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Ex-442nd officer to speak on 10th annual Nisei memorial fete

Washington

Former 442nd Regimental Combat Team Maj. Orville C. Shirey will be guest speaker at the annual Nisei Soldiers Memorial Day services Sunday morning, Oct. 31, at Arlington National Cemetery, Ira Shimazaki, chairman of the National JACL Arlington Cemetery Committee, has announced.

Traditional services will begin at 11 a.m., Oct. 31, just ten years after the famed Nisei combat team rescued the Lost Texas Battalion in the Vosges Mountains of north-eastern France.

They will be held at the gravesites of Privates First Class Saburo Tanamachi and Fumitake Nagato, in Section 12, near McClellan Gate, the first Nisei GIs to be interred in Arlington National Cemetery.

Ex-442nd Officer

Major Shirey is one of the original officers of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, see-

ing action with the Nisei outfit from its training days, through combat, and until after its occupation duties had been completed. He was intelligence officer of the Combat Team during its heroic action, which culminated in the relief of the beleaguered Texas unit.

As unit historian after the war, Maj. Shirey wrote "Americans—The Story of the 442nd Combat Team", published by the Infantry Journal as the official history of the Japanese American Combat Team.

Noting that Hiroshi Miyamura, only living Nisei Congressional Medal of Honor winner, as chairman of the National JACL Veterans Committee, had issued the invitation to all JACL chapters to observe Nisei Soldiers Memorial Day with appropriate ceremonies, Shimazaki recalled that the Washington, D.C., Chapter on behalf of the National Organization, had sponsored services

at Arlington since Oct. 31, 1949, when the first Nisei Soldier Memorial Day was observed.

Tenth Anniversary

"The tenth anniversary of the rescue of the Lost Texas Battalion, which represents the high-water mark of the achievements of the 442nd in World War II, is a most appropriate time for all Issei and Nisei to pause and pay tribute to those who, by their gallant and exemplary exploits, made possible our welcome acceptance today as Americans," chairman Shimazaki said.

He expressed the hope that chapters throughout the Nation would join the D.C. Chapter in its observance of this special memorial day which is dedicated to the Nisei soldiers, living and dead, who demonstrated on the battlefield of war that loyalty to the United States is "a matter of the mind and heart, and not one of race or ancestry."

GENERAL AMNESTY FOR JAPANESE WAR CRIMINALS BY EISENHOWER URGED WHEN YOSHIDA ARRIVES FOR VISIT

Washington

Pers. Dwight D. Eisenhower was urged by Mike Masaoka to grant general amnesty to the so-called Japanese war criminals still in technical American custody as a matter of "grace and goodwill" upon the arrival of Japan's Prime Minister, Shigeru Yoshida.

(The personal request to the President was made by Masaoka as an individual citizen and specific mention was made in his letter that he was not representing any group or organization in his request.)

According to the Embassy of Japan in Washington, the Prime Minister is expected to arrive here this Nov. 7.

U.S.-Japan Amity

Masaoka expressed his thoughts to the President saying:

"In our own enlightened self-interest, I believe that the immediate release of these remaining 'war criminals' will have a most salutary effect upon our relations with Japan and destroy a principal source of continuing anti-American sentiment.

"This is particularly important at this time when anti-American elements are fomenting hatred because of the recent death of a Japanese fisherman allegedly as a result of our H-bomb experiments and because our national self-interest may well depend upon

Japan's rearmament as a self-respecting sovereign nation.

"In less than a month, the Prime Minister of Japan, the Hon. Shigeru Yoshida, who has been a symbol of Japanese-American friendship to the Japanese people in the post-war period, will call upon you.

Time Appropriate

"May I suggest that his visit will be a most appropriate time when, as a matter of grace and goodwill, general amnesty is granted to those remaining Japanese 'war criminals' still in our technical custody.

"Such an act at that time will serve to emphasize our historic friendship for the Japanese people, and especially the high respect we, as Americans, have for the prime minister, an able champion of democracy in the Far East."

Recalling President Eisenhower's recent action, Masaoka said, "Last summer (1954), you liberalized the terms of parole to permit those who served 10 years of their sentences to become eligible for release from prison. In a few months, to the best of my knowledge, all of the remaining prisoners will have served at least 10 years of their sentences and, therefore, may apply for parole on an individual, juridical basis.

Amnesty in November

"Thus, extending general amnesty at the time of the Prime Minister's visit to Washington early next month will not upset the timetable materially but would, on the other hand, given to the pro-United States factions in Japan at this crucial period a powerful weapon with which to combat those who would destroy traditional Japanese-American bonds and ties.

"My understanding is that Nationalist China was the first country to grant all Japanese 'war criminals' in her jurisdiction general amnesty. The Philippines were next. And, this spring, the French followed these precedents.

"When China and the Philippines, the two nations occupied by the then-enemy Japan, grant amnesty to their Japanese 'war criminals', it is difficult for the pro-Americans among the Japanese to justify our reluctance to extend the same generous treatment to

those in our jurisdiction," Masaoka said.

Defense Attorneys

Notwithstanding the validity or legality of the war crimes trials themselves, it should be pointed out that, in all probability, if all the American defense attorneys at these trials were polled, they would be overwhelmingly in favor of releasing all the remaining "war criminals."

Indeed, the influential Nippon Times, the largest English language newspaper in the Orient and one with a consistently pro-United States record, reported as early as Apr. 4, 1953, that Joseph B. Keenen, chief prosecutor of the International Tribunal for the Far East, promised to support a movement to release all the Japanese "war criminals", including the so-called Class "A" prisoners who are considered to have committed the gravest crimes.

"If, as generally supposed, within another year or two, all

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Urban League presents service pin to Yasui

Denver

The Urban League of Denver presented "Five Year Service" pins to a dozen local leaders active in the Urban League movement. Service pins were authorized by the National Urban League headquarters in New York, and were presented by Lester Granger, national executive director.

Among those receiving awards was Min Yasui, local Nisei attorney, who served two years as secretary, and three years as board member.

442nd N.Y. reunion

New York

The fourth annual reunion of the 442nd Association will be held Oct. 22-24 at Beekman Tower Hotel, 49th St. and First Ave. The three-day program includes a Friday night talent show at the West Side YMCA Branch and the traditional semi-formal Reunion dance Saturday night at the hotel. Public is invited to both affairs.

URGE NATURALIZATION SERVICE PUSH ISSEI PETITIONS FOR NOV. 11 RITES

Washington

With the Naturalization Service planning special mass naturalizations services simultaneously over the country on Veterans Day, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, urged Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization Joseph M. Swing to expedite existing Issei naturalization petitions for their participation in the services.

On Veterans Day, Nov. 11 (formerly known as Armistice Day), the Immigration and Naturalization Service is planning special naturalization programs to swear in more than 50,000 aliens as American citizens.

The Washington JACL office was informed that more than 8,000 would be naturalized in the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles, about 15,000 in New York and many hundreds in other major cities in the country. In Washington, D.C., the special naturalization services are scheduled for the Washington Memorial Grounds.

Privilege Since 1952

In his letter to Commissioner Swing, Masaoka pointed out that the alien Japanese in the United States have only recently become eligible for naturalization through the enactment of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

He then urged that the "naturalization petitions of these Japanese aliens be considered as soon as possible in order that as many of these Japanese aliens as have applied will be able to become citizens" in time for the special Veterans Day ser-

vice.

"Our alien group, as you know, are in the twilight of their lives... the fact of their naturalization after all these years of denial will add greater significance and drama to your contemplated Nov. 11 program," he said.

JACL to Cooperate

Explaining the JACL position to the Commissioner on this project, Masaoka declared: "The Japanese American Citizens League, as the only national organization representing persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States, congratulates you upon this inspired project which should not only clear up the large accumulation of naturalization petitions but also dramatizes the importance of acquiring United States citizenship.

"The various chapters of the Japanese American Citizens League throughout the nation stand ready to cooperate with

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Yoshida to speak at New York fete

New York

Shigeru Yoshida, prime minister of Japan, will be guest of honor at a Japan Society dinner on Nov. 5 at the Waldorf-Astoria. It was announced by John D. Rockefeller III, president of the society.

Principal speakers, in addition to the Japanese prime minister, will include Sen. Alexander Wiley (R., Wis.) and Sen. J. W. Fulbright (D., Ark.).

Term insurance adjudication for evacuee claimant sets precedent

Washington

A finding of a "fair market price at the time of loss" has been determined for term life insurance under the evacuation claims law, Justice Department officials informed Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League.

In arriving at the precedent-setting adjudication, the Justice Department first held that the precedents determined for regular life insurance were not applicable to term insurance because no "reserve" or "equity" accumulated in term insurance.

It was found that the deceased, husband of the claimant, was not insurable at the time of his death even though he had been insurable at the time of evacuation and abandonment of his term life insurance. Thus, the loss of the insurance policy due to evacuation was found to be compensable.

Market Value

The widow's evacuation claim was based on the "face value" of \$1,000 of the insurance policy in this claim. Her husband's insurance policy was cancelled due to nonpayment of premiums on Apr. 1, 1942 and the insured died Oct. 23, 1943. Based on these facts, the Government calculated the "fair market value" of the term insurance policy as follows:

"This being the actual fact, the element of speculation with respect to his life expectancy on Apr. 1, 1942, the date of loss, is eliminated and the period of such expectancy may reasonably be presumed to have been one year, six months and

23 days.

"Information provided by the insurer discloses that the amount of the unpaid semi-annual premium due on Apr. 1, 1942 was \$14; furthermore, that under the terms of the policy the insured would have been required to pay an additional \$42 in premiums subsequent to that date and prior to his death. This being the case, it is clear that a buyer purchasing claimant's policy on Apr. 1, 1942 would receive the \$1,000 maturity value only after the expenditure of \$56 in premium payments.

