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Intermountain District Council Chairman Jin Ushio (left) presents the JACL Recognition pin to Ichiro Doi, one of the charter members of the Salt Lake JACL chapter founded in 1935 and who served on many occasions the past year over and above expected duties of even those elected as cabinet members. Doi chaired the first New Citizen's dinner, setting an excellent pattern for future reference; assisted in forming a Boy Scout troop, and was chairman of the past nominations committee. Mayor Earl J. Glade (third from left) was presented JACL membership pin from Hatsumi Mitsunaga. The Salt Lake mayor is probably the first mayor of a major American city to become a JACL member. —Terashima Photo

## Salt Lake City mayor installs new officers of Sr., Jr. JACL chapters

**Salt Lake City**  
Newly-elected officers for the 1955 term for both Sr. and Jr. JACL groups were formally installed in a colorful ceremony by Mayor Earl J. Glade, Nov. 19, at El Gaucho Inn.

It was the first joint-installation affair in the 20-year history of the local chapter. Ichiro Doi and Jane Sunehara, senior and junior election committee chairmen, respectively, were cited for their special efforts to insure this successful event.

Rupert Hachiya was re-elected chapter president, as were:

Howell Ujifusa, 1st v.p.; Mrs. Rae Fujimoto, treas.; Mrs. Jean Konishi, rec. sec.

Masuo Namba is second vice-president, newly created to serve naturalized Issei interests. Other officers are:

Anna Imai, cor. sec.; Mrs. Maurea Terashima, hist.

George Kanegae is Jr. JACL president, assisted by:

Hatsumi Mitsunaga, v.p.; Piney Sonoda, treas.; Toby Sunata, rec. sec.; Edna Masuda, cor. sec.; Yuri Shiba, pub.; Mary Takita, Frank Ujifusa, soc. chmn.

Rev. T. Saito rendered the invocation. Mrs. Terashima headed the dinner-dance committee.

## AK-SAR-BEN AWARD TO WEST NEBRASKA NISEI

**Mitchell, Neb.**  
Each year Ak-Sar-Ben presents its Good Neighbor Award, for those who help an individual unable to work because of illness or accident.

Twenty-two Nisei members of the West Nebraska Young Men's Association and several other neighbors of Frank Kakuda, who was severely burned operating a weed-burner, plowed and planted crops of Kakuda's farm a year ago last spring.

Recently, the deed was duly recognized with Ak-Sar-Ben plaque presented to Kay Yamada, YMA president, and lapel pins to those helping.

## \$24,000 home for aged mark expansion program

**San Jose**  
A \$24,000 home for aged Issei will be erected on the church-owned lot on N. 5th St., across the street from the San Jose Buddhist Temple. Plans drawn by Roy Watanabe, San Francisco Nisei architect, have been approved.

It marks the start of a \$170,000 temple expansion program. When the home is completed, it will enable church officials to transfer present church hostel occupants, who now occupy an area that will eventually have a building to include a new gym, meeting hall and conference rooms.

## CHRISTMAS CHEER NEAR 40% MARK OF \$2,000

**Los Angeles**  
Nearing the 40 percent mark, the Christmas Cheer Committee of the JACL Club Service Bureau last week announced \$784 has been received as of Nov. 20. A \$2,000 goal, as well as contributions of canned goods, toys and Japanese staples, must be met by Dec. 15 deadline.

## Masaoka to visit Japan, to investigate operations of refugee relief act, immigration and stranded citizenship

**Los Angeles**  
Mike M. Masaoka is departing Dec. 6 for a month's trip in Japan, including a short stop-over in Hawaii, to investigate operations of several laws he was instrumental in having Congress approve.

The Washington Nisei lobbyist will also attend to several private business matters as

well as the situation relating to wartime vested property and yen debt claims against the Office of Alien Property.

Masaoka said that he is particularly interested in immigration and citizenship matters.

As the Washington JACL Representative, he is credited with securing enactment of the so-called Asian provisions of

the Immigration and Nationality Act (McCarran-Walter) of 1952 which provided, among other things, for repeal of the Japanese Exclusion Act of 1924 by extending annual quotas to Japan and of naturalization privileges for resident alien Japanese.

### Operation of Law

Two years ago, following enactment of the statute over President Truman's veto, he visited Japan for the first time. He now plans to investigate just how that law is working and whether any amendments are necessary to make it a better law.

Masaoka is also interested in the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. He was responsible for having Japanese included in that legislation.

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## ONE JAPANESE GROUP THAT MISSED WARTIME EVACUATION REVEALED

**Toronto**  
A twenty-cent soft drink in Whitehorse never seemed expensive until the same drink was bought in Edmonton at the cost of only seven cents, the Continental Times learned from a Yukon Territory Japanese resident.

Saburo Tahara, who has been in Whitehorse, Yukon, since 1929 and who visited in Toronto said that the trip from Whitehorse to Edmonton on the new highway took him five days on the bus. It was in Edmonton that he was surprised to find the seven cent soft drink.

Whitehorse, which has a low of 40 degrees in winter and a high of 100 degrees in summer, has boomed into a fairly large city since the building of the Alcan Highway. Compared to this, Dawson City, which is much

colder than Whitehorse, is near desertion.

In Dawson City there are approximately 10 Japanese, including children. It also boasts a Japanese restaurant operated by a Mr. Nakano. He is assisted by his wife and children. Mrs. Nakano, besides the restaurant to look after, has a barber shop and a beauty salon.

In Whitehorse where Tahara is a restaurant cook, there is a popular Nisei dentist, son of Ippei Nishio.

While the Japanese in Canada and the United States were interned in evacuation centers in the interior, the Japanese in the north were not.

"We couldn't carry weapons or firearms and we had to report when we moved to another address or city but outside of that there were no restrictions," said Tahara.

## BYU dean of students to head Japan study

**Salt Lake City**  
Dr. Wesley P. Lloyd, dean of students at Brigham Young University, will head a team of three American specialists as leaders of an advance training institute in student personnel work at the Univ. of Tokyo in March, 1955.

The training institute, sponsored by Rockefeller Foundation, will be devoted to student counseling techniques and administration of student personnel work.



# VERY TRULY YOURS

By HARRY HONDA

## Comparing Prejudices

Mention the word, "race prejudice", among Nisei circles and thoughts of discrimination because of color and creed pop up. In all probability, the American Indian is not included . . . And no wonder, so many Nisei have yet to meet an American Indian, let alone live in a community where the white man's prejudice against the American Indian prevails . . . The Nisei is like the white man back east who knew no Japanese and bore no hatred for him. It's a case of not being able to hate (nor love) someone you don't know.

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Last week in Omaha, the National Congress of American Indians met and got a frank lecture from one of its own. A Sioux leader was talking about racial prejudice—not the white



man's prejudice against the Indian, but about the prejudice of the Indians against the white man. "We've got to get it out of our heads that we are a different kind of American citizen," he declared . . . The message can be applied to the American family who also feels he's different and better because his ancestors were aboard the Mayflower, or fought in the American Revolutionary War or were original white settlers of Texas, California and what have you.

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Greatness that has been America's is not vested in the prestige of the past generations, but what its children have been able to contribute to the future . . . While it may be proper to remember and be proud of the past, a person who rests on laurels (be they inherited or personally gained) ceases to insure the future . . . The same principle might apply to our own level. Certainly a man who quits because he says he's done his "share" cannot be said to be concerned with the future. . . The future requires constant attention of the present. The present of today is but an iota of the past when a new day breaks . . . When Rome began looking at its past glories, it started to crumble. That lesson in history should serve as sufficient notice . . . Instead, the past should better prepare us for the future.

## WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

# On Thanksgiving Day

## Thanksgiving, 1954

Thanksgiving is the most American of holidays; it is also the oldest, for the Pilgrim fathers conceived this great tradition long before this Republic was established.

Probably no Thanksgiving in history is a more appropriate one than this in which all Americans should give thanks to the Almighty for the many blessings which only we as Americans enjoy today.

In a world where freedom is under constant attack, we are still a free people, receiving that to which we are entitled as free men.

In a world where governments grow wealthy while the people starve, we are a rich people, enjoying the highest standards of living ever known to man.

Though this is a troubled time and the "cold war" rages unabated, we can give thanks that no where in the world today are Americans daily facing the horror of shot and shell.

Though we have just experienced a bitter and hard-fought election, we can be thankful that in our land the victor and the vanquished will join in a common effort for a just and durable peace in a more prosperous world.

For aliens of Japanese ancestry, this Thanksgiving means a time for rejoicing, for at long last thousands of them are naturalized citizens of the land of their adoption. For these new Americans especially, Thanksgiving, 1954 has special significance.

For Americans of Japanese ancestry, this Thanksgiving marks another anniversary in the struggle for better status. With the shackles of legal discrimination that have bound and restricted our development for half a century voided, we can face the future with even greater confidence and optimism.

As persons of Japanese ancestry, as Americans all, we can be grateful that we are privileged to live in this land of opportunity and plenty.

Should we ever lose sight of our many benefits for which we must always be grateful, this Thanksgiving and every other day of every year, we need only look across the seas to other lands in order once again to appreciate the beneficence of these United States, not only in the material things of life but also in the spiritual and human aspects that often mean more than even the material things.

As Americans of Japanese ancestry, who have lived through the tragedy of evacuation and resettlement, probably better than other Americans, we know the meaning of Thanksgiving, 1954.

So let us give thanks to the Divine Spirit that guides us and our nation, and resolve that in our lives and in our living we shall ever live and work in a spirit of humble gratefulness.

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## Another Book on Evacuation

The University of California Press has just released another "documentary" on the evacuation of persons of Japanese ancestry that took place 12 years ago.

Entitled *Prejudice, War, and the Constitution*, it is authored by three members of the Speech Department.

According to newspaper announcements, it is a sweeping denunciation of President Roosevelt, the Army, then Attorney General of California but now Chief Justice of the United States Warren, the Supreme Court, and even the American people themselves for allowing this arbitrary mass internment of 110,000 human beings, two-thirds of whom were American citizens.

The writer has not had an opportunity to study this latest release, but he hopes that it will be considerably better than the first two books issued by the University of California Press on the subject of evacuation.

*The Spoilage* and *The Salvage*, both released several years ago in that order, purported to be scientific, sociological studies of phases of that wartime movement.

