

## BEST STORY IN 50 YEARS: THE ISSEI VOTES

Were a survey to be taken among Japanese Americans as what might be the top story of the year, the Issei being able to vote rates foremost consideration. In our humble estimation, it's the best story of the last fifty years.

As pioneers who reconverted the deserts and swamps into lush farm lands, and who trolled the shores off the west coast for fish to increase the wealth of this Nation; then raising their American-born children, the Nisei, to be upright citizens in spite of the "worst wartime mistake" of evacuation and relocation camp life, the simple but solemn gesture of marking their ballot on Election Days is most significant in the history of persons of Japanese ancestry in America.

While doing much materially to raise the

standards of American living, the Issei were long denied the privilege of helping to shape their adopted country through the ballot.

Our Holiday Issue front cover shows Hirosuburo Yokozeki, 70, and his wife, Tsuru, 60, both naturalized U. S. citizens, late last year leaving their booths with marked ballots in hand. Mr. Yokozeki, a 1913 graduate of Stanford University, was executive secretary of the So. Calif. Japanese Fishermen's Association, before the war, and a native of Kagawa Prefecture.

The belated presence of the Issei voter on the American scene means another facet on the political gem that will need attention, although, if we know the Issei, they can keep it glowing and probably set an example for the rest of the Japanese Americans to follow.

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## 1954 Christmas

Year after year, the Pacific Citizen has been able to publish its annual Holiday Issue through the grand support of contributors, advertisers and chapter members. It seems amiss if we fail to say a few words about Christmas—a celebration that was forbidden in Puritan Massachusetts 300 years ago. In the combination of its secular and religious aspects, Christmas must be regarded today as the greatest of all American festivals.

While we have noted the gradual secularization of this Christian feast day commemorating the birth of the Infant Jesus, the Christians are slowly bringing back "Christ" and its meaning into Christmas.

The American aspect, however, "often transcends the restrictions of belonging to certain age, sex, religious and economic groups, and promotes a wider sense of human brotherhood" (to quote Prof. James H. Barnett of the University of Connecticut). Perpetuation of this form of Christmas for a long time to come is predicted by this sociology professor because of ties to "church, family, school, charity and the prevailing economic system" that lends firm community support to this year-end holiday.

As this issue reaches our readers, Christmas Day is still a few days hence. We take this opportunity to wish them the blessings of the holy day.

## About This Special Issue

From a historical and public interest point of view, we feel the Final Report of the Japanese American Citizens League Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) submitted by the Washington office for delegates to the 13th biennial National JACL Convention last September has much value. We were aware that it would occupy the bulk of this issue, but trust it is rendered as readable as possible.

The community we are honoring for its pioneering Japanese Americans is Salt River Valley in Arizona—no longer called that because the river has since dried up and popularly acclaimed as the Valley of the Sun with Phoenix in the hub. Robert H. Uno, who founded the Los Angeles Crossroads and now an active JACLer of the Arizona Chapter, undertook the assignment with gusto. To him, we are mighty indebted. Our gratitude also goes to the old-timers who aided him.

Our regular weekly columnists have also made the early deadline for this Holiday Issue. Several short stories are also published, written by Nisei whose yen for creative writing still burns. We are happy that from time to time we have added "oil" to the fire by providing the means.

Dr. Suski's article this year concerns the teaching of English in the Japanese secondary schools. The gentleman's proposition is as true as teaching of foreign languages in the American secondary schools, where the student has been exposed to the idioms and intricacies of the foreign language. The question is academic. The PC, sensing its readers would not find such articles entirely out of line, is happy to have an Issei point of view in the Nisei press. Altogether, the Issei point of view has been lacking, simply because it was readily available in the English language. Japanese-reading Nisei is still in an elite minority.

We would like to pay a long overdue tribute to the many diligent chapter secretaries, publicity chairmen, reporters and folks in general who have a "nose" for news of Nisei appeal. These are the veritable back-bone of the editorial department of the Pacific Citizen through all these years. They haven't given up because their articles are chopped down to bare minimum at times. They haven't given up because the article was held over a week (to make room for other articles deemed more important).

It was a source of encouragement and satisfaction to find my old cronies, the gang which gathered on Sunday afternoons playing Scrabble during the summer, came to the last-minute rescue to get this Holiday Issue off the press on time. Unprecedented amount of business at the printers disturbed our own production schedule to such an extent that the work of proof-reading and page layouts had to be completed inside of a week.

For one man, that was beyond the realm of possibility. But with men like Haj Inouye, Joe Kim, Peter Takeuchi and Brother Theophane Walsh, the impossible was accomplished.

Strange as it may seem, newspapering is the least of their immediate interests but they came to our rescue. Kim, incidentally, is the last man responsible for the production of the Pacific Citizen each week—he delivers the near dozen sacks of PCs to the post office each Thursday night. Inouye is a postal worker; Takeuchi just opened up an accounting office on West Jefferson last week; and Brother Theophane drives a Maryknoll school bus. Brother has had newspapering experience while in

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# MEMORABLE DAY AT WHITE HOUSE



President Eisenhower personally greets a group of 22 aliens who were to be naturalized last Nov. 11 at the nation-wide mass citizenship ceremonies during pre-naturalization reception at the White House. The Presi-

dent faces the sunlight for the IACL cameraman. At his left is white-haired Kenjiro Tanaka from Santa Monica, Calif. Others in the group include Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren (behind the President), and Attorney General Herbert Brownell (below the President.)

## THOUSANDS OF ISSEI NATURALIZED



Threatening rain clouds couldn't keep the 15,000s last Veterans Day at the Hollywood Bowl, where 1,024 Issei were among 7,500 citizenship applicants naturalized in the biggest class at any one time in American

history. They were part of the 50,000 foreign-born who became citizens in mass swearing-in ceremonies conducted throughout the Nation and in the territories.

FROM THE  
FRYING PAN

# It Took Guts for the Issei to Stay in this Country

By BILL HOSOKAWA

A fellow by the name of Mark Twain, who was a pretty fair hand at the writing business, once set down these words: "When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was amazed to see how much he had learned in seven years."

Twain was expressing the doubts that have assailed adolescents since time immemorial, as well as the revelations that come to them with approaching maturity. Today, his words are appropriate to the Nisei attitude toward their parents, the Issei. For as the Nisei grow older and wiser, their eyes see the Issei in a more favorable and undistorted light.

In common with many another Nisei, I have been thinking about such matters recently. I remember the impatient days of youth when, from the lofty eminence of adolescent wisdom, we shook our heads unhappily and asked why the Issei had to be so backward. In our haste to become "Americanized," we were intolerant of all that did not smack of progress, and certainly the Issei did not. But we were too callow to realize we, ourselves, were losing something priceless when we ignored the heritage that our parents had brought to the New World.

Let me think back many years and list — without any particular order — the points that in the dim long ago appeared to be serious Issei shortcomings.

Almost universally, the Nisei believed the Issei were too conservative. They shunned new ideas. They continued to wear button shoes when everyone else wore oxfords. They were suspicious of anything that departed from tradition. Today, however, we can understand that a difference in outlook is a chasm that separates each generation from the next. No doubt you and I, Nisei parents, who regarded ourselves as such forward-looking individuals when we were in our 'teens, are

now considered at times by our jet-age children as somewhat quaint old fogeys.

I used to think that the Issei lacked aggressiveness. What I didn't realize was that it took the most vigorous type of aggressiveness for them to shatter the customs of centuries, sever their home ties, and set forth to seek their fortunes in a frightening land across the world's most expansive ocean. And by the time we Nisei came along, our parents couldn't afford to be reckless. They were much too busy just keeping us fed.

The bickering among Issei, and the petty politics of the Li'l Tokyos used to gripe me. In retrospect, I see now that they were just being human. They had a compulsion to assert themselves, and of course they did what came naturally. It was healthy for them to air their beliefs and what was important to them wasn't necessarily of pressing moment to their children.

Many a Nisei must have wondered why the Issei couldn't speak better English. It seemed they shamed us before our Caucasian friends every time they opened their mouths. Later we learned that often our friends' parents spoke brokenly, too, although with other accents. And we discovered what a difficult language English is to those who are not born to it, and how thoroughly it is butchered daily even by those native Americans who speak no other tongue.

Considering the limited formal education most Issei were able to acquire in the United States, they did remarkably well with the inconsistencies of English. Besides, let's face the fact that the Japanese are not particularly gifted linguists. Even though almost all Nisei were reared in homes where Japanese was spoken, how many of them can handle the language fluently?

Of course some Issei were gamblers and others were drunkards. Some chased women other than their wives, some were un-

charitable or slothful or improvident. But these are human failings and the Issei by no means had a monopoly on them. On the other hand, now that we have reached reasonable maturity, let us see what endearing qualities the old man had hidden from our boyish eyes.

Perhaps foremost of these is COURAGE. To use a meaningful word, it took guts for the Issei to leave home in the first place. It took more guts to endure the hardships and fight the prejudices that were an Asiatic immigrant's lot a half century ago.

Linked closely to courage is PERSEVERENCE, the quality which my old grade school principal used to call "stick-to-itiveness." Without the stubborn will to hang on, the Issei never would have been able to create the economic nest-egg that aroused the greed of so many dollar patriots behind the "let's get rid of the Japs" movement in the early months of 1942. (Let's not kid ourselves. The Nisei may have been running the businesses and operating the big farms a dozen years ago, but these were properties built up by the Issei or financed by Issei money. And the Issei controlled the purse strings.)

Nor can we overlook INDUSTRY. The Issei tackled whatever they undertook with such remarkable industry that their competitors despaired and success was almost a foregone conclusion. This nation was built by industrious people. If Nisei have inherited this capacity for work, we will fare well.

But closest to us is the Issei LOVE FOR THEIR CHILDREN. Naturally undemonstrative, the Issei did not express their affection in the usual ways. But that love changed the first generation's entire outlook. When they came to the United States originally, a large majority hoped to accumulate a quick fortune and then return to Japan to launch a business or live in luxurious retirement. But fortunes were hard to come

by, and presently there were children. They found these children becoming Yankees more militant than those who could trace their ancestry to Plymouth colony.

Soon the Issei abandoned their dreams of triumphant return to their home villages. The rearing and educating of their families came first. And as the Nisei sunk their roots deeper and deeper into American soil, the Issei knew that they, too, were here to stay even though they were legally aliens. Nor is it any accident that the level of education in the Nisei 442nd Regimental Combat Team was far above the national military average. Issei parents, cognizant of the handicaps they faced because of inadequate schooling, made prodigious sacrifices to educate their children.

Most amazing is the fact that the Issei were able to provide their children with a happy, healthy home life. Long before psychologists came on the scene to put the blame for delinquency on broken homes, the Nisei were finding security, companionship, guidance as well as love and shelter in their families.

It's a wonder that the Issei, pressed as they were economically, with both parents working just to make ends meet in a large percentage of households, were able to give their children an ideal home life.

All this adds up to the fact that the Nisei are blessed with a wonderful heritage. The progress that they have been able to make economically and socially, despite the gloom that hung over their futures in the pre-Pearl Harbor years, is a true measure of the worth of that heritage.

Today, we Nisei in our new-found maturity cannot give too much credit to the Issei.

To paraphrase Mark Twain, it's amazing indeed how much the old folks have improved in the last few years. I'm sorry my own Dad isn't around to hear what I think now of him and his generation.

HONOLULU  
NEWSLETTER

# Hawaii's Nisei at the Crossroads

By LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

For a long time, the Nisei in Hawaii have lived a life characterized by a "minority complex," for lack of a more apt term.

They have been influenced into thinking that they must not assert themselves too much, in politics, business and even in their social customs. They have been advised against drawing attention to themselves, especially when such attention might adversely affect the rest of the community.

The Nisei have yielded to these suggestions for so long, they have clouded their outlook and real potentialities with the "minority complex."

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It is an ironic observation that the very strength of the Japanese population, in numbers, has been turned against itself by self-chosen advisers.

The Japanese—Issei, Nisei and so down, constitute nearly 39 per cent of Hawaii's 480,000 residents.

That makes the Japanese the largest single racial group among the half-dozen ethnological classifications.

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But do the Japanese exert an influence in the community proportionate to their numbers? Not so far, at any rate.

## Recent Arrivals

For one thing, the Japanese in Hawaii are of rather recent immigrant stock, as history goes. It is only 70 years since the first group of Japanese contract laborers landed on these shores.

Successive waves of immigrants kept coming till early in this century. Like other immigrants before and after them, the Japanese started at the humblest level.

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The opportunity to work was here, to be sure, but it was hard, low-paying work that did not leave much time or means for the immigrants to advance themselves.

However, the Issei were determined to give their children the best they could afford, so that the Nisei could rise to a higher station in life.

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In education, particularly, the Issei sacrificed their own comfort to provide their children with the best possible opportunities. The Issei regarded education as the open sesame to success for their children.

And the Nisei, by and large, lived up to their parents' expectations. They moved steadily ahead in their communities, and spread out to greener pastures abroad—to the Mainland and to Japan.

Only in a dynamic democratic society could the Nisei have advanced as fast as they have in the past several decades. In their progress, the Japanese were much like the Chinese. The Chinese, of course, came to Hawaii first and so have had more time to settle themselves favorably in the Hawaii environment.

## Public Education

Tax-paid public education for all was a key to the progress made by the children of these immigrants. The territorial government made public schooling compulsory for the children of Hawaii, and established uniformly high teaching standards so that rural children could have the same quality of instruction as the city children.

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As the number of young Nisei increased rapidly, there was concern over their impact upon the political scene. Before Pearl Harbor, the question of their loyalty to the United States was raised with much hue and cry.

The Nisei were made to feel they were "on the spot" and had to "prove themselves" on the battlefield—which they eventually did with much valor.

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Then there were the Nisei public officials who voluntarily withdrew from political elections, in order not to create "misunderstandings" before and during the war period.

And so they went into political oblivion, sacrificing their hard-earned victories and careers. Some did return to the political arena after the war, but a number of others never came back.

## Unfair Targets

Over the years, the Nisei have been the targets of uncalled-for attacks which were evoked whenever the statehood issue was debated.

At first, it was their loyalty that was impugned; after the war, when the loyalty question was settled decisively in the Nisei's favor, the statehood opponents switched to the theme that the Nisei were "dissimilar" people who somehow did not possess the same outlook and ideals about their country as did other Americans who lived on the Mainland.

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In these situations, the Nisei became the scapegoats because of their large numbers in comparison with the other races, particularly the Caucasians.

In the minds of race-baiting critics, the Japanese population of 185,000 loomed menacingly large alongside the Caucasian figure of only 95,000.

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The results of the recent Hawaiian elections will give these anti-Japanese snipers more ammunition. Of the 45 members of the Territorial legislature, 21 are of Japanese ancestry, or 46 per cent of the membership of the Senate and the House.

This is a much higher number and percentage than at any time heretofore. Significantly, four Nisei won elections over strong non-Japanese oldtimers in a traditionally non-Japanese district, where no Nisei till now had ever been elected.

In the most important County Board of Supervisors race—that in Honolulu—four out of the seven members elected are of Japanese extraction. Here again, their representation is much larger than

any time before.

Because Hawaii's population is much younger on the average than the Mainland population, the "Japanese trend" here, if one can call it that, can become even more pronounced in future elections, since the Japanese are predominant among the youths coming into voting age.

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## No Longer Content

What has happened, in part at least, is that the Nisei, consciously or otherwise, no longer will be content to sit back and let others legislate for them. They will no longer remain sufferers of a "minority complex."

The political party that will provide the best outlet for this new expression of independent thinking among the Nisei will be the party that will win and retain the Nisei support in the long run.

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To the victor in politics go the responsibilities as well as the spoils of an election. The responsibilities weigh heavily on the "in" party because it must produce results and make good on its campaign promises.

For the Nisei politico, the lesson to learn is that he must not become identified as the spokesman for the Japanese electorate. Sooner or later, a party or a politician labelled "Japanese" will be overtaken by the wrath of the neglected non-Japanese, combined with those Nisei who do not wish to be segregated by race from the rest of the community.

The distinction should be drawn between breaking out of a "minority complex" and going all-out in support of one racial group to the almost total exclusion of all other races.

One can dispel a "minority complex" by stepping out aggressively to do the things that would benefit the entire community; in politics, that means an elected official looks after the welfare of the public at large.

On the other hand, for a politico to carry on as though he "belonged" to one racial group or special interest is to invite censure from the rest of the community.

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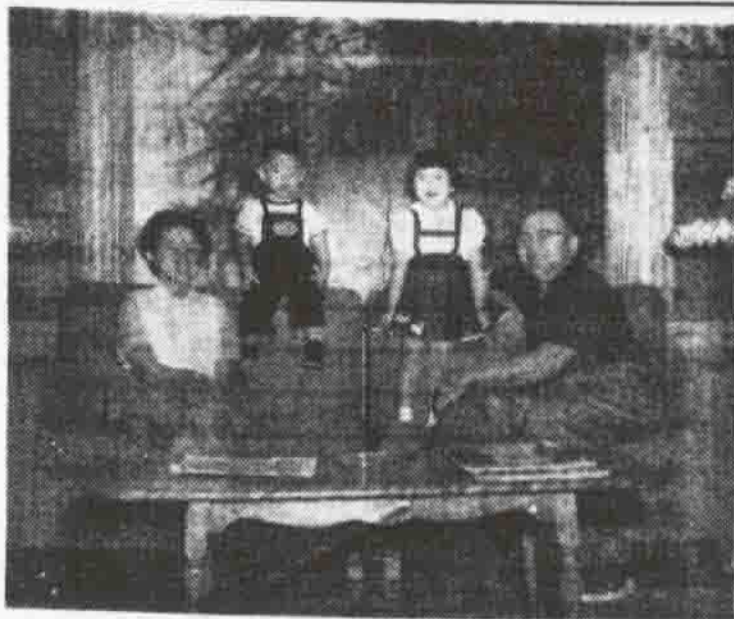
The "minority complex," which is breaking down on the political front for the Nisei, has a still potent influence in the business, professional and social affairs of the Nisei.

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But even in these areas, it is only a matter of time before the Nisei can really forge ahead.

As long as they move forward as citizens of Hawaii first and foremost, and not as a racial group with special interests, the future will continue to be hopeful and promising.

The Nisei have come to an important crossroads in their history; it is within their own power to decide their destiny for a long time to come.



