimeko, Pasadena.

MATSUDA-ISHIDA—Sept. 12, Eddie and Sachiko, both of Los Angeles.

MIYA-MATSUMOTO—Aug. 17, Harry and Sumi, both of Los Angeles.

OBATA-MIZUTANI—Sept. 5, Joseph Jo and Irene Shizuye, both of Los Angeles.

OZAKI-MATSUNAGA—Aug. 8, Yoji and Mariko, both of Chicago.

SAIKI-ETO—Sept. 5, George Ko, Los Angeles, and Elsie Hideko, Tarzana.

SUYENAGA-NAKATA—July 31, Kenneth and June, both of Chicago.

TAKUSHI-ONAGA—Sept. 12, Ansho and Edith Kyoko, both of Los Angeles.

TAMAKI-KAMITAKI—Sept. 5, Roger Akira, Los Angeles, and Bettie Tsuyako, West Los Angeles.

TANAKA-ENDO—Sept. 12, George and Louise, both of Los Angeles.

TOYOTA-YONEMOTO—Sept. 4, Ko-hachi, Campbell, and Lucille, San Jose.

URIU-NAKATA—Aug. 29, Dale, San Francisco, and Grace, Palo Alto.

WELLER-OTANI—Sept. 10, David Ferguson, Buffalo, and Michiko, New York.

YAMADA-FUKUDA—Aug. 29, Benny T. and Janet, both of Los Angeles.

YAMANE-IMAMOTO—Sept. 5, Robert and Michiko, both of North Hollywood.

YANARI-FURUYA—Aug. 29, Fred and Louise, both of Los Angeles.

YORITA-HIROTA—Aug. 7, George and Yosiko, both of Chicago.

Deaths

ASHIZAWA, Henry: Denver, Sept. 8.

HORI, Jinbei: Chicago, Aug. 17.

ITO, Kumayuki: Los Angeles, Sept. 13, survived by wife Kinuko, daughters Mrs. Tokiko Matsumoto, Mrs. Rosemary Shizuko Sato, and Mrs. May Yuriko Maeshiro.

MATSUMOTO, Kasaku, 68: San Pedro, Sept. 15, survived by wife Yotsu, sons Arthur Hiroshi, Sho Tadashi, daughters Mrs. Margaret Yoko Katsumata and Irene Midori Mukai.

MATSUOKA, Kensaburo, 74: Kingsburg, Sept. 12, survived by wife Chizu, son Toshimitsu and daughters Mrs. Chizuko Miyawaki and Mrs. Yuriko Nakagawa.

NAGAKURA, Masataro: Chicago, Aug. 12.

OHGA, Henry T., 36: Chicago, Aug. 22, survived by wife Rose and three children.

SHINTA, Yasaku, 84: Cupertino, Sept. 11, survived by wife Hisayo, sons Kaneshiro, Kenji, Kunito, daughters Mrs. Mikiyo Nishimoto and Mrs. Pauline Sakae.

TAKAGI, Mrs. Yasu: Chicago, Aug. 11.

TAKEDA, Jisaburo, 74: Los Angeles, Sept. 11, survived by wife Yoshi, son Henry Masaru, daughter Mrs. Lilly Tsuyako Hashimoto.

WAKASA, Kiyoso Joe, 48: Pasadena, Sept. 12, survived by wife Mitsuye, sons Akira, Thomas Yutaka, Dick Hisashi and daughter Irene Chizuko.

Retired cook dies

Seattle

Harry U. Nakashima, 75, Seattle pioneer, who was employed as cook at Seattle University between 1948-1952, died Sept. 4 at the age of 75.

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Los Angeles JACL coordinating council reorganizes club bureau

Los Angeles

Realizing the necessity for a coordinating-service organization for the more than 200 clubs active in this area, the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council and the JACL Regional office have gone on record to sponsor the reactivation of the Club Service Bureau, familiarly known as CSB.

As a nucleus group, Virginia Kawasaki and Jim Higashi have been appointed co-directors, with Grace Oba and Beti Yoshida as secretaries. With John Watanabe as public relations director and with coopera-

tion of the Elgenes and Dardanelas, CSB hopes to build an organization serving the entire community.