In this writer's opinion, neither were truly objective nor impartial. Particularly so was

## Masaoka—

\* From Front Page

lation and is quite concerned with its alleged shortcomings. He expects to confer with both United States and Japanese officials regarding its implementation in Japan.

Nisei citizenship matters will also demand his attention, particularly the problems of those who are the beneficiaries of the bill he helped to pass this summer that would allow the

expeditions naturalization of stranded Nisei who voted in the post-war elections in Japan during the period of the American Occupation.

## Vested Property

The Nisei lobbyist declared that he will also look into the problems of those whose properties in the United States were vested by the Office of Alien Property during wartime and those whose yen deposits in pre-war Japanese banks in this country were also seized by the Government. A number of in-

terested parties have retained him on a private basis to represent them in these matters.

He departs via Japan Air Lines from San Francisco, arriving in Honolulu the evening of Dec. 6. Tetsuo Oi, executive secretary of the Honolulu Japanese Chamber of Commerce, is in charge of Masaoka's program while in Hawaii. He departs Dec. 8 and arrives in Tokyo Dec. 10. Dr. Kiyoshi G. Togasaki, Nippon Times president, will arrange his Japan itinerary.



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## TOKYO TOPICS

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

## 'Nameless White Book'

Iwao Tomimoto, former San Francisco newspaperman, was the central figure in a celebration of his 70th birthday and publication of his book, "Mumei no Hakusho" (Nameless White Book), in which many outstanding Nisei leaders in America are introduced and with a discussion on how to oppose anti-Americanism in Japan.



Among those introduced are Mike Masaoka, Medal of Honor winner Hiroshi Miyamura and Judge John Aiso. Also significant is the

foreword by U.S. Vice-Pres. Richard M. Nixon. This 300-page book is extremely interesting in the presentation of Nisei problems by a former California resident to his reading public in Japan.

Tomimoto was also instrumental in paving the way for a grand welcome that was tendered Masaoka and Saburo Kido on their previous visits here.

After Tomimoto (whose pen name is Yoneyama Bokusei) returned to Japan, he was engaged in various activities but stood out in political circles without becoming a politician. His wide influence never breaks the surface. He has always advocated the Nisei cause, continuously studying Nisei activities in America in order to present the proper picture to the Japanese public.

A vigorous advocate of Japanese-American relations, he presented a priceless Buddhist scroll to Gen. Douglas MacArthur before he was recalled. Of course, MacArthur never acknowledged it in writing—probably never realizing the tremendous value of such a painting.

Although 70 years old, he appears to be a man of 60. Nobody thought he was that old until this celebration—that of "Koki no Iwai" because Japanese consider it rare for a man to reach this age.

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## Defense of Nisei

Getting back to the book, there must be many books on the Nisei published in Japanese that gives the proper perspective. So many Japanese here have a distorted notion of the worth of a Nisei. Your correspondent has even thought of writing a book in the defense of the Nisei

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## Master of ceremonies

Seiichi Sagitani, formerly with the San Francisco Nichi-Bei, was master of ceremonies at the celebration. Sagitani (Nankyo is his pen name) must be over 70 years of age, too. His lively handling at the head table lit up the whole celebration at Matsumoto-Ro in Hibiya Park. A few Nisei were present to cheer up the gathering.

## O P I N I O N S

## Bastion in the East

(Seattle Post-Intelligencer)

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Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida of Japan warned the American people (at New York) not be deceived by the communist "peace offensive" in Asia.

All Southeast Asia, he said, is a major target, and a vulnerable one, of communism, and Japan is the "ultimate prize."

To lose Japan would be a catastrophe of terrible consequences. While the United States is not likely to be deceived by a communist phony peace drive, the question is what measures can be taken to keep Japan economically, militarily and emotionally strong?

Senator Wiley, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, who spoke at the same dinner with Mr. Yoshida, came up with some concrete suggestions.

Boiled down, his recommendations were that we continue defense allocations, open the way for increased trade, support the applications of Japan, Korea, Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam for membership in the United Nations, and aid all free Asian states on a basis of cooperation among equals.

Japan is an island of 87 million people squeezed into an area the size of California. It must trade to live. Hard reality demands that we do what we can to keep her a strong and vigorous bastion against the communist drive for the East.



## ★ HONOLULU NEWSLETTER ★

## Foreign Aid Training

★ LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA ★

Significant attention on an international scale has been given Hawaii's foreign-aid trainee program and its Nisei director, Y. Baron Goto.

The program was cited as one of two recent developments in U.S. territories in the social and educational fields. The report was given by C. D. Jackson, U.S. representative in the United Nations, in a speech before the UN Committee on Information from non-self-governing territories.



Mr. Jackson said he felt the two developments—the other being the Virgin Islands' program for improvement of teaching—would be a "source of inspiration and practical value to other peoples."

The idea that Hawaii would be an excellent place for training Americans to go abroad and people from other countries coming to the United States is not new.

But this idea did not get translated into a coordinated program until the people of Hawaii organized themselves for the purpose of increasing their capacity to promote cooperation and understanding in the field of international relations.

Mr. Jackson noted carefully that the director of the Hawaii program, Mr. Goto, is of Japanese origin; its deputy director is of Chinese origin, and its secretary is Caucasian.

He also pointed out the multi-racial composition of the population as a whole—Hawaiian, part Hawaiian, Puerto Rican, Chinese, Japanese, Caucasian, Korean, Filipino and other races.

He said the Caucasian percentage of the total population is "only 15.3 per cent."

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## Hawaii: an inspiring example

"We believe that Hawaii presents to people on the American mainland as well as those from abroad an inspiring example of how peoples of different ethnic origins can learn to live and work happily together; of how social understanding can be enhanced as social prejudices are removed.

"In this respect, we believe that Hawaii has a significant contribution to make to international understanding because of the nearness of its people in culture, thought and ancestry to peoples of many other countries."

Hawaii, he emphasized, has launched "a very sound investment in the great cause for which the United Nations was established."

The Hawaii program got its real start when Gov. Samuel Wilder King appointed a Foreign Aid Trainee Program Committee, composed of representatives of the Territorial government, the Univ. of Hawaii and the business community.

With the assistance of an Interior Department official, the Committee developed a program in conjunction with the Foreign Operations Administration, the Federal agency under Harold E. Stassen.

The program, financed with Federal and Territorial funds, was put under management of Y. Baron Goto, formerly Associate Director of the Univ. of Hawaii Agricultural Extension Service.

Goto had initial experience with Asians seeking technical assistance when they stopped over in Hawaii, often unexpectedly, and called upon the University to "show them around" local farms and plantations.

Because there was no formal arrangement in the early days, the visitors were a burden upon local specialists like Goto, who dropped their routine duties in order to assist the visitors.

Now the training program has been formalized, with Goto and his small staff giving full attention to the visiting Asians.

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## International Cooperation Center

Under the name of the International Cooperation Center, the program enables Asians to study our language and to be briefed on such matters as American customs, money, transportation, foods, living conditions, etc., while visiting territorial and municipal offices, court sessions, trade union headquarters, sugar plantations, canning factories, and city and farm homes.

Long-term training and observation programs are contemplated, utilizing the excellent training facilities available in Hawaii in the fields of health, education, agriculture, including agricultural extension and plantation health and management, public administration, business and vocational education.

In the four months period from June through September, the International Cooperation Center served 305 individuals from 18 countries who altogether spent 1,590 man-days in Hawaii under the auspices of the Center.

Mr. Jackson's accolade is stated as follows:

"Knowledge of worthwhile action of this sort should become increasingly wide-spread . . . there is a very real opportunity to exchange information and to gain an appreciation of constructive developments which are taking place in many countries. Such developments demonstrate the important principles of cooperation and good-neighborliness . . ."



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Some of the JACLers of the Pacific Northwest attending the first official reception of the new consul from Japan, Shigezo Yoshikawa, at Seattle include (left to right) Mrs. Toru Sakahara, Mrs. James Matsuoka, James Matsuoka, Mrs. George S. Kashiwagi, George S. Kashiwagi (Seattle JACL president), Consul Yoshikawa, Bob Mizukami (Puyallup Valley JACL president), Mrs. Yoshikawa, Paul Kashino and Mrs. Kashino and Toru Sakahara.

—Elmer Ogawa Photo.

## Naturalization court goes to bedside of dying Turlock Issei; wife sworn in same day at Merced County court

## Merced

The dying wish of a 77-year-old rural Turlock man for citizenship in the country which he has resided in and loved for 45 years was granted Wednesday, last week.

Merced County Superior Judge Gregory P. Maushart, Naturalization Examiner J. S. Hemmer, and Deputy County Clerk Helen Damos drove to the Cortez District farm home of Hachizo Kajioka to bestow American citizenship upon him.

Kajioka was to have been the 61st member of one of the largest groups ever to be naturalized in this county at a single ceremony that day.

Last summer he had attended naturalization classes in Turlock and, after hard study, had been pronounced qualified for citizenship by Hemmer.

But Kajioka is suffering from cancer. Twice in recent weeks

he has undergone major surgery and he is now bedfast.

## Crestfallen

Relatives said the dying man was crestfallen when he learned that he would be unable to make the trip to Merced for Wednesday's naturalization ceremonies.

But when Hammer informed Judge Maushart of the situation, the judge readily agreed to make the trip to Kajioka's Cortez District home.

Said a son: "My father was very pleased when he learned that the judge and naturalization officials would be so very kind as to come all the way to his home to make him an American citizen."

The naturalization rites were conducted in the bedroom of the Cortez fruit-grower.

## Race With Death

And for Kajioka, the attainment of his goal was a victory in a grim race with death. Doctors have informed the family that the elderly man cannot survive the cancer and they give him only a few weeks—possibly a month—to live.

Members of the family say that Kajioka has been aware of the seriousness of his condition and that this knowledge in-

creased his determination to become a citizen of his beloved United States before his limited time on earth elapsed.

Kajioka was born in Fukui prefecture, Japan.

But the son said that since coming to this country his father never returned to his native land—not even for a visit.

"He always thought of himself as an American, and he loved this wonderful country very much," the son added.

## His Wife, Too

The 60 other foreign-born Merced County residents who became citizens of the United States included Kajioka's wife, Riu, and many of his Cortez District friends and neighbors of Japanese ancestry.