Gross Net

"The 'gross net' which he would ultimately realize, i.e., the amount before deduction of interest premium payments, would accordingly be \$944. Before such buyer could receive the \$944, however, he would have to wait for more than 18 months for his money. In view of this fact, also the not insignificant amount of capital which he would have tied up, such buyer presumably would want a substantial return on his investment, namely, not less than 6-7 percent per annum or a total of 10-11 percent for the entire period involved.

"Applying these principles, and bearing in mind that market-place transactions customarily are in round figures, to the eschewal of mathematical nicety, a valuation of the subject policy in the sum of \$850 is fair and reasonable. Claimant's loss is accordingly found to be in said amount."

Evacuation claim case was No. 146-35-17070.

Huge frozen tuna import from Japan blamed for slowdown

San Diego

Record imports of Japanese tuna, high inventories of canned tuna and possible pressure for a tuna price-cut were being blamed for the slowdown of tuna cannery activity in San Diego and San Pedro, the Associated Press reported.

Some 48,000 tons of frozen tuna imported from Japan during the first eight months of this year—as much as was imported all last year—plus the normal catch by Southland fishermen were adding to the cannery slowdown, according to some 900 idle fishermen tied up in port on ships waiting to be unloaded.

TOKYO
TOPICS

TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

(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.)

Chicago

Flying into the airport, I found C. M. Finnell, retired field scout executive of Chicago, who made a great impression in Japan during his survey visit there. He and his brothers gathered around the dinner table with their families to welcome me. It was something I never expected—a reunion of familiar friends in Chicago.

Finnell is a great scout for more than 40 years. He went to Japan with an open-minded approach to her problems. It is rather difficult for many Americans to face the situation squarely in comprehending the problem. He was one of the few Americans "pitching his ball" so wonderfully. Unfortunately, there are still many whose minds are not opened wide enough to observe things as they are in a strange land.

He spoke more than 200 times on Japan since his return to America. A sincere supporter of scouting in Japan, it was wonderful to see a person like him. He also treated me to Cinerama—breath-taking excitement of the screen, which is something else to tell when I return to Japan.

Dr. T. T. Yatabe was outside the theater when we came out, inviting me to a 20-5 Club meeting. It's a wealthy Nisei organization devoted to studying proper investment methods. More power to the rising generation! There were other familiar faces present, among whom was Togo Tanaka, an accomplished diplomat.

Tom Masuda, former Seattle lawyer, is now a very prosperous attorney here. We discussed the very complicated war brides cases and he believed that there must be at least 12,000 Japanese war brides in this country.

Girls of postwar Japan have been terribly "Americanized" in the manner of GIs and Hollywood movies, with misrepresentations of what democracy and freedom mean. Furthermore, many come to America with none of the traditional charm and poise. There were many other interesting stories, but Tom may ask for professional fees in case they are revealed.

Dr. Isamu Tashiro is another interesting personality here for the past 40 years. He is very well-known in Japan for his endeavor to invite skillful Japanese dentists to study in America. He arranged to present 1,000 books on dental medicine to the National Library of Japan, truly a deed promoting good relations between Japan and America.

Dr. Tashiro is like dynamite here. He was instrumental in bringing many Japanese to this region during and after the war. He is proving himself to be an influential American citizen of Japanese extraction. There was a fashionable restaurant, where we were treated at luncheon, and folks who knew him for over 30 years were about. He still keeps his youthful appearance. There is something mysterious about this dentist.

The Rev. Gyomei Kubose is an old friend of mine from San Francisco days. Over a quarter century ago, when a student, we kidded him when he determined to become a Buddhist priest. He made it, and he is a good one. He knows for what he is striving. It was wonderful to have this reunion and see his work. There should be more like him into the field of spiritual enlightenment.

The many Issei from San Francisco and Los Angeles are doing well here. Dr. Yatabe es-

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Associate Justice of 13 Years . . .

The inexorable toll of time continues to take away from the living scene men whose lives and decisions affected persons of Japanese ancestry during our most tumultuous decade, 1942-1952.

Last Saturday afternoon, death claimed Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court Robert H. Jackson. His 13 years on the highest tribunal covers our period of greatest travail.

He was a member of the Supreme Court when that tribunal considered the "key" cases affecting persons of Japanese ancestry. Although he usually voted against what we might term our interest, his historic dissent in the evacuation case will long be remembered whenever jurists and civil libertarians discuss human rights.

When the Supreme Court upheld the right of the military to impose travel restrictions and curfew limitations on persons of Japanese ancestry, preparatory to the evacuation itself, in the Hirabayashi and Yasui cases, decided June 21, 1943, Justice Jackson was part of the unanimous court.

In the Korematsu case, Justice Jackson joined with Justices Murphy and Roberts in dissenting from the majority that held that the 1942 military evacuation was a constitutional exercise of power.

On the same day that the Korematsu decision was handed down, Dec. 18, 1944, Justice Jackson voted with the unanimous court in the Endo case which declared unconstitutional detention in War Relocation Centers of loyal American citizens.

In the Oyama case, decided Jan. 19, 1948, Justice Jackson dissented from the majority, which held that California's alien land law could not be used to deprive an American citizen of his rights in the purchase and use of land. He was joined in his dissent by Justices Reed and Burton. The basis of his dissent was not that he thought the California statute unconstitutional, but rather that the Court should pass upon the validity of the Act in question before deciding whether citizen Oyama's rights had been violated.

In the Takahashi case, June 7, 1948, Justice Jackson was again in the minority, in which he was joined by Justice Reed. While the majority concluded that California's wartime law prohibiting Issei from engaging in commercial fishing was unconstitutional, Justice Jackson argued that if the California alien land law was valid so was this commercial fishing ban that was also based upon "ineligibility to citizenship."

Korematsu Dissent . . .

As far as persons of Japanese ancestry in this country are concerned, however, Justice Jackson's ringing dissent in the so-called Korematsu evacuation test case will be remembered as his greatest contribution to the history of jurisprudence.

Lest we Nisei forget, in that eloquent pronouncement, Justice Jackson declared:

"Korematsu was born on our soil, of parents born in Japan. The Constitution makes him a citizen of the United States by nativity and a citizen of California by residence. No claim is made that he is not loyal to this country. There is no suggestion that apart from the matter involved here he is not law-abiding and well disposed. Korematsu, however, has been convicted of an act not commonly a crime. It consists of merely being present in the state whereof he is a citizen, near the place where he was born, and where all of his life he has lived.

"Even more unusual is the series of military orders which made this conduct a crime. They forbid such a one to remain, and they also forbid him to leave. They were so drawn that only way Korematsu could avoid violation was to give himself up to the military authority. This meant submission to custody, examination, and transportation out of the territory, to be followed by indeterminate confinement in detention camps.

"A citizen's presence in the locality, however, was made a crime only if his parents were of Japanese birth. Had Korematsu been one of four—the others being, say, a German enemy alien, an Italian enemy alien, and a citizen of American-born ancestors, convicted of treason but out on parole—only Korematsu's presence would have violated the order. The difference between their innocence and his crime would result, not from anything he did, said, or thought, different than they, but only that he was born of different racial stock.

"Now, if any fundamental assumption underlies our system, it is that guilt is personal and not inheritable. Even if all of one's antecedents had been convicted of treason, the Constitution forbids its penalties to be visited upon him, for it provides that no attainder of

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By Mike Masaoka

Justice Jackson

treason shall work corruption of blood, or forfeiture except during the life of the person attained. But here is an attempt to make an otherwise innocent act a crime merely because this prisoner is the son of parents as to whom he had no choice, and belongs to a race from which there is no way to resign. If Congress in peacetime legislation should enact such a criminal law, I should suppose this Court would refuse to enforce it.

"But the 'law' which this prisoner is convicted of disregarding is not found in an act of Congress, but in a military order. Neither the Act of Congress nor the Executive Order of the President, nor both together, would afford a basis for this conviction. It rests upon the orders of General DeWitt. And it is said that if the military commander had reasonable military grounds for promulgating the orders, they are constitutional and become law, and the Court is required to enforce them."

Danger of Court Opinion . . .

Justice Jackson then explains the several grounds on which he cannot subscribe to that doctrine.

"Much is said of the danger to liberty from the Army program for deporting and detaining these citizens of Japanese extraction. But a judicial construction of the due process clause that will sustain this order is a far more subtle blow to liberty than the promulgation of the order itself. A military order, however unconstitutional, is not apt to last longer than the military emergency. Epen during that period a succeeding commander may revoke it.

"But once a judicial opinion rationalizes such an order to show that it conforms to the Constitution, or rather rationalizes the Constitution to show that the Constitution sanctions such an order; the Court for all time has validated the principle of racial discrimination in criminal procedure, and of transplanting American citizens.

"The principle then lies about like a loaded weapon ready for the hand of any authority that can bring forward a plausible claim of an urgent need. Every repetition imbeds that principle more deeply in our law and thinking and expands it to new purposes.

"All who observe the work of courts are familiar with what Judge Cardozo described as 'the tendency of a principle to expand itself to the limit of logic'. A military commander may overstep the bounds of constitutionality, and it is an incident.

"But if we review and approve, that passing incident becomes the doctrine of the Constitution. There it has a generative power of its own, and all that it creates will be in its own image. Nothing better illustrates this danger than does the Court's opinion in this case . . ."

OPINIONS

Fowler community grateful

Fowler (Calif.) Ensign

"For Better Americans In A Greater America," is the slogan of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Fowler this week saw this pledge carried out by the young American citizens of this organization when it was announced that the Fowler booth at the Fresno district fair had carried away top honors in Class A competition. The Fowler booth, its theme and the marvelous execution of its theme were done entirely by members of the Fowler chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The untold amount of favorable publicity which Fowler has and will receive from this outstanding honor is priceless. Every citizen in the community will benefit from the fine publicity Fowler is receiving—all because the JACLers gave their time, effort and initiative for a better Fowler in a greater America.