CSB in an advisory capacity expects to greatly facilitate efforts of young clubbers to become "Better Americans in a Greater America".

Christmas Cheer

The first major CSB project will be the annual community-wide Christmas Cheer campaign. Plans are now being formulated.

Questionnaires are being mailed to all known clubs and organizations for the proper functioning of the CSB. Any club not receiving questionnaires is requested to contact: Club Service Bureau, Rm. 238, 258 E. 1st St., MA 6-4471.

Club officers and members are invited to drop in for a friendly chat on Thursdays, 5 to 7 p.m. or Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m.

442nd reunion films being shown to veterans

San Francisco

Films of the 10th anniversary reunion of the 442nd Combat Team held a year ago in Honolulu are being shown by Japan Air Lines representatives Akira "Flash" Fujiki of Honolulu and Peter Ohtaki of Los Angeles during their 15-day tour of west coast veteran groups.

This week, they visited Sacramento, Salt Lake City, Denver, Los Angeles and Seattle. They visit Portland, Stockton, Fresno, San Jose next week and return here by Thursday.

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MINK CAPE AT FAN NIGHT

Denver

Gail Hanamura, 13, student at Lake Junior High School, is a mighty lucky girl. The Sansei, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hanamura of 1632 Federal Blvd., won a \$1,200 mink cape during the Denver Bears' Fan Appreciation Night event held at the Stadium.

Miss Hanamura is a devoted Bears' fan, living only a few blocks away from the Stadium.



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EDITORIALS

Little Quemoy

The timing of Communist China bombarding little Quemoy suggests a connection between it and the eight-power Southeast Asia Treaty Organization conference that opened in Manila on Sept. 6. Time and time again, the Communists have used this strategy: promising on one hand and threatening with the other.

The Reds promise reduction of their armed forces in Korea, but also shelled Quemoy and even shot down an American Navy patrol plane off Siberia.

The same technique to keep the free world off balance and effect a split in Allied unity even attempts to distract attention from the pressing problems of European rearmament.

While we feel confident the American people won't be stampeded into war, this nation can be challenged only so far.

The more Red China and Soviet Russia flex their military muscles, the more they toy with their own destruction. The President's statement of Aug. 17 that an invasion of Formosa would have to pass over the Seventh Fleet means things have changed since 1952.

Anti-Segregation

Five days of integration in a West Virginia county school ended with an immediate return to segregation after protests from angry parents and striking white students.

The White Sulphur Springs High School was closed a half day to allow 25 Negro students to secure their possessions and books and return to their own school.

This instance of local mob rule and of the threat of violence is highly inconsistent with orderly, democratic procedure. This demonstration is regrettable, but was not unexpected.

On the other hand, other communities are approaching the issue of ending segregation in the schools by legitimate means. Some districts have integrated quietly.

Since the Supreme Court has not taken the legal actions necessary to formalize the ban on segregation (and may not do so for several months), fervent critics of Jim Crow should follow the example of the high tribunal.

Segregation will not end through the effect of the law itself, but in combination with local discussion, study and education. It shall take time to beat the foes of segregation.

FROM THE FRYING PAN

Discovering Real America

by Bill Hosokawa

Denver

The folks at one of those foreign relations places called up the other day and said Prof. Masami Nishikawa was coming to town. He is, they said, professor of American literature at Tokyo University, and would I like to meet him?

Professor Nishikawa turned out to be a small, slight, bookish sort, completely charming and full of wonder at these United States. In the tradition of professors, his suit was baggy and an all-day bus ride from Albuquerque, N.M., hadn't helped matters any.

Over lunch we talked about a great many things. It turned out that while he could teach most authoritatively about the writings of Twain, Hemingway, Dos Passos, Faulkner and sundry other American men of letters, he had never seen the United States. In fact, he'd never been much of anywhere and had acquired the nickname of Stay-at-Home Professor. So one of those foundations that does a tremendous amount of good in the field of human relations gave him a round trip boat ticket, some spending green, and told him to go off and discover the real America.