The 60 heard short talks from Judge Maushart and State Sen.-Elect James A. Cobey, a past district commander of the American Legion, on the obligations and rights of American citizens.

Cobey did not make the trip to the Kajioka home to speak to the dying man.

He explained: "From what I know of Mr. Kajioka, he does not need any lectures from me or anyone else on the true meaning of democracy and Americanism. He knows."

## IN HONOR OF

Airman 1/c Jimmy T. Izu, native of Honolulu, was cited as "Distinguished Airman of the Month" at Wright Patterson AFB, Dayton. A member of the 2750 Hospital Sq., he was regarded as "asset to the Air Force and the physiological training unit, not only for his knowledge of the work itself, but also for his quick thinking (he was credited with saving the life of a fellow airman)." He and his wife are Dayton JACLers.



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## Chicago Corner

SMOKY SAKURADA

● "It is to Chicago's credit that always—no matter where they came from—immigrants within two or three generations were accepted into the community as full-fledged Americans," declared Univ. of



Chicago sociologist Philip M. Hauser at a meeting of clergy men studying inter-group relations . . . Tracing the history of foreign-born immigration

to Chicago, he named the Negroes as the "modern substitute for foreign-born immigrants". He predicted up to 800,000 Negroes in Chicago by 1960, and that Los Angeles may nose out Chicago as the second largest American city by then . . . Slow-up in growth was regarded optimistically. "When you slow up, it is easier to catch your breath and face some of your problems squarely. Among these problems for Chicago are slums, blight and intergroup relations," he said.

### 10th anniversary . . .

● A large crowd attended Chicago JACL's 10th anniversary dinner-dance last Saturday at the Shoreland Hotel. Dr. Homer Jack, minister of the Evanston Unitarian Church, and guest speaker, pointed out the evils of internment of Japanese Americans in 1942, "but there was some good out of evil such as the relocation of Japanese Americans to Chicago".

Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa of the First Baptist Church was awarded the silver JACL medalion for "distinguished community leadership" by Dr. Randolph M. Sakada, past National JACL President and chairman of the National JACL Recognition Committee in charge of the Nisei of the Biennium commendations.

Noboru Honda and Dr. George Hiura were presented JACL sapphire pins for loyal service . . . Special chapter service awards were given to Harry Mizuno, Mas Nakagawa, Louise Suski and Smoky Sakurada.

● Harold Gordon, past national 1000 Club chairman, presented his skit: "This Is Your Life—Chicago JACL" with Fumiko Iwatsuki, who was 1950 chapter queen. Singing songs in the skit were Abe and Mike Hagiwara, Lincoln Shimidzu and Gordon . . . Dr. Sakada emceed the dinner. Kumeo Yoshinari, chapter president; Harry K. Shigeta, noted Issei photographer; and Tabei Matsunaga, ADC leader, spoke . . . Dr. Benedict Mayers emceed at the dance intermission which featured the "Three Tunes" (Jennie Knutson, Sandy Olrich, Pat Lydill) from suburban Blue Island and Vernon Duncan and his dancing troupe . . . Dr. T. T. Yatabe installed the 1955 officers (see Nov. 19 PC), witnessed by many community leaders. Abe Hagiwara and his committee are to be congratulated for the gigantic affair.

### MDC meeting . . .

● Prior to the 10th anniversary dinner-dance, Harry Takagi, Midwest District Council chairman held an executive session with Fred Ohno, Stannie Kumagai, Dr. Ike Ijima (Twin Cities), Dr. Mas Omoto (St. Louis), Bob Fujita (Cleveland), Mary Oura (Milwaukee), Min Togasaki (Detroit), Joe Mori (Dayton) and Dr. James Takao (Cincinnati).

### About people . . .

● James Ogata, only Nisei photographic supplier here, has opened new quarters for Tri-angle Camera, 3445 N. Broadway. He hails from Hawaii via Los Angeles. Wife is former Jennie Hirakawa, Gallup, N.M. They have three children: Evelyn, Michael and Katherine.

# 14TH BIENNIAL AT SUN VALLEY, IDAHO?

## Ogden

Prospects of the 1956 National JACL Convention at Sun Valley, Idaho, outside of winter season, are being considered by a special committee which will report at the IDC meeting here Nov. 28.

Jimmy Ushio, IDC chairman last week announced that the committee was composed of Bill Yamauchi (Pocatello), Alice Kasai (Salt Lake City), and Ken Uchida (Ogden). If approved, the convention will be sponsored jointly by the eight chapters of the Intermountain District.

Chairman Ushio states that the entire facilities of Sun Valley would be available to put on the convention. Sun Valley offers the utmost with reasonable cost. Special con-

vention rates would be available. Within the valley the recreational and hotel facilities are arranged compactly with all activities and conveniences within easy access to the convention locale.

## Family Vacationland

Sun Valley is located at 6,000 feet altitude and the climate is dry, exhilarating and healthful. Hay fever sufferers find the air remarkably free from irritating pollens, Ushio continued.

Sun Valley lends itself for entire families to attend the convention. A children's playground including slides, merry-go-rounds, swings, and pile, with an experienced supervisor in charge is available.

Parents may leave their

children in the supervisor's care throughout the day at no charge. "Sitters" are available for children's care in the evening at 75 cents an hour.

Facilities to hold the National Council sessions, luncheons, banquets, dances and barbecues, are more than sufficient. Recreational facilities cannot be surpassed. For golfers a nine-hole course with 18 tees is available. Six modern bowling alleys are conveniently located in the Sun Valley Lodge. Swimming, horseback riding, trout fishing and ice skating are available.

## Ideal Locale

Ushio states that he feels that the location of Sun Valley—almost 800 miles from San Francisco, Seattle and

Denver—makes the site ideal to hold a National Convention. The facilities would definitely not be "back to the sticks in '56", if the convention is held at Sun Valley.

National Director Masao Satow of San Francisco, will attend the IDC meeting. Satow has notified the IDC chairman that bids for the 1956 National Convention are open for six months after the Los Angeles Convention held last September. He further stated that no bids have been received to date.

The National Board of the JACL will consider all bids and was empowered by the National Council to make the decision as to the location of the next National JACL Convention.

## CHAPTER MEMO

**Sacramento JACL:** A potluck supper honored new Issei citizens of the Sacramento valley last week at the Masonic Temple. Toko Fujii was chairman of the preparation committee; Dean Itano, m.c.

**Selma JACL:** George Abe's 28 lb.-9½ oz. catch was the best catch at the chapter fishing derby Nov. 17 at Frank's Tract.

**Parlier JACL:** Jerry Ogata's 26 lb.-¾ oz. striped bass was No. 1 in the chapter fishing derby at Frank's Tract last week.

**San Francisco JACL:** The women's auxiliary Christmas party will be held Dec. 4, 8 p.m., at the American Friends Center, 1830 Sutter St., it was announced by Sumi Utsumi and Sawae Fukumori, co-chairmen. All are invited to enjoy card games, singing, folk and social dancing. Daisy Uyeda is in charge of games and entertainment . . . New Auxiliary officers are to be elected Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m., at Booker T. Washington Center.

**Detroit JACL:** Various activities being sponsored by the chapter of late include a bridge group meeting on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at International Institute, 8-11 p.m., with Bob Seriguchi chairing and assisted by Mrs. Mary Seriguchi . . . Taizo Kokubo and Mrs. Kenji Horiuchi assisting will teach another citizenship class beginning this Sunday, 1 p.m. at International Institute . . . A Japanese booth was sponsored at the Old World Market, held annually at the International Institute, Nov. 18-21. Tom Tagami and Setsu Fujioka were co-chairmen.

**Fort Lupton JACL:** John Fujii, treasurer, recently reported that \$300.73 was sent to National JACL Headquarters toward its 1954 budget of \$540 for chapter. As the oldest chapter in the Mountain Plains JACL district, the Fort Lupton Chapter through its president Sam Koshio, and other leaders including Frank Yamaguchi, John Kiyota, Jack Tshura, Floyd Koshio, and other have wholeheartedly supported the JACL program.

## Sud Kimoto to head Detroit chapter

### Detroit

Sud Kimoto will head the 1955 cabinet of the Detroit JACL, following the election meeting held Nov. 13 at International Institute, it was announced by Wally Kagawa, election chairman.

Assisting him are: Mrs. Miyo O'Neill, 1st v.p.; Dr. Ted Kokubo, 2nd v.p.; Mrs. Betty Mimura, 3rd v.p.; Wilson Yamauchi, treas.; Mrs. Toshi Shimoura, rec. sec.; Helen Kubota, cor. sec.; Mrs. Mary Seriguchi, hist.; Kay Miyay, pub. dir.; Mrs. R. Ikeda, Yo Kasai, Mae Miyagawa, Kay Takata, memb.-at-lrg.

The meeting was concluded with dancing and box lunches. Mrs. Irene Hatate was in charge.

## BURGLAR BREAKS IN HOUSE AS SALESMAN

### Denver

Posing as a real estate salesman, a burglar gained entry into the home of Mrs. Zenyemon Sato, 2221 Lawrence, followed her into the house then wrapped a bed spread over her head. Passing out with fright, she regained consciousness later to discover jewelry and cash amounting to \$700 were missing.

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## Idaho Falls to fete cabinet, citizens

### Idaho Falls

Newly naturalized citizens and 1955 Idaho Falls JACL chapter officers are to be honored at the Nov. 30 banquet at Jack's Chicken Inn.

The chapter, which sponsored citizenship classes since last February, will honor 35 who were part of some 50 sworn in Nov. 19 at dramatic rites held at the local Civic Auditorium. Thirty-three are Issei parents of local JACLers, the other two are warbrides, Judge Henry S. Martin presided.

George Tokita is the new chapter president.

## APPOINTMENTS

FOR MASAO SATOW, National JACL Director  
Nov. 27-28: IDC meeting, Ben Lowmond Hotel, Ogden, Utah.  
Dec. 5: CCDC meeting, Hacienda Motel, Fresno.

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## ★ SCENE FROM THE GOLDEN GATE ★

## Fair Employment

HARUO ISHIMARU

At the invitation of the California Federation for Civic Unity, I attended the state-wide meeting to consider California Fair Employment Practices legislation for 1955. Representatives of minority group, civil rights and labor organizations met at the American Friends Service Center in San Francisco with IRVING ROSENBLATT, president of the CFCU presiding.