Practically every type of skill is incorporated in Fowler's booth. The judges were, without a doubt, wise in making their selection. Besides a beautiful display of fruits and booth also utilizes engineering skill both in metal craftsmanship and sound effects, artistic skill in color effect and carpentry, as well as an outstanding knowledge and execution of lighting effects, especially in the silhouette of New York City. Incidentally, the silhouette of New York City is a near-masterpiece in itself.

The people of Fowler can only say thank you, JACLers. Words, written or spoken, cannot fully express the feeling of gratitude this community feels for what you have done for us.

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HARRY HONDA

Big grind ahead . . .

Probably the last weekend in northwestern Arizona will be final moments of solid relaxation until our Holiday Edition comes off the press in early December . . . Colors of autumn were beginning to stretch through the trees in Cococino forest. Their sycamores were tolerating yellow and brown leaves; the sumacs hued a bewitching red . . . While I have not read a Zane Grey novel, the elegance of the rugged cliffs and massive boulders jutting from semi-arid wastes of sand could outwit any reasons in the past for not having read "Riders of the Purple Sage"

. . . I wish there was more time to sit and ponder on the halting spell that Grand Canyon compels. One can stand at the rim, inspect a particular shadow in the depths, bat an eyelash, and then see something he didn't see before . . . Mother Nature was good to us that day. A magnificent accumulation of billowy clouds exalted the colors of the canyon walls. Rainfall of the previous day had cleared the atmosphere of dust and haze, too . . . As I noted, it was solid relaxation! Not a single thought of work and the big grind ahead strayed into the vivid experience of Grand Canyon.

And now the big grind ahead!

Day by day this week, notes have been going out to previous contributors of past Holiday Editions . . . The big push to solicit greetings for the 72-pager has been initiated with the huge mailing of the solicitor's packet . . . No one needs to be reminded of the importance of this phase of PC work by chapters. The income has kept us out of the red and also aids National JACL . . . We ought to add that Nov. 15 is the deadline for short stories and other creative pieces by Nisei writers who have a literary yen. The remuneration in fee may be light but heavy in satisfaction.

Honolulu Newsletter

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

No evidence of racial bloc voting...

So-called racial bloc voting is getting the usual close scrutiny in Hawaii's political elections this fall.

For many years, this subject has been studied by practicing politicians and academic students of government, with particular attention focused on whether citizens of Japanese ancestry indulged in bloc voting for candidates of their own race.

Judging by the proportion of Nisei office holders to others of various races, there is no evidence to show the Japanese Americans practice bloc voting any more than do the other voters.

If the Nisei went all-out for their "own" candidates, the chances are there would be more of their race elected than there are now in public offices.

Two sides of this touchy subject have developed so far, with the primaries finished and the general election to be held on Nov. 2.

One development involves a Nisei candidate; the other, a Filipino American candidate.

The novelty of the Nisei's case arises from the fact that he was the lone Nisei among a long list of candidates for the Territorial House of Representatives, running in a district considered to be a traditionally "haole" (white) stronghold.

The Nisei's name made the front pages when a newspaper claimed to have uncovered an effort by some of his supporters to boost his candidacy on a racial basis; that is, because the Democrats had put up several Nisei candidates in that race, the Republican supporters of the Nisei felt they should unite behind him to be sure he would be nominated.

Party officials and the press roundly criticized the reported maneuver. Although racial voting is practiced to some extent by all groups, no one admits it publicly because of the adverse attitude taken by the press towards such a practice.

Filipino American wonders aloud...

But the Filipino American candidate who, like the Nisei candidate mentioned, was defeated in the primary, wondered aloud whether it is wrong to make an appeal to voters on a racial basis.

This Filipino American contended that the minority composed of voters of Chinese, Filipino and Korean ancestry has been left out or overlooked by the majority composed of other races.

He thought a "combine" should be formed of the three minority races "to focus the attention of the majority to the existence and importance of the minority."

This candidate was apparently embittered by his defeat in the primary, the third time he had gone down in his unpromising political career.

What happened in his case, probably, was that, as a Filipino American, he had not yet succeeded in promoting his candidacy beyond voters of his own race, who comprise a rather small proportion of the electorate in his district which, as stated earlier, is predominantly a white district.

Although a fast growing group, the Filipino Americans are still new and untried in Hawaiian politics, just as the Nisei were before World War II. But as surely as the Nisei came forward with more and stronger candidates after the war, the Filipino Americans can be expected to put up potent vote-getters, as well as becoming an influential voting element.

Time will even out the score for the Filipinos, just as it did for the other races, like the Japanese, who preceded the Filipinos in settling the islands.

Chinese don't want 'combine'...

Perhaps the Filipinos and the Koreans, being without any representation of their races in elective offices at present, have a practical reason for wanting to form a "combine." But the Chinese certainly do not belong in this category.

Although comprising only seven per cent of the population, the Chinese are more numerous, proportionately, than the Japanese, for instance, in the Legislature and in County offices.

All this appears to prove that, given time to mature in the political arena, any racial group—no matter how insignificant now—can get representation in elective offices in Hawaii if the group can develop popular candidates.

Personal popularity, more than any other factor, seems to determine who gets elected in Hawaii. The candidate's race, his political affiliation, social or economic status, age and other considerations are secondary.



George K. Iwashita (second from left) general manager of the Commercial and Industrial Air Conditioning Dept., General Electric, Bloomfield, N.J., was in Chicago last week and accepted the National JACL special medallion "for distinguished achievement" as announced at the Los Angeles National JACL Convention. Others in the photo are Shig Wakamatsu (left), National JACL 1000 Club chairman; Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, past National JACL president and National Recognition Committee chairman; and Sumi Shimizu, Chicago JACLER who nominated Iwashita.

In accepting this special medallion, Iwashita, believed to be the highest ranking Nisei executive in a major American industry, stated, "I had no idea of the existence of such recognition, nor did

I aspire to doing the best I could for the good of any worthy cause because of the honor that may be bestowed upon me other than the self-satisfaction that I have already enjoyed in proving that we are neither handicapped nor privileged and that any true-blooded American can forge ahead on the basis of his own efforts and true merits—that I was simply "flabbergasted" by any citation or honor that you are taking the trouble to bestow upon me. Indeed, I feel greatly gratified... I shall very happily accept it in the spirit of profound humility and with a determination to continue going further good works in the cause to serve the interests of the Nisei in America—whether it be through inspiration or actual perspiration..."

Naturalization —

* From Front Page

you and your colleagues in this program. If there are any ways in which we may be able to be of service, please do not hesitate to call on us."

Masaoka noted that naturalization of Issei on Veterans Day will have special significance this year because it follows a few days after Nisei Memorial Day—a day set aside in reverence to the Nisei soldier dead of World War II. Because of the outstanding war record of the Nisei sons of Issei now naturalized, a strong and forceful representation for this Issei

Gompers Saijo, whose illustrations appeared in the 1952 PC Holiday Issue, returned from a year's tour of Mexico recently and will hold open house to show recent paintings Oct. 26, at 1506 W. Jefferson.

naturalization was made possible.

Chop suey owner dies

Chicago

Saima Yoshimura, 57, died of a heart attack Oct. 9, while eating in his shop kitchen. The former San Francisco Issei operated the Hinode Chop Suey, 1248 N. Clark St.



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Political rally . . .

Local attorney FRANKLIN CHINO did an excellent job chairing the chapter political rally of Oct. 8. While the JACL is a non-partisan organization politically, not endorsing candidates, it does encourage all citizens to be good Americans in exercising wisdom in voting.

Among the candidates for the general Nov. 2 Illinois elections appearing the chapter election rally were:

Joseph D. Lohman (D), candidate for Cook County sheriff, who is an authority in the fields of education, sociology, criminology and labor management.

Rep. Sidney R. Yates (D., 9th Dist., Ill.), a great friend of the Nisei; and his opposing mate, Ralph Lee Goodman (R), public relations man and civic leader.

Rep. Barrett O'Hara (D., 2nd Dist., Ill.), also a good friend of the Nisei.

Rep. William E. McVey (R., 4th Dist., Ill.), represented the GOP central committee. A professor of economics at De Paul University on leave, he was surprised to find Nisei politically alert and with a high level of education as attested by questions from the Nisei audience.

There were many questions dealing with local, national and international issues asked. To be sure, candidates for political office are reckoning the influence and prestige of JACL as a national organization and on the local chapter level.

JACL meeting . . .

The next chapter meeting on Nov. 12, 8 p.m., will be highlighted by the election of 1955 officers and a speaker on education. Usual meeting place: Woodrow Wilson Room, second floor, 116 S. Michigan Ave.

Around Windy City . . .

Heavy thundershowers steadily drenched Chicago starting late Saturday, continuing without let-up Sunday and easing Monday. The worst storm in 69 years left as much as 7½ inches of rain. Hardest hit were areas from Evergreen Park on the north to Park Forest and Chicago Heights on the south to Orland Park on the west.

The Japanese American Service Committee is sponsoring the Chicago Nisei Athletic Association program that involves some 200 boys and girls this year.

City Wide Recreational Council is holding a "Hallowe'en Hop" at the Larrabee YMCA, Oct. 30, 8:30 p.m. JIM SUMITA and SHIG OKAMOTO are co-chairmen. HINAE KOITO NAKAZAWA will entertain with Hawaiian songs and dances; BOB NAKAZAWA will sing. Admission: \$1.

The Art Institute Curator's (free) course on Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m., in the Club Room will deal with Far Eastern arts on Oct. 20 and 27. The schedule:

Oct. 20—Charles Fabens Kelley: Characteristic of Far Eastern arts: essential differences of oriental landscape painters.

Oct. 27—Margaret O. Gentles: Actor prints of Japan; history of and scenes from the drama as seen in Japanese woodcuts.

About people . . .

Turning down a four-year scholarship from the Univ. of Illinois was JOHN SASAKI, 18, for a \$690 chemistry scholarship from Univ. of Chicago. His parents are the JIM SASAKIs of Barry Cleaners, 3038 N. Broadway. John was graduated with honors from Lakeview High School, commanded the school ROTC. His brother FRED works at the cleaning establishment.