## Greetings from the National President

Yuki, Patti, Critchie and I take immense pleasure in extending our sincerest Best Wishes to all JACLers.

We join with you in looking forward to another year of pleasant associations and cooperative endeavors in the worthwhile efforts of our JACL.

GEORGE INAGAKI

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More Logical FDR Had Selective  
Evacuation in Mind Signing Order

By LARRY TAJIRI

The sleeping dogs of controversy have been aroused again regarding the mass evacuation of 112,000 persons of Japanese ancestry from Pacific Coast areas in 1942 by the publication last month of a book, *Prejudice, War and the Constitution*, by three University of California professors, Dr. Jacobus tenBroek, Edward N. Barnhart and Floyd Matson.

It's more than 12 years now since the Nisei and their immigrant parents were forced to abandon their homes and were herded into mass detention camps, usually racetracks or county fairgrounds, before being shipped to relocation centers which were thrown up to accommodate them on inland deserts and as far east as the banks of the Mississippi in Arkansas.

At one time it may have been important to the evacuees, and to the students of the unprecedented mass migration, to learn who had pushed the button, or masterminded the operation — if one satanic finger or a single diabolical mind could be identified. But in the 12 years since E-day, wounds have healed and anger has dissipated. The question of who was responsible for evacuation long since has become academic.

For historians, of course, the matter is still of considerable interest. The authors of *Prejudice, War and the Constitution* present a persuasive argument in which they carry the blame all the way to the White House. The fingers of the trip point to President Roosevelt whom they say "deliberately and knowingly" authorized it, and to the War Department leadership, Secretary Henry Stimson and Assistant Secretary John J. McCloy.

## FDR's thought studied

The story of the evacuation is that it was proclaimed by Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt as commanding general of the Western Defense Command, on authority granted him by President Roosevelt's Executive Order No. 9066 of February 19, 1942, which permitted the exclusion of "any or all persons" from military areas.

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 Although FDR signed the order, it is inconceivable that he realized fully the extent to which it would be used. Mass evacuation was strenuously opposed by FDR's attorney general, Francis Biddle, and there is no evidence that it was favored by the Navy or the F.B.I.

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 It is more logical that FDR thought that selective evacuation, in which only persons suspected of being dangerous to the national security, would be removed from specific military areas. It also is inconceivable that FDR, with his sense of history, would have permitted the worst transgression on individual liberties in the nation's history to be carried out in the name of his administration. It would be charitable to assume that FDR either did not realize the import of the evacuation order, or was too busy fighting a two-ocean war to care.

As for the War Department, it was sold a bill of goods by Gen. DeWitt or by persons acting in his name. FDR's Executive Order 9066 was inspired by Gen DeWitt's recommendations of Feb. 14 in which DeWitt cast suspicion on the entire Japanese American population.

Dewitt, responsible for the defense of the west coast, announced that "along the vital Pacific Coast over 112,000 potential enemies, of Japanese extraction, are at large today." "There are indications

that these are organized and ready for concerted action at a favorable opportunity," Gen. DeWitt warned. "The very fact that no sabotage has taken place to date is a disturbing and confirming indication that such action will be taken."

## DeWitt's gospel

DeWitt's words were just military mumbo-jumbo, but in far-away Washington they were taken as gospel. This hysterical estimate of the loyalty of persons of Japanese ancestry on the west coast had no basis in fact.

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Today, 12 years after the fact, no proof ever has been offered that any conspiracy existed.

It is apparent that Gen. DeWitt led the anti-Japanese white supremacists of California and rapacious commercial interests, which long had kept the Yellow Peril alive in the region's politics, lead him into a historical blunder.

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FDR's error and that of his aides was that they believed DeWitt's warning. Had the administration itself been the motivating factor in mass evacuation, it certainly would not have evacuated only the Pacific Coast Japanese and ignored an even larger population of Japanese ancestry in Hawaii.

Except for some 1500, who were shipped to the United States for internment, the remainder of Hawaii's 160,000 Japanese descent were unrestricted.

But Hawaii was outside the jurisdiction of Gen. DeWitt and his warped analysis of the Japanese American population. There, a saner view prevailed and the Japanese Americans were permitted to make an outstanding contribution to the defense of the territory.

Mass evacuation is an accomplished fact and the "who done it" phase is no longer important. Its ramifications, however, will exist for a long time to come. Its impact will not be forgotten because, as one writer has stated it, it was a betrayal, not alone of those evacuated, but of the whole American people.

The Supreme Court affirmed the validity of arbitrary action against a racial minority with a decision that said, in part, "in time of war residents having ethnic affiliations with an invading enemy may be a greater source of danger than those of a different ancestry," a type of reasoning far more appropriate to students of mythology than to men of law.

This verdict in the Hirabayashi-Yasui curfew cases and the affirmation of mass evacuation itself in the Korematsu case have left loopholes in the nation's bulwark of individual liberties, which are an unfortunate consequence of the evacuation.

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There are many American experts in law who still hope that some opportunity may be given the Supreme Court to plug these loopholes, lest they become big enough for scoundrels to crawl through.

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The mass evacuation is estimated to have cost the evacuees involved \$400 million and more. It cost the government at least half that to move the evacuees, clothe and feed them in the centers and to resettle them. Even within the restricted bounds of acceptable claims, evacuees filed for some \$130 million for losses of business and personal property incurred because of the evacuation. Half of these claims have now been adjudicated and the

Justice Department has authorized payment of \$23 million.

## Li'l Tokio's broken up

But if the evacuees suffered in pride and the pocketbook, many are richer emotionally because of the experience. The Japanese Americans were primarily a West Coast minority before Gen. DeWitt's E-day. But evacuation destroyed their insularity.

The activity of the War Relocation Authority in resettling the evacuees helped create a favorable public opinion toward the Japanese American group. The evacuees learned new skills, saw new faces, wandered to fields afar. The rapid comeback of the Japanese Americans, economically and socially, is a testament to individual and group endurance.

Mass evacuation already has its folklore and its literature. The four years of the evacuation experience, from E-day to the closing of the last center in 1946, are indelibly etched on the Japanese American consciousness.

For many, there always will be a twinge of nostalgia when the name of a long-abandoned relocation camp is mentioned. Heart Mountain, Manzanar, Granada, Topaz, and all the rest, will have their alumni who will have forgotten the harshness of the landscape and barrenness of existence but who will remember hardship and suffering, and sometimes joy and laughter, commonly shared.

*Prejudice, War and the Constitution* is one of a growing library of books written about the mass evacuation. It will not be the last. The evacuation has inspired, for instance, Mine Okubo's intensely human documentation, in text and drawings, of life in the Tanforan assembly center and the Topaz WRA camp, titled *Citizen 13660*. There is Ansel Adams' photo record of life at Manzanar, and Karen Kehoe's novel of an Arizona evacuee center, *Island in the Sun*. There is Carey McWilliams' *Prejudice*, which describes the political and economic pressures behind evacuation, and Morton Grodzins' *Americans Betrayed*, a documentation of the pressure politics involved and an analysis of their consequences.

There are the extensive publications produced by the War Relocation Authority, including its valedictory, "WRA: A Story of Human Conservation." Japanese Americans owe an incalculable debt to the courage and integrity of the men and women of the War Relocation Authority whose faith helped bring about a happier solution than the disastrous political decision of mass evacuation warranted.

## What history says

For what it is worth, the verdict of history is being written and it will be of no comfort to its perpetrators. The Supreme Court may have condoned it in 1943, but the view of a constitutional expert in 1945, Eugene V. Rostow of Yale Law School, will be more consistent with history's evaluation. Prof. Rostow called it "our worst wartime mistake" and predicted it would haunt the American people in years to come.

The question of whose was the finger that pushed the button probably never will be settled to everyone's satisfaction. It isn't that important, anyway.

What is important, however, is that the mass evacuation of 1942 not be allowed to set a precedent for similar treatment of other American minorities in some future time of crisis. For this reason, the evacuation experience will remain pertinent to all Americans for a long time to come.

# Text of U.C. Provost-Emeritus Recalls Momentous Speech of Air Hero Kuroki

Address by Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch, Vice-President and Provost Emeritus of the University of California, before the Japanese American Citizens League at dinner, Hotel Shattuck, Berkeley, December 12, 1954 in honor of the Issei just granted citizenship.

By DR. MONROE E. DEUTSCH

I am glad to be here, glad to have the chance to congratulate the Issei who are now American citizens.

A great wrong has finally been ended. The right to secure citizenship which has been given to millions of Europeans from Norway and Sweden on the north, to Spain and Italy and the Slavic countries in the south, but denied to persons of Asiatic lands, has finally been granted to all regardless of place of birth, provided they can meet the requirements established for everyone seeking citizenship.

The barrier of discrimination in regard to citizenship has been destroyed. And recently, the barrier against education in the same schools for all throughout the nation has also been destroyed.

We are becoming—even though slowly—the democracy which is our ideal.

I admit that everything is far from perfect, but we are more nearly living up to the words of the Declaration of Independence, "all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights—that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

I am especially happy that the doors of citizenship have been opened up to our friends from Japan who have resided here for years and have done so much for this America of ours. They have brought forth food in abundance from our soil; they have made gardens bloom; they have borne heavy but essential burdens; you have done enough—and more than enough—for this land to which you came, to justify your full acceptance as members of these United States.

## Tribute to Soldiers

And I know that in your hearts, this has been your country—not only through what you have contributed to it, but through your sons and daughters—yes, even your grandchildren—who were born here and have been Americans from birth. And many of them wore the uniform of this country and have served gallantly in its armed forces.

I for one feel that what you suffered in camps during the war was disgraceful; it can only be explained on the basis of fear, unreasoning fear, which causes many dreadful things to be done during war time. You have been free from resentment at what you went through—you have been generous and forgiving.

I pray that no group may ever in years to come have to experience the unfair, unjust treatment which came to you during the war.

Now you are American citizens, with all the rights and privileges which that implies. Use those rights, use them constantly and intelligently. Cast your ballots at all elections and see that you secure all possible information before you do so.

And as you were treated as a minority group, be defenders of all so-called minority groups, stand on the basis of democratic treatment for all your fellow citizens.

Fight against those who seek to prevent any group from living where their members seek to live. If you rent a home or buy one, no one has a right to interfere with your living there. And in the same way, defend the rights of others to live where they choose. Those who strive to prevent it, want minority groups to live in slums and not have decent homes in which to dwell.

The right to live where you wish is, I say firmly, one of the rights to which every human being is entitled in a democratic society.

So, too, is the right to employment.

If "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" belong to everyone, certainly the chance to work at whatever one is fitted to do is clear. No employer, no union has the right to refuse a person employment because of place of birth or ancestry, color or religion.

## Contributions of Many

We are a people of most varied origin.

Amongst us are the descendants of every nation on the face of the globe, and of this we should be proud, for great nations always come from a mixture of peoples.

Each group has something to contribute to our racial pot. Some bring love of music, others scientific ability, some are successful in business, others skilled in farming, some energetic and hard working.

Those whose ancestry is Japanese have much to contribute—they are diligent and conscientious in their work, they respect learning, they bring in a love of beauty, they are marked by courtesy. All these are valuable traits to bring to our racial mixture, and we rejoice that you have come to make these contributions to the land which is now fully your own—the place where you can own your property, where your children have

been born as citizens, and finally the badge of American citizenship has been given you.

Personally, I always felt the importance of close tie between Japan and the United States, and in prewar days I was a member of the Japan Society of San Francisco. Now, that tie is all the more important. And you can add mightily in cementing friendship and cooperation between our two nations.

We need Japan as part of our bulwark against Communist aggression in Asia. Japan needs us to help her get on her feet after what she suffered in war.

Our country has aided Germany and Italy in their recovery and is likewise aiding Japan. We must also take care that Japan can carry on trade in such ways that she can become economically self-sufficient.

Nothing so quickly sends a people to communism as stark poverty and hunger.

Then they are not concerned with forms of government—the term "democracy" has no allure when men and women are starving and see their children starving.

So, for this reason, we must see that Japan is economically sound and—more than that—as human beings, we must feel that we are "our brothers' keepers" and cannot endure to see people in dire need and poverty and their children pitifully starving.

## Help Each Other

Indeed in this world of today, even as we as individuals must think of our neighbors and help one another, so the nations of the world must also aid one another.

We are so close together in this

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Sgt. Ben Kuroki, home from his European tour of duty, visits the Denver JACL office. His sterling address later before the San Francisco Commonwealth Club is recalled in a recent address by Dr. Monroe E. Deutsch of the Univ. of California.

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## DR. DEUTSCH: Cont'd.

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shrunk world—radio and airplane have made us touch one another—and no people know better than the Japanese the horrors of atomic and hydrogen death which hover over us all.

So dreadful are these recent inventions that the necessity of peace has become overpowering. We must all reach disarmament in order that this horrible end to all civilization may not confront us.

Peace must be the aim of us all, and we must not permit war mongers to talk readily of a preventive war.

Wars today mean the participation of the entire people of the nation, and at the same time threaten to wipe out the whole population. Mankind has for generations yearned for peace—but today with these mighty destructive weapons, peace is imperative.

Each of us as citizens can play a part in insisting that this country do its utmost to bring about a peaceful settlement of whatever issues arise.

There are those who are always ready to use the term "appeasement" to assuage efforts to reach agreement with other nations. But after all, when opposing views exist, the only solution (if we are to avoid war) is by compromise.

Each side must yield some-

thing in order that a solution may be reached and the danger of war averted.

## Expense of USA

This is a great nation of which you have finally and rightly become citizens. It is marvelous that the Constitution drawn up and adopted 165 years ago for a population of but four million people living on a strip of land bordering the Atlantic Ocean has been found suited to the needs of the people of 160 million population spreading 3,000 miles across the continent.

And this land has in the past welcomed to its shores people from every nation and given them shelter and the chance to rise educationally, economically and socially.

Slavery was abolished and more and more have the rights of every human being been recognized.

What has happened to you in gaining citizenship, is one of the many steps being taken to come more nearly to the true democracy of which we dream. And as citizens, you have the right to purchase property and live in homes that are your own.

During election campaigns, things are said that are unfair, unjust and even untrue.

In a desire to win, opposing candidates are attacked and assailed.

When the election day is over, we are once again all Americans,

eager to make our land a better place in which to live.

## Word About Elections

Neither Republicans nor Democrats are devils, trying to overthrow our government. Let me also whisper that they are not all angels either, noble in purpose, intelligent and solely interested in the welfare of the people; they are all human beings—with the weaknesses that human beings possess, but they are not by any means as bad as their opponents make them out when the campaign is a hot one.

I have been amazed and delighted at the manner in which all of you returned from the camps to take up your residence and resume your work in your former homes.

This was accomplished quickly and without that hostility of the part of the population on the whole which many anticipated.

You have come back to your cities and towns and picked up the lives broken at the time of the evacuation. This does credit both to the entire citizenry and yourselves.

And you have taken up your task and contributed to the prosperity of our state and nation.

As time has gone by, more avenues of employment have been opened up to your sons and daughters and your grandchildren. In

offices I see them serving as secretaries and clerks; in department stores they are saleswomen; in architectural offices they are busy drafting and designing; they are engineers; they are nurses; they are laboratory technicians; they are pharmacists; they are optometrists, they are dentists and physicians.

America is learning their capacity and energy and using them in many ways previously unknown to them. I must admit that all doors are not opened—but in time and with patience I am sure they will be.

## Admirable Traits

Your children have become not only Americans but Americanized. But I trust that in this process they will not lose the admirable qualities of the Japanese. They are too valuable to be cast aside. And it is such contributions that make Americans appreciate what each people has to bring her.

You, the Berkeley chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League, do well to honor the Issei who have just attained the rights which the accident of birth conferred on you.

They came as strangers to this unknown land; they had to take work that was heavy and burdensome and by no means well remunerated—to gain a living for themselves and their families.

They in accord with their tradition, wanted their children to be well educated, and so many of

them went on from stage to stage even through the university. And I must say that you took good advantage of your opportunities.

Often when I spoke at a high school, the valedictorian chosen to speak for the graduating class was a brilliant Nisei student.

And I have always been proud of the fact that at the very time of the evacuations in 1942, the University of California awarded the gold medal as the most distinguished scholar of the year to Harvey Itano.

Though as a result of the evacuation, of course, he was unable to be present to receive it. He is now on the staff of the California Institute of Technology.

## Ben Kuroki Story

Unjust and unfair though the evacuation was, nevertheless the American people are easily moved to a feeling of admiration for the splendid achievements by Japanese Americans.

Do you remember the story of Ben Kuroki? I recall it well for I had a part in what, I believe, marked the shift for the better in the American feeling towards the Japanese and the Japanese Americans.

Ben Kuroki was born in Nebraska and on the day following Pearl Harbor he at once enlisted in the air corps.

He was trained in flying but whenever his squadron was moved nearer to the fighting zone, he was told that he was not to be taken along with the others. But he was a persistent young man and did not give up.

So he was able to get to England with our air squadron and then to North Africa and he took part in the flight over the Rumanian oil fields—and their explosion by dropping bombs on them.

When he had finished 25 successful missions, the air corps told him he was now allowed leave in the United States; but he begged to be permitted to go on five more missions. This was granted, and Sgt. Kuroki was given the Distinguished Flying Cross. Then he returned to this country and the army sent him about to tell what the air corps had been doing.

I happened to be the President of the Commonwealth Club of California, and Mrs. Ruth Kingman (always aiding and championing you and other minority groups) told me of his availability as a speaker before the club.

The program committee agreed to an invitation. There were, I admit, those who were by no means sympathetic to his appearance but we went ahead.

When he spoke, there were some 800 present. And his speech was magnificent. He pointed out that in a fighting plane one did not care an iota as to the country or religion or color of his comrades—all were Americans, devoted to but one cause, the victory of our arms.

Kuroki said, "I learned more about democracy than you'll find in all the books. Because I saw it in action. When you live with men under combat conditions for 15 months, you begin to understand what brotherhood, equality, tolerance, and unselfishness really mean."

He went on to say that other American soldiers had but one war to fight—against the axis powers.

But he had another war also to fight—against intolerance and discrimination. It was a brilliant address, and at its close the entire audience rose spontaneously to its feet and applauded repeatedly.

## Turning Point

Mike Massoka has told me that he felt this event was the turning point in the American attitude towards those of Japanese birth. One letter of the many he received after his address read: "I cannot over-emphasize the fact that I feel your Commonwealth speech was the most important day's work you have ever done. I say this without wishing to minimize in any way the importance of the things you have done for America in battle." Later Kuroki took part

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in the bombing of Japan itself. He was a splendid loyal American. And so striking was his career that it was described in a book by Ralph G. Martin entitled "Boy from Nebraska."