This he was in the process of doing from the vantage point of a seat in a cross-country bus, as well as through the guidance of various individuals who were alerted to meet along the way.

Frequently on the bus, he said, earnest young men introduced themselves as ex-servicemen who'd spent some time in Japan. They wanted to talk about Tokyo and Beppu and Kyoto and what a wonderful place good old Japan was, and how tasty the beer had been, and how nice the girls were to lonely GIs. Most of this conversation filled him with pride.

As for the individuals who hosted him at the various stops, they seemed to reflect the universal American trait of making haste.

Sometimes when they were driving him around, Professor Nishikawa would have liked to stop and admire the wildflowers at close hand, or take a long and meditative look at an exceptional view. But no. The road always stretched ahead and there was more ground to be covered. So there was no time for such placid pleasures. They rushed on.

"I suppose," the professor said philosophically, "that such haste is necessary with such a huge country."

Professor Nishikawa had just come through the New Mexico desert country. One of his high spots was visiting an Indian pueblo where he had shaken hands with the governor. He was astounded when I told him I'd met a Japanese war bride in New Mexico married to a Zuni Indian boy.

The professor was on his way to Florida by way of the deep south. He was a little concerned as to whether he could understand southern speech. Come to think of it, that could be quite a problem to one not accustomed to hearing English in its many American corruptions.

I asked him what I could show him in Denver. The mountains? Museums? Denver University or the University of Colorado? Residential areas? No, he wasn't particularly interested in any of these sights. But he did want to visit a few second hand book stores. Books, he explained, were his hobby and he was poring over the shelves of bookstores everywhere he went. So we left him poring happily.

Several days ago I got a thank-you note from the professor. Know what he enjoyed most about his Denver visit? Not the lamb curry we ate. Not the books, but a chance to speak in Japanese with me. He felt a little less lonely after that. And though he didn't say so, he must have been amused, too, at the way I mangle the language.

VAGARIES

By Larry Tajiri

Poston Administrator

We learned of the sudden death of Ralph M. Gelvin, former associate project director at the Colorado River war relocation center at Poston, Ariz., in a letter this week from Pauline Bates Brown of Phoenix. Ralph Gelvin, 49, died on Sept. 9 after suffering a heart attack while eating breakfast. He was Phoenix area director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

As Mrs. Brown, a former WRA employee who worked with Gelvin in the Indian bureau office, noted in her letter: "Hundreds of Japanese Americans will remember him and mourn his passing." A number of Nisei residents in the Phoenix area attended the funeral rites on Sept. 11.

A veteran of the Indian Service since 1933, Ralph Gelvin first achieved national recognition for his successful direction of the three WRA camps at Poston which housed nearly 20,000 Pacific coast evacuees of Japanese ancestry. The Arizona Republic, one of Phoenix's two dailies, said in its obituary that Gelvin "won the respect and cooperation of the internees" in a "task considered one of the most difficult ever undertaken from the standpoint of human relations."

After the WRA closed the Poston camp in 1946, Gelvin headed the Nevada Indian Agency at Stewart. In 1948, he became superintendent of the Colorado River agency at Parker, supervising the development of land and relocation there of Navajo and Hopi families from their reservations in northern Arizona. Much of the land utilized in this Navajo-Hopi relocation program was included in the Poston Japanese American relocation project. Gelvin remained at Parker until his appointment as area director for the Indian Service in 1951 with offices in Phoenix.

Ralph Gelvin applied many of the lessons he learned in his contact with the Japanese American relocation program to his later dealings with the problems of the American Indian. He was known as an outstanding advocate on behalf of the Indians in their struggle toward economic, social and political equality.