Friends here of ROXIE TAKEHARA were shocked to learn of her mother's recent death at San Diego. She was secretary in the Midwest Re-



This is a portion of the beautiful Fowler Community booth constructed by Fowler JACLers for the Fresno District Fair concluded recently. The colorful display won first prize in the Class A division.

—Cut courtesy: Shin Nishi Bel.

Fowler JACL community booth wins grand prize at Fresno District Fair chapter roundly congratulated

Fowler Hall of Records.

A winning example of public relations displayed by a JACL chapter on the community level was noted this week in the achievement of the Fowler JACL at the Fresno District Fair earlier this month.

After winning the first prize in the Class A division for its brilliant array of agricultural products of the community, the chapter received numerous favorable comments.

Mayor H. H. Kasparian of Fowler congratulated the chapter for bringing the community into the foreground after a four-year lapse at the Fresno District Fair.

C. D. Simmonian, president of the local chamber of commerce, which co-sponsored the display, expressed his gratitude to the chapter. Attorney Howard Renge, chapter president received many favorable comments at the Fresno

gional Office under TATS KUSHIDA and DICK AKAGI.

Our condolences also to the family of the late FRANK H. CHINO, 72, oldest Issei resident in Chicago, having come here in 1898. He is survived by his wife and three sons, ELBERT, director of Allegheny Airways, Washington, D.C.; FRANKLIN, Chicago attorney; and ROBERT, civil service worker in France.

Mrs. Sidney Cruff, wife of a Fresno county supervisor, remarked it was the most beautiful display. Joe Grant Masaka, onetime JACL regional director, felt it was the best bit of JACL public relations.

Chapter members had personally collected and displayed the fruits on plates or in lugs. The booth was constructed and decorated by members. So well that one commercial booth contractor approached Kaz Hiyama for its purchase after the fair to be used at another county fair.

Following the theme of "Up and Going", the decorators employed the atomic age pattern with a model jet plane made by George Shimoda and a flying saucer by Kaz Hiyama transporting fruits to New York City, symbolized by a realistic silhouette and the UN building that was constructed by Frank Sakohira. The jet runway was laid with Thompson and black grapes. The hanger was covered with yellow bleached raisin and natural Thompson raisins.

Hiyama and George Shimoda, an artist during his prep school days, took care of the booth construction. George Teraoka (W6PUC) and Haruo Yoshimoto, two radio technicians, installed the sound effects of the jet and flying saucer taking off (releasing air from an inner tube through an irrigation

pipe). It was reported over 200,000 visited the 10-day fair. The Fowler JACL booth was a center of attraction, especially with its sound effects.

Committeemen

Members who pitched in the success of this booth included: Larry Ashida, Jim Hashimoto, Ken Hirose, Kay and Misao Hiyama, Clara Honda, Fred Honda, Yosh Honda, Harry Honda, Chuck Ideta, Jean Ideta, Tak Ideta, Tom Kamikawa, Bernice Kanenaga Frank Kawano, Hideo Kikuta, Setsu Kikuta, Dr. George Miyake, Kaz Morita, Harley Nakamura, Thomas Nakamura, Thomas Nakamura, Shizue Nakamura, Kaz Namba, Matsuye Osaki, Jitsu Otani, Howard Renge, Kiyoichi Renge, Frank Sakohira, George Shimoda, Shizuto Shimoda, Tom Shirakawa, Kay Taniguchi, George Teraoka, Haruo Yoshimoto, Tiyo Yoshimura, Frank Kimura, Mas Sugimoto, Mrs. Larry Ashida, Mrs. Pauline Kikuta and Mrs. Bill Hashimoto.

J.R. JACL

Tri-Villes: Proceeds from the Sept. 10 Fun Night in the amount of \$50 were donated to the March of Dimes drive of San Mateo County. The Sequoia JACL-sponsored club, which has a junior and senior division, is currently engaged in making cushions for the chairs in Okamura Hall, where their meetings are held.

Mile-Hi JACL inaugural ball slated Dec. 31

Denver

John Sakayama, program chairman for the Mile-Hi JACL, announced JACL's annual Recognitions Dinner and inaugural Ball will be held on New Year's eve, Dec. 31, at the Albany Hotel. The dance will be held in the Cathedral Room.

In connection with the New Year's eve festivities, finance chairman Willie Hasegawa announced that a local chapter benefit will be held.

NEW YORKERS PREPARE FOR ANNUAL CARNIVAL

New York

The New York JACL holds its annual carnival, Oct. 30-31 at Wederman Hall, 16th St. and Third Ave., Sam Kai, chapter president, announced. The date has been changed.

Other organizations in the community are participating and will run booths.



Mrs. Marge Nishikawa (left), one of the evening's hostesses, and Mrs. Rae Fujimoto, Salt Lake JACL Auxiliary chairman, watch Mrs. Tamae Sauti (right) demonstrates some classical arrangements of willow and chrysanthemum. The open dish features a fall motif of autumn leaves and golden rods and fern. Demonstrations were held at the new hostess room of the Continental Baking Co. Mrs. Violet Nielson hosted the Nisei mothers on a tour of the bakery before the meeting.

—Terashima Photo.

Chicago all set for fall carnival

Chicago

The fall season attraction for Chicagoans is the annual JACL carnival, being held this Oct. 23-24 at the Olivet Institute, under joint chairmanship of Harry Mizuno and Tom Teraji.

Tickets for Operation XI are available from chapter members and the Northside and Southside Bowling leagues.

Assisting the co-chairmen are:

Dr. Joe Nakayama, Bill Fujii, Roy Ezaki, Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Chie Tomihara, Ed Morioka, Joe Maruyama, Ronald Suiosaki, Yukio Higashiuchi, Fred Nakagawa, Kats Okuno, Dr. George Okita Smoky Sakurada, Shig Wakamatsu, Tom Okamoto, and George Katahira.

Foods and games will be featured at the carnival. On the food committee are:

Helen Hori, Iku Wada, Mrs. Tak Nomiya, Ruth Tachi, Ruth Matsuo, Tazu Domoto, Shizuko Imbe, Miko Tarumoto, Jane Fujimoto, Sachi Isumi, Rose Tamura, Sue Omori, Jean Shimasaki, Priscilla Haga, Miss Shiratsuki, Hana Tani, Mari Satsawa, Lily Teraji, and Kay Fujii.

CHAPTER MEMO

Salt Lake JACL: Rep. William A. Dawson (R., Utah) and his opponent in the general November elections, former Congresswoman Reva Beck Bosone (D.), were scheduled to appear at a pre-election meeting this week at the Japanese Christian Church. Judge Bosone is remembered for her assistance in securing the American Flag that has flown over the Nation's Capitol and given to the French people of Bruyeres for observing Liberation Day by the 442nd RCT. . . National convention reports were also presented.

East Los Angeles JACL: A pre-election rally is scheduled Wednesday, Oct. 20, 8 p.m., at International Institute with candidates from the 19th U.S. Congressional District and 40th State Assembly District scheduled to appear, according to Mrs. Fumi Ishihara, program chairman. Five speakers are Rep. Chet Holifield (D., Calif.), Assemblyman Edward Elliott (D., 40th Dist.), Raimund Alvarado (R), candidate for the 40th district seat; Horace Alexander (IPP), secretary of state candidate; and a representative from the Republican central committee.

Sequoia JACL: Orville Graves, Redwood City District YMCA executive secretary, will be the main speaker at the next general meeting, Oct. 22, at the YMCA. Tri-Villes and Redwood A.C. members are also invited.

San Mateo JACL: The chapter's first Issei-Nisei general meeting will be held Thursday, Oct. 27, 8 p.m. at Sturge Presbyterian Church. The fall social on Oct. 30 will have a Hallowe'en theme featuring folk dances, games, refreshments and social dancing at the Buddhist Hall.

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World Perspective

HARUO ISHIMARU

In the news story carried in this week's PACIFIC CITIZEN is a significant message by Mike Masaoka to President Dwight D. Eisenhower urging the granting of "general amnesty to the so-called Japanese war criminals still in our technical custody as a matter of 'grace and goodwill' upon the arrival of Japan's Prime Minister, Shigeru Yoshida."

Since his statement is carried elsewhere, I need not repeat the rest of his argument here.

Although Mike Masaoka made the statement as an individual citizen, and not in any way representing the JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE, I think that the JACL can be proud that one of our fellow members had the vision and courage to present such a timely and statesman-like proposal. The JACL, as an organization, is concerned primarily with problems affecting Japanese Americans in the United States, and is proud of the fact that it is an organization composed entirely of American citizens dedicated to the principles of American democracy. Consequently, we cannot become involved in international matters unless they directly affect Japanese Americans in the United States.

In these days of world crisis, Japanese Americans must be aware of the necessity for a world perspective. Unfortunately for many of the Nisei, and I certainly confess to being one, we are so very ignorant of the history and culture of the land of our parents. It is an unfortunate blind spot in our education because we could contribute so much more.

But even if we were not Nisei, a practical understanding of world affairs would reveal to us the growing importance of the role of Japan as a bastion of the free world in the East. Consequently, it becomes imperative that we be concerned not only with the welfare of Japan but the perpetuation of amicable Japanese-American relationship. This concern should be based upon the fact of our good American citizenship and not necessarily because we are Nisei. However, because we are Nisei, and a cultural hybrid, we have the opportunity to be peculiarly an important link in the chain of Japanese-American friendship.

It seems to me that the greatest potential usefulness of the Nisei would be to work towards the strengthening of the bonds that unite our great country with Japan. Of course, Mike Masaoka is not the first great Nisei leader to consider this tremendous responsibility. But even though he spoke as an individual, recognition of him by most Japanese Americans as being "Mr. Nisei" reveals the growing maturity of the Japanese Americans.