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And of course, we all recall vividly the heroism of the men of the 100th Infantry and the 442nd Combat Unit in Italy. General Mark Clark, their Commander, paid them a glowing tribute.

And in the recent Korean struggle, the Nisei showed their devotion to their country by their dauntless courage.

In the case of all these men,

## DECADE AGO

December 16, 1944

National AFL convention hits discriminatory treatment of Japanese American group.

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Individual exclusion program will accompany removal of mass restrictions, says Army; Asst. Sec. of War McCloy tells California congressmen government able to determine loyalty of Japanese Americans; asks coast citizens to show good citizenship.

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California Senate group acts to bar evacuees, would cause riots, turmoil and possible bloodshed.

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Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne pay tribute to Nisei soldiers on observance of Pearl Harbor Day at U.S. army hospital in England; "they deserve our thanks and praise."

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CIO leader (Arthur Osman of Wholesale and Warehouse Workers) takes issue with AFL Teamster's attitude on Nisei Americans; nothing but "filthy race prejudices," says Osman.

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Sec. of War Stimson condemns Hood River American Legion stand on Nisei GIs as undemocratic; Legion had erased 16 Nisei names from county honor roll. Cheney (Wash.) American Legion post protects anti-Nisei action.

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Nisei infantry battalion at Camp Blanding, Fla., sets training record—only one AWOL in past six months.

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San Diego County Hospital turns down proposal to train Nisei girls as nurses, followed opposition of American Legion commander.

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Nisei war veteran re-employed by Paramount Hollywood studio, reports Walter Winchell, who'd offer him one if Nisei couldn't stay on job because of strike threat of studio labor union.

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their heroism, their sacrifices, their wounds, their deaths made the American people realize that patriotism is not a matter of race or religion, but, as the late president, Franklin D. Roosevelt declared: "Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart; Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race and ancestry."

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And the acts of the Nisei soldiers in World War II did more than anything else to assure you a welcome into American life. They suffered so that you and yours might receive recognition as loyal Americans. Never should their sacrifices be forgotten.

It would be fitting if the Japanese American Citizens League set aside a day each year to honor their memory.

Think of what they did—the land of their parents and the land of their birth were at war. Many of them had lived for some time in Japan. They had many relatives there.

Besides, and most disheartening, thousands of their kin had been objects of suspicion and placed in camps under guard, and yet, despite all this, they enlisted in our armed forces and fought heroically—indeed so heroically that they received more marks of recognition than any other unit.

Despite the ties of blood, despite the indignities inflicted on their kindred—they not only showed themselves Americans but demonstrated a loyalty and devotion that were superb.

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In the New Testament it has been said: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends," but these men laid down their lives for their country in spite of the unfairness which that country had shown.

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That day is done. And I pray that never again will ancestry be regarded as justifying such treatment as you received. We talk today of "guilt by association," a dreadful and wholly unjust charge. In your case it was "guilt by descent," which is an even more disgraceful act.

At time goes by, let those days be forgotten. Look forward, not backward.

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## Hawaii as a State

I anticipate the admission of Hawaii to the Union. Indeed it has been pledged in the platforms of both Republicans and Democrats.

And when that takes place, at least one of the representatives of the new state in congress will, I am convinced, be of Japanese blood, and participate in making laws for all of us.

This will be, I trust, but the first entry of your people into our legislative body, there to reveal devotion to America.

Remember it has been slowly that persons of various foreign ancestries have been chosen to public office. Italians and Czechs and Poles, indeed, any one of a strange sounding name was looked at askance.

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Until gradually names such as La Guardia and Rossi and Metropolis and Menulhin and Schlesinger and even Eisenhower were treated as Americans as they should all be.

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## Wise Vote

But all of us should in our relations with our Nation, our state and our city, vote and act in all respect not as members of any special group, whether by descent or place of birth, color or religion, but actuated solely by the best interests of our people as a whole.

We have, none of us, any right to use our American citizenship as a means of advancing our own selfish interest.

And so tonight my hearty congratulations go to all the young men and women who have just now become American citizens. Tonight their hearts are young in any event, I am sure.

It brings happiness not only to you but to your children and grandchildren, and also to those of us who believe that America must become truly a democracy, and to that end all forms of discrimination must be ended.

It is another step in the forward march to democracy; this, too, is an indication of the brotherhood of mankind, which is the basis of the religion in which we believe.

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Eastern District Council Chairman, Iro Shimasaki, who stands at far left conducts the installation ceremony of Seabrook Chapter, JACL Cabinet members. Harry Okamoto, president for the current fiscal year, stands at far right behind the American flag. Others from left to right are: Vernon Ichisaka, Richard Nishimura, Mrs. Josie Ikeda, Miss Gloria Aoki, Mrs. Kikue Tagawa, Miss Marion Graesser, Fukuji Sasaki, George Noda and James Yamasaki.



## NEW CITIZENS

Keigo Raymond Inouye (center), a new citizen of Seabrook, N.J., receives a citizenship certificate from Earl M. Wescoat (right) county clerk of Cumberland County, N.J., as Harry Okamoto, president of Seabrook JACL looks on. Wescoat presented the certificates to 15 new citizens this summer when they were guests of honor at the JACL installation dinner banquet. Other Issei citizens are: Yasugi Amamoto, Tom Kazuo Horita, Masafada Ikeda, Katsu Kamikawa, Matsui, Kanemoto, Shige Kazoka, Tom Fusazo Kasaoka, Ito Kubota, George Teijiro Mizuhara, Asae Yamamoto, Naozo Yamamoto, Yasozo Yamamoto, Fusaye Yokoyama.

**Old Friend, Jimmy**

A couple of ancient Japanese Shinto shrines in the yards at Seattle's St. Vincent de Paul led Post-Intelligencer columnist Frank Lynch on a wild goose chase recently trying to find the history of these works of art. In the course of his story, he enlists the help of Jimmy Sakamoto, who has been with Catholic Charities since the war; Mr. and Mrs. Nakajiro Fukuyama, and Frank Hattori. Sakamoto was editor-publisher of the Japanese American Courier before the war and past National JACL President.—Editor.



Jimmy Sakamoto, now with St. Vincent de Paul's Society, Seattle, and prewar National JACL President, stands beside an ancient Shinto Shrine figure, which evoked a newspaper columnist to devote his whole column. (Cut courtesy: Seattle Post-Intelligencer.)

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## A SHORT STORY

## Uncle Tad

By DEN MOREY

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WHEN Will Norris opened the door of the hardware store, he found Pop Benson, seated behind the dusty counter reading a newspaper. Usually Pop would greet Will's entrance with a jaw-breaking smile, but today the small gray-haired man sat not unlike a sphinx. And the only attention he gave to Will's presence was a quick glance before he resumed his reading.

The thought that Pop had slighted him brought added fuel to Will's smoldering temper. His tongue twitched with two words, spontaneous and challenging, "You too!" However, he bit them back.

"Not Pop Benson," he told himself. "Pop's different. Why, it's just my imagination." With those thoughts, Will Norris shuffled his way toward the proprietor of the hardware store. Because one of his legs was stiff and shorter than the other Will's pace was awkwardly slow. A tall, handsome man, with deep-set, blue eyes, Will had once been a college athlete, but the war had been tragic to him. While serving with the Marines in the South Pacific, he had been captured by the Japanese and had spent three years in their prison. He had come out with a badly mangled leg, a souvenir after an argument he had with a couple of revenge-filled guards, and because the leg hadn't been set properly at the time it was broken, it was several years after his liberation and only after many painful operations, that he was able to walk out of the Naval Hospital.

When Will had come near enough for him to hear Pop's breathing, the small man grunted for the second time. Then lifting his head, he squinted over the rims of his silver-rimmed glasses and uttered, "Hello, Will. What's on your mind?"

For a moment Will stood still, perplexed for an answer. Then, clearing his throat he said, "I want a gravestone."

"A gravestone?" Pop rubbed the stub of his two-day old beard. He repeated, "A gravestone."

"That's what I said."

Pop stared down at his shriveled hands, inspecting the nails, before he turned up to face Will. At length he said, "Seems to me you are bargaining for more than you can handle, Will."

"What do you mean?" Will challenged.

"Ain't you taking a lot of trouble over one dead Jap? Ain't you?"

What Pop said shocked Will. But more than the shock, in hearing Pop utter those words, it tore a gash into his heart. For here was a man, Will always had thought, who would sympathize with his feelings for the aged Japanese and therefore naturally support Will's funeral plans for the dead man.

Now, he stood there feeling like a man who was being slapped with his hands tied behind his back. However, that feeling quickly disappeared and replaced by a turbulent rage that shook his body and foamed out from within him in thunderous words. "You, too! You are not different than any one of

this whole community—rotten. In fact, you're worse. What really hurts is to find out that you, the very person—"

"Now, wait a second, Will," Pop Benson stood up protesting. "I ain't against what you're trying to do. Honest, I ain't. Remember, Will, ain't I the one who talked you into hiring Tad in the first place. Ain't I?"

What Pop said, Will thought, was true. Five years ago, when Will first bought the farm, he didn't know anything about farming—especially about grape farming. Thus, he had written to his uncle, a successful vineyardist, for advice.

His uncle acknowledged his appeal for help by suggesting that the best way for Will to learn was to hire someone who knew.

And in his case, Uncle thought that Tad Mukihada, an aged Japanese, who was working for him, could "fill the bill, precisely."

That's when Will had turned to Pop Benson. "But Pop, a Jap! That's out of question!"

"Ain't blaming you none, knowing what you went through in the war, but now you're talking like Tojo himself. So he's a Jap. And because you learned to hate them over there in war you turn this one cold. Well, who's going to lose? The Jap? No. Me? No. Maybe, your uncle? No. Will Norris? Yeah!"

"But you don't even try to understand me. You should know—"

"Seems to me it ain't me that ain't trying to understand, Will."

"Okay, Okay! But first I've got to talk to my wife."

"Sure, take plenty of time, Will. Remember, it ain't hurting no one but yourself."

Three days later, Will had met the train that brought Tad Mukihada to Livingston and his broken-down farm.

For some time, Will stood there pondering over those thoughts preying in his brain, and from them, he tried to find the answer that had changed Pop's former belief so completely that he was now opposing Will's present plans. Unable to draw any conclusion, he asked, "Then why—just what are you trying—driving at?"

The old man cocked his gray head and swallowed. "You ain't going to get mad at me no more, ain't you, Will?"

After Will had nodded his head, Pop sighed, "If I knew Tad, and I'm thinking I did; he'd be wanting to be buried the cheapest way possible than to see you spend money and see you and your family suffer afterwards."

"It's not the question of what he thought. Did you ever stop to think what we—my family thought of him—meant to all of us, not just because of the work he did, but for him becoming part of the family. You know, Molly always said she thought more of him than she ever thought about her own father. Would you dump a man like that just because he's dead?"

"But, you can't always do what you want to do."

"Maybe not, but neither can we forget him because he's dead. Memories—thousands of them. Like him telling old Japanese folk tales as the children sat on his lap."

"And the way—why, I could still see how his eyes became misty and the words he tried to say became jumbled and meaningless when Junior first called him 'Uncle Tad.'"

After a short pause, Will continued. "Funny, neither Molly nor I had a heart to tell him that she had coached Junior to do so."

Will shook his head. "No, Pop, Tad meant more to us than that."

"But, I tell you it ain't what you want to do. You've got to understand that. Fact's fact. Ever think how much it'll cost you, seeing you can't bury him no closer than Larksville. Maybe, \$600. Maybe, \$800. Maybe, more. Who knows? You ain't got that much money to throw away, eh, Will?"

Six hundred dollars to throw away! A question like that might have sounded humorous to him any other time, Will thought, but when times were pathetic . . .

The fact was that only a few weeks ago, he had told Pop that, because the past harvest season had been poor, he would be glad to make ends meet during the coming winter.

That same week, the tractor had broken down completely forcing him to ask for a loan at the bank to replace it.

And two days ago, Tad had died. At that time, he realized that even if the bank were willing to lend him enough money to buy a new tractor, he couldn't buy one unless they grant him some money for the funeral.

He had been debating his next move, when his wife took a phone call, asking Will to visit the bank. Therefore, this morning, Will had come into town on a two-fold mission—to prepare for a funeral and to find the reason for the phone call from the bank.

As he stood there listening to Pop Benson, Will wondered if the bank had decided not to grant him a loan.

Had they decided that loaning him the money was a risk, that it would be used for Tad's funeral—not to get a new tractor? He couldn't think of any other reason that he was summoned to the bank. No, not when Mr. James, the bank's president, assured him at the time he applied for the loan, that he would find the check in the mail in a few days. Well, that had been a week ago . . .

"Six hundred dollars," Will repeated, "I don't care if it's \$6000. And if the bank don't want to lend it to me . . . Okay, so they don't! But believe me, even if it takes ten years—"

"Didn't he leave any money?" "If he did, so what. It isn't mine!"

"I know that—was just wondering, he being single and—"

"So that's what's on your mind. He was using his money to educate his nephew and niece. It's his

business how he spent his money. Or isn't it, to you?"

"I ain't said nothing." Then for a while, Pop's eyes had the far-away look. "This here niece and nephew. Can't you ask them—?"

"They're in Japan. Was always sending them something. For heaven's sake, Pop, here I just come to get a gravestone. If you don't want to sell me one just say yes or no. Remember, I could get one elsewhere."

"Take it easy, Will. Don't get so het up! Ain't no sense in—"

"Het up? Why you . . ." Will whirled himself and began to shuffle toward the door.

"By gosh, Will, won't you listen to me!" Pop said. Maybe, those words carried much pleading. Or, perhaps, Will knew deep in his heart that Pop was right and he was only trying to help. Whatever the reason, he stopped and faced Pop again.

Pop Benson climbed down from his stool and began walking toward the side door. "Well, ain't you coming, Will?" he beckoned. "I've got samples downstairs."

Will followed him, and in a few moments, they were inside a musty, well-stocked basement. In one of the corners, laid sample gravestones of many sizes and shapes.

"Which one do you want?" Pop asked.

"I don't know—that is, one about fifty dollars."

Pop pointed at the small rectangular stone. "Hoy's that? It ain't big but it's very good made. Lasts a million years," he chuckled.

"If you say so, okay. I'll pay you after the funeral." "You ain't paying me nothing." "Huh?"

"You heard me right the first time. You ain't paying me nothing."

"But, Pop, I don't see . . . I won't let you—"

"I ain't doing it for you. I'm doing it for Tad. You got anything against that?"

"No. But why?"

"Why?" For a moment Pop stood there under a dim light as if he were trying to see something that wasn't there. Then he sighed and said, "Funny, but I don't know—ain't even sure why? Maybe, it's 'cuz all along I didn't like the way folks around here had nothing to do with him. Maybe, it's 'cuz he changed a bitter man like you to believe in him. Maybe—why it's . . ."

Pop shrugged his hunched shoulders. "I don't know. I just don't know. All I know is I want to. You ain't got anything against that ain't you?" "No, but then—"

"Stop butting, Will. Now, get out, I've got work to do even you ain't thinking so."

FIFTEEN minutes later Will entered the bank. He found Mr. James behind one of the three teller windows, talking to a neatly-groomed blonde-haired woman. Catching Will's attention, Mr. James, a big man with a receding hairline, gave Will a quick smile before he resumed his conversation with the blonde. A short

time later, when the woman left, Mr. James smiled warmly and said "Good morning, Mr. Norris. You did get my message. Thanks for coming in."

"G'morning. Was my loan refused?"

"Refused? No, sir. Haven't you received it—the check, I mean?"

"You mean, it's been mailed?"

"That's right, Mr. Norris. Two days ago. You should have it in this morning's mail."

Will sighed. "Boy, that's a load off my mind. You know, when you asked me to come in and I didn't receive my check—you know how it was . . ."

Mr. Norris smiled. "Yes, I understand. The reason I called you was I wanted to talk to you about the money Mr. Mukihada left for you and your family."

"Money, Tad left! For us?"

"Yes, about \$6,000."

"Six thousand dollars? Why—why, it's—are you sure?"

Mr. James chuckled. "Yes, I'm quite sure. He set up a \$2,000 educational fund for each of your two children and left the remainder to you and your wife"

"But, but how? I thought he was sending all his money to Japan—to his relatives."

"No, Mr. Mukihada has no relatives. That's what he wanted you to believe. The fact was only he and I knew."

"But, then, why didn't he tell me. If we only knew that he was doing something like that—"

"That was his big secret, Mr. Norris. True, most people expect each favor to be returned by a similar or greater one, and those are the people who are likely to advertise; however, there are people like Tad whose only interest is gained by satisfying himself in knowing that he is doing something good."

"Here was a man who came to the States in his youth. Sure, he found life hard, but then he was young and unconquerable. But, suddenly, one day, he wakes up and finds himself no longer young and energetic, but a man in the ebbing hours of his life—a tired and lonely old man."

"And in this hour, fate had shown him kindness enough to place him with a good family. Sure, you say to yourself, 'I just treated him justly—only because he earned it!' But then you're young. Yet, to an old, lonely man, like Mr. Mukihada, whose emotions are more prominent, each good act toward him reacts more effectively upon him . . . that is, he feels many times more than you would."

"And the only way he knew how to repay you and your family was to do what he did . . . nothing more, nothing less . . ."

For what seemed to be a long time, Will stood there trying to say something but unable to say a word. Then, with a quickness only his crippled leg could carry him, he left the bank. Once outside, the cool air cleared his wet eyes and he saw the wide expansion of the blue sky, the world suddenly became so enormous to him that he felt insignificant and humble before it.

THE END

# Can't Find 100% Anti-American in Japan

By SAM ISHIKAWA

Japan, indeed, is a baffling country. Here we find the newspapers, magazines, books, and movies which are pronouncedly "Anti-American." Yet it is almost impossible to find an honest to goodness live specimen of an anti-American.

If you do find any, it is likely to be a long haired intellectual who earns his bread and butter by posing as an anti-American.

Fortunately, even these intellectuals are finding it rather rough going to sell straight Anti-American articles because Anti-Americanism is no longer "news" anymore in Japan.

Now these professional "intel-

lectuals" have taken refuge writing articles advocating free trade and friendship with Red China. They believe that to be with the times is to go contrary to popular belief and to be Anti-American.