It was unanimously agreed that there be a coordinated effort towards the establishment of FEP legislation in California. A state-wide executive committee has been appointed to begin immediately upon planning the strategy towards a successful legislative endeavor. One of the highlighting items on the overall program will be a mobilization to be held in Sacramento by the CFCU and the associated organizations.

The Nisei and the Issei have been enjoying greater prosperity than ever before in their history and they have tended to deemphasize the necessity for FEP concern, and indeed, it is a controversial subject.

However, the plea for equality in employment cannot be debated and it is the purpose of the JACL to help to create a speedy establishment of these rights for ourselves and for other minority group people.

We commend the CFCU for calling our attention to this necessary item of legislation.

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## Out of gas on a lonely highway

At the invitation of the Richfield Oil Co., we attended a dinner meeting where we were impressed with the necessity for conserving oil, not only in California, but nationally. In this machine age, I guess we merely take for granted that gasoline and oil for our automobiles are inexhaustible. However, we were made aware that unless intelligent mining practices are developed and enforced, we may lose as much as 60 per cent of our potential reserves. This problem is a serious one and especially understandable when one had trudged a couple of miles for gas on some lonely highway.

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## San Francisco CL mixer

The San Francisco Chapter sponsored a combined business meeting and a mixer last Friday night under the chairmanship of FRED HOSHIYAMA. I was invited to join in the festivities by leading songs.

Following the short business session presided over by prexy, JERRY ENOMOTO, the meeting was given over to relaxation and enjoyment with dancing, games and refreshments.

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## Issei banquet at Sacramento

Our congratulations to the Sacramento Chapter for their banquet last Saturday honoring new Issei citizens. The Sacramento Chapter has done an exceptionally good job working on the citizenship program, not only for Sacramento, but also in establishing rapport with the Sacramento Office of Immigration and Naturalization for the benefit of the Issei in the many communities in that general area.

The Sacramento Chapter is one of our largest and most important because of its location in our State Capitol. Our thanks to TOKO FUJII, chapter prexy, to BILL MATSUMOTO and GUNJI MIZUTANI, who are recent executive board members of our District Council, and other officers and members of the Chapter for keeping things hopping in Sacramento.

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## Nevada's lone JACL outpost: Reno

Accompanied by GEORGE NISHITA, past chairman of our District Council, I visited our most distant chapter in Reno, Nevada. Under the arrangement of FRED AOYAMA, chapter president, we met with over forty Issei and Nisei leaders at a very delightful dinner. Nishita extended greetings and congratulations in Japanese to the new Issei citizens. I had the pleasure of addressing a few remarks to our members in Reno, many of whom I met for the first time.

Reno is not only the most distant chapter (from San Francisco), but it is also one of our smaller chapters. According to the 1950 U.S. Census, there are less than 400 Japanese Americans scattered in the whole state of Nevada with about 150 in and around Reno. Despite its small size, population-wise, our Reno Chapter is one of our most important ones in terms of our national program since it is the only chapter in the State of Nevada. It is necessary for them to be our legislative watchdogs in the State for both national and local problems. We have 51 chapters in California to work on various congressmen. In Nevada there is only one and although it may be true that they are fewer congressmen overall; nevertheless, they have two senators just as California.

In fact, the greatest champion of the Japanese American in the Congress of the United States was the late Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada, co-author of the law that made it possible for Issei to receive their well-deserved citizenship and which set up an immigration quota for Japanese for the first time in American history.

This year OSCAR FUJII has been elected to the District Council executive board and between Oscar and Fred, we have maintained our contacts with this very important little chapter.

Assisting in planning the dinner besides Fred and Oscar were MAS BABA, EUNICE OSHIMA, TUFFY YASUDA, HENRY HATTORI, and MABLE DATE. Two Issei, M. NISHIGUCHI and I. OSHIMA, spoke in behalf of the Issei and thanked the local chapter as well as our national organization for our continued efforts in behalf of all Japanese Americans.

Our thanks to the Reno chapter and its members and especially to FRED AOYAMA for a very pleasant trip and for their good work in maintaining our outpost in the State of Nevada.

2 CONGRESSMEN  
TO ADDRESS CCDC  
DEC. 5 BANQUET

Fresno

Rep. Harlan Hagen (D., Calif.) and Rep.-elect B. F. Sisk (D., Calif.) will be main speakers at the forthcoming Central California District Council conference banquet, Sunday, Dec. 5 at the Hacienda Motel.

Dr. George Miyake, conference chairman, added the final committee meeting preparing for the annual event will be held Nov. 30.

Cabinet officers of the eight chapters of the CCDC are to be jointly installed at the banquet.

Conference sessions begin in the early afternoon, closing with a dance after the banquet. Issei have been invited to attend.

Nominees for the CCDC cabinet, as announced by Jin Ishikawa of Fresno, are as follows:

Hiro Mayeda (Dinuba), Seiichi Mikami (Fresno), chmn.; George Abe (Slema), Mike Iwatsubo (Fresno), 1st v.p.; Kaz Komoto (Parlier), Joe Katano (Delano), Toru Ikeda (Reedley), 2nd v.p.; Tom Nagamatsu (Del Rey), Ken Yamamoto (Selma), treas.; Toshi Koda, hist.; Thomas Toyama, pub.; Toy Hoshiko, Michi Ikeda, Ethel Otomo, sec.

Gunman foiled in  
attempt to rob  
\$2,000 in Sac'to

Sacramento

A gun fight Monday night last week has one Takeo Matsumoto in a critical condition. The Sacramento Bee described the scuffle as a "tangled story of vengeance, climaxed by a murder plot and a life-and-death gun fight."

George Hiroyoshi Tsuda, manager of the Nisei Club with offices at 75 Japan Alley, was taking a large amount of money from the club to his office next door when he was accosted by Matsumoto, a former partner.

Detectives were told by Tsuda that he was ordered by Matsumoto to count out \$2,000 and write a suicide note as directed. While dictating, he put the gun in his pocket. Tsuda then asked if he could go to the restroom and Matsumoto consented.

As Tsuda brushed past, he grabbed for the gun with one hand and hit Matsumoto's arm with the other. The gun bounced across the floor, Tsuda related.

Both dived for it, but Tsuda got there first. Without straightening up to aim, ants said Matsumoto has a pos-shot struck Matsumoto's leg but he did not fall. Two more shots were fired and he fell. Tsuda then bashed him on the head with the gun. Hospital attendants said Matsumoto has a possible skull fracture.

Detectives identified Matsumoto as a former employee of the benevolent society, quitting two months ago. On Wednesday night, the robbery suspect died.

A full deathbed confession was made by Matsumoto, admitting his intentions of killing his intended victim, before he died Wednesday, police said.

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Among the 150 Pasadena area Issei citizens and citizens-to-be recently honored by the Pasadena JACL dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Kanegoro Suzuki, 84 and 77 years of age, respectively. The oldest couple present that evening, the Kanagawa-born pioneer came to America in 1897, lived in San Francisco before moving south to Pasadena in 1918. His wife came in 1908. They worked as cook and maid in private homes and at chop suey restaurants until they retired in 1950. During the war years, they were evacuated to Gila River WRA Center. They are parents of five sons and two daughters. The eldest son, a Cal-tech graduate, is a Mitsubishi representative in Pittsburgh; another son is president of a girls' school in Tokyo; their daughters are married and reside in New York and Chicago. —Shin Nishi Bei Photo.

17 Issei naturalized  
at Portland ceremonies

Portland

New citizens who came from 32 different nations—including a group of 17 Japanese-born—were hailed following naturalization ceremonies on Veterans Day in the court of U.S. District Judge Claude McColloch.

Rev. Arthur M. Collins of Hood River served as interpreter for the Japanese during the Oath of Allegiance.

The new citizens include: Yoshio Joe Inouye, Hood Sadaji Shioji, Teruo Jimmie Kondo, Yasuharu Osuga, William Minoru Koda, Takashi James Osaki George Kosuke Ito, Aya Nishino, Hikoichi John Katada, Masajiro Tom Sasaki, Nobuyoshi Kay Toyooka Edna Etsu Abe, Shigeji Ohashi, Suya Kuroda, Masuji Urata, Suya Hara, Giichi Tsuji, Waki Nigo, Umeyo Uno, Yoshika Maeda, Omoto Minami, Shigeru Aoki, Tsuruyo Aoki, Masaru Sakurai, Fukiye Naito, Kame Urata, Kuni Kitayama, Masue Oba, Yoshisuke Oba, Tamiyo Ochial and Jukichi Kawano.

Arizona JACL to honor  
Issei citizens Dec. 3

Glendale, Ariz.

Announcement was made last week by John Tadano and Tom Kadomoto, co-chairmen, of the long planned banquet to honor new Issei citizens Dec. 3, 6:30 p.m., at the JACL Hall here.

Issei among new citizens  
naturalized in St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo.

Twelve Issei were among 300 new citizens sworn in during Veterans Day naturalization ceremonies here. It marked the end of several months of classes sponsored by the St. Louis JACL.

The newly naturalized were: Dr. M. Honda, Mrs. T. Ema, Mrs. K. Mitori, Mrs. Y. Carpenter, Mrs. K. Spencer, Mrs. A. Arimura, Fred Miyasaka, Mrs. R. Miyasaka, T. Inouye, Mrs. M. Kawanishi, T. Sakaguchi and Mrs. Tsuchiya.

Assisting in preparations were: Paul Maruyama, Jean Kawanishi, George Hasegawa and Dan Sakahara.

13 Cleveland Issei  
naturalized en masse

Cleveland

A throng of 2,043 immigrants—including 13 from Japan—burst into applause at becoming American citizens at impressive Veterans Day ceremonies at the Public Music Hall.

They began clapping as Federal Judge Emerich B. Freed pronounced them citizens. The Cleveland JACL reported the following Issei were naturalized:

Ainosuke Ichida, K. Kitahata, T. Konishi, Kei Matsuo McMillin, K. Sakamoto, Yoneko K. Satow, Mary K. Sumii Frank T. Tanaka, Makiko Tanaka, Mitsuo Tanji, Toyo Yamamoto, Frank K. Yatsu and W. T. Yamazaki.