TORU IKEDA ACCEPTS
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Parlier

Toru Ikeda was recently assigned as teacher at Parlier High School and is also in charge of a citizenship class for Issei in the evenings.

He continued studies in education at Fresno State College after serving as JACL regional representative for the Central California District Council.

Mile-Hi to sponsor
two-week showing
of 'Ugetsu' classic

Denver

Mile-Hi JACL will sponsor another international prize-winning Japanese film, "Ugetsu Monogatari", for two weeks, Nov. 18-Dec. 2, here through courtesy of Alberta Pike Boyd of the Vogue Art Cinema, 1465 S. Pearl St.

Two years ago, the chapter sponsored "Rashomon" as a benefit and raised almost \$500 as a contribution to the JACL-ADC program to win citizenship for Issei.

Since the war, five Japanese films have won grand prizes at Cannes, France, and Venice, Italy. "Rashomon" was the first; "Ugetsu" is the second.

Time magazine, in reviewing "Ugetsu", states that it "is contemplative in the midst of violence, and wholly Oriental in midst of violence." The story of "Ugetsu" comes from a Japanese classic, written in 1768 by Akinari Ueda.

It tells the story of violence in the 16th century, in a time of civil wars in Japan, when a country potter (Masayuki Mori, the husband in "Rashomon") sees a chance to get rich quick selling in the city at war-inflated prices. While in the city, with his pots selling merrily and money rolling in, the potter meets Lady Wakasa (Machiko Kyo, the rape victim in "Rashomon") and is enslaved under the enchantment of love. At long last a Buddhist priest frees him from her spell, and he goes home to the spirit of his deceased wife.

"Ugetsu" portrays the inner attitudes of the heart, rather than real action, and the introverted mood is uncannily enhanced by the musical score. The photography never permits the mood to falter, and even the most violent scenes are dissolved into a meditative mist. Film critics have rated "Ugetsu" as a classic. It is produced by Daiei Films, which produced "Rashomon" in Japan.

Pardon sought -

* From Front Page

of these Japanese 'war criminals' are to be released, why not do it when the Prime Minister visits Washington, when it can be done as a matter of grace, generosity, and goodwill, and when it will receive the maximum amount of favorable publicity," Masaoka suggested.

"It will also serve as a grand gesture of welcome to a great friend and fighter for Japanese-American friendship and comity. It will be tangible evidence of our concern for United States-Japan amity and for our continuing hope that Japan will remain our partner in the world struggle for peace and democracy," the letter concluded.

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Japanese warbride was too 'Japanese'
for singing role in Mme. Butterfly

("Madame Butterfly", the world renowned opera with setting in Nagasaki around the turn of the century, has been presented in a variety of moods. More recently, Yoshie Fujiwara's troupe from Tokyo made a big hit in Hollywood with its genuine props, costumes and corps of Japanese singers who sang their roles in Japanese. But the operatic stage was never meant to be realistic—for even the Fujiwara production had the American roles sung in Italian. Another proof of the same theory was noted this week in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, an article, "Poor Butterfly", by John S. Robinson.—Editor.

Seattle

A couple of weeks ago, the Northwest Grand Opera Association was all set for its first performance of "Madame Butterfly."

Though an Italian opera, "Madame Butterfly" is set in Japan, and this was to be a super-authentic production. Tomiko Kanazawa was to sing the lead.

Pains were taken with the sets. Lesser companies have been known to produce "Madame Butterfly" with three Mount Fujis towering over Nagasaki. This is like showing Los Angeles under three Mount Rainiers, and designer Franz Gerstl would have none of it.

For her role of Suzuki, Butterfly's maid, conductor Eugene Linden had turned up what looked like a natural. Mari Sato, a Northwest war bride, was born in Japan. Not only that, she used to sing in opera over there. Not only that, she sang in "Madame Butterfly." How authentic can you get?

Then, very quietly, Miss Sato was replaced. When the opera is given in Seattle next Monday [Oct. 11], Suzuki will be sung by Lydia Ibborondo, a young lady of Basque extraction.

What was wrong? Didn't Miss Sato look the part? "She's pretty as a picture," said Linden. Her voice? "She sings like a bird," he said.

Too Japanese

The trouble was—it's hard to believe, but it's true—that she was too Japanese.

"Madame Butterfly" is the most popular opera in Japan, but the Japanese put it on in their own way. They do it more formally—"in a sort of oratorio style," as Linden put it.

There was just no time to teach Miss Sato the American approach.

Miss Sato is married to George Samuelson Jr., once of the First Cavalry Division, now a student at College of Puget Sound. We called on her the other day at their Tacoma home.

She explained that Japanese

performing "Madame Butterfly" tend to restrain themselves. "They don't throw up their arms in the emotional scenes," she said. "They can't. Their kimonos are tied too tightly."

The love duet isn't the same. No vulgar kissing. "Butterfly" kneels beside a table and Pinkerton stands away from her," Miss Sato explained.

"From the harbor," she said, "Seattle looked a little like Yokohama. But not ashore! Everything was so big! The people were big, the trees were big, the flowers were big. The potatoes! Monsters! I'd never seen anything like them."

She wants to learn the U.S. way of singing "Butterfly" too, and she attended the dress rehearsal. Though she missed the fine performance of her successor, Miss Ibborondo, she watched everyone else with great interest.

She showed us a point in the score where she thought Miss Kanazawa had performed especially well. And she praised Gaber Carelli for his bel canto style of singing. Frank Valentin for Miss Sato. Maybe Farwell—who has a Japanese part—for his fine acting.

"He seemed exactly like a Japanese man," she said.

We understand that after "Madame Butterfly" is over, Linden plans a special audition for Miss Sato. Maybe there's hope for her. She might make a "Butterfly" cast yet—that is, if she can just get rid of a few of those Japanese ways.

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FURUKAWA OF SEATTLE SUCCESSFUL RETAINING CAL NISEI GOLF TITLE

Pebble Beach

Taking a three-stroke lead on the first 18 holes, Pacific Northwest Nisei titlist Ervin Furukawa of the Puget Sound Golf Club successfully defended his California State Nisei championship of 36 holes last weekend.

The three handicapper toured the tricky 72-par layout with a 75-78-153, slicing off 11 strokes from his 1953 winning score of 80-84. Excellent weather enabled the winner and entire field of 88 players to card much better scores than last year, when the tough course was belted by wind and rain the final day.

Frank Yoshioka, 1954 No. Calif. Nisei champion, of the host Garden City club finished again in the runner-up spot at 80-76-156.

One stroke behind him was Ray Hashitani of Ontario, Ore., another three-handicapper, who was also second to Furukawa for the Northwest title.

Yoshizaki Fourth

Min Yoshizaki of Los Angeles Top Notch, winner of the first state Nisei open in 1951 and lowest handicapped entrant at two, finished fourth with 79-80-159.

Low net honors were won by Joe Kishi, Los Angeles Top Notch, with 79-81 (9)-142. Contending were Mike Sanda of Monterey Peninsula, 82-87 (11)-147; and Robert Okumura of East Bay, 90-85 (12)-151.

The team trophy went to Top Notch foursome of Fred Harada, Joe Ito, Yoshizaki and Kishi. Saturday low net was won by Chic Hinaga of San Jose at

80 (9)-71, on Sunday by Masie Bessho of Top Notch at 83 (12)-71.

Kono shatters two world weightlifting marks, wins title

Vienna

Sacramento's Man of the Year in 1953, Tommy Kono, opened the last day of competition Saturday in the world weightlifting championship with a total lift of 957 lbs. for a new world record in the light-heavyweight division.

It bettered a mark set by Vorobjev of Russia by 11 lbs. Kono also set a new mark in the jerk with 379½ lbs.

The versatile Nisei won his third title in as many years in as many different classes. He won the lightweight crown in 1952, then the middleweight crown in 1953.

But the United States finished second with 23 pts. to Russia's 29.

Football

Nisei halfback Kent Ikeda of San Mateo High sparked in the 38-16 victory over Jefferson High of Burlingame last week with a 60-yard punt return to set up a touchdown. The 136-pounder ran 74 yards on eight carries and received three passes for 22 yards. Hal Nakaji, Lick High quarterback of San Jose, was responsible for one of the TDs in the 26-7 triumph over Mountain View High last Friday. He tossed a 16-yard pass good for six points. Shun Mune also shone on the line for Lick. Tom Yasukoshi of San Francisco's Lowell High kicked two conversions but host Watsonville High won 34-14.

Boxing

World flyweight champion Yoshio Shirai was down to serious training preparing for the Oct. 26 title bout at Tokyo against challenger Pascual Perez of Argentina. It will be Shirai's fifth defense of his title which he won from Dado Marino of Honolulu in 1952. According to manager Dr. Alvin Cahn of Chicago, the Japanese champ has developed a short left punch recently. The sharp left jab followed by a straight right has enabled the champion to brush off past challengers.

Los Angeles YBA: The annual Halloween social will be held Oct. 23 at the YWCA Hall, 36th Pl. and Hoover St., from 8 till 12 p.m.

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The Sou'Wester

TATS KUSHIDA

Today's column is a gloomy one. It concerns the recent passing of a number of people which the Sou'wester feels might be of interest to many readers.

We won't add to the tribute paid by LARRY TAJIRI in the Sept. 24 PC to RALPH GELVIN, former Poston administrator who succumbed to a heart attack on Sept. 9 in Phoenix, where he was area director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Ralph, who personified all the good things said about WRA's civilian administrative personnel, was kind enough to provide us with transportation to Las Vegas to take a train to Topaz (Utah) relocation camp in early 1943 to attend the funeral of Kushida, Sr.

Former Poston personalities

Former Poston reports officer, PAULINE BATES BROWN, who is now doing similar work with the BIA in Phoenix, writes that several other Postonians are on the BIA staff. LEN NELSON is now acting area director, while ROY ANDERSON is acting chief of buildings and utilities and HAROLD KNUTSON is chief of the branch of property and supply. SHIG NAKASHIMA is a clerk in Anderson's section and his wife, BETSY, is secretary to an Indian School Superintendent. BILL POWERS is an auditor with the State Industrial Commission. DAVE CONLIN, adult education adviser in Poston, is prof at Arizona State, Tempe.