Yet, even these intellectuals know that they cannot wander too far astray from popular opinion. That, perhaps, explains why no leading "intellectual" has advocated too close a tie with the Soviet Union.

Another interesting oddity is that pro-American articles are beginning to sell.

It is a sad commentary on Japanese intellectuals that they must prostitute themselves for the sake

of the almighty "yen."

## Strange Logic

Any Anti-Americanism which may exist in Japan stems from the strange reasoning among some Japanese that "freedom of speech" is synonymous with being against America. This self-asserting Anti-Americanism is a legacy of the Occupation.

Contrary to popular belief, although the Japanese do not like to admit it, ninety-nine out of a hundred have a keen sense of appreciation that Japan's future is tied steadfast to the Free World, especially the United States.

Furthermore, they are content with this position as long as there is no alternative to it but closer

relations with the Soviet Union. No one, except for Communists, seriously advocates a tie up with Red China or the Soviet Union in anyway similar to the way Japan is associated with the West.

However, all this does not prevent the Japanese from dreaming about the "glorious Empire days" when Japan had her say in Asia by the simple clicking of her military boots.

What, many suspect, Japan wants is to be totally independent without having to take into consideration the feelings of other nations.

But this is an impossibility—even for the United States—unless she wants to quietly resign from the community of nations, and this resignation would never be acceptable to the United States or the Soviet Union.

## Fatigue Sets in

There is a considerable undercurrent significantly which indicates Japan's desire to isolate herself spiritually from the world.

In Japan one can sense a feeling of tiredness. She feels there is no hope for her, but to work.

This work, she feels, will get her nowhere. She is told she

must become industrious, but no leader or movement exists which can enlighten her as to why she must be industrious.

Just to eke out a living does not hold out any hope for her.

Certainly, the Japanese do not want to be industrious simply to advance United States policy nor do they want to promote Soviet policy.

Even today compared with most countries Japan is industrious, but with her defeat in the Pacific war she has no purpose to her industry.

It isn't enough for a nation just to eke out a questionable existence to have vigor and determination.

## Japan in 1955

Although from her physical appearance it may be hard to tell, but Japan in 1955 is still a defeated nation without much hope for the future.

The same spiritual vacuum left at her defeat in 1945 still exists today. Her stab at democracy has at best left shallow roots.

Her politics is highly unstable much like her pre-war years due to much too much reliance on personalities rather than on policies.

However, there is one important (Continued on Next Page)

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difference in this political instability from pre-war in that there no longer exists a strong Emperor system which gave Japan a stabilizing influence.

Cabinets came and went, but the Emperor remained. The Emperor was the keel which prevented the national ship from toppling, and the Japanese rallied around him; but today, even with the increasing signs of revival of the Emperor symbol, it is questionable whether Emperor can become again the rallying force of yesterday.

Japan in 1955 more than anything needs a strong purpose for existing. She needs badly a creed—spiritual leadership.

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From where will this spiritual leadership come? Certainly, there is no evidence of it in the intellectual group nor do the universities give too many reasons for hope.

Even if desired, it is doubtful whether the Emperor can ever be the symbol of spiritual leadership as in the past.

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## Reds No Hope

The Communists hold no hope. They only contrive by deceit to deliver Japan into the hands of their Soviet masters.

And so far in 1955, the Japanese have shown very little inclination of being duped by Communist promises.

The Japanese who are, to a great degree, influenced in their thinking by Marxism never can accept the United States wholeheartedly as their spiritual leader because for them the United States to a great degree represents "capitalism" and "colonialism," a popular word in Asia for imperialism.

The United States is too closely associated with colonial powers as France and Great Britain.

In this instance, the U. S. is a victim of guilt by association.

Furthermore, to the Japanese, the United States is too interested in fighting Russia, and Japan doesn't want any part of fighting in a cold or a hot war.

## M'Arthur's Medicine

Democracy was supposed to fill the spiritual vacuum which was left by Japan's defeat in the war. It was the medicine prescribed by General MacArthur, but this prescription has not been an easy remedy for Japan.

MacArthur's six easy lessons in democracy goes against the very grain of Japanese life. Japan in 1955 dominated by feudal concepts of loyalty and morality.

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Add to this a strange admixture of "pantheistic" Shintoism, "nothingness" of Buddhism, and "filial piety" of Confucianism, then you will nearly have the makings of a Japanese mind.

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With such a strange mixture of ideas and concepts, more the Japanese mind studies democracy, the more evident it becomes that to understand this Western ideal they must do some reverse thinking.

Whatever happens, if Japan is to become a true democracy from the bottom up, she must first wade through these inconsistencies to formulate a reasonable creed which makes sense to the common people.

Whether a creed can be developed without destroying some of the best qualities of Japan which we have come to regard as her cultural heritage is problematical.

Who will want to undertake the responsibility to go against "2,600" years of history? It is no wonder that some of the thinking Japanese want to retire to the hills.

## Prospects Dim

The prospects of democracy in Japan today is not too clear, the increasing tendency is to revert to the past. As the years separating the Occupation grow in number the chances of Japan becoming a democracy seem to become less.

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Yet, all is not dismal for the growth of democracy planted by the Occupation have not all fallen on sandy soil.

There are many signs, although not spectacular, of such seeds taking root.

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The outstanding evidence is to be found in the postwar women.

The women of 1955, not only work in textile factories as in prewar years, but they can be found following almost every pursuit of life. Constantly they push new doors open.

This actually started during the war years when Japanese women were forced into various occupations to contribute their part to the establishment of Japan's "Co-prosperity" in Asia.

After the war the pushing of doors open was done at first by war widows, but other women were not far behind in going to work. These women refused to quit their jobs when the war was over.

Women found that money in their pocketbooks gave them a fine feeling of independence. Once they tasted independence from masculine and family domination, they have become reluctant to part with it.

## Woman of Japan

A new generation of women have been educated under the new system inaugurated by the Occupation.

We find these women imbued with the spirit of freedom. Instead of retreating into their shells after the departure of the Occupation, these women have become ever increasingly active in social and civic matters.

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The women of 1955 show more independence even in the way they bob or cut their hair. Even the Geisha cut their hair short and prefer Western clothes when not on the job.

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The Japanese women learn much about American independence from "yoga" in the main American movies. It is through these American movies they learn the American ways of "josondampi." Although the Japanese female is far from having it easy like her American counterpart, she certainly enjoys much more freedom than her sister of a decade ago.

## University Life

Seeds for a new democracy can also be found on the Japanese university campuses.

Here we find for the first time a semblance of a coeducational system, even at Tokyo University (Imperial University).

The students agitate for "democracy." The students more than ever before, seem to sense that they are the hope of tomorrow.

They are active in promoting youth movements and activities though at times they seem overbearing.

If a professor is criticized, he is usually attacked by the students as being "undemocratic." The university authorities are always "autocratic and undemocratic" to the students.

More crimes are committed in the name of democracy, but they signify the signs of the times.

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## Labor Unions

Labor unions can be a source for the growth of democratic ways, but at the present they are dominated by Sohyo, whose leaders are closer to the Soviet Union than to the Free World. They seem to delve in politics more than they should, and tend to split even more the already badly divided trade union movement.

Yet, we have in Zenro, a newly formed union patterned after Western trade unions, which gives some room for hope.

The Japanese trade union movement needs more stability and leaders with a deeper sense of responsibility. The unions must come to a better understanding of its role in developing a democracy in Japan.

In 1955 the Japanese labor unions have much to learn, but they still hold some hope.

## Red China Key

Baffling as Japan may be to the West, she is of great importance to America's future welfare in the Far East.

With the fall of China into Communist hands, Japan has become the forward bastion of American defense.

With her mighty industrial power, Japan is the most prized goal of the Communists. As far as the Communists are concerned, all roads lead to Tokyo regardless of the curves and turns it may take.

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Let's hope 1955 will find Japan a bit closer to the United States in friendship and understanding, and become an increasingly important pivotal country for the Free World.

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The moon was a white lady riding her silver horses across a spangled plain. She occasionally dipped and swayed to the lute song of the wind . . . sometimes they say you could hear her thread-thin voice . . . and they say it was cold on a winter's night. Cold and old and sort of sad.

The tree was a silent soldier keeping his watch. His snow shrouded form was proud in its bearing, and his gaunt arm was its perpetual salute. Staunch, sturdy soldier, wise in his silence, he kept his vigil on this winter night.

They saw him walk over the

bridge; they heard the uneven beat of his feet. He stopped in the middle, where one could look down into the frozen mirror below. He was a tall man, and as he lifted his head to look at the sky, the moon lady said:

"Why, it's Timmy! I remember him since the night he was born in that old frame house. The doctor almost didn't make it that night. I was washing the clouds and the suds had spilled over."

"Yes, if it wasn't for me, he wouldn't have known where the house was. But the old doc knew every one of us trees, and all the paths and the brooks and the

woods in between. Said if he were blind, he could find himself by sound and smell. He was a good man, that doc, but his time came, too," mused the tree.

And he continued, "It wasn't long before Timmy was climbing all over me. Sometimes he'd come and climb to my highest arm and he'd tell me all the things he wondered about and the things he knew and the things he felt."

And the old lady and the old soldier watched and remembered. They remembered the tall, skinny youngster who had laughed and cried, who had be-

lieved and disbelieved. They remembered the night of the fire and how in one scalding moment both his dad and his mom were consumed. Timmy had gone to his aunt's that night so they could get an early start to the fair. The folks hadn't planned on going that year, with the harvesting yet to be done.

They had been a close, happy family. And no child was ever more welcome than this one who had come ten years afterwards. With the compassion of their middle age they devoted their labors and dreams to this boy. They had gifted him with the keys to a distant outer world where all frontiers were conquerable, all oceans only as shallow or as deep as one willed them to be.

The three of them looked forward to the winters when wrapped in the warmth and welcome of their home they lifted down the books from the high, walnut bookcase, and they read, each in his turn. They read of lands alien to them, of men who had pioneered roads to progress, of wars and their wantless waste, of peace and its subsequent unrest, of the things of beauty that man had created . . . and then destroyed.

Timmy grew in other ways, too. He learned the soft touch of a puppy's fur and the changing moods that could be read in the limpid, moist eyes of a dog. He learned of nature's wondrous ways and her constant change of garb. He learned to laugh and to sing and to love and to weep. He learned sorrow, and with it loneliness . . . which remained with him for the rest of his life.

Said the moon, "I remember the night after the folks had been buried, and the pryaers said. The aunt and the uncle had carried him weeping home. And after they had all fallen asleep, he trudged over the hill to the cemetery and he fell across their fresh mounds, and wept to them, calling them back . . . and there was no answer.

"Yes," said the old tree, "I remember, too. How he looked up and clenched his fist and angrily cried, 'please give them back to me . . . I need them so! . . . or take me, too . . .'"

And the moon said, "But time is good to the young. They forget their sorrows in their happiness. Their winters are washed away with the rains of spring. And he grew up all right. Always had a smile and a kind word. I used to watch him in the summer after graduation, walking with that Janie, hand in hand. She was a sweet thing, and so pretty, like one of my newborn stars."

The tree chuckled, "That was the summer he chiseled a part of me off, carved a heart right here on me. They'd sit under my shade, sometimes not saying a

thing, just looking at each other. Then the great war came, and they said Timmy was man enough to tote a gun. They took them so young; away from all the things and beings they knew . . . shipped them to the outposts of the world. Into a naked jungle, where there seemed to be no coherent reason for a man's existence. The world had gone made."

Joyous voices down below sang softly, sweetly of the birth date of a child in Bethlehem. Christmas candles cast a golden glow. The silver crucifix burned the cruel darkness.

"Yes," said the moon, "on my cruises over to the other parts of the world, I sometimes followed him and saw him all grown and gritty and grim. And I could hear in his heart the tears that had dried there. I saw his weary slump and his dreamless, soulless eyes. I saw them fall on either side of him, and all around there was the silent wait and the stench of dried young blood."

And musingly, the old moon continued, "It was Christmas eve when I last saw him in that land across the sea. A still, white night that brought stinging tears to the eyes and drained the hands of feel and blood. For a moment there, on either side the guns had ceased and in a foreign tongue, came clearly the song of 'Silent Night' . . . and he sat on this mound unwrapping the packages from back home . . . his favorite toffee from his aunt and uncle; a muffler from a distant cousin, a box of cheese from the church choir, and a book of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's poems from Janie . . . and he had hummed a carol under his breath."

Below in the church, joyously they sang of peace, good will on earth toward all men. And the chords of the organ swelled with a majesty seldom heard . . . upward, upward, ever upward.

The moon, gently, "Ten days afterward, he lay in his new, cold grave. He never came home; that boy with the laughing eyes, the gentle hands, the sure, strong voice . . . only you and I see him each eve of Christmas, crossing that bridge. Crossing a sphere to the things dearest to him."

On the morning of Christmas, some children coasting down the hill, saw a faint footprint on the white, untrodden snow. One print which neither came nor left. They ran calling to their parents; but by that time the sun had melted it away. But the people told again the story they told each Christmas day . . . of the soldier and his journey . . . and the price that Timmy paid to buy peace on earth for them.



"Yes," said the old tree, "I remember, too. How he looked up and clenched his fist and angrily cried, 'please give them back to me . . . I need them so! . . . or take me, too.'"

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By FLO WADA

Certainly, the year 1954 for Pasadena JACLers will long be remembered by at least six outstanding events. Veteran JACLER Tom Ito headed the chapter as president and ably assisted by his cabinet officers: Flo Wada, Masao B. Fujimoto, Jiro Oishi, vice presidents; Mrs. Aki Abe, Mrs. Grace Morikawa, secretaries; Harris Ozawa, treasurer; Tom Arita, auditor; Ken Dyo, Kimi Fukutaki, Joe Kuramoto and Kay Monma, members-at-large.

July 18—Pre-13th Biennial National Convention Rally held at BROOKSIDE PARK. Pasadena JACL hosted for the PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL. Nearly 400 people attended to make it a most successful day. Successful for we made money and the support we received from the membership to help with the work were very gratifying.

Attendance was unexpected as we had anticipated only 250, but this proved to be no handicap as we served spaghetti lunch, master chefed by MRS. AKI ABE with seconds to boot; and for dinner charcoal broiled steaks, master chefed by MRS. ANNA OISHI with a crew of 10 men who slaved over hot braziers on a very hot day keeping up with the endless line. Both were assisted by 25 women. We had ice tea, cold punch and ice cold water on tap with Sparkletts container filled all day for those enjoying the day, supervised by MRS. MINE TAKAGAKI and MRS. MASAMI TAKATA.

For delegates, Pasadena put forth their best hospitality providing fresh fruit on the tables. For the children, games were supervised by MR. JIRO OISHI.

After dinner we had a white elephant sale with DR. JOE ABE as auctioneer. MRS. SHIKU OMORI handling the bridge fiends with their needs, GRACE MORIKAWA and KIMI FUKUTAKI were in charge of the registration desk, sitting all day under the hot sun. MAS FUJIMOTO took care of the p.a. system during the business session and later at the dance at the tennis courts.

The day was highlighted with the coronation of MISS JANET FUKUDA as MISS NATIONAL JACL and a visit from MISS JAPAN (MIEKO KONDO).

May 1, Recognition Dinner Dance—Carpenter's Santa Anita: A recognition evening for MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM C. CARR with a presentation made by FRANK CHUMAN, legal counsel, on behalf of NATIONAL JACL. A beautiful dish especially picked by ETSU AND MIKE MASAOKA, our Washington Representative, on their past trip to Japan was presented. MR. CARR has been a longtime defender of rights of the minority and has been a true friend to the Japanese.

Over 30 couples attended as we also honored the help received from the Pasadena Police Department. Helping were MISS JUNE BACH, who spoke to us at a general meeting on the juvenile problem, MR. AND MRS. C. HUBBELL and MR. AND MRS. D. FORKER, fingerprinting when we filled out Naturalization application forms. NOB KAWAI was toastmaster. JIRO OISHI and FLO WADA were co-Chairmen for the evening.

Due to the fact that the presentation to the CARR's was not made public, we were very pleased with the crowd on hand. Mr. Carr is noted for his modesty in receiving any awards.

Nov. 13—Issei Recognition Dinner—Cleveland Auditorium: 160 honored guests were served homemade sushis, chicken, fish, salad and fresh fruits. Again, as at our Pre-Convention Rally, we had terrific support from our own membership who came out to put up the tables, cook the food and help to serve.

SABURO KIDO, Past National JACL President, and FRANK HAMMOND, Adult naturalization class instructor for the Pasadena City School system, were guest speakers. Kido spoke in Japanese and Hammond spoke in Japanese and in English. MIKE MASAOKA made a surprise visit and spoke in his usual inimitable fashion as he charmed the Issei audience speaking in English since, he commented, they were now citizens of the United States they should hear more of the language.

TOM YAMAZAKI did a tremendous job as master of ceremonies as he transmitted to the Issei thoughts expressed in English. MACK YAMAGUCHI was entertainment master of ceremonies.

HARRIS OZAWA, newly naturalized citizen, was general chairman assisted by TOM ITO and FLO WADA. Again we attribute the success of the function to the members who came out to help put over this gigantic affair. We served over 200 people and the dinner was free. It was originally planned as a dollar-a-plate dinner for the friends and relatives of honored guests only paying, but since there were so few attending besides the honored guests, the charge was omitted. The CHALON's assisted in serving.

April 23—Dr. Ryojun Kinoshita, director of Cancer Research, City of Hope, addressed over 125 people at our first general meeting. The majority attending being Issei, he spoke in Japanese and charmed the group with his wit, humility and information. He then answered questions in English for the Nisei attendance. TOM ITO was chairman for the meeting held at CLEVELAND AUDITORIUM.

ADC Drive—February: Being behind two years in our quota, it was decided to go on door-to-door canvass to make up our National debt. Teams composed of one Nisei and one Issei were formed of cabinet members. The drive was held until the end of April. We are proud to announce that we fulfilled our quota for the two years, sending all the money we collected to National.

Christmas Pot Luck Dinner: Annual dinner is being planned for the whole family, with a visit from Santa Claus and presents for the kiddies. Members are personally contacted for reservations and help with the menu. Children are entertained with movies while older folks adjourn to another room for election of new officers. We also push our membership drive.