## Naturalization exams

Denver

Syril I. Shraiberg, chief examiner for the Denver office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, called 8 more Issei for final processing of their naturalization petitions last week.

Volunteer interpreters obtained to assist the giving of examinations and in interviews were Sus Matsumoto and Fred I. Kaihara.

The local JACL office, which has assisted in the coordination of interpreters, noted that local volunteers have given many hundreds of hours of free service to assist the Issei obtain citizenship in the Denver area, and particularly noted that Fred I. Kaihara, publisher of The Colorado Times, not only has conducted citizenship classes, but since acquiring U.S. citizenship has been very active in assisting in the naturalization program.

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## Ty Saito's suggestion for Olympic benefit grid game counter-proposed

**San Francisco**  
Iwao Kawakami, columnist for the San Francisco Nichibei Times, last week scored John Ty Saito's suggestion of a collegiate football game for the benefit of the 1956 U.S. Olympic fund.

UCLA alumnus Saito had wired the President to suggest a game between UCLA and Oklahoma in mid-December to raise money for the American Olympic team. Writes Kawakami:

"Although it may seem odd to ask professional athletes to help the amateurs, Saito's suggestion might have a better chance of succeeding if he could get the professional football league to donate a share of the gate of one of the top games for this altogether worthy purpose. After all, all the pro grid-ders were amateurs at one time and they might not be hostile to the idea of helping out the Olympic team.

"What's wrong with asking Commissioner Bert Bell of the National Professional Football league if a portion of the championship game (which would be a definite sell-out) between the Eastern and Western division winners could not be set aside for this purpose?

"Another thing, since most of the Olympic athletes are col-

lege students, why couldn't ALL U.S. colleges be asked to raise Olympic funds by having benefit games, dances and entertainments? Surely, that is a better method than asking persons like Bing Crosby and Bob Hope to do the lion's share of fund raising by appealing to the public."

## 30 teams vying for IDC bowling prizes

**Ogden**

Approximately 30 teams from Oregon, Idaho and Utah are expected to enter the three-day Intermountain District JACL bowling tournament here Nov. 26-28 at the Paramount Alleys. Toyse Kato, Ben Lomond (Ogden) JACL chapter president, is tournament chairman.

Jointly sponsored by the JACL and Ogden Nisei Bowling League, competition is open to both men and women in singles, doubles, all-events and teams. Up to \$2,000 in prizes and trophies are being offered.

Ace Morimoto, 1953 all-events champion from Pocatello, heads the lineup of bowlers. The 1953 championship teams, the men's team from Pocatello and the women's squad from Salt Lake City, are also entered, according to Kato.

The tournament is under moral-support sanctions of the ABC and WIBC, making mandatory membership in the JACL.

Awards are to be made at the dinner-dance to be held Saturday evening at the Crystal Ballroom in the Ben Lomond Hotel.

## SPORTSCOPE

### Baseball

The Chicago Cubs, it appears, are set for 1955. Last week, the baseball commissioners office announced that Yosh Kawano, formerly of Los Angeles, the Cub's property man, had signed his contract for the next year.

### Football

Following the end of the season, the teammates of half-back Mitsuo Yokota of Orphir elected him honorary captain of the Placer Union High School junior varsity team.

### Bowling

Chiyo Tashima, leading Nisei woman bowler in the country, finished in sixth place in the match game championships and failed to qualify by a half game for one of the five spots in the Southern California team competing in the Chicago nationals, Jan. 14-23.

## 4-day fishing derby planned by Placer JACL

**Loomis**

Placer County JACL's annual fishing derby, Nov. 25-28, is being limited to striped bass this year, caught anywhere with rod & reel, it was stated by Mac Makishima, derby chairman.

Daily weigh-in services will be provided by Jiggs Naito at his Penryn Pastime until 9 p.m. each day. With ten grand prize offered, biggest haul of each of the four-day derby will also win. Open to both men and women, participants must pay a \$2 entry fee.

## Spectacular car accident severs telephone services

**Ontario, Ore**

A multiple automobile accident at the junction of U.S. Hwys. 30 and 95 north of here recently disrupted telephone service in the Oregon Slope community.

George Hironaka was driving a truck hauling sugar beets south on Hwy. 30, followed by an automobile driven by Joe Mitsunaga of Salt Lake City. Apparently attempting to pass the truck, Mitsunaga sideswiped the truck at the turn of the highway, according to Oregon state police reports.

After sideswiping the truck, the car swerved to the left, knocking down a telephone pole, loosening a cable that was caught by an oncoming semi-truck trailer. Another automobile tangled with the cable. Portions of the telephone pole flew into the air and struck gasoline pumps at the intersection service station.

Mitsunaga's car, after hitting the pole, collided with a parked car and then rolled over three times landing right side up. He was treated for cracked ribs at Holy Rosary hospital and released the following morning.

## ISSEI ROBBED TWICE BY SAME MAN IN WEEK

**Cleveland**

Robbed for the second time in a week, Keitsu Kono, 72, gave up \$1 to a gunman who tied him up in his home two weeks ago.

Kono, a Japanese who is studying for his American citizenship, told police the same man took a purse containing \$60 from his house Nov. 5.

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# Old Age Pension

TATS KUSHIDA

Now that naturalized Issei are eligible for state (California) old age pensions, non-citizenship barring them up to now, you might expect them to apply for this source of income in droves. Such, we believe, will not be the case.

The Japanese, our parent generation at any rate, are a proud group. When they emigrated to these shores, one of their foremost pledges was never to become a burden to their newly adopted land. They felt so strongly about this that it was considered a personal stigma to become a public charge. That's why pre-war (WW2) records throughout the country will show that Japanese had the lowest percentage of any group receiving public assistance. In many communities, there weren't any on the relief rolls.

Their wartime evacuation and involuntary residence in relocation camps gave them their first experience of becoming government wards. Little did they realize then of the economic hardships that awaited many of them when the camps were closed.

The pre-war absence of Japanese receiving public aid was due to the ability of friends and relatives to look after the needy. The now-enfeebled Issei bachelor was then still in the prime of life and constituted a vigorous source of labor for farms and mines.

This self-economy of the Japanese communities, shattered by evacuation, has never been and probably never will be restored.

With relocation camps closed, many aged Japanese, the ill, the indigent, particularly those with large families, for the first time in their lives found themselves without means of support.

Reluctantly, and with varying degrees of embarrassment and shame, the needy Japanese accepted the assistance offered them by county bureaus of public assistance. There was no other recourse. Notwithstanding the fact that these indigent folks are just as entitled to public assistance as anyone else, there has been some feeling of guilt in accepting it.

In some respects, this is a highly commendable attitude. From the standpoint of eligibility, it is an unfounded one.

Until recently, this attitude prevailed even concerning Social Security old age insurance benefits. Fortunately, most Issei by now recognize that social security payments are not simply federal government relief subsidies but rather a return for something for which they had actually made payment out of their earnings—insurance, no less.

What concerns the Sou'wester is that Issei citizens might transfer this reluctance and sense of guilt over to receiving old age pension benefits. We hope not, for the old age pension is definitely not public assistance in any manner or means. It is a form of support income to which they are justly entitled as are other citizens.

Of course California, as do other states, has a law which requires responsible relatives such as adult children to contribute to the support of those in need. This law may be of help to some of the aged Issei for the Japanese virtue of filial piety hasn't rubbed off onto all Nisei.

An even larger concern is that, it seems to us at least, the majority of the Issei who need old age pensions to subsist may remain disqualified because of their non-citizen status. Illness, infirmity or other circumstances prevent many oldsters from attending Americanization classes to prepare for their naturalization exams. A relaxation of the citizenship requirement in the law would extend deserved benefits to this group.

We had a talk this week with Robert Kruger who used to be with the welfare department at Manzanar Relocation Center. He is now with the Calif. Dept. of Social Welfare. He gave us some info which relate to old age pensions so we pass it on to those who might make use of it.

In addition to being American citizens, recipients of old age pensions must have resided in California for five out of the past nine years including the full years immediately preceding the date of application. Payments begin from age 65. The maximum monthly payment under the law is \$80. If there are other sources of income support such as Social Security old age insurance benefits, they are deducted from the \$80.

Recipients are permitted to possess up to \$3,500 county assessed value in real property while personal property including cash cannot exceed \$1,200 per person or \$2,000 per couple. Special cases such as unusual medical needs will be met.

While this is a state-financed program, it is administered by the various counties, in Los Angeles by the county's Bureau of Public Assistance at whose offices applications are to be made.

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## Handwriting on the wall

The recent JACL benefit movie sponsored by the Gardena Valley chapter was a financial as well as entertaining success, reports YO MINAMI, president. The local community center hall was packed both evenings last weekend. In typical Issei style, names of contributors and amounts donated were written in Japanese with sumi-brush on large paper sheets and prominently displayed on the walls, a device that seemed to help augment the coffers.

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## More Issei shimin

The chapters of the L.A. coordinating council under chairman Mack Hamaguchi this past Monday assisted nearly 50 Issei file their N-400 petitions for naturalization. We'll credit the volunteers helpers in this column when space permits next week.

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## More Holiday Issue chapters

Apologies to San Diego for omitting them last week. They've been right on the ball with PC ads the past few weeks. Other chapters sending in Holiday Issue greetings during the week are Fort Lupton, Detroit, Mid-Columbia, Pasadena, St. Louis, San Jose, Selma, Tulare County, Salt Lake City, Idaho Falls, Downtown Los Angeles, Richmond-El Cerrito and East Los Angeles.

Remember, Nov. 30 is the deadline (drop your ads in the mailbox on midnight, Nov. 30, airmail-special delivery to us and it will be okay).

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# Bedside Swear-In

By HENRY MORI

On the eve of Thanksgiving Day, a bedridden Issei whose lifetime ambition was to become an American citizen was afforded an opportunity to see his dream come true.

Jehinosuke Omatsu, 66, from Shizuoka came to the United States 41 years ago. He and his wife, Sato, from Tokyo, have four sons, all of whom served in World War II, and a daughter. More than a year ago, alien Omatsu passed his tests for naturalization. But somehow it was his wife who received her papers first. She was sworn in July 17, 1953.

It was then that the Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion, where his sons are active members, took up the initiative to quicken the day when Omatsu could call himself a citizen of these United States.