Pauline is a good pal of JUNE MARUYA, former DTLA chapter secretary, who works at the Kashu Mainichi and whose brother GEORGE, an attorney, is a veep of DTLA now. Pauline's daughter REBA is with the Maricopa County sheriff's office.

Speaking of WRA, HAROLD MANN, who was second boss of the Chicago office when we were on the payroll there, and who later was with the Puerto Rico government on labor recruiting, is now with the BIA's Albuquerque office. He called to tell us that VERNON KENNEDY, who used to be our boss in Poston Camp 1 in charge of the leave and employment office, is breeding dogs in Albuquerque. More people have wondered what became of Vern after he left WRA for an UNRRA post in Europe.

Chicago pioneer Issei dies

Comes word from Chicago of the passing of a pioneer Issei, FRANK H. CHINO, 72, on Sept. 14. His son, FRANKLIN, is well known among legal, Republican and JACL circles, being a prominent attorney, active with the Cook County Republican committee and a past officeholder of the Chicago JACL.

In fact, Franklin, who is married to a pretty Irish lass (like his dad did), is the founder of the Nisei of the Year movement back in 1938 when he was head of a young peoples group in the Windy City. The following year, with the help of MIN YASUI, DIXIE ISHIDA and others, the first award, known as the Yamagata award, was presented to Nat'l JACL prexy WALTER TSUKAMOTO, an attorney and an army colonel now at the Presidio of San Francisco. The 1940 award went to MIKE M. MASAOKA.

Christmas Cheer time again-issue call for Southland support to aid 300 Japanese needy

Los Angeles

Seven years ago, the Bureau of Public Assistance for Los Angeles County brought to the attention of the So. Calif. JACL Regional Office, then headed by Sam Ishikawa, the fact that the Japanese American community was the only one of the minorities doing nothing for their less fortunate during Christmas season.

(Welfare committees within various Japanese churches, it should be noted, were distributing Christmas baskets at that time.)

With the assistance of Sue

Takimoto (now Mrs. Joe), Mary Ishikawa (now Mrs. Takeuchi) and Henry Mori, a Christmas Cheer drive was initiated and over \$400 were received from generous contributors that year in addition to canned goods and toys valued at \$300.

First Call of '54

Last week, the first call was issued to the community to collect funds and thousands of canned goods to be given to more than 300 needy and underprivileged Japanese in Los Angeles by Club Service Bureau.

The seventh annual campaign is chaired by Virginia Kawasaki, assisted by Jim Higashi, finance; John Watanabe, publicity, and Tats Kushida. Dardanellas and Elgenes make up the secretarial pool. Mrs. Sue Joe, past Christmas Cheer chairman, is consultant.

Deadline for contributions of either money or canned goods is Dec. 15. An appeal is being made to all clubs, churches and other organizations to assist.

Close to \$2,000 was acknowledged in addition to canned goods last year. A similar amount is expected this year by the committee. Monies are distributed according to the number of persons in the family, type of hardship, and by special request of the county case worker recommendations.

PRESS FILE:

PIFFLES—"A veteran, a staunch JACL man, asked us the other day if we're getting any results in our nudging at the JACL chief; absolutely nothing to report, sir, and that is not fair to Mike Masaoka, Mr. JACL, who does such a wonderful job lobbying for Japanese Americans, many of whom don't appreciate his work."—Budd Fickel, (Seattle) Northwest Times.

Berkeley medical technologist given American Cancer Society scholarship

Oakland

George Okawachi, 1534 Berkeley Way, Berkeley, has been awarded a subsistence scholarship in exfoliative cytology by the California division of the American Cancer Society.

The scholarship provides extensive training in the Univ. of California Medical Center laboratory in San Francisco for four months. The course began two weeks ago.

Each year, the ACS California division grants eight scholarships to expand the state's personnel of technicians en-

gaged in early diagnosis of cancer through the use of Papanicolaou-Traut technique, it was explained by John C. Houlihan, president of the Alameda County chapter branch of ACS.

The method involves the study of cells shed by body tissue. The specimen is stained and studied under microscope.

Okawachi, who received his B.A. degree in bacteriology at Univ. of California in 1951, has been studying as a medical technologist at the medical center the past year.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

HENRY MORI

A Nisei-owned tuna clipper, the Western Explorer, won the eighth annual grand sweepstakes award in the Fishermen's Fiesta competition, Sunday, when the gala "parade of boats" was held in San Pedro harbor witnessed by more than 150,000 persons.

For Frank Manaka, proud skipper of the 61-foot craft, it was his second win since 1952 when the Western Explorer took a similar prize. One more bid on the perpetual trophy will mean permanent possession for Manaka and his crew.

The boat was out at sea just two days before the celebration, and it took plenty of hustle to get the ship into decorative standard bearer of the theme, "Circus Time."

The decoration committee consisted of Shiro Matsushita, Harry Manaka, Toshi Okamoto, Yoshio Otsuka, Yukio Tatsumi, Kats Manaka, Shigeru Nakamura, Jin Kageyama, Nori Matsui, and Henry Ono. Of course, their loving wives pitched in, too.

While the Explorer competed in the over-61-foot craft, non-sponsored division, Nancy Rose, operated by George and Ben Fukuzaki, placed second in the commercial division sponsored by Van Camp cannery. The Fukuzakis had Stella Maris in the fiesta, too. Katsu Hamachi's Windward was another entry in the 46 ft.-purse seiner competition.

In the fable of Cinderella, the prince pursued the heroine whose tiny feet would fit the glass slipper she had lost while trying to reach home before midnight.

Howard Greer, top fashion designer, wanted a Nisei Week festival queen who would fit into a Size 10 gown. While not intending to sound facetious, we learned he called the JACL office in search of such delightful personality and 1954 queen June Aochi received the nod.

The charming winner of the August celebration not only modeled wonderfully before an appreciative audience at Mike Romanoff's penthouse in Beverly Hills, but has been selected as one of the eight gorgeous models who will make an all-expense paid five-week trip to Japan for a premiere showing of American fashions in Tokyo's swanky Imperial Hotel on Oct. 25.

The Japan Air Lines will carry her and the troupe, headed by Bruce MacIntosh, Greer's assistant designer, next Wednesday across the Pacific for June's first visit to Japan. Greer's 30-show schedule will take the trim-figured 5 ft. 5 in. queen into Osaka, Kyoto, Nagoya, and Sapporo. June is set on seeing again Sam Ishikawa, now with Jiji Press, who was her So. Calif. JACL regional office director many moons ago.

June said she has a long list of relatives she has promised her mother she would see in Wakayama prefecture but commented "By gosh, right now, I don't even know how I can ever find them." She's never met them.

"Nisei for Roybal" committee which hopes soon to make it a state-wide Japanese American campaign to back City Councilman Edward R. Roybal for lieutenant governor late last week presented the candidate with an appreciation scroll, designed and lettered by Kango Kunitzugu.

Mrs. Kunitzugu, who's whipping publicity for the group, noted that it was the first official recognition given the 38-year-old political aspirant from a Nisei organization.

Said Roybal: "I am very grateful for this honor and will keep it among my most cherished recognitions." The first resting place will be at his campaign headquarters. The committee has obtained over 100 Nisei Roybal endorsers on

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

HARA—Sept. 7, a boy Dean Sho to the Kaoru K. Haras (Clara Setsuyo Yoshimi), Gardena.
ITAGAKI—Sept. 3, a girl Jaimee Michiko to the James Moichiro Itagaki (Katherine Kiyabu).
KITAHARA—Sept. 3, a boy Duane Allan to the Michio Kitaharas (Rose Bannai).
KUBO—Sept. 10, a girl Karen Kathy to the Yoshio Kubos (Yuriko Lily Ota).
MATSUI—Sept. 12, a girl Janet Emiko to the Frank Tetsuo Matsuis (Masako Muraoka).
NODA—Sept. 4, a boy Kenneth Yutaka to the Mitsuko Nodas (Masako Nakamura).
ONO—Sept. 10, a boy Ralph Kazuo to the Ernest Sanro Onos (Fusayo Ruth Sato).
SATO—Sept. 11, a girl Dorothy Tomiko to the George S. Satos (Shinobu Kitada), Torrance.
SHIGEKI—Sept. 2, a boy Scott Shoji to the Masao Shiegokas (Nancy Oyadomori).
TAGAMI—Sept. 10, a boy Hogan Keiji to the Toshihiro Tagamis (Jean Kiyoko Kato).
UMEKUBO—Sept. 3, a girl Adele Kiku to the George Umekubos (Masako Azuma).
YAMAGUCHI—Aug. 23, a boy Paul Kei to the Kei Yamaguchis (Chisato Sagara).
YAMAUCHI—Sept. 12, a boy Daniel Akira to the Irving Jun Yamaguchis (Grace Fumi Ishizaka).
YOKOTA—Sept. 7, a boy Brian Yutaka to the Minoru Yokotas (Keiko Onouye).

SAN DIEGO

IKEMOTO—July 27, a boy to the Henry Y. Ikemotos.
KOJIMA—Aug. 21, a boy to the Minoru Kojimas.
OWASHI—Aug. 17, a boy to the Joe Owashis.
SHIMADA—July 18, a boy to the Bill M. Shimadas.

SAN JOSE

AKIZUKI—Sept. 23, a boy to the Chitoshi Akizukis.
KONDO—Sept. 29, a boy Mark to the Masuo Kondos.
MATSUURA—Sept. 25, a girl Nancy Mitsuko to the Mitsuo Matsuuras.
MORISHITA—Sept. 24, a boy Glen Tsutomu to the Yasushi Morishitas, Campbell.