Among other activities for the year, we have weekly dance classes with MISS SATI OHASHI as teacher. We had a sushi-sale with proceeds going towards the Issei Recognition Dinner; a suki-yaki dinner meeting; had a membership contest, convention booster general meeting; chaperoned a Boy Scout party.

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By HENRY MORI

"How's your tank holding up?" We don't mean to sound facetious when we say this. We're one of some 20 million Americans who succumbed to the beauty of tropical fish and have been keeping up a 20-gallon aquarium the last three years.

Everyone has a vice, we're told. And one of the joys of living is to get an interesting hobby. Ours, besides stamps, has been to nurse and feed the colorful fishes in a comparative large tank. That's living, you see, for the fishes.

When we were kids we used to gaze at a bowl containing several goldfishes. We'd change water several times and stop—they're dead. Too much chlorine, maybe. Our record on their survival was three weeks.

Now we've found that goldfish were sluggish, odd creatures whose mouth are always popping for air. They lead a short and sad life, and given enough time without oxygen they depart to

another planet.

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Not so with the tropical fish. They are actually bubbling with life; keep apace with all things around them; and are good performers when it comes to pleasing the master.

You don't have to coax them to eat your tubifex or your brine shrimp. Ah, but of course, the feed is rather costly for your pocket-book, too.

**Fish fanciers**

What makes a fish fancier? That's like asking one what is the difference between a stamp collector and a philatelist. One might stuff his off-the-envelope postage stamps into a cigar box while the latter mounts them neatly in a standard or specialized album.

In the case of a fish fancier, one amuses himself with a pair of goldfish while the other sets up a tank with well selected assortment of tropical creatures.

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Now one does not have to have too much money to start a tank, although money never hurts progress of any hobby.

Platys and mollies, you can get them from 40 cents to \$1.50 a pair. Or you can get less expensive guppies—a poor man's neon tetras—for 40 cents per pair.

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However, not like two goldfish in a bowl, you'll have to go further with the tropicals. Items number two and three are the hood for your aquarium and a thermostat and heater; about \$12.50 for both. Then, you'll need a box of feed for 35 cents; disease-prevention tonic, 25 cents; and chlorine remover, 25 cents. Get a garden variety of plants for about \$1.65 as a starter. If that doesn't add up to more than \$35, we've missed the luxury of the tank itself which can be bought for about \$15.

They tell us that in Bangkok they match ostrich-feather fan-like red bettas in death struggle battle like they do cocks in Mexico. So watch that you don't get any two bettas together in one community tank. They have special tanks for them.

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Our regrets to the author, Henry Mori, who went to "extra" pains to get a picture of his little son Bennett with a fish scoop in hand pointing to fish in their aquarium. At press time, the plate could not be located. We shall publish the picture in a subsequent issue.

—The Editor.

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So you want to get expensive! Then get a pair of scatophagus rubrifrons—just "scata" to you—for \$25 a pair. Or try the pompador fish for \$75 a pair. It's a beautiful, disc-shaped fish of brilliant colors which we haven't been able to get for financial reasons.

## Recent boom

The hobby since World War II has taken on a scientific hue and it is possible to become a fancier, a breeder, and a aquatic medicine man at the same time.

Growth of plants and fish are helped by vitamin tablets; disease prevented or cured by aqua remedy which, in simple terms, may turn out to be mere iodine.

You have the parasite killers,

the tonic, the turks salt, and the like.

Mechanically, you have the pump which shoots air into the water, or a combination filter and aerator which clears the water and provides oxygen in the aquarium at the same time.

There are devices which control the heat in the tank which should be between 75 and 80 degrees, depending on the type of fish and the number of them in it. Here is where the hobby gets as expensive as you want to go.

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Our total investment to date climbed over the \$200 mark and the thought sometimes frightens us. Our policy now is less fishes and more and more elbow room for the tropicals.

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## For tired folks

We ask now: what started the sudden boom in tropical fish interest. Before the war there were less than 10 million enthusiasts. But they were steady hobbyists and still are.

The answers come from various sources. One main reason is the

frustrated world we live in. We're tired people. Living outside the home is hard. So we need relaxation. Ten million more people found this after the war and the boom hit the saturation mark in early 1952.

It was then that every Tom, Dick and Harry (no pun intended for our Editor Harry Honda here) had to get some form of a glass container and buy that tropical fish.

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Like a cigar box stamp collector, fish fanciers start from infancy. First, it's the 5-gallon tank or even smaller. Then the price goes up—to the 15, the 20, and so forth. More fish, more plants, and more equipment to keep the darn thing warm. More gadgets and tubing to keep the air going through the aquarium.

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It is here that the true hobbyist and the just-for-the-fad-of-it character begins to separate. The first one continues to improve and beautify his aquarium; the other falls by the way side and just remembers occasionally to bring home live bait for his little spawning mates.

## Study of life

Another reason for the great interest in its facts of life education for all ages from 2 to 72. You can watch the complete life's cycle before your eyes. "It's better than sleeping pills," says another fancier who dozes off watching the angel eat out the stomach of a dead platy.

The crying infant would stop when he can dash his tiny hand across the glass and find that tropicals, forever hungry, would follow his erratic movement.

The jitters of a taxi cab driver or a worn out newspaperman are quieted when the breadwinner sits before his favorite aquarium and studies the fish and the willowy plants in the said-filled tank trimmed with ornaments of all sorts.

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The United States has today 140 local aquarium societies. Nearly one-fourth of them sprung up in the 1951-52 period.

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To satisfy the millions of fanciers, more than 3,000 U. S. shops sell tropical fishes. Before the war only a few larger pet shops catered to such expensive tastes.

A faithful fish lover will tell you that most of the fin friends come from south and central America, Africa, Asia, Australia, and the East Indies but a practical corner pet shop owner will admit that many are raised in open ponds of Florida and California.

## Hobby to last

As to the 10 cent goldfish variety, they come from Stanley H. Byram's Grassfield Fisheries, near Martinsville, Indiana, where three-fourth of nation's goldfish are supplied.

The hobby is definitely here to stay.

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**Biggest, Most Active in Southland 'Smog' Patch**

By JIM HIGASHI

The year 1954 was a particularly active year for the East Los Angeles Chapter. It is hard to realize how time flies, until you look back trying to recall what transpired during the year.

Strong leadership and very active membership support made the many varied and interesting programs a strong factor in solidifying the feeling of comradeship of the entire Chapter.

The early part of the year saw the beginning of the annual membership drive under the direction of Membership Chairman Roy Yamadera. There were many obstacles but thanks to the hard working members of the Committee, East Los Angeles succeeded in signing over 300 members.

Although the Walter-McCarran Act was already in effect, there

still remained the necessity of the Alien Japanese to register with the Immigration and Naturalization Service. A group of East Los Angeles members assisted the registrants to fill out the required forms.

Dancing seems to be absolutely essential in social living nowadays, and it is a "must" among the younger people. Sponsored by the Chapter, a group consisting of John Watanabe, Mas Kakiba, Jim Higashi, Mio Fujita, Terrie Akasaka, and Yaye Murumoto, attended the Gene Parker Dance classes.

**Winter Events**

The Third Annual Joint Installation Dance under the sponsorship of the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council was held on Jan. 30, in the Golden State Room of the Statler Hotel. The East Los

Angeles Chapter cabinet of President, Wilbur Sato, 1st Vice-President (Program) Pumi Ishihara; 2nd Vice-President (Membership) Roy Yamadera; 3rd Vice-President (Social) Mio Fujita; Recording Secretary Linda Ito; Corresponding Secretary Bessie Yamamoto; Treasurer Terrie Akasaka; Auditor Jim Higashi; Historian Lucille Okada, and Publicity-Public Relation-Mimeo Memo Editor John Watanabe, was installed during the impressive ceremonies. John Watanabe also received the Past President's pin at this time.

Realizing the importance of understanding the historical background, organization, objectives, and other vital facts concerning the JACL, the East Los Angeles Chapter sent a large representative delegation to the Chapter Clinic of the Pacific Southwest District Council held on Feb. 22 at the Chase Hotel, Santa Monica.

Jointly sponsored by the West Los Angeles and the Venice-Culver chapters, the Clinic turned out to be a very interesting and informative affair, especially to those freshmen members of the JACL.

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**Esprit de Corps**

For fear that a footnote from Wilbur Sato, East Los Angeles JACL chapter president, would be lost after Jim Higashi's well-detailed report, we hasten to present it here.—Editor.

The most significant aspect of East L. A.'s program and activities during the past year was not the scope and pitch but rather the approach and method by which it was conceived and executed.

We believe that the democratization of East L. A. was our most vital contribution to the national program. The most notable and celebrated results of this process was our success, but more important was the "esprit de corps" of our members and the tremendous development of skill and vision.

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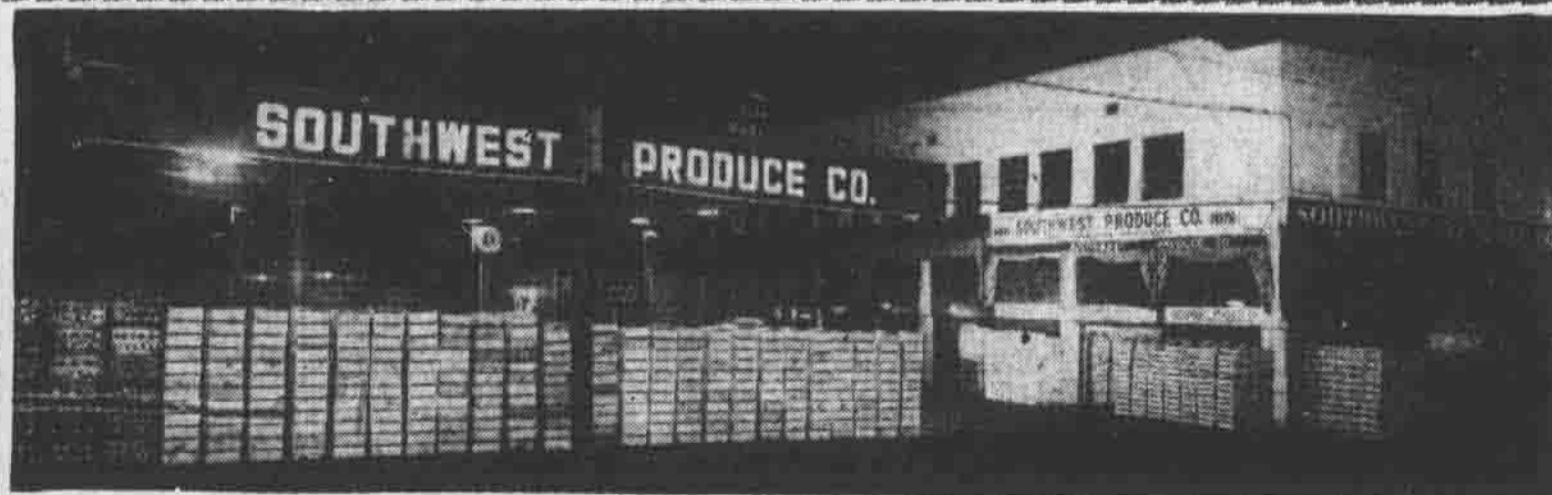
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The consensus of opinion was that such a Clinic should be an annual affair, not only to acquaint the newer element with the workings of the JACL but to help re-focus the true meaning of the organization to the "older" members.

Entering the home stretch of the membership drive, the Chapter held a get acquainted "Howdy Social" at the International Institute on Mar. 26. Under the chairmanship of Mio Fujita and MC'd by old time member Sam Furuta, this first in series of many successful E.L.A. events was for the entire membership to get acquainted with each other and the cabinet.

Being an active member of the International Institute, the E.L.A. Chapter sent Sam Furuta and Mary Mittwer to the annual membership banquet of the Institute in early March. Over 200 persons of various nationalities were in attendance at the banquet, which was for the purpose of stressing the importance of all nationalities to work together for the common good.

## Spring Season

A special membership dinner-banquet was held on Apr. 14 at Swally's Restaurant honoring the hard working membership committeemen under Chapter President Wilbur Sato, and Membership Chairman Roy Yamadera. A real old timer as far as the JACL goes, Sam Furuta, a Loyal

CLer since 1929, was awarded a special "President's" pin by the Chapter in appreciation for his untiring services. This banquet marked the end of the preliminary quarter and the beginning of a very active year for the East Los Angeles Chapter.

For quite some time, the East Los Angeles Chapter has been very active in the Inter-Group Committee of the Eastside Jewish Community Center. Under the chairmanship of Beti Yoshida, a group meets every Thursday with representatives of various organizations affiliated with the Center to discuss various matters pertaining to the "melting pot" of Los Angeles.

During the opening dedication ceremonies of the new Westside Jewish Community Center, chapter member Arlene Atsuko Yamaguchi (koto), Hokyoku Yamaguchi (her father, playing the "shakuhachi") and Kimio Eto, prominent blind koto teacher from Japan, presented several musical selections to the capacity audience. Chikaye Azeka and Mickey Gotanda performed classical Japanese dances.

The guests visiting the food booth. Successive nights saw the celebration of Mexican, Negro, Jewish, and the final Americans All Night. The East Los Angeles Chapter as their contribution, sponsored kendo instructor Torao Mori who demonstrated and explained the cultural aspects of kendo.

Coming events on the Chapter calendar include the "Gobble-Gobble Hop" Box Lunch Auction Social for the benefit of the sev-

enth annual Christmas Cheer fund drive. This special social raises much needed funds for the "Cheer"

During the month of May, a special women's division was organized under the chairmanship of Mrs. Kimi Matsuda. A special cooking demonstration of delicious dishes was held at the home of Chapter member Mrs. Mary Nishi. This was only a beginning of special meetings catering to the interests of the women's division of the Chapter.

The "ladies" have also been very helpful in supporting the many events that came up during the year. E. L. A. believes that all Chapters should have such a "division" within their ranks.

They say that bridge is only for the "brainy" ones to play, but it sure must have surprised Instructor Hisashi Horita when all the "I don't know a darn thing" amateurs showed up for the first in a series of eight sessions. Of course, none were able to learn the game to perfection, but this special Spring event served to prove one thing, that there is a need to cater to the varied interests within a Chapter.

Not everyone is interested in "active" affairs, a fact which should be kept in mind by every local Chapter.

A good JACLer is a good citizen, and a good citizen must understand how the government works for the benefit of the citizen. Deeply conscious of this, the East Los Angeles Chapter sponsored

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### Eastside Festival

The annual Eastside Festival of Friendship is an event sponsored by the many racial and national groups residing in the "melting pot" of East Los Angeles. The Chapter is a staunch supporter of this affair which brings together all people in an atmosphere of friendship. A feature of this festival is the selection of the "Queen."

Jean Yabuki, a very charming and petite daughter of Chapter member Grace Yabuki, represented ELA in the queen contest. Jean was chosen "Queen Attendant." Chapter President Sato served as one of the M.C.'s of the entertainment program, during which Maureen Okada, and Barbara and Joy Ujita, children of Chapter members, performed several acrobatic tap dances.

A good old fashioned square dancing session was enjoyed by Chapter members and their friends on the night of June 25. With expert caller Nate Balin doing the chores, even the most awkward "square dancers" learned a thing or two. Wonder how many "square" dance?

Another event which has become an annual affair is the "Family Picnic" of the East Los Angeles Chapter. The fifth annual picnic was held in July at the Belvedere Park. Some 175 members, their families, and friends spent an enjoyable afternoon and evening, thanks to the hard working committee headed by Don Matsuda and Ida Nishibue. Auctioneer Edison Uno assisted by Miss East Los Angeles, Janet Okimoto, distributed the many prizes donated by the generous merchants on the Eastside.

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Of course, the significance of the "H-bomb" is paramount in everyone's mind. Through the courtesy of Rep. Chet Holifield (D., Calif.) the East Los Angeles Chapter was able to show the technicolor movie "Operation Ivy." Ian Thiermann of the American Friends Service Committee and a representative of Congressman Holifield spoke

during the panel discussion.

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### Summertime Frolics

The "Isaac Waltons" of the Chapter spent an enjoyable day of fishing aboard the "Marge and I" of Pierpoint Landing, Long Beach. Fishing during the Chapter sponsored "Derby" was cool as the ocean breeze. Served to get away from the ever present "smog" anyway. Hot August, did you say? Not to us!

Another August event was the annual Inter-Group Picnic held on Aug. 15. E. L. A. members had a wonderful afternoon relaxing with their neighbors of the Eastside area.

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A delegation headed by Chapter President Sato met Los Angeles City Councilman Edward Roybal at his home in regards to a welcome resolution by the City Council of Los Angeles, to be presented to the 13th Biennial Convention of the JACL.

Those of you attending the Opening Ceremonies of the Convention saw Councilman Roybal present the engraved Resolution to National JACL President George Inagaki.

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The final Chapter event for August was a Pre-Convention Barbecue Social and Garden Party held at the home of Chapter President Sato. Dr. Toru Iura of the Convention Committee gave a special lesson on the Japanese folk dance, "Tanko Bushi."

The 13th Biennial National JACL Convention really was a terrific project for the members of the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council.

### Convention Helpers

East Los Angeles members were evident in almost every phase of the Convention. Beginning with drive, which annually brings a little measure of happiness to the needy persons of Japanese ancestry residing in the Los Angeles area.

Miss National JACL Janet Fukuda, Miss East Los Angeles Janet Okimoto, and Miss Southwest Los Angeles Mary Enomoto were to bring lunches to be auctioned off to the three lucky bidders.

Election of the 1955 Chapter Cabinet was to take place on Dec. 7, at the home of Bessie Yanamoto Editor Charles Azawa of the Souvenir Booklet, photo co-editors John Watanabe and Jim Higashi, Mio Fujita and Linda Ito of the secretarial staff, other members

active during the Convention were: Lucille Okada, Operation Ichidori; Ken Utsunomiya and Sam Furuta, budget & finance; Marvel Miyata, registration and housing; Yaeko Nakashima, badges and kits; Ritsuko Kawakami (chairman), Fumi Ishihara and Toshiko Nakamura, reception and hospitality; Bessie Yanamoto, queen committee; Beti Yoshida, Linda Ito, Alice Hatakeda, Tami Kurose, Ida Nishibue, Miyo Sato, Terrie Akasaka, Aiko Wakamiya, Kimi Matsuda, Mattie Furuta, Helen Nakano, Nancy Takamatsu, Fumi Ishihara, Bessie Yanamoto, Mio Fujita, and Marvel Miyata (Chairman), Friday registration;

Edison Uno, Delegate at Large, and general arrangements Committee; Mary Mittwer (Chairman), Ida Nishibue, and Margaret Takahashi, date bureau; Sam Furuta and Roy Yamadera, Co-Chairmen of outing committee; entire ELA Chapter, concessions and entertainment committee; Bessie Yanamoto, Sayonara ball committee; Mary Mittwer (Chairman), Ike Sanbonmatsu, Margaret Takahashi, Lucille Okada, Toshiko Nakamura, and Mio Fujita, speakers and receptions committee; Mio Fujita, Issei Recognition banquet hostess; Edison Uno and Chapter President Sato, National Convention Board; and Official Chapter Delegates Wilbur Sato and Lucille Okada.