Ralph Gelvin is representative of the many Indian Service personnel who transferred to the War Relocation Authority in 1942. His knowledge of local conditions, in his case the northwestern Arizona desert in which the Poston camps were located, helped immeasurably in arranging for the rapid adjustment of the evacuees to their environment. The WRA drafted much of its leadership, particularly on the project level, from the Indian Service, an old-line federal agency steeped in the traditions of generations, but it is the legacy of the short-lived War Relocation Authority which has come to dominate the thinking of the present Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The word, perhaps, to describe this point

of view is: Integration. The WRA was able, within a short four years, to reintegrate 115,000 displaced Americans of Japanese ancestry into the mainstream of American life. The Indian Service, faced with a far different problem and a population which had never been forced to survive in a competitive, industrial economy, had not attempted any similar program of wholesale settlement of the reservation Indian.

The impact of the WRA's thinking and its methods has been a considerable. Because of his success with the Japanese American relocation situation, Dillon S. Myer, the WRA's director, was named Commissioner of Indian Affairs by President Truman. Myer took back into the Indian Service many veterans of the WRA, as well as former Indian Service people like Gelvin. The change was gradual but definite. Emphasis was placed on the individual resettlement of Indians who were government charges on reservations located in areas where a sparse, arid economy would not support a large population.

Director Myer's policies raised a storm, particularly among the supporters of the status quo in American Indian affairs. But Myer, who had withstood the rantings of the west coast race-baiter and the editorial barages of a prejudiced press during his advocacy of fair play for the Japanese American, was not one to be moved by pressure politics. The Indian Service went ahead with its program, which has as its ideal the realization of full economic, social and political rights for the Indian.

After the 1952 elections, Dillon Myer, the appointee of a Democratic president, was replaced by President Eisenhower. The Indian Service, however, has not backtracked on the Myer program. Some of the WRA techniques are being used by the Indian Service in its program of relocation. Recently in Denver a meeting of relocation officers of the Indian Service was held, at which plans were laid for broadening this relocation program. Already in Chicago and Los Angeles, the Indian Service has special offices which are obtaining jobs and helping the relocating Indian in obtaining housing and integrating himself in the community.

It may be, that if the present Indian Service program succeeds, the American Indian will be truly a part of the country in which his ancestors lived long before the Pilgrims or the Spanish conquistador. If this happens, the WRA and its administrators can share the credit for making everyday Americans of a captive people who were, for the most part, kept isolated on reservation land on dusty mesas.

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DECADE AGO

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442nd Combat Team spearhead drive on breaching German "Little Cassino" line defending Livorno and Pisa.

Los Angeles Catholic Interracial Council asks lifting of ban on evacuees; points to war record of Japanese Americans.

American Legion national convention in Chicago demands "control of all Japanese in America" transferred from civilian hands to military, abolish WRA.

T/Sgt. Yoshio Hotta (of Oakland) appointed as first Nisei from Ft. Snelling MISLS to attend Officer Candidate School.

Army permits return of first few Nisei evacuees to coast to test community sentiment; Seattle sheriff told of military approval of plan.

Filipino Inter-Community convention in New York seeks ban on Nisei evacuees from west coast.

Tooele Ordnance Depot workers welcome Nisei.

Pasadena Jr. College students welcome Esther Takei, first Nisei to return to a west coast school since evacuation.

Camp Savage becomes ghost town as soldiers transferred.

Canadian Nisei newspaper urges acceptance of Japanese Canadian volunteers into armed forces, points to wartime record of U.S. Nisei.

MINORITY

Standby authority to abolish public schools to keep Negroes and whites apart has cleared Mississippi's legislature. The amendment to the state constitution faces a vote of the people on Dec. 21.

Gov. Hugh White predicted the people would ratify the amendment. But state leaders admit there is a strong undercurrent of opposition.

Under the amendment, the legislature could:

1. Abolish schools throughout Mississippi by a two-thirds vote.

2. By a majority vote, set up a local option plan whereby individual counties and districts could abolish their schools.

3. Sell, lease or rent state-owned property to private individuals or corporations.

4. Pay tuition for students to attend private schools.

Chicago
Twenty Negro families residing in Trumbull Park Homes have announced their intention of remaining in the federally-owned housing project in spite of constant threats and acts of violence against them.

Because two Negro families moved out, one because of ill health worsened by the Trumbull Park atmosphere of terror, the statement of other Negro tenants was prompted.

Let your work speak for itself; don't interrupt.