But soon his health failed and when his notice to appear at the Hollywood Bowl in conjunction with the nation-wide mass naturalization ceremony on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, his doctor forbade him to get off his bed. Arrangements were even made to get him there in an ambulance but all efforts gave way to his ill health.

Former assistant U.S. attorney James Mitsumori, now practicing in Li'l Tokio, explained the situation to Federal Judge Peirson M. Hall who presided at the Hollywood Bowl ceremonies.

In a very rare setup, working through Ray Griffin, Los Angeles chief of Nationality Section, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Mitsumori was able to "move" the Federal court—Judge Hall and his staff—for an hour to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Omatsu for a bedside naturalization ceremony.

Witnesses included the Omatsu brothers Frank, George, Hoover, and sister Grace. Paul, who is a teacher at Pacoima Junior High School, was not able to leave his classes for the rites.

★ It says here in small print that 32 hungry males bid for 29 attractively-ribboned box lunches during an East Los Angeles JACL auction social last Saturday night at the International Institute, to raise \$173 for the Christmas Cheer project. That's \$5.40 dinner per couple. The girls donated the food and their culinary talent.

We won't be particular about who got starved out but the chapter is to be commended for a splendid benefit and a successful entertainment program.

★ Dental profession in Japan, especially in the field of orthodontia, is far from being up to date.

During his recent visit here, Dr. Masaru Suzuki of the Nippon University dental college expressed his views on the matter, admitting that facilities and knowledge are lacking—and practice is at least 20 years behind time.

Dr. George Nagamoto, orthodontist, who has his practice in Li'l Tokio with his son Kenneth, met Dr. Suzuki last spring. From their conversation, dental students and medical men in Japan have profited greatly.

Dr. Nagamoto, onetime faculty member at the Univ. of Kansas and now on a teaching staff at USC, donated nearly five years' accumulation of the Journal of American Dental Association, covering the period between January, 1950, and November, 1954 for their use.

★ Blindness is no handicap for Hiromu Ishino, 26, who has just been promoted as head of the X-ray unit at Kaiser Foundation Hospital. Six months ago, Ishino, blind since birth, applied for the job of technician through the Los Angeles Rehabilitation Center.

Today he supervises the work of five laboratory men, processing more than 500 negatives per day. But his ambition does not stop there. He is hard at study on electronics and radio, his main hobbies through the only Braille periodical of its kind, the Braille Technical Press.

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## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

#### LOS ANGELES

BERRIOS—Sept. 25, a boy Brian to the Angel Berrios (Sumio Shimano).

CUNNINGHAM—Sept. 18, a boy Eugene to the Richard W. Cunningham (Chiyoe Kikugawa).

FUJITAKI—Sept. 12, a boy Norman Isamu to the Henry Motohiko Fujitaki (Kiyo Hikida), Pasadena.

GRAHAM—Sept. 17, a boy to the Leed Grams (Hideko Nakaoji).

HIRAMI—Sept. 2, a boy Donald Alan to the Kenneth Noritoshi Hiramis (Hideko Kamatani), Venice.

HONGO—Sept. 12, a boy Raymond Minoru to the Eas Hongos (Miyoko Yokota).

INABA—Sept. 14, a girl Susan Emiko to the Yoshito Ralph Inabas (Miyoko Sakaguchi).

INADOMI—Sept. 17, a boy Kenneth David to the Yoshiharu Inadomi (Ruth Kimiko Fukuto).

INOUE—Sept. 22, a boy David Alan to the Harry Matsuchi Inoues (Tomoko Frances Nomura), Venice.

ISHIDA—Sept. 2, a girl Julie Anne to the JJoe Ishidas (Chiyoko Mitada).

KAMAI—Sept. 29, a boy Steven Tatsuo to the Susumu Kamais (Kiyo Hori), Pacoima.

KIM—Sept. 22, a girl Toni Lei to the Larry Kiong Ho Kims (Harriet Teruko Isa).

KOBAYASHI—Sept. 10, a boy Mark Seiji to the Kenge Kobayashis (Sekiko Sato).

KODAMA—Sept. 21, a girl Gloria Ann to the Robert Yoshio Kodamas (Ann Haru Ito).

KUBOTA—Sept. 1, a girl Jean Misako to the Toshi Kubotas (Sato Uchiyama).

MATSUNO—Sept. 19, a girl Karen Aiko to the Takatoshi S. Matsunos (June Okada).

MATSUURA—Sept. 25, a girl Karan Ayako to the Kiyoshi Matsuuras (Yoko Hoshizaki).

NAKAGUCHI—Oct. 3, a girl Peggy Lynn to the Hidetake Nakaguchis (Shizue Muragishi).

NAKAKI—Sept. 15, a boy James Hideo to the Hideo Nakakis (Atsu Tanaka), West Los Angeles.

NAKATA—Oct. 3, a boy Craig Brian to the Fred John Nakatas (Tomoko Inouye).

NAKATA—Sept. 11, a boy Marvin Roy to the Kay Kaoru Nakatas (Kathleen Chieko Nakamoto).

NISHIMI—Sept. 22, a girl Leslie Noreen to the Kiyoshi Nishimis (May Sumiko Ashizawa).

NOMURA—Sept. 26, a boy Michael Sadao to the Raymond Kazuhiko Nomuras (Mary Mariko Hatae).

NOZAKI—Sept. 19, a girl Joanne Megumi to the Masao Nozakis (Sadako Yamashita).

NOZAWA—Sept. 16, a girl Kathleen Teru to the Toru Nozawas (Midori Kajiwara).

OGINO—Sept. 22, a girl Carol Junko to the Kazuo Oginos (Kazue Mitsuyasu).

OKIDA—Sept. 20, a girl Doris Leigh to the Terry T. Okidas (Yuiko Mary Rikimaru).

OKUBO—Sept. 15, a boy Ronald Yasuo to the Yasuo Okubos (Shin Jean Hiraizumi), Gardena.

OSHIRO—Sept. 26, a girl Iris Masako to the Masao Oshiros (Fujiko Kanemoto).

RAINS—Sept. 25, a girl Colleen May to the Ivan S Rains (Martha Haru Yoshimoto).

RYONO—Sept. 8, a boy David Ken to the Teruo Ryonos (Kei Ono), Wilmington.

SETSUDA—Sept. 21, a boy Michael John to the Hideo Setsudas (Itsuko Makiyama).

SUEHIRO—Sept. 27, a boy Guy Shigeru to the Lloyd S. Suehros (Chizuko Shikuma).

TANAKA—Sept. 25, a girl Dona L. to the Tadao Tanakas (Kyoko Grace Nishi), West Los Angeles.

TOJO—Sept. 25, a boy Randall Ken to the Tsugio Tojis (Kazuyoo Takemoto).

WATANABE—Oct. 30, a boy to the K. K. Watanabes, Long Beach.

YAMASHITA—Sept. 30, a girl Stephanie Jean to the George Yoshitaki Yamashitas (Fumi Kuroda), Long Beach.

YENOKI—Sept. 15, a boy George Kyoji Jr. to the G. K. Yenokis (Lily Yuriko Tanaka).

YOSHIDA—Sept. 19, a boy Duane Den to the Masami Yoshidas (Kiyo Minamide).

### STOCKTON

KIMURA—Oct. 31, a boy to the Jun Masayuki Kimuras.

OGINO—Nov. 6, a girl to the George Oginos.

### SAN JOSE

SUGISHITA—Nov. 10, a boy Timothy to the Thomas Sugishitas, Coyote.

TAJII—Nov. 9, a boy Lenny Dean to the Kingo Tajis.

TAKEHISHI—Nov. 1, a girl Judith Marie to the Eddie Takeshimas.

### SAN FRANCISCO

TAHARA—Nov. 7, a girl to the John E. Taharas, Sharp Park.

YOSHIDA—Nov. 8, a girl to the Masamitsu Yoshidas.

### SACRAMENTO

ISHII—Nov. 1, a girl to the Edward K. Ishiis.

SAKAMOTO—Nov. 1, a boy to the Shigeya Sakamotos.

### SEATTLE

MIYAKE—Nov. 11, a boy to the George Miyakes.

### SALT LAKE CITY

MAYEDA—Nov. 18, a boy to the Hideo Mayedas.

### DENVER

MURAKAMI—A boy to the Hisaki Murakamis.

NAKAYAMA—A girl to the S. Nakayamas.

### ONTARIO, ORE.

KIDO—Nov. 11, a boy to the Edward Kidos, Nyssa.

### ST. LOUIS, MO.

TANAKA—Oct. 31, a girl Sandra Louise to the Eddie Tanakas.

### CHICAGO

TOGURI—A girl to the Fred Toguris.

### CLEVELAND

YAMAUCHI—Nov. 2, a boy Jonathan Lewis to the Akira Yamauchis.

Chicago Kenwood-Ellis: Folk dance and singing are scheduled for the K-E community center, Nov. 27, 8 p.m.

### Engagements

ISHIDA-KOMURA — Toshiko to Kikuyoshi, both of Riverside, Oct. 31.

TAKETA-POPE — Gracia, Washington, D.C., to John, Cincinnati.

TSURU-EZAKI — Alice to Roy, both of Chicago.

FECHNER-YAMANE — William and Miyako both of Denver.

HOSHIO-KISHIYAMA — Kenneth, Los Angeles; and Carole Y., Denver.

ISO-YAMAZAKI — Masami, 36, San Jose; and Tomiko, 30, Oakland.

KAMITA-KAMITA — Kazuo and Hideo, both of Acampo, at Reno.

KUWABARA-YAMASAKI — Frank S., 29, Cupertino; and Sumako, 22, Sunnyvale.

LARAMIE-MIYASHIRO — Anthony and Marion, both of San Francisco.

MATSUDA-INOUE — George K., 33, Campbell; and Tokiye, 26, Gilroy.

MITAMURA-TSUTSUMI — Albert and Mitsuko both of Denver.

MIYAHARA-MEKATA — Kazumi Buck, 23, San Jose, and Mary Keiko, 20, Gilroy.

MURAKAMI-KIMURA — Noboru, 27, and Ayako, 26, both of San Francisco.

NAKAMOTO-UYEDA — Bob, Gridley, and Alice, Penngrove.