SUGAOKA—Sept. 28, a boy Arthur Arao to the Roy Sugaokas.
YAMAMOTO—Sept. 26, a girl Nancy Nadaye to the Tom Yamamotos.

FRESNO

FUJIOKA—Sept. 25, a girl to the James Fujiokas, Bowles.
KUBOTA—Sept. 28, a girl to the Tom Kubotas.
NOGUCHI—Sept. 4, a boy to the Shijio Noguchis.

SAN FRANCISCO

ENOMOTO—Sept. 30, a boy Kent Michael to the John Enomotos, Redwood City.
HARA—Sept. 21, a girl to the Frank Haras, Oakland.
LIJCHI—Sept. 27, a boy Ken to the Ko Ijichis, Berkeley.
IKEMI—Sept. 18, a girl to the Sho-pei Ikemis.
KITAGAWA—Sept. 20, a girl to the George Kitagawas.
NOGUCHI—Sept. 11, a girl to the Jim Noguchis.
OKAWACHI—Sept. 13, a girl to the Kimio Okawachis.
TANAKA—Sept. 4, a boy to the George Tanakas.
YASUMURA—Sept. 22, a boy to the Harry Yasumuras.

HAYWARD

HATAKEDA—A boy to the Tom Hatakedas, San Leandro.
SHIBA—A girl to the Tak Shibas.

SACRAMENTO

IMURA—Sept. 8, a boy to the Yushin Imuras.
KONISHI—Aug. 4, a girl to the Yoshichi Konishis.
MORITA—Sept. 15, a boy to the George M. Moritas.
OUTA—Sept. 16, a girl to the Steven T. Ouras.
TOKUNAGA—Sept. 21, a boy to the Clark Tokunagas, Marysville.
YAMAMOTO—Aug. 19, a boy to the Tom Yamamotos, Winter.

SEATTLE

KOZU—Sept. 28, a boy Lawrence Mark to the Dr. Harry Kozus.

DENVER

HIGA—A boy to the Frank Higas.
KATO—A girl to the James Katos, Brighton.
KITAMURA—A boy to the William Kitamuras.
KOYANO—A boy to the Wesley K. Koyanos (Sumi Tochiara), Brighton.
YOSHIMURA—Sept. 28, a boy to the Art Yoshimuras (Sachi Imamura).

NEW YORK

ABE—Sept. 18, a girl Carolyn to the Dr. Harry F. Abes.
COLUMBIA—Aug. 13, a girl Ann Elizabeth Tsuneko to the Francis J. Columbias (Tsuneko Tokuyasu).

FLORIDA

VARNEY—A boy Kim Clark to the Charles Varneys (Yoshiko Arik), Tampa.

its stationery.

While the non-partisan group was gathering momentum, the So. Calif. Nisei Veterans Committee to Retain Lt. Gov. Harold J. Powers named Soichi Fukui, active American Legion member, to serve as its chairman. "Powers has been in the State Senate for 24 years," commented Fukui.

Stockton dentist dies

Stockton

Dr. Katsujiro Onizuka, who practiced dentistry here for over 35 years and in recent years with his son, Dr. Keiji, died Oct. 6 after several months' illness. He was a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons School of Dentistry, San Francisco.

Engagements

KOHATSU-FURUMATSU — Sacie, San Francisco, to Sam, San Jose, Sept. 17.
KUWAHARA-HIGAKI—Hisaye, San Mateo, to Juichi, Redwood City.
MIYAKE-TOKUNAGA — Elaine, to Tosh, both of Seattle, Sept. 24.
NISHIOKA-NISHIWAKI — Shirley, Santa Ana, to Jim Westminister, Sacramento, to George, San Mateo.
TANAKA-HIGASHIOKA—Yae, West Sacramento, to George, San Mateo.
UJITA-NAGAI—Masako, Palo Alto, to Sakaye, San Mateo.
YAHANDA-HIRABAYASHI — Betty to Sam, both of Minneapolis.
YOSHIZAKI-FUJITA—Jean, Santa Ana, to George, Anaheim.

Marriage Licenses Issued

CHUN-TANIGUCHI—Raymond K. Y., and Sachiko, both of Denver.
TANAKA-KIMURA—Susumu and Chiko, both of San Francisco.
YAMADA-HOSOGI—Kenjiro and Elsie S., both of Seattle.

Weddings

CHOU-YOSHIDA—Sept. 11, Pao Wei, and Kuwa, both of Minneapolis.
FUKUSHIMA-NAKATSURA—Oct. 3, Hisashi and Misako, both of Los Angeles.
HARUTA-NISHI—Sept. 25, Kijiro and Mary Eiko, both of Chicago.
MATSUURA-KAWASAKI—Aug. 21, Taro, Minneapolis, and Masako, Hilo, at Sacramento.
MIYASAKI-SAIKI—Sept. 11, Shuichi, Minneapolis, and Pearl Takeko, Honolulu.
MIZUNOUE-NISHIHARA—Sept. 26, Dr. George Satoru and Masako, both of Los Angeles.
OHASHI-MAYEHARA—Oct. 3, Taro Michael and Yukiye Ann, both of Los Angeles.
OKADA-TAMURA — Oct. 3, Jimmy Hiroyasu and Kiyoko Kookie, both of Los Angeles.
SAITO-SHITAMA—Sept. 25, Joseph, Sacramento, and Pat, Bellevue, Wash.
SUGANO-OMACHI—Sept. 5, Ted, Chicago, and Tomoko, Minneapolis.
YONEMOTO-HAMANO—Oct. 3, Dr. Robert Hiroshi, Los Angeles, and Tomiye, Boston.

Deaths

CHINO, Frank H., 72; Chicago, Sept. 14, survived by wife Mercella, sons Elbert (Washington D.C.), Franklin, and Robert (France). (formerly of San Francisco), Oct.
HORIUCHI, Mrs. Aya, 68; Denver, Sept. 30, survived by sons Robert M., Harold and daughter Chiye.
ICHIHARA, Hidetaro, 54; Seattle, Sept. 24, survived by son Albert H., daughters Kaoru Mrs. Lillian H. Naito, Mrs. Rose Yoshizumi.
KIMURA, Tatsujiro, 70; Los Angeles, Oct. 4.

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(s) Mary H. Imon Notary Public in & for County of Los Angeles, State of California. (My commission expires April 18, 1955)

APL Japanese office in San Francisco moves

San Francisco

The Japanese passenger division of American President Lines has moved its quarters to the APL city ticket office, 152 Geary St., in keeping with general policy on constant improvement of service to the traveling public, J. M. Diggs, APL vice-president, announced.

The new location near Union Square is expected to prove most desirable for Japanese travelers, Marvin T. Uratsu, district agent, assisted by Mrs. Fumi Howells, is in charge of the new section.

H. Okabe, formerly purser on APL ships and more recently at Sao Paulo, has been assigned to the San Francisco office.

Murayama —

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timates there must be about 10,000 although the peak must have been twice that immediately after the war. He believes that more of them should decide to stay. "Many want to go back to California. They leave here and come back without a job. I cannot understand this foolish psychology—not knowing what to want," the good doctor said.

He and his wife, Mary, are determined to stay. They are happy today. Their son, Dudley, won a master's degree in music not long ago. It's grand to see good Nisei settling down here.

Denver duplicate bridge group in 2nd anniversary

Denver

A midnight buffet marks the second anniversary of the Mile-Hi JACL Bridge Club tonight. Probably the only organized Nisei duplicate bridge group in the United States, it has been holding frequent tournaments and parties twice a month.

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EDITORIALS

Supreme Court vacancy

Robert H. Jackson's service in the high judicial office is unique historically for his role of chief prosecutor in the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg of 1946. It was his task to gather and present the evidence which sent top Nazis to the gallows or to prison in proceedings still warmly debated for having set international legal precedents.

As justice of the United States Supreme Court, he was liberal in his interpretation of the Constitution although not fulfilling the predictions of radicalism which were made at the time of his appointment in 1941.

For persons of Japanese ancestry, Justice Jackson will be best remembered for his pungent dissent in the Korematsu case. Our two able commentators, Larry Tajiri and Mike Masaoka, this week treat on this aspect.

The extent of important cases pending before the Supreme Court makes it desirable that Mr. Jackson's successor be appointed without delay. Because the Senate is scheduled to reconvene Nov. 8 to hear the McCarthy censure report, the President has an opportunity to do this. The work of the Supreme Court will be facilitated if the Senate can confirm an appointment at that time.

Change in make-up

A recent reminder from the Post Office necessitated several changes starting with this week's edition. The indice has been shifted to page two in accordance with postal regulations to have it placed within the first four pages. And the calendar of chapter activities has been shifted to the back page for handier reference. Chapter secretaries are urged to take advantage of this improvement.

The appearance in the past years of this editorial-feature page, cleancut without column rules, has tempted us to treat another page in like manner. We trust it meets with our readers' approval.

An easier-on-the-eye paper is among the criteria every editor strives, in addition to readable matter and typographic excellence. Already, the popular vital statistics section is being classified by areas as far as births are concerned. A more liberal use of photographs has been a long-standing guide. And, here again, chapter publicity chairmen are urged to sub-glossy prints 4x5 inches or larger.

And more improvements are in the making.

FROM THE FRYING PAN

by Bill Hosokawa

Fabulous Optometrist

Denver

Newton Uyesugi was an 18-year-old optometry student in Portland, Ore., back before the war (he was JACL chapter president at Pearl Harbor time) when he noticed his eyesight was failing. The condition rapidly grew worse until one day the moon appeared double. Sometime later he counted 82 moons with his right eye.

Uyesugi went from doctor to doctor in a vain search for someone who could help him. It was almost five years before his trouble was diagnosed definitely as keratoconus, a condition in which the cornea (the front "window" of the eye) becomes warped and grows out in a cone shape. But the diagnosis wasn't much help. Doctors told him he probably would be blind by the time he was 35 years old.