Practically everyone in the Chapter was involved one way or the other.

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The East Los Angeles Chapter was very proud to have Miss Janet Okimoto representing them as Miss East Los Angeles and Queen Attendant. The Open House Reception and Dance sponsored by the Chapter Saturday night, Sept. 4, was really a bang-up affair. The Los Angeles Room of the Statler Hotel was jam-packed with people, people and more people. Co-Chairmen Bessie Yanamoto, John Watanabe, and Jim Higashi made all arrangements for this best of the strictly unofficial affairs of the Convention.

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### East L.A.'s Chapter Report

(Continued from last page)

The United States celebrates its Independence Day on July 4, while our neighbors to the south celebrate theirs on Sept. 15 and 16. The Chapter took part in the Independence Day celebration of the Mexican people of Los Angeles, held this year at the Eastside Jewish Community. This is another annual affair sponsored by the Eastside Inter-Group Committee.

### Pre-election Rally

Although strictly non-political and non-partisan, the E. L. A. Chapter held a pre-election rally, during which various candidates spoke on the merits of their party and urged everyone to properly exercise his privilege of voting for the candidates and issues of their choice. The speakers were Chet Holifield (D); Tony Franco (D), representing Assemblyman Elliot (D); Horace B. Alexander (IPP); Ramon Alvarado (R), candidate for the 40th assembly seat; and a speaker from the Republican Central Committee.

One of the outstanding social events of the ELA Chapter was the Halloween "JACL Lantern" Dinner-Dance held at Swalley's on Saturday night, Oct. 30. More than 80 guests were present. JACL dignitaries Mike Masaoka of Washington, D. C., National Director Masao Satow, National Legal Counsel Frank Chuman, and National Director Tats Kushida of the Los Angeles Office were guests.

San Furuta, a member of the JACL since 1929, was awarded a Sapphire Pin by National Director Satow for his untiring efforts in behalf of the JACL.

Miss East Los Angeles Janet Shimoto was presented with a gold loving cup by the Chapter as a token of affection and appreciation.

Even with all the interesting events going on, the Chapter does not forget that there are regular business matters to be taken care of. A general membership or a chapter meeting is held every month at the homes of various chapter members.

### Brotherhood

One of the most important events sponsored by the Inter-Group Committee is the American All Week, especially dedicated to the "brotherhood" of all Americans. The East Los Angeles Chapter was in charge of the Japanese Night, on Nov. 14.

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## HOLLYWOOD'S SERVICE

By Hiro Mitokawa

Under the leadership of Art Endo and the capable support of his cabinet, the Hollywood JACL Chapter is about to complete another year of service to the community.

The most significant scope of civic activity undertaken by the chapter was the intermittent Graduation Teas for our Issei parents, who took citizenship courses and were honored upon completion of their studies for naturalization by the chapter and fellow students.

It ought to be stated that the final reward for our Issei students came at the mass allegiance ceremony at the Hollywood Bowl on Nov. 11, when over 7,000 aliens from all over the world were naturalized citizens of the United States.

During the pre-convention weeks, the chapter sponsored a candidate for the Miss JACL title. She was Miss Louise Kawasumi of the famed Kawasumi Sisters, who have appeared as song and dance specialists on radio and TV.

The chapter had conscientious delegates and leaders at the National Convention over the Labor Day holidays. Representing our chapter as official delegates were Art Ito and Miwako Yanamoto, who also headed the Sayonara Ball committee.

In November, the chapter played hosts to the Pacific Southwest District Council final quarterly meeting, attended by some 75 delegates from San Luis Obispo to Arizona. A four-hour session of budget and finance matters was topped with a buffet dinner of turkey and ham and goblets (but goblets and goblets) of champagne, donated by our staunch member, Ken Sato. Thank you, Kenny "Bubbles" Sato.

With another month to go before elections, the nominations committee is busy lining candidates for the 1955 slate, which you will meet at the annual Los Angeles JACL Co-ordinating Council inaugural ball to be held early in the spring.

## ELMER UCHIDA LEADS WEST L. A. WITH MONTHLY SCHEDULED AFFAIRS

By STEVE YAGI

Under the able leadership of president Elmer Uchida, the West Los Angeles JACL had one of the most active years in its history. Monthly affairs were held except in June and July, when much of the time was devoted in preparing for the 13th biennial National Convention at the Statler Hotel.

As one of the chapters in the Los Angeles JACL Co-ordinating Council, West L.A. co-sponsored its installation dance in January followed by a February district council clinic with the Venice-Culver Chapter.

In March, the chapter news-

letter, "Action," covering all community organizations was initiated. The chapter held its own installation dinner-dance in April, then started dancing classes attended by 80 persons from May. The chapter co-sponsored the WLA community picnic with the Community Council in May also.

The chapter spearheaded the fund drive for Richland Youth Center, raising \$650. A plaque bearing names of the Issei war dead was presented to the community at Nisei Soldiers Memorial Day observances. A movie benefit in November to meet chapter fund quotas preceded the December elections.

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By Alice Shigezumi

If tooting our horn is the thing that is required for the Holiday Issue of the Pacific Citizen, the San Francisco JACL Chapter takes pride in stating what it has done this year.

Most of the willingness of the whole Board of Governors and its officers to cooperate and bring fruition to proposed projects, was due to the personable leadership of President Jerry Enomoto; to him is due much credit.

Now for the outstanding events and projects of the year 1954:

**1. HONORARY ISSEI BANQUET:** This honorary banquet was held July 29 at the Merchandise Mart Club, Market and 9th Sts. It was a gala affair with invitations being extended to some 300 newly naturalized Issei citizens and civic notables.

Each Issei citizen was presented with an honorary scroll of achievement by our chapter, and the program was made complete by the inspiring message of Lt.-Gov. Har-

old J. Powers. Committee members in charge were:

Hatsuro Aizawa, Katharine Rayes, Alice Shigezumi, Ben Okada, Setsuko Azano, Sumi Honnami, Jackson Hirose, Rose Oda, Alyce Matsumoto, S. Hideshima and K. Kasai.

**2. J.A.C.L. WOMEN'S AUXILIARY:** Women's Auxiliary was started just prior to the JACL National Convention in September. The girls had their first very successful meeting, a Fashion Show and Tea at the Buchanan St. YM-YWCA.

Special guests were Miss Nippon, 1954 (Mieko Kondo) and Toniko Kanazawa of the Pacific Opera Company. Since then, they have had two monthly meetings—one in Beauty Culture and Hair Styling, and the other on lessons in Japanese Cookery. The cabinet members spark-plugging the events are:

Mrs. Haru Hedani, chairman, Mrs. Katharine Nunotani, vice-chairman, Miss Margie Shigezumi, secretary, and Miss Sumi Utsumi, treasurer, Coordinator and an especially hard worker between the

S. F. Board and Auxiliary has been Miss Viola Nakano. We owe a debt to her spirit.

**3. SPONSORSHIP OF PLAYS:** On Sept. 10-11, the chapter sponsored the showing of two plays, "Plums Can Wait" and "Laughter and False Teeth" at the Gyosai Hall.

Author-producer is Hiroshi Kashiwagi, an up-and-coming Nisei playwright.

This is not the first time the two plays have been presented to audiences, but by their very uniqueness, one, about the pre-war experiences of Japanese tenant farmers and the conflict between Issei and Nisei; and the other, about events happening in a war relocation center, they are both entertaining and educational. Nisei and Caucasian audiences alike. The actors were amateurs—many, students from the University of California at Berkeley. The co-chairmen for the event were Setsuko Asano and Ben Okada.

**4. ISSEI-BU AND CITIZENSHIP ORIENTATION:** The Issei Bu was organized on April 23. Hideshima was elected chairman. Though they have not had separate activities, the Issei has been considered and included in our chapter in such meetings as the Issei registration night, April 3 (orienting the Issei to the voting procedure, registration, etc.).

The Voting orientation night (Continued on Next Page)

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June 7 (throwing light on the issues during the coming primary elections, registration, voting procedure, etc.);

And the political rally meeting open to the general membership as well as the Issei citizens, Oct. 11. Again there was orientation to the voting procedure, enlightenment on the voting issues, and introduction of political candidates. Instrumental in the formation

of these programs have been: Yukio Kumamoto (who has continually helped as an interpreter), Kaye Uyeda, Dr. T. Hedani, Yori Wada, and Hideshima.

Haruo Ishimaru, regional director, provided the idea and initial push toward formation of the Issei-Bu.

**1954 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Installation Dinner (Cabinet of '53 in charge)—March 5.

Get-Acquainted Social (Vi Nakano, Jack Hirose, Taxy Hironaka)—March 27.

S. F. Newsletter (Alice Shigezumi)—March-December.

Dance Classes (Vi Nakano, Jack Hirose, Taxy Hironaka)—April.

Blood Bank Donations (JACL has own account) (Yas Abiko)—April 3.

Issei Registration Night (Jerry Enomoto, Yukio Kumamoto)—April 13.

Issei-Bu (Haruo Ishimaru)—April 23.

Critical Analysis of the Nisei (Haruo Ishimaru, moderator)—May 8.

Joint Dinner with Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Issei-Bu (Jerry Enomoto, Hata Aizawa)—May 14.

JACL Olympics (Kei Hori)—June 6.

Bridge Tournament (Jack Hirose) Dr. T. Hedani)—June 12.

Spring Informal (Yone Satoda) (St. Francis Hotel)—June 26.

Community Picnic (Jap. C. of C., JACL, Issei-Bu)—June 20.

Orientation Night (Voting-Primaries) (Jerry E.)—June 7.

Honorary Dinner for Dr. Kiyoshi Tognaki of the Nippon Times (Jointly sponsored by friends & JACL)—June 30.

Ice Follies, 1954 (Katherine Reyes, Tosh Kubokawa)—July 1.

Issei Honorary Banquet (Hatsuro Aizawa)—July 25.

Junior JACL (Fred Obayashi) (Mixer-Social)—Sept. 8.

Theater Night (Seta A., & Ben O.)—Sept. 10-11.

Family Fun Night (Jack Hirose, Taxy Hironaka)—Aug. 15.

Women's Auxiliary (Mrs. Haru Hedani) Fashion Show and Tea—Aug. 22.

Political Rally (Kaye Uyeda, Dr. T. Hedani, Yori Wada)—Oct. 21.

Membership Meeting and Big Game Frolic (Fred Hoshiyama)—Nov. 19.

Annual New Year's Eve Dance—Palace Hotel (Yone Satoda, Jack Hirose)—Dec. 31.

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Tokyo with Tosei News.

Then, in this midst, was Ruby Okubo, who was introduced to JACL activities while secretary to Min Yasui of Denver. She, with Mrs. Ruth Yamazaki (who edited the prewar Kashu Mainichi English section), handled a heavy load of proof-reading too.

Had the weekend load been more burdensome, our friends like Merijane Yokoe, Lily Otera, Michi and Mas Kataoka and Charles Asawa (who worked on the recent JACL Convention Souvenir Booklet) would have bolstered the proof-reading ranks. That they were ready to standby portrays the type of spirit needed to publish such an annual number.

Now that these friends know the intricacies of how to put a Holiday Edition together under the pressure of deadlines and mechanical problems, they will flip these pages with more due respect. However, even greater is our respect for those who were there to assist us in the hour of crisis—the week before this comes off the press.

One final salute goes to the volunteer crew which gathered and sorted the PCs for final mailing last week.

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## Fourth of July Picnic Best Bet For San Diego

By H Nakamura

Perhaps the most noteworthy event undertaken by the San Diego chapter was the annual Fourth of July picnic at Imperial Beach. This event is the only single event which invites participation of the entire Japanese population of San Diego County and is the one event considered to be a "must" by most persons of Japanese ancestry residing in San Diego.

Refreshments in the form of soft drinks for the juveniles and beer are supplied free of charge by the local chapter.

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It is the one time of the year when old acquaintances are renewed, where mutual admiration of family increases runs rampant and interesting gossip exchanged uninhibited.

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There are games for children and adults with appropriate prizes for winners and tail-enders.

A fishing derby conducted within the picnic area starts with the arrival of the first angler and ends at a given time in the early afternoon. A local fishing club formulated the rules for the contest and conducts the weighing-in of the catch and awarding of prizes, which are also donated by the local chapter.

Observation over a period of years indicates an increasing interest in this event and it is hoped that Independence Day, 1955, will produce a still larger San Diego JACL picnic.

## SEQUOIA ISSUES PAPER TO KEEP UP INTERESTS

By JOHN ENOMOTO

Activities were varied and time-tabled for a full year in Sequoia JACL. Much of the interest was sustained by a five-page mimeograph "Sequoia Shim-bun" that co-ordinated activities of Redwood City Issei and Nisei.

After the January installation dinner, the first general meeting in March included discussion of a six-month calendar of events. The chapter also carried on a vigorous program for its junior JACL group—the Tri-Villes.

Events which proved successful include the annual bowling tournament in March with San Mateo JACL, citizenship classes, a Japanese movie benefit and game night to raise funds for National Iwasake Rikimaru, California 'Mum secretary, assisted at naturalization classes.

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For the youth, the chapter sponsored a team in the San Francisco JACL Junior Olympics in June, a graduation party, a Boy Scout drum & bugle corps and a summer picnic at Half Moon Bay.

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Harry Higaki made his National Convention report before a chapter bowling night at the alleys in September. Orville Graves, YMCA executive, and political candidate spoke in October. A potluck dinner in November was held for chapter members, Tri-Villes and Redwood A.C.

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Philadelphia  
Ends Busy Year

By DR. TOM TAMAKI

The Philadelphia JACL chapter enjoyed one of its most successful years, highlighted by several big events.

In March the chapter hosted the Eastern District Council meeting, chaired most capably by William Sasagawa. William Marutani and George Sakai were responsible for the highly successful Community Picnic held in July.

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An August outing at Menlo Park was another big event. Under the able chairmanship of Sim Endo, over 100 members, families and friends enjoyed a day of swimming, games, rides, bowling and a delightful picnic supper.

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A huge success beyond fondest expectations describes the October bazaar-supper meeting. The plaudits for this affair belong to Kuni and Ben Ohama and their committee members.

Another meeting remains this year which will be under the direction of Grayce Uyehara. She is planning a gala Christmas party-meeting for members and their families. Undoubtedly, it will prove to be a fitting climax to mark the end of another eventful year.

The local JACL board for 1954 consisted of the following: Dr. Tom Tamaki, chairman; Grayce Uyehara, Sim Endo, Ben Ohama, Y. W. Nakano, Mary Toda, Tets Uyehara, Gary Oye, Noboru Kobayashi, and William Sasagawa.

ARKANSAS VALLEY  
REORGANIZED, HOPE  
FOR BIG '55 YEAR

By H. SAIKI

There was just enough time before the busy summer farming season to organize a huge community picnic after our re-organization last May.

Harry Shironaka of Orway, Colo., was chosen president of the Arkansas Valley JACL. The following month, the chapter sponsored a huge community picnic to which came some 350 Issei, Nisei and Sansei from all parts of the agricultural Arkansas Valley. Mrs. George Nakayama, social chairman, was in charge of what we consider the only high spot of the year.

A good cabinet is expected to assume the reins in 1955 and we anticipate an even greater year then.

Centennial Show  
Best in Omaha

Aside from monthly cabinet and general meetings, the Omaha JACL Chapter takes pride in the centennial celebration of this city last August and the role the chapter played at the Centennial Theme Show.

There were Japanese songs and dances presented at the Omaha Theme Center, lending a truly cosmopolitan atmosphere. F. Tamai and G. Hirabayashi were co-chairmen.

Other chapter highlights include the party for high school and college graduates of this area last June, the Fourth of July picnic, Hallowe'en carnival and the sukiyaki dinner last month at the YWCA.

A Christmas party talent show winds up the 1954 season.

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Three-month  
Terms Unique  
For Presidents

By Tom Hirashima

The most unique thing about the Santa Barbara JACL chapter this year was that instead of having one president for the year, we had four. Each of the four, served for a period of three months. The order of their service as president was as follows: Lillian Nakaji, Ikey Kakimoto, Tom Hirashima, and John Suzuki.

The most important chapter project this year has been the sponsoring of the Issei Naturalization classes. In March, 65 members of the classes were guests of the chapter at a pot-luck dinner.

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Although it was held on a rainy night, not a single member of the class failed to attend.

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National President George Inagaki addressed the Issei, congratulating them for their earnest study for naturalization and welcoming the new citizens into the JACL organization.

A community picnic was held on a local beach in July. Some 150 persons were in attendance.

About 50 members of the naturalization classes have successfully completed the examination for citizenship, and a number have been officially sworn in as new citizens and the others are awaiting their swearing in exercises.

Fowler Zooms  
To High Point  
As P. R. Gains

By THOMAS TOYAMA

Public relations on the community level—getting the chapter known to other residents of Fowler—marks 1954 for Fowler JACL, now in its third year and being headed by Howard Renge. A review of the year attests to this emphatically.

Aiding the Issei fill alien address forms in January was augmented by registering aged residents for Asoka Home, starting review classes in citizenship (Gary Kadani was instructor) and hosting to 200 of them at Issei movie night in May.

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Fowler JACL made headlines by winning the Fresno District Fair agriculture display blue ribbon. So favorable were the comments that even Gov. Goodwin Knight plugged the Fowler booth when he visited the Fair in September. As the grand prize winner, the chapter received reams of favorable publicity from Central Californians.

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A systematic membership drive in February was followed by a CCDC chapter clinic. While the hot San Joaquin summer months provide vacation time for many here, many JACLers gathered fruits to be displayed at the fair. The chapter also assisted in the CCDC annual conference two weeks ago at Fresno. Fowler's Dr. George Miyake was conference chairman.

For the youth, Fowler sent a team to the San Francisco Junior Olympics, handed Yuko Tsuchiguchi the chapter scholarship, and donated several books dealing with Nisei to the Fowler Public Library.

Floyd Yoshio Honda, former chapter official, was appointed as city councilman of Fowler. Because so many members are active in the Lions, the November meeting was postponed to offer full time to the Fowler Fall Festival.

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## HAMBURGER, CORN-EATING KINGS CROWNED

Of the many events, four in particular highlighted the 1954 San Luis Obispo JACL calendar: two pot luck dinners and two outings.

New members were initiated with a pot luck dinner with Chiyo Sakamoto as chairman. Entertainment was under the chairmanship of Ben Dohi. Bingo with names of members attending used in the blocks instead of numbers. The humorous prizes were awarded to give the group a very hilarious time. Ties were settled with "jan-ken-po."

The first outing was a hamburger-bake and fishing derby held at scenic Oceano Beach. This was a family affair with menfolks preparing and cooking. Sizzling hamburger sandwiches were served right off the grill to over 75.

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Hiedo, 12, son of Stone Samu-watari, was crowned the Hamburger King as he consumed six hamburgers. Bob Shigenaka was Derby winner. Seirin Ikeda was second.

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The second outing was the corn bake held at Avila Beach. Spaghetti, salads, and watermelon supplemented the 22 dozens fresh corns consumed by nearly 75 people. Ronnie, son of Ben Fuchi-waki, was considered champion corn eater chewing into five whole ears. He had a tummy ache later that night and a doctor had to be summoned.

The 1954 calendar year was closed with another pot luck dinner and an election meeting. Suzy Hayashi was in charge and this dinner proved to be as good or better than the first. The evening was rounded off by a folk dance under the leadership of Cherry Obayashi.

## CL Queen Contest Won by Nominee From Orange Cty.

By KEN UYESUGI

One of the most pleasant and successful item of the Orange County JACL Chapter, was the sponsorship of our National JACL Queen, Janet Fukuda of Anaheim, and currently matriculating at the University of Southern California. Orange County is very proud of her achievement, not only as Miss JACL, but also as the ASWC Vice-President at S.C.

The next item on the agenda was the sponsorship of the Orange County JAY'S, whose membership totals 130 students in high school and college. The Japanese-American Youths Program and constitution is a modification of the JACL's. Under the very fine leadership of Bill Marumoto, of Santa Ana, and student at Whittier College, this organization is an up and coming one.

Another chapter affiliated function was the naturalization classes held throughout the year, under the tutelage of Mrs. Jessie Hayden of Midway City, Mura Muraoka of Stanton, has assisted in the past; the present assemblage is being aided by K. Sato of Garden Grove. Several scores are already enjoying their privileges of citizenship and many more are eagerly waiting their examinations.

Socially, the unit enjoyed happy events at the Easter Egg Hunt, a Beach Outing, and a Fall Picnic. Participants were many.

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For a decade and a half, the traditional Holiday Issue has been a consistent success, both in effort and response.

The effort comes from the members of the Japanese American Citizens League, of which Pacific Citizen is the official organ. This devoted teamwork, organized effort if you will, among the members of four-score chapters scattered throughout the nation, is living evidence of JACL's effectiveness in attaining its objectives.

The organization's monumental 1946 - 1952 Report contained in these pages demonstrates more vividly how this same teamwork, ably directed, has time and time again achieved those goals which, piecemeal or en toto, have enhanced the lot of every Issei and Nisei in America.

This amazing record has inspired the faith and confidence of countless Japanese Americans in JACL's motto: "Security Through Unity."

And that's why JACLers are proud to participate in the Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue, for they recognize that while this only nationally circulated "greeting publication" has merit of itself, the proceeds of this endeavor will accrue to the parent organization (the Pacific Citizen is a non-profit newspaper.)

So to our faithful JACL solicitors, our heartfelt

thanks. We are happy to know, too, that they share the satisfaction that comes from a task well done.

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The volume of display advertising in this issue is a tribute to the JACL status in the community. To those of us concerned with Pacific Citizen management, it is heartwarming to receive chapter reports that most advertisers place their greetings not with the intent of receiving a full return in advertising value but rather with a real sense of friendship, goodwill and appreciation for past patronage as well as a desire to support a worthy organization.

We urge, reciprocally, that JACLers everywhere continue to patronize the businesses and products that have contributed to the success of this Holiday Issue.

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THE PACIFIC CITIZEN'S editorial staff, circulation department, production crew, business office and operating board join the Sou'Wester in wishing all a joyous Yuletide season and the best that 1955 offers.

—TATS KUSHIDA  
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# PACIFIC CITIZEN

HOLIDAY ISSUE

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—Section B



AIN'T IT SWEET?

## Washington Newsletter:

# Speculating on JACL's Chances in the 84th

By MIKE MASAOKA

During the past two weeks, the Newsletter has considered the prospects for Statehood for Hawaii and the liberalization of international expressions in the 84th Congress that convenes next January.

Under the Reorganization Act of 1946, about half of all the bills introduced into the Congress are referred to the respective Committees on the Judiciary in the Senate and in the House. By rule, every member of the Judiciary Committees must be an attorney by profession.

Since, among other matters, the Judiciary Committees consider immigration and naturalization bills, evacuation claims amendments, claims proposals both private and public, and civil rights measures, the Judiciary Committees are the key congressional bodies insofar as the JACL is concerned.

## House Judiciary Committee . . .

Inasmuch as most of JACL's bills originate in the House, let us first consider the makeup of the House Judiciary Committee in the 84th Congress.

Chairman will be Emanuel Celler of New York. He served as chairman in the 79th, 81st, and 82nd Congresses. Because of his religion, he has always been sympathetic to JACL's legislative objectives, though on occasion he has disagreed with the specific legislation involved.

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Ranking member and chairman of the Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee will be Congressman Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania.

Often honored by the JACL as the congressman who has contributed most to remedial and corrective legislation for persons of Japanese ancestry, he is the co-author of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 which extends to resident alien Japanese naturalization privileges and to Japan an annual immigration quota. He sponsored the original Evacuation Claims Act and has either introduced or supported every major piece of legislation desired by the JACL since 1946.

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The fact that Congressman Walter will be chairman of the Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee should present JACL with the opportunity to secure amendments to the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act which experience has demonstrated to be necessary and proper to carry out the spirit of that basic forward-looking statute.

The Republican who has consistently teamed with Congress-

man Walter, Representative Louis E. Graham, also of the Keystone State, was defeated in last November's elections. The chairman of the Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee in the 80th and 83rd GOP Congresses, and the ranking minority member in the Democratic Congresses of the past decade, Congressman Graham's powerful support for JACL objectives will be sorely missed this next session.

On evacuation claims matters, Illinois' Edgar A. Jonas, chairman of the Subcommittee that visited California last fall to conduct public hearings on the so-called Hillings Bill to expedite the final determination of the remaining larger claims, was defeated in the recent campaign.

The ranking Democrat, Thomas J. Lane of Massachusetts, is slated to be chairman of the Subcommittee on Claims, the responsibility he held in the 82nd Congress. Since he will be the second ranking Democrat on the Committee in the next session, following Congressman Walter, there is some speculation that he may desire another Subcommittee chairmanship.

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In fact, not until the next Congress organizes its committees, will the composition of this Subcommittee be known.

And, it could be that none of those who visited California for the public hearings last fall will remain on this Subcommittee. Such an outcome will make any effort to secure amendments to the 1948 Evacuation Claims Act more difficult than was imagined at the time of the hearings last August and September.

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California's Patrick J. Hillings was re-elected, though as a Republican he will not be a Subcommittee Chairman. It is expected that he will re-introduce the bill he introduced last January, possibly with several modifications dictated by the hearings held on the west coast.

## Senate Judiciary Committee . . .

The death of Senator Pat McCarran of Nevada makes any prediction regarding the future of the committee regarding the heroic Nevada ruled the Committee with an iron grasp whether he was the nominal chairman or not for the past decade.

The staff of the Committee was handpicked in his image and dedicated to him.

Senator Harley M. Kilgore of West Virginia, who succeeds to the chairmanship next January, is considered to be a liberal Democrat; and so there is much speculation as to just what he would like to do and can do with the professional staff members who are supposed to be permanently employed by the Committee.

The ranking Democrat will be James O. Eastland of Mississippi, long-time friend and supporter of the late Nevada Senator.

Subcommittee assignments will not be known until perhaps late in January, for some interesting struggles among the Committee members are predicted before chairmen for such Subcommittees as Immigration and Naturalization, Vested Property, etc., are appointed and approved.

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The final makeup of the Senate Judiciary Committee may well determine whether any of JACL's legislative objectives dealing with immigration and naturalization, evacuation claims, vested property, and civil right will be enacted in the next biennium.

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## Appropriations Committees . . .

The House Appropriations Committee that decides appropriations for the administration of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Japanese American Evacuation Claims Section, and the Office of Alien Property, as well as amounts for the payment of the evacuation claims, will have as its chairman Clarence Cannon of Missouri. New Yorker John J. Rooney will be chairman of the Subcommittee that considers Department of Justice funds.

Since both of them are familiar with JACL's objectives, no arbitrary cuts simply because certain funds are earmarked for persons of Japanese ancestry is anticipated.

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Indeed, Chicagoan Sidney R. Yates is expected to continue to use his friendly offices to help secure adequate appropriations.

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Its Senate counterpart will be chairmanned by Carl Hayden of Arizona, who has been in the Senate ever since his State was admitted into the Union. He has been friendly to JACL's interests, particularly because of the Arizona chapter's aggressive concern.

Senator McCarran would have

been chairman of the Subcommittee that handled appropriations for the Justice Department and his untimely death leaves this important post open for a real contest among his colleagues.

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Of special interest to JACLers is the defeat of Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan, who was the ranking GOP on the Committee this past Congress.

Senator Ferguson, in 1952, caused the complete elimination of a \$15,000,000 item for the payment of compromised and settled evacuation claims.

On the floor, with the aid of Senators Hayden and McCarran, Senator Warren G. Magnuson was able to restore most of that amount to the appropriations for the year. The Washington senator will be a member of the Appropriations Committee this new year.

Though other committees will consider certain bills of interest and concern to the JACL, the Appropriations Committees, next to the Judiciary Committees, consider

most of the measures for the benefit of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

## Summary . . .

Though the changeover from Republicans to Democrats in the 84th Congress will necessitate new contacts and a repetition of arguments, because of the thin margin in both Houses little controversial legislation will be passed in the 84th Congress.

Moreover, only legislation of a "must" category with considerable public support for it may be approved.

Since JACL's legislative objectives are non-controversial, on this score they should have a good chance of passage. On the other hand, since they are relatively minor items and do not command general public support, they may not commend themselves as important enough to a Congress that will be looking forward to the 1956 presidential elections.

Accordingly, at this point, it is impossible to predict the success or failure of any special JACL proposal, or of JACL's general legislative program.

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# ARIZONA STORY

## Seeds of Yesterday Bringing Ripe Harvest for Tomorrow

By ROBERT UNO

Arizona—the land of the Chiricahua, Cochise, and Geronimo . . . the last strong hold of the American Indian . . . baby State of the Union; bleak, desolate, arid wastelands of the southwest far . . . too far to be a prospective vacation spot except for the Grand Canyon, which seems to be its only attraction. This is Arizona to the average person in the United States.

But to men of vision, this has been the promised land; a story of fortitude, of courage, and of hope. This is the American story.

### Ohnick era

Hachiro Onuki also known as H. Ohnick, was one of the earliest if not the first Japanese to settle in Arizona. Prior to the turn of the 19th Century, Onuki settled in Phoenix and established a reputation and prestige which was to be enjoyed by other Japanese for many years to come.

A courageous forceful man, Ohnick soon became the manager-operator of the first electricity-gas plant in the Valley of the Sun. (Ed note: Today that company is known as the Arizona Public Service and represents a billion dollar business).

Even though Ohnick became the first naturalized American of Japanese ancestry and exercised his rights by serving on the board of education, as director of banks and as a big land owner, he gave this all up to visit relatives whom he had not seen for two decades and left for Japan. After his return around the turn of the century, he decided to settle on the West coast. So ended the saga of Hachiro Onuki, Japanese pioneer.

### Early 1900's

In the heart of Phoenix (First and Adams streets), the California Restaurant began operations about 1899 by two enterprising men, Shuji Fukunaga, who incidentally, held the distinction of having the first Japanese wife in Arizona, and Onman Saito.

At about the same time, five men pooled together and began growing vegetables in Tempe, the north end of the Salt River Valley. They were the two Murakami brothers, a Nakamoto, Ikeda (no relation to the Ikedas who live in Mesa at the present time) and Nagano.

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Unknown to these men, they were playing a big part in the economic history of Arizona for today, agriculture is one of the biggest money producers in Arizona.

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The California Restaurant passed through the hands of Komada Saito, Nagano, Nakagaki, and Hibino before closing permanently in 1915.

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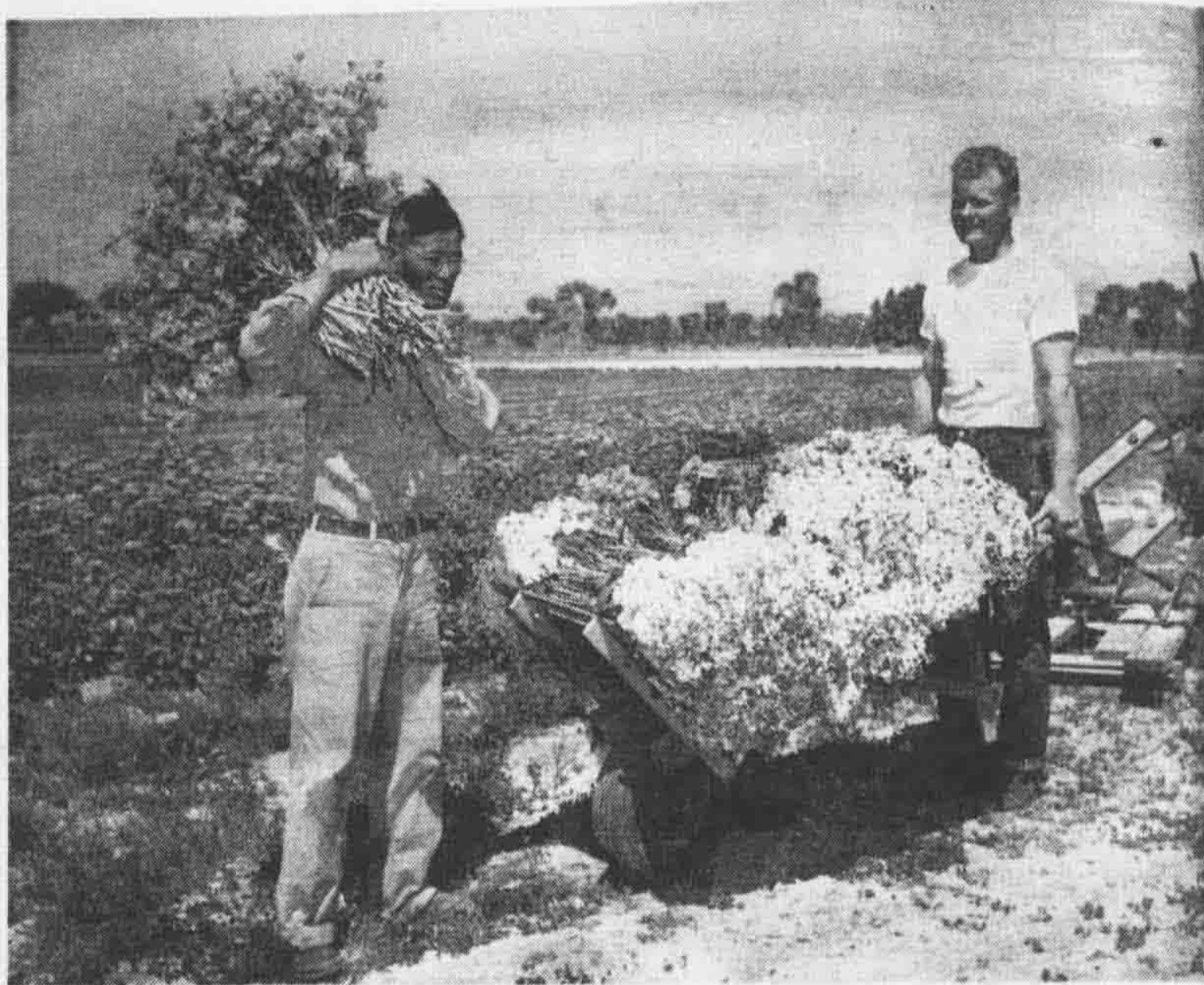


Katsuichi Fuji markets one of the earliest lettuce crops in Arizona history (about 1912).

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Five men (standing: Nagano, Murakami, Nakamoto; sitting: Murakami and Ikeda) began growing vegetables in the heart of Salt River Valley in 1899. . . . As the first produce growers in the Territory of Arizona, they were pioneers in one of the million dollar industries of the state today.



Kajuro Kishiyama (left) made South Mountains of Phoenix nationally famous with his stocks. At the wheelbarrow is his son-in-law, Buster Collins.

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The era which induced the opening of this eatery began about 1897 when a pharmaceutical house had an operation on the Salt River extracting a drug from its banks and employed approximately 100 Japanese laborers, acquired thru the Minejima Employment Company in San Francisco. During this period there were only four graves for the entire valley bearing persons of Japanese extraction.

Not much is known of the Japanese of this era.

#### Pre-WW I period

Between 1908 and 1915, men began to come to the Salt River Valley to establish permanent residence, all with the intent of farming. In 1910 cantaloupe was grown in Glendale by Nobutsune Ozasa and Sanichi Ishikawa.

In 1912 a farmer named Mori experimented with five acres of lettuce. At the same time Kuratato Ishikawa of Mesa planted one of the first orange groves in the Valley of the Sun.

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To this date, the Ishikawas have pioneered in farming in the Mesa district and are the oldest family of present day Phoenix to own land.

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Strawberries which have been grown exclusively by the Japanese got its start in 1910 when Yoshino and Kubota harvested their experimental crop. Through the years, strawberries have played an important part in the public relations between the Japanese and the community at large.

In 1910 the Japanese Association was formed after approval was received from San Francisco and continued in existence until the outbreak of World War II. This enterprising community, really began to settle on a permanent basis in the twenty's.

In 1925, Japanese school was inaugurated; 1927 found the community investing into 10 acres of property and erecting a permanent building for shibals, judo,

kendo, Nihon-gakko, and other community functions. The Buddhist Church was erected in 1932 with Rev. H. Seki at the helm. All during this time, the people of Phoenix were friendly and amiable towards the Japanese and "trust" was synonymous with the word Japanese.

#### Crush of 1929

Then came the depression. Mounted on the crest of an economic tidal wave rode hate, jealousy, greed, and envy. Incited by the fact that the Japanese were farming a combined acreage of 8,500 acres in the valley, hard hit "whites" retaliated by chanting an anti-Japanese feeling among the populace.

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The height of resentment was felt by the Kuratato Ishikawas of Mesa who were victims of a homemade bomb. The bomb was thrown with intent but luckily fell in an irrigation ditch and caused no bodily injury.

At the same time in Glendale, the sting of resentment was felt by Tadashi Tadano who was the target of a shooting and whose truck was up-ended in an irrigation ditch.

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Even though violences were few and the crisis sort, the effects were felt for more than two decades.

Not until 1946 did the anti-Japanese feeling begin to disappear. For the years 1934 to 1936 were impressionable years in the young Nisei's life and it wasn't until he matured into manhood and realized the value of his citizenship did he begin to assert himself and become a part of the America to which he fully belonged.

The choice of the Issei was not to run but to "stick it out" and let time absorb the disease which broke out like an epidemic. They continued to make a place for their sons and daughters and saw beyond the "today" which erupted as a nightmare.

#### 'Carry on'

In the athletic field, Nisei after Nisei carved their names into the

history books of Arizona. Perhaps the best remembered pigskin toter was Jiro Ishikawa of Mesa High School. Remembered not for his prowess on the gridiron, but for his inspirational words "Carry On" which, due to an accidental gunshot wound, were uttered as his dying words to his teammates and it today stands as Mesa High's slogan.

Bill Kajikawa, basketball coach at Arizona State College at Tempe, has brought respect to the Japanese in Arizona through his quiet, good nature, and his ability to gain respect from the many teams that he has coached through the years. Bill excelled not only at Phoenix Union High but also at the University of Arizona as a scat-back on the respective elevens.

His wife Margaret (nee Akimoto) has played an important part in Bill's career at ASC as a perfect hostess and wife of a college coach.

Others who have been outstanding in football are Stome Ikeda, Tolleson High; Ted Yoshimura, Phoenix Union; Kats Ikeda, Mesa High; Cappy Mitogawa, Glendale High and presently football coach at Peoria High; Tanita brothers, Peoria High; and most recently, Jack Takesuye and Jim Kobashi currently starring at Glendale High.

Nisei have found their way into all walks of life. Teachers, accountants, secretaries, clerks, doctors, florists, gardeners, nurses, architects, librarians; no matter what the profession, Arizona is producing an increasing number from the rank and file of young Nisei.

#### Postwar improvement

From Mesa to Glendale there is an ever-increasing trend of no social distinction taking place in the Valley in the postwar years. Mas Inoshita, Tom Kadomoto, Lindy Okabayashi, Masao Tautsumida, Shogo Saito, and John Sakato all are members of the Glendale J.C. In Scottsdale, Goji Iwakiri served as treasurer of the JCs while his wife Miyo completed her duties as president of the Lary

J's, the JC auxiliary. Bill Kajikawa belongs to the Tempe Kiwanis.

Tsutomu Ikeda was recently installed as the chairman of the Mesa Chapter of the Maricopa County Red Cross and successfully headed the Mesa JCs in 1953 besides being a charter member of the Farm Bureau.

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Perhaps the most well-known Nisei in Maricopa County is Carl Sato, who ran for the State Legislature as a Republican and lost by only 170 votes in a 10 to 1 Democratic district. Carl has served as State president of the JCs, also president of the Mesa chapter.

He assisted in organizing the Farm Bureau and the Mesa Country Club and was voted in the Rotary International in 1953. He also finds time to serve on the very exclusive Ho-Ho-Kan organization, responsible for promoting Mesa as the winter home of the World Champion New York Giants.

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The final chapter on the Arizona story cannot be written for years to come but the short period related above will bear greatly on the ending.

In the Valley of the Sun, more than 95 per cent of the Issei have gained their citizenship, a long, trying, up-hill fight which saw them enduring abuse and hardship but always looking towards tomorrow and the possibility of equality and a better place for their sons and daughters to live.

An annual motorcade out to South Mountain to view the acres of flowers in bloom is testimony of the place the Japanese plays in Phoenix. An experiment in 1938 by Kajuro Kishiyama has proven a step forward for the entire Japanese community.

That first strawberry plant back in 1910 is responsible for the yearly trek by the people of the valley out to Glendale to Strawberry Lane.

Yes, yesterday's seed brings tomorrow's harvest and the Nisei are yet to harvest what the Issei have planted for them.

# Home for Nisei in Spite of Nightmares for Issei



## Most Well-Known Fellow in Maricopa County



Carl Sato, Mesa rancher, ran for a Republican seat in the Arizona State Legislature in the November, 1954, elections, losing by 170 votes in a predominant Democratic district. . . . A Young Buddhist leader in his church, he is active in various prominent civic organizations—including the Ho-Ho-Kan, responsible for promoting his hometown as the winter home of the New York Giants, recent World Series champs.

Capacity crowds of delegates to the 1953 Pacific Southwest JACL District Council Convention held in Glendale, Ariz., enjoyed "western hospitality" to the hilt. . . . Believe it or not, the line-up that circled around the unique dance hall of Bud Brown's Barn is

patiently waiting for chuck-wagon style dinner that included some of the tastiest baked beans cooked in barbecue sauce. . . . One of these bienniums, Arizona will extend similar cordiality to the other JACLers.



## Chapter Signs Up as C. of C. Member

The Arizona JACL Chapter became a member of the Glendale (Ariz.) Chamber of Commerce early last year, probably the only JACL organization to do so. Bill Barkeley (seated in center), C. of C. president, wel-

comes the chapter officials, Mas Inoshita (seated right), president, and Johnny Glynn (seated left), vice-president; while Fred Cross (standing left), C. of C. manager, and John Tadano, chapter board member, watch.

SCENE FROM THE  
GOLDEN GATE

# New Horizons Peer Over Shoulders of JACLers

By HARUO ISHIMARU\*

Our good Editor, Harry Honda, has suggested that for this Holiday Edition I write about the future plans of our largest District Council, the Northern California-Western Nevada branch of the JACL. Before talking about hopes for the future, it will be useful to review the past and the present of our District Council.



## Pioneering district council after war

Historically the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council has been the largest and the pioneering District Council. Upon the return of the Japanese Americans to the Pacific Coast, the JACL immediately began its work to combat the ignorance and discrimination which prevailed and still prevails in some areas of our country. Much credit goes to Joe Grant Masaoka, my very able predecessor, who started the restoration of the JACL in this area. Although he left our staff in 1951, the fruits of his labor are still with us.

This District Council has grown to a sprawling giant of 25 chapters with a membership of more than 4,000 in 1954, larger in membership than the two next largest District Councils combined. Size is not the only characteristic of this District Council, it has been a very active one and it has performed superlatively in its most recent project for Issei naturalization.

At the price of being repetitious, I would like to review the accomplishments of our District Council promoting in this most important project. It was here that the first naturalization classes in Japanese authorized by regular Adult Education Departments were started.

Here the first group examination of Issei petitioners for citizenship was conducted, and finally, the first mass naturalization ceremony for a group of Issei who had taken their examination in Japanese and who were sworn in in their mother tongue marked another milestone in this program.

Every Chapter in the Northern California co-sponsored a citizenship class for the Issei, some as many as five. Our chapters and our officers are to be highly congratulated for their unselfish efforts in helping our Issei parents.

An increased activity has been seen in our District Council especially revealed in our regular quarterly meetings where the attendance runs from about 100 to 175 over-all.

Although it is impossible to single out every loyal JACLer who has co-operated in making this District Council so successful, I would like to acknowledge the District Council chairmen who have guided our affairs and who have helped me immeasurably since I first came here in 1951. They are: Bob Takahashi, Masuji Fujii, Gi Yoshioka, Tom Yedo, George Nishita and chairman-elect, Jack Noda.

A vote of thanks is due to their wives who have immeasurably aided them behind the scenes.



## Potentialities of our future

The theme of the recent National Convention was NEW HORIZONS, and it is fitting that our District Council expand its horizon. Although belated, there is still the potential for new chapters in our District Council area and we hope that chapters adjoining these areas, which have been discussed in our District Council meetings, will encourage and assist the formation of new chapters.

Not only since the District Council has become so large, but because of traveling problems, there is a possibility that coordinating council areas of closely located chapters can be established to

meet periodically, not in place of, but to supplement the work of the District Council.

Another possibility is the establishment of field offices in areas outside of San Francisco which will be visited regularly by the Regional Director at least once a month to concentrate on the particular chapters and their programs in that area on these visits.

A greater activity of our chapters in welcoming our new Issei citizens into a fuller participation in our program will be necessary.

Our District Council has elected a very capable Board consisting of:

Chairman, Jack Noda; vice-chairman, Bill Matsumoto; secretary, Alice Shigezumi; treasurer, Yasuo Abiko; and Bill Fukuba, Wayne Kanemoto, Oscar Fujii, Sam Itaya, Kay Kamimoto, Roy Yoshida.

Ex-officio: George Nishita, past chairman; and Tom Yego, first national vice-president.

Serving as ex-officio members of the Board are the chairmen of the various Standing Committees who are appointed by the Executive Board and approved by the District Council, including Harry Itaya, Kenji Fujii, Mas Yonemura and Tom Miyanaaga.

So far I have been discussing the mechanics of our District Council, but more important is the awareness of the fundamental purposes of the JACL. At our last District Council meeting we had the pleasure of having Dr. Harold S. Jacoby, professor of Sociology at the College of the Pacific address our convocation of 450 members.

A very significant and thought provoking question which he raised was whether the JACL should continue as an organization. He pointed out the sociological fact that institutions tend to perpetuate themselves. We do know that often the very organizations that ought to be concerned with the process of integrated American citizens are not.

The basic purpose of the JACL is to work for the welfare of the Japanese American. I am aware that nationally and locally we have our Planning Committees which will work on these problems and we trust that they will plan with an eye to the future.

It seems that an immediate project we can enter is the registration and education of Issei and Nisei voters to demonstrate concern for our responsibilities as American citizens. It is imperative that the Japanese Americans lose their egocentric sphere and become aware of the problems affecting our total community.



## Hands across the Pacific

The JACL, as an organization, is not concerned with international politics and cannot become involved in the problems of Japan. However, because of the peculiar bi-cultural heritage of the Japanese American, we can be useful in cementing the bonds of friendship between Japan and America.

This must be done as individuals and not as an organization, but nevertheless, the JACL as the only national organization of Japanese Americans can recognize the necessity for this particular application of the vision of new horizons for the Japanese American people.

In this atomic age our whole civilization seems to be plunging into fear and hatred. Our people must grow in their concern for peace and harmony in this troubled world. This deep concern should be the program, not necessarily of the JACL, but of the members of this great organization. Only thus, can we build with vision to meet the challenge of New Horizons.

## BOOK REVIEW



A WRA photographer faced the barren Inyo Mountains to the east at Manzanar in the summer of 1942 for this typical street scene of school children coming home in the early afternoon. . . . Three Univ. of California pro-

lessors, in their book, "Prejudice, War and the Constitution," declare this life for thousands of West Coast Japanese as a "great and evil blotch upon our national history."

## Court Sanction of Evacuation Still 'Like a Loaded Weapon'

By FRANK F. CHUMAN

Legal Counsel, JACL

Readers of the Pacific Citizen as well as members of the JACL should be particularly interested in the recently published book, "Prejudice, War and the Constitution," by the Univ. of California Press.

In this book a group of social scientists at the Univ. of California compiled a voluminous amount of materials from February 1942 through July 1948 to analyze and correlate the forces behind the evacuation of 112,000 Japanese from the Pacific Coast in 1942.

The book analyzes critically the reasons of military necessity which served as the foundation for the recommendation by Lt. Gen. John L. DeWitt, Commanding General of Western Defense Command, of the removal of Japanese both citizens and aliens alike.

In a previous publication, "American Betrayed," by Morton Grodzins which also studied reasons and pressures for evacuation, Dr. Grodzins stated that reasons of "military necessity" foreclosed any significant opposition to the evacuation because many military facts apparently justifying the evacuation placed before Gen. DeWitt for his recommendations were only known to him and other military officers. No demonstration of possible error or denials of necessity were possible under the circumstances.

In "Prejudice, War and the Constitution" the authors had now information before them to analyze the justifications for evacuation.

There were interviews with former officials of the War and Justice Department and the War Relocation Authority.

Microfilm records of non-classified files of the Western Defense Command, the War Department and the War Relocation Authority, including internal and external correspondence,

reports, memoranda, etc. were also available.

### Primary causes

From all the evidence before this study committee, it was conclusively determined that the racial bigotry of Lt. Gen. DeWitt coupled with the long-standing, deeply rooted stereotype of suspicion and distrust towards all persons of Japanese descent constituted the two primary causes for the evacuation.

The book explodes as entirely unjustifiable and unsupported by the evidence the grounds of "military necessity", upon which ground the Army evacuated and later detained the Japanese population.

According to the Biennial Report of the Chief of Staff of the United States Army, July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1943, page 8, "by Dec. 17, 1941, (or within ten days after the surprise attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor) the critical areas in both the Pacific and Atlantic Coasts had been provided with a reasonable degree of protection against air and sea attack."

At the time Gen. DeWitt submitted his final report on Feb. 14, 1942, to the Army and to President Roosevelt recommending Evacuation the military threat of Japan as to its possible invasion of the United States had been effectively blunted.

Moreover, after the Battle of Midway, June 6, 1942, the main arm of the Japanese Navy was

either sunk or destroyed.

Yet, commencing in March, 1942, the evacuation continued with the Japanese being detained in relocation centers for an additional 2½ years later until the case of 'ex parte Mitsuye Endo,' when the entire detention and leave clearance program of the War Relocation Authority was declared by the U.S. Supreme Court to be invalid.

### Final report

Gen. DeWitt's Final Report dated Feb. 14, 1942 is described in the book as being "a flimsy tissue of misstatements, preposterous absurdities, patently fallacious reason, unacknowledged quotations, and facts and arguments developed after the event", which was accepted without question by the late President Roosevelt, War Secretary Henry L. Stimson, Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy and the Congress.

Most importantly, that, which demanded the most rigid scrutiny by the U.S. Supreme Court as to whether any constitutional violations of due process of law and racial discrimination were present was by the Supreme Court given only a cursory review. The "military necessity" reasons contained in the final Report resulted in the Supreme Court giving the sanctity of constitutionality to curfew, exclusion and detention of loyal Japanese, both aliens and citizens alike.

The JACL role in the history of the Japanese and the entire

evacuation program is mentioned only briefly in the book.

It states that the JACL was the most influential Nisei organization in the United States for positive assimilation of the Nisei in the American community, primarily concerned with inculcating the general responsibilities of citizenship.

It also mentioned that the JACL urged the segregation of all those who refused to answer or answered in the negative the loyalty questionnaire circulated throughout the relocation centers by the WRA in February 1943.

With respect to the active role of the JACL prior to and during the evacuation, "Americans Betrayed" by Morton Grodzins is relatively more complete.

### JACL spokesman

The new book, however, quotes a statement attributed to the JACL spokesman during the Evacuation that "evacuation was not a military necessity but was due to false reports of sabotage in Hawaii; to the activities of anti-Oriental pressure groups and unscrupulous competitors; and most important of all to the admitted racial prejudice of the Commanding General who issued the evacuation order." (p. 3).

This remarkable insight by the JACL as to the primary causes of the evacuation and the conclusions arrived at by the JACL, which is completely set forth in the legal brief of the JACL entitled "The Case for the Nisei", which was filed as the brief amicus in the case of *Korematsu vs. United States* is corroborated in the book "Prejudice, War and the Constitution".

The book concludes by stating that the Japanese American evacuation of World War II looms as a great and evil blotch upon our national history and embodies one of the most "sweeping and complete deprivation of constitutional rights in the history of this nation."

### New evidence

The book thus poses anew in the light of new evidence, the fundamental issue: namely, as to whether grounds of military necessity regardless of the facts upon which those grounds are supported can justify sweeping deprivations and violations of constitutional and human rights of a people in a democracy within the United States, or whether such grounds of military necessity require the same careful examina-

tion of the facts in the courts to ascertain whether constitutional rights have been violated.

In the failure of the U. S. Supreme Court to face this fundamental problem squarely, leaving to the military the final decision as to the efficacy of military action in the absence of martial law, a dangerous precedent has been established of in the future to all military action merely because they are justified to be on those grounds.

There is no question that World War II gave rise to tremendous military activities against the enemy as well as wide-spread precautions against invasion by the enemy.

Although we face the age of atomic warfare, which indeed may cause greater havoc, and greater potential threat to the destruction of our industrial and military might, nevertheless do these threats still justify the approval by the United States Supreme Court or of any court in the land, of military action based against a group of people in America solely by reason of their race or ancestry?

The answer depends on whether or not the wartime power of the military over civilians within the country is a constitutional power and subject to constitutional restrictions, requirements and scrutiny, and therefore whether the military must act within the scope of the Constitution or whether military action is governed only by necessity as uninhibited and as national self-preservation.

So long as the civil courts are operating and due process of law is possible, and in the absence of a declaration of martial law within the area where the military policies are being executed towards and affecting civilians, the United States Constitution imposes upon military orders affected such civilians the right of the fundamental guarantees of equal protection of laws and due process of law.

The *Hirabayashi* case upheld the validity of the curfew. The *Korematsu* case upheld the validity of the curfew. The *Korematsu* case upheld validity of the evacuation.

Even in the *Endo* case, the United States failed to pass upon the constitutionality of detention, but only declared that the War Relocation Authority had exceeded its powers under Executive Order



Jane Nagai (left) and Boots Sotomura participated in the Granada WRA Center Art and Crafts Festival in March, 1943. These dolls were dressed by the Las Vegas Girl Reserves group. These "Victory Dolls" might have been back home on the West Coast.

## BOOK REVIEW: Continued

No. 9066 which authorized the evacuation of the Japanese.

## Court sanctions