OGAWA-KAWASAKI — Joseph M., Davis, Calif., and Margie, Portland.

OKA-IWAMOTO — Kiyoshi, 32, and Lillian K., 21, both of Stockton.

SHIJO-KIUCHI — Susumu, North Sacramento, and Tomiko, San Francisco.

TOMOTOSHI-YOSHIMURA — Masao, 36, Hayward; and Mary Mariko, 31, Alameda.

### Weddings

FUJIOKA-MAYEDA — Nov. 11, George and Nobuko, both of Reedley.

HARADA-YAGI — Nov. 7, Ted and Masako, both of Los Angeles.

IKEDA-HIDEKAWA — Nov. 6, Jack, Los Angeles, and Hoshiko, San Francisco.

ISHIBASHI-SHIMANE — Nov. 7, Toshiharu, Los Angeles, and Nellie Midori, Gardena.

ISHIMOTO-OKUDA — Nov. 6, Norman Masao and Sadae Sady, both of Los Angeles.

MATSUMOTO-SHIMADA — Nov. 14, Stanley Shigure and Hisayo, both of Los Angeles.

MEIFU-WADA — Nov. 7, Kazuo and Elsie Yoneko, both of Los Angeles.

MIYAKAWA-KODAMA — Oct. 24, Mitsugi, Los Angeles, and Mutsuko, Anaheim.

MURAKAMI-NISHIMOTO — Nov. 7, Takewo, Brighton, and Chiyoko, Los Angeles.

NAGAOKA-HIRATA — Nov. 11, Shiro and Sachiko, both of Los Angeles.

NAKADAIRA-UYEDA — Nov. 7, Masaru, Los Angeles, and Rose, Norwalk.

NOZAKI-ODAMA — Nov. 7, Jim, Los Angeles, and Michi Barbara, Wilmington.

OHASHI-NAKAYAMA — Nov. 6, Takeo, Kingsburg, and Lola, Cupertino, at Fresno.

OKADA-OCHI — Nov. 6, Kiuj, Anaheim, and Blanche Haruyo, Long Beach.

OKAWARA-KAWASAKI — Oct. 31, Kenneth, Fresno, and Maki, Tacoma.

OKI-MATSUSHIMA — Nov. 6, Chris and Yaeko, both of Los Angeles.

SAKAKI-WATANABE — Nov. 13, Roland and Jane, both of Los Angeles.

SHINDE-KAWAOKA — Nov. 13, Henry Satoru and Kaoru Fay, both of Los Angeles.

SUNADA-MORI — Nov. 14, Dr. Keio and Midori, both of Gardena.

TANAKA-NAGAI — Nov. 7, Henry, Fresno, and Janet, Atwater.

YAMADA-HOSOGI — Oct. 31, Kenjiro and Elsie, both of Seattle.

YAMANISHI-IRINTO — Oct. 24, Hisao and Setsuko, both of Seaside (Monterey).

YASUDA-HIRANO — Nov. 6, Masami, West Los Angeles, and Mary, Venice.

YONEMOTO-YA MABAYASHI — Oct. 30, Masami, Albuquerque, and Masaye, Los Angeles.

### Deaths

FUJIKAWA, Kusu, 72: Pasadena, Nov. 1 survived by husband Katsuzo son Masaru.

HASHIOKA, Kihel, 76: Los Angeles, Oct. 25.

HATANAKA, Joy Misao, 7 mos.: North Hollywood, Nov. 7, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hatanaka sisters Carol, Cathy and Aileen.

HIRABAYASHI, Asa, 60: Long Beach, Nov. 10 survived by husband Shigeshiro son George Ichiryu, daughter Mary Ichiryu.

HUGA, Manzo, 79: Ontario, Ore., Nov. 4, survived by wife, sons Harold, Kunjo, (Sacramento), six daughters Mrs. Mary Shido (Portland), Mrs. Chiyeko Tsuji (Chicago), Mrs. Margaret Morishita, Mrs. Betty Nishimura (Gresham), and Mrs. Fumi Kawanami (Morgan Hill, Calif.).

ISHIDA, Mrs. Yoshino, 64: San Francisco, Nov. 4, survived by husband Shizuo.

KAWASHIMA, Tayeko, 56: Los Angeles, Nov. 1, survived by husband Matajiro, sister Mrs. Setsuyo Ida.

KINOSHITA, Michael, 3: Los Angeles, Nov. 14, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Jay Jitsuo Kinoshita brother Philip Minoru, sisters Vickie Lynn and Robyn Kikue.

KODAMA, Sotaro: Los Angeles, Oct. 25.

KOGA, Kurataro: Fresno, Nov. 6.

KONO, Charles M., 45: Chicago, (funeral Nov. 1), survived by wife Hiroye, three children and parents (Hawaii).

## Congress to study plight of baby up for deportation

### Washington

A 2½-year-old Japanese-American baby living in Salt Lake City will not have to face deportation proceedings until Congress has a chance to study his plight.

Rep. William A. Dawson received a letter last week from J. M. Swing, commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, saying that "no steps will be taken by this service looking toward separation of this child from his parents."

Dawson had written the Immigration Service after a news story protested the injustice being contemplated against little Guy Robert Gordon, who was born in Japan and entered the United States on an immigration visa.

Guy's father, William Perry Gordon, was serving with the Army in Japan, where he met and married a Japanese girl. Shortly after Guy was born the family returned to the United States.

It was then learned that because of his father's residence in Japan the child required a different type of visa and it was announced that he must be returned to Japan to await a second entry into the U.S.

Now, however, as a result of the story and Dawson's protest to the Immigration Service, the commissioner wrote Dawson "the office at San Francisco has been instructed to withhold the commencement of any formal proceedings until at least March 1, 1955, to enable you to introduce a private bill in the child's behalf."

## SOCIAL NOTES

**Cleveland Jr. Matrons:** Some 20 adults and 100 children enjoyed the gala Halloween party recently at the 30th and Euclid First Methodist Church. Emcee Henry Tanaka was cited for his manner of handling the children in group singing and individual talent. Among the performers were:

Maxine Ogino tap dance; Eileen Matsuoka, piano; Dick Asazawa, accordion.

In charge were: Peggy Tanji, Mae Shirasawa, program; Sayo Kakehi, Marie Suzuki, refreshments; Kiyu Tashima, Mae Kanno, bake sale.

**KUBO, Sai, 76:** Long Beach, Oct. 31, survived by husband Yoshisato, sons Hidemaro, Yoshio, daughters Mrs. Fumiyo Kojima, Mrs. Yoshiko Ujita.

**KUSATANI, Masuno, 50:** Los Angeles, Oct. 25 (in Japan).

**MASADA, Lily Yuri, 34:** Beppu, Japan, Oct. 28, survived by mother, Mrs. Nobuyo Masada (Caruthers, Calif.), four brothers Toshihiro, Katsumi, Timothy, Saburo sisters Aiko and Miyoko.

**MIZUSHIMA Harry, 64:** Salt Lake City, Nov. 11, survived by wife and four children (all in Japan).

**ONIZUKA, Seiichi, 77:** Chicago, Oct. 31, survived by wife Yuki.

**PUNG, Dr. Cim:** Chicago, Oct. 30, survived by wife Katsumi (Ogawa).

**SATO, Pfc. Michael, 21:** San Francisco, Sept. 26 (at Hakodate), survived by mother Mrs. Masaye Sato, brothers Tom, York, Edward, sisters Tokuye Mrs. Florence Nagamoto (Oakland) and Mrs. Ruby Yamasaki (Los Angeles).

**SHIMAJI, Kei:** Visalia, Nov. 11, survived by wife Chieno, three sons Sho, Jin, Takao, daughters Mmes. Midori Ebisu Miharu Morimoto.

**SHIMATSU, Virginia, 7:** Los Angeles, Nov. 2, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shimatsu, brothers Jack Jr., John, sisters Betty Jean and Loren.

**TAIRA, Senpo, 65:** Los Angeles, Nov. 17 survived by wife Moto, sons Harley Hajime, Tom Tamotsu, David Nobuo, daughter Mrs. Haruko Ishizawa.

**TASHIRO, Shigezo, 73:** Miami Beach, Fla., survived by wife Yaeko, sons Herbert, Joe, daughter Mrs. Jane Yasuda (New York).

**TAKAHASHI, Stanley Allen, 6:** Spanish Fork, Utah, Nov. 7, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Takahashi brothers Gerald, Garry, Greg, sisters Jo Ann, Mary Ellen grandparents Mr. and Mrs. George Takahashi, Mr. and Mrs. N. Fujie (Oakland).

**TERAMOTO, Yasutaro:** Selma, Nov. 4, survived by wife Hashi, sons Yasuyuki Tamotsu, daughters Mrs. Yachiyo Mori, Mrs. Umeyo Komatsu.

**TOMIHIRO Senichi, 69:** Chicago, (funeral Nov. 1), survived by wife Satoru and daughter Chiye.

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## EDITORIALS

### War and Civil Rights

Another heavily-footnoted book on the evacuation of Japanese from the West Coast has been published this week by the Univ. of California Press (\$5).

The analysis of the three authors, who are members of the U.C. Dept. of Speech, blames the late President Roosevelt, his War Department aides, Congress and even the Supreme Court for discriminatory imprisonment of aliens and American citizens of Japanese ancestry.

In the interests of national security, World War II introduced a flagrant breach of constitutional and moral ideals. There is no telling what World War III will do to civil rights as we know them today.

If the reader of "Prejudice, War and the Constitution" learns this lesson of World War II—usurpation of constitutional rights in the name of security—he should be steeled against a repeat if another all-out war should come. Yet, if another war should come (God forbid!), human nature can be weak enough to surrender individual liberties as a price for security. Human nature, fortified by Divine Guidance and inspiration, appears to be the only salvation.

### Honorary memberships

While chapters are currently placing emphasis on paid-up memberships for 1955, it would be well to remember honorary JACL memberships. Such was the case in Salt Lake City last week, when Mayor Earl J. Glade was enlisted in the chapter rolls.

He became "one of us". When he recently installed newly-elected officers of his chapter, the Mayor said: "... may I remind you of the purposes of OUR organization as stated in OUR national (JACL) constitution ..."

He is probably the first mayor of a major American city to become a JACler.