Not a promising future, was it? Yet, the life of Newton Uyesugi makes as fabulous a success story as the Nisei have produced. Today, with his name changed legally to Wesley, Newton is a partner in the Plastic Contact Lens Company of Chicago, one of the nation's leading manufacturers of contact lenses.

(Uyesugi's name, besides being almost impossible for Caucasians to pronounce, was losing him business. Clients were looking for it under the O's, W's, and everywhere but the U's in the telephone book. Since his father was a devout Methodist, Newton figured to ease the shock of abandoning the family surname by making it Wesley.)

When the doctors diagnosed Newton's trouble, they told him contact lenses were his only hope of seeing normally again. Contact lenses in those days, about 1942, were crude affairs. He found he could see perfectly with them, but after two or three hours they became so painful he couldn't bear to keep them on his eyes. Fighting for his sight, Newton set out to improve the lenses somehow so that he could see.

But meanwhile he had to support his family. In Chicago, he taught at an optometry school, opened a small office of his own. He sent his wife, Cecelia, to optometry school so that she could help him with his practice as

his sight weakened. One day he discovered that a student, George Jessen, knew a good deal about lens grinding. Newton took him into partnership and together they began a frantic race against blindness.

Newton worked out the theories. Jessen designed lenses based on the theories, and an engineering wizard named Jim Kawabata found a way to take optical plastic and turn out the lenses on a lathe. Finally, after six years of experimenting and failing and experimenting again, the trio came up with a pair of lenses that Newton could wear comfortably all his waking hours. By then his sight had been reduced to finger vision—enough sight to distinguish his fingers at arm's length. But with the lenses he could see normally, and keep them on as long as he wanted!

Newton has been wearing the same type of lenses for five years now. His keratoconus condition has been arrested by these lenses. Today, this Nisei, who was nearly blind, is a licensed pilot and flies his plane around the country teaching other optometrists to work with the contact lenses which he and Jessen manufacture.

In Denver recently I attended a clinic that Dr. Wesley held. Some 65 optometrists from five states gathered to hear his demonstration lecture. Many of them had driven or flown more than 700 miles to attend the clinic. They hung on his every word, fascinated and intent on learning what this Nisei had to teach them. Some of them brought along patients with keratoconus conditions, and Dr. Wesley used them as live models to demonstrate his lens fitting techniques.

Dr. Wesley spends many months of the year traveling around the country teaching his techniques, bringing the miracle of sight to those who would be benefitted by contact lenses. Now he's turning his talents in another direction in his spare time. He's going to do something about straightening cross-eyes without surgery. Already he's had outstanding success.

As I said before, it's a fabulous Nisei success story.

VAGARIES

By Larry Tajiri

Graveside Prejudice

It is the literal truth that there are areas in our country where prejudice follows a man to the grave. Many cemeteries presume to be bound by restrictive covenants which deny a resting place to all except the Whites.

Several years ago the *Pacific Citizen* publicized instances of denial of burial to Nisei and Issei dead by cemeteries in Chicago, Denver, Washington, D.C., and on the Pacific coast. The JACL stepped in and was able to bring about a change in policy at a number of cemeteries, but others pointed to racially discriminatory covenants which barred, variously, Negroes and other non-Caucasians or non-Christians, the latter classification obviously aimed at persons of the Jewish faith.

This week the U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments in the first court case testing the legality of race discrimination in cemeteries. The case involves the remains of an American Indian hero of the Korean war, Sgt. John Rice, and the Sioux City (Iowa) cemetery, which refused to bury him.

Sgt. Rice's widow originally sued the cemetery for damages. Iowa state courts rejected the suit on the ground that no state action violating the constitutional rights of the late Sgt. Rice or his widow was involved. The Supreme Court agreed to hear the suit, which contends that the restrictive covenant under which the cemetery refused burial, violates the due process and equal protection clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment.

Sgt. Rice's remains now lie in Arlington Cemetery. When President Truman heard of the discriminatory action in 1952 he ordered that the soldier's body be taken to Arlington and buried with full military honors.

The Supreme Court's action in the Sgt. Rice case will have widespread ramifications. As far as persons of Japanese ancestry are concerned, a decision for the plaintiff will help mark the end of "Little Tokyos" of the dead, the Japanese sections which exist in many cemeteries on the Pacific coast.

Yuriko (Kikuchi), who left her role as the leading dancer of Rogers & Hammerstein's *The King and I* to perform in London and Paris with the Martha Graham company, revealed a new facet of her talent during this past summer. The Nisei dancer, a native of San Jose, Calif., performed two of her own dance compositions at the seventh annual American Dance Festival in New London, Conn., in August. She has set *Four Windows* to music by Bartok, and *The Gift* to a compo-

sition by Debussy. She also appeared in an untitled dance work for a trio with Alice Uchida and Alvin Schulman. . . . A musical transcription of James Michener's best-selling novel, *Sayonara*, is still listed as a possibility for the current Broadway season. The producer is Joshua Logan, while Paul Osborne is writing the script. Irving Berlin the songs. . . . It was Kaoru Yachigusa, a 23-year-old Tokyo actress, who has plucked the main acting plum of Cho-Cho-San in the Italo-Japanese production of Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*. Miss Yachigusa was one of two actresses sought for the role. The other: Shirley Yamaguchi who may make a film in Hollywood instead. Production on *Madame Butterfly* is set to start in Rome this month with Carmine Gallone director. Thirty dancing girls from Japan's Takarazuka revue are expected to appear in the picture. Technical advisers will arrive in Rome from Japan with full costumes.

An official of Tokyo's Toho studio commented: "We are tired of seeing Madame Butterfly wearing Chinese or Annamite costumes on European stages—this will be the real thing." . . . *Ugetsu*, the Japanese film which opened with considerable fanfare in New York recently and is rated "current and choice" by Time, has received a "B" rating from the National Legion of Decency for alleged "suggestive sequences."

Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson, who died last week, was one of three justices—the late Frank Murphy and Owen Roberts were the others—who refused to agree that the mass evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific coast in 1942 was legal.

Jackson wrote a ringing dissent in the Korematsu case, one which A. L. Wirin, then special counsel for the National JACL, commented "will constitute . . . one of the great judicial landmarks in the struggle for maintenance of constitutional liberties in wartime."

Jackson said the courts could not be made "to enforce an order which violates constitutional limitations even if it is a reasonable exercise of military authority." He said that, once the Supreme Court has validated "the principle of racial discrimination in criminal procedure and transplanting American citizens," the principle would then lie about "like a loaded weapon ready for the hand of any authority that can bring forward a plausible claim of an urgent need."

The nation long may remember Justice Jackson's minority opinion in the evacuation test case.

MINORITY

Washington

While legislative roadblocks to civil rights remained unchanged during two years of Republican control in Washington, "substantial steps in the direction of full democracy for all" were made by the executive branch of the government, according to a report on Civil Rights Under the Eisenhower Administration, 1953-54, issued by the Nat'l Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The report was prepared by Clarence Mitchell, director of the NAACP Washington Bureau.

Chicago

Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, will be speaker at the "Fight For Freedom" membership campaign kick-off meeting Thursday, Oct. 21, at Olivet Baptist Church, 31st and S. Parkway. The Chicago branch here seeks 10,000 members in a one-month's drive.

Washington

Scovel Richardson, 52, a Negro from Nashville, Tenn., was named as chairman of the Federal Parole Board by Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr.

DECADE AGO

Oct. 14, 1944

West Coast officials uphold rights of Nisei; state attorneys of California, Oregon and Washington ask for relaxation of exclusion orders affecting Nisei.

U.S. Supreme Court considers Korematsu, Endo cases testing validity of coast evacuation; high tribunal retires for deliberation after listening to five hours of arguments on complicated wartime civil liberties question.

JACL files brief in test on evacuation; no reasonable basis for any exclusion orders, is contention.

Carey McWilliams urges lifting ban against Japanese Americans in new book, "Prejudice"; suggests federal action to advise west coast public of contributions of Nisei, declares there will be no violence if proper steps are taken.

Earl Finch treats 200 Hawaiian GI trainees of Camp Fannin to football game.

Noted film star Sessue Hayakawa refuses to collaborate with Nazis in Paris, INS reporter says in interview.

Dillon Myer admonishes "Remember Pearl Harbor" group in White River and Puyallup Valley, Wash.; anti-evacuee group leader says violence not means to achieve ends.

War Department changes policy, open officer candidate training to Nisei military intelligence training to Nisei military intelligence students.

CALENDAR

Oct. 20 (Wednesday)
East Los Angeles—Candidates' Night, International Institute, 8 p.m.

Oct. 22 (Friday)
Sequoia—Gen'l mtg., YMCA; Orville Graves, YMCA exec. sec., spktr.

Oct. 23-24 (Sat. & Sun.)
Chicago—JACL Carnival, Olivet Institute, 1441 N. Cleveland.

Oct. 24 (Sunday)
Detroit—Sukiyaki dinner, International Institute.
Dayton—Hallowe'en Party, home of Dr. Hideo Yoshihara, 1450 Princeton, 3 p.m.

Oct. 28 (Thursday)
San Mateo—Issei-Nisei meeting, Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m.

Oct. 29 (Friday)
Mil-Hie—Issei dinner, YWCA, 6 p.m. Election meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 30-31 (Sat. & Sun.)
New York—JACL Carnival, Waldorf Astor, 16th St. and 3rd Ave.

Oct. 30 (Saturday)
San Mateo—Hallowe'en Social, Buddhist Hall, 2 S. Claremont St., 8:30 p.m.

East Los Angeles—"JACL Lantern" dinner-dance, Swalley's Restaurant, 7 p.m.

Oct. 31 (Sunday)
Salt Lake City—Veterans' Memorial observance; SIC Cemetery, 2 p.m.

Nov. 7 (Sunday)
NC-WNDC—Quarterly mtg., Hotel Placer County—Annual Goodwill Banquet, Auburn Armory.