Always outspoken in his praises for the pioneer Issei and their citizen children before other organizations, his efforts during the hysterical war years eased and paved the way for JACL to function.

While it shouldn't be, his was a case of proving himself first before being asked to join our ranks. As long as the JACL is dedicated to promote the welfare of Americans of Japanese ancestry and the common good of our Nation, faith in the organization and an intent to help are all that's required.

## FROM THE FRYING PAN

By Bill Hosokawa

### We Are Thankful

Denver

Of all our American holidays, the most meaningful to me is Thanksgiving. This is an observance that transcends race or religion, or even nationality. It is a day to express gratitude, which is one of the most noble of emotions.

If you're through making a hog of yourself, which is the traditional activity for the last Thursday of November, sit down with me and think a little bit about the things we have to be thankful for.

I'm thankful, first, for health. Without it, life cannot be enjoyed or employed to fullest advantage. Jean Fujimoto was telling me just the other day that in recent months a good 30 Denver Issei and Nisei were more or less seriously ill. Perhaps many of us Nisei are approaching the age when our constitutions begin to show the first major signs of wear. All the more reason to be grateful for good health.

I'm grateful for peace, a precarious one indeed, but the first world-wide peace most of us have known since we reached adulthood. I've seen just enough of war to hate it for the terrible things it does to human beings. I'm grateful to all the wonderful Joes who gave their years, their limbs, and even their lives, to buy this peace. And I'm grateful to the men of high station and low who are dedicated to the discouraging, frustrating job of trying to make peace a permanent thing.

I'm grateful for plenty. Despite the mortgage on the house, and bills to meet each month and expenses that always seem to swallow up every last cent of the paycheck, we haven't gone hungry. I've seen the haunting eyes of hunger, the pipestem limbs and bellies bloated from starvation. I hope we have the will and the means to banish hunger

forever from this globe.

I'm grateful for friends and family. With all their shortcomings, at least they're mine. Wouldn't this be a lonely place without anyone in whom we can confide, with whom we can share laughter and sorrow, exchange affection, get mad at, stand up for, help and be helped?

I'm grateful for the happy accident of birth that made me an American. I'm grateful for the courage of my parents who crossed an ocean to seek opportunity in this land. Despite its prejudices, which are waning rapidly before the onslaught of men of good will; despite its crooks and stupid politicians; despite social and economic injustices and all the scores of things wrong with these United States, it's still the nation I want to live in. I'm grateful for the men of vision who shaped this nation so that its citizens have the power to change conditions contrary to the general welfare. Having lived for a while behind barbed wire fences, I'm grateful for freedom of movement. As a non-churchgoer, I'm grateful for freedom to worship and freedom not to worship. I'm grateful for freedom of speech and press and thought.

I'm grateful to be alive in this fascinating age of scientific wonders, of vast medical progress, an age when comforts and luxuries beyond the dreams of kings are within the reach of common people.

I'm grateful for fresh air, sunshine and rain. I'd be more grateful if drouth-stricken Denver would get a little more rain (I remember times back in Seattle when I'd be terribly grateful when it stopped raining and the sun peeked out for a while).

Above all, I'm grateful I have sense enough to be grateful.

Thus endeth today's lesson.

## VAGARIES

By Larry Tajiri

### 'Frat' Restrictions

Denver

On most U.S. campuses the right of social fraternities and sororities to discriminate on the basis of race, color or religion has not been challenged. In most American colleges, non-Caucasian students almost automatically are classed with the unpledged and unorganized, except in instances where there are enough of them to form fraternal groups of their own. There are a number of schools where discrimination is not permitted, but in the universities and larger colleges—where national fraternities and sororities are chartered—prejudice exists.

Nisei students have not been untouched by this contact with bias. In some west coast schools, such as the University of California at Berkeley where some 500 Japanese Americans were enrolled in the year before mass evacuation scattered the Nisei population, there are Japanese student clubs which provides some access to the extra-curricular organizational and social life of the campus. In the case of these Nisei campus groups—at UCLA, USC and the University of Washington, as well as at California—self-segregation was a defensive measure.

There have been cases, of course, of Nisei who were pledged by fraternity or sorority groups, but generally acceptance was on an "honorary Aryan" level, and these social bodies still maintained their restrictions against members of the larger minorities, whether racial or religious.

The national fraternity and sorority groups have not been unaware of the contradictions involved in these restrictions. For the past several years the problem has been the major issue considered at the national inter-fraternity conclave, and the case for non-discrimination has had staunch advocates. So far, however, the leadership of the national fraternities has been able to table, if not ignore, the issue.

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One of the few larger universities at which fraternity and sorority discrimination has been challenged is the University of Colorado at Boulder where the matter has been a subject of considerable debate. Earlier this year H. Vance Austin, a Democratic member of the board of regents, introduced an anti-discrimination resolution which would have the effect of barring such racial and religious restrictions on the Boulder campus. After much discussion the board ruled, 4 to 3, to postpone consideration, with Dr. Ward Darley, the school president, casting the tie-breaking ballot.

On the board of regents, the three Republican members voted for postponement, while the three Democrats, led by Austin, balloted against campus discrimination. With Austin up for re-election, the matter was catapulted into the province of politics. There were those who sought to defeat Austin on the basis of his advocacy of the anti-prejudice proposal, but their numbers were not enough to prevent his reelection. Austin won, but a Republican member, also up for re-election, was defeated.

Whether the campus discrimination issue was a major factor in the election is problematical, but Austin's re-election did show that adherence to a policy of anti-discrimination is not a political liability in Colorado. As a result of the recent elections the Democrats now hold a 4 to 2 edge on the University of Colorado's board of regents, and Austin is expected to reopen the controversy as soon as the new board meets.

There are those who hold that fraternities and sororities are primarily social groups—in effect, private clubs—and their membership should have the privilege of choosing their associates. But the plain fact is that these organizations have presumed a role in campus affairs beyond that of the purely private social club. The membership rules of a majority of these organizations perpetuate racial and religious distinctions which have no place on today's campus.

The state of New York, a leader in social legislation under Democrat Lehman and Republican Dewey in recent years, already has a law barring from the campuses of the state-operated schools such national fraternities and sororities and other campus organizations which maintain arbitrary restrictions on race or creed. This law was challenged lately and the ban was upheld in the lower courts. Two weeks ago the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the legality of New York's guarantee of non-discrimination on the campus by refusing to review the lower court decision.

Legislation already is being prepared in some other states on the lines of the New York law. It would be fitting if the national fraternities and sororities would outlaw membership restrictions based on race or religion before being compelled to do so by legislation. Indications are, however, that the national campus bodies are not ready, as yet, to accept the inevitable.



## MINORITY

Charleston, S.C.  
Judge J. Waties Waring, who retired from the federal bench in February, 1952, was welcomed home at a dinner sponsored by the South Carolina NAACP Conference. Judge Waring was honored for his historic dissent in the Clarendon County school segregation case, holding such to be unconstitutional and later affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court last May 17.

Recent national elections illustrate the conviction of the voting majority in the cause of civil rights, declared Clarence Mitchell, NAACP Washington Bureau director.

In the North and West, candidates have been elected on platforms that favor rather than oppose civil rights. In the South, several candidates who did not run a race-hate platform also won: Senators Kefauver of Tennessee, Sparkman of Alabama and Scott of North Carolina, and Gov. McKeldin of Maryland.

## DECADE AGO

Nov. 25, 1944

Pres. Roosevelt praises "wonderful" 442nd Combat record; expresses support of relocation program, declines statement on possible lifting of west coast military exclusion order.

Gov. Warren says California will give "full recognition" to Nisei citizens upon return.

Berry farmer (James K. Yamamoto) returns to San Jose home; welcomed by neighbors and some press, in spite of protests from Legions, VFW posts, Native Sons and Hearst and McClatchy press.

Anti-evacuee acts prompted by economic fear, says Dan G. Marshall, chairman of L.A. Catholic Interracial Council.

Joe E. Brown, movie comedian, says Japanese Americans "wonderful, loyal" at New York interview.

JACL Conference to discuss Nisei problems, Dec. 1-3, at Salt Lake City.

Minneapolis group organized to protect rights of Nisei.

## CALENDAR

Nov. 27 (Saturday)  
Washington, D.C.—Election of officers, YWCA.

IDC—Bowling tournament dinner-dance, Hotel Ben Lomond, Ogden, 12 noon.

Nov. 27-28 (Sat.-Sun.)  
Mile-Hi—JACL bowling tournament.

Nov. 28 (Sunday)  
IDC—Meeting, Hotel Ben Lomond, Ogden, 12 noon.

Nov. 29 (Monday)  
Mt. Olympus—Installation dinner.

Nov. 30 (Tuesday)  
Idaho Falls—Installation banquet, Jack's Chicken Inn.

Dec. 3 (Friday)  
Arizona—Issei banquet, JACL Hall, Glendale, 6:30 p.m.

Berkeley—Election meeting, 2117 Haste St., 8 p.m.

Dec. 4 (Saturday)  
San Francisco—Auxiliary Christmas party, 1830 Sutter St., 8 p.m.

Livingston-Merced—Election potluck dinner.

San Mateo—Installation dinner-dance.

CCDC—JACL Bowling Tournament (tentative).

Dec. 5 (Sunday)  
CCDC—Annual conference, Hacienda Hotel, Fresno.

Dec. 9 (Thursday)  
San Francisco—Auxiliary elections, Booker T. Washington Center, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 10 (Friday)  
Arizona—Election meeting, JACL Hall, Glendale, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 11 (Saturday)  
Chicago—White Christmas party, Monroe YWCA, 8 p.m.

Washington, D.C.—Installation dinner-dance, Hotel Windsor Park.

Dec. 12 (Sunday)  
PNW—District meeting, Tacoma.

Dec. 18 (Saturday)  
Pasadena—Christmas potluck dinner, Presbyterian-Union Church, 7 p.m.

Dec. 19 (Sunday)  
Detroit—Children's Christmas party.

Dec. 31 (Friday)  
San Mateo—New Year's Eve dance, Sacramento—New Year's Eve dance, Masonic Temple.

Detroit—New Year's Eve dance, San Francisco—New Year's Eve dance, Palace Hotel.

Denver—New Year's Eve dance, Albany Hotel.

Albuquerque—Installation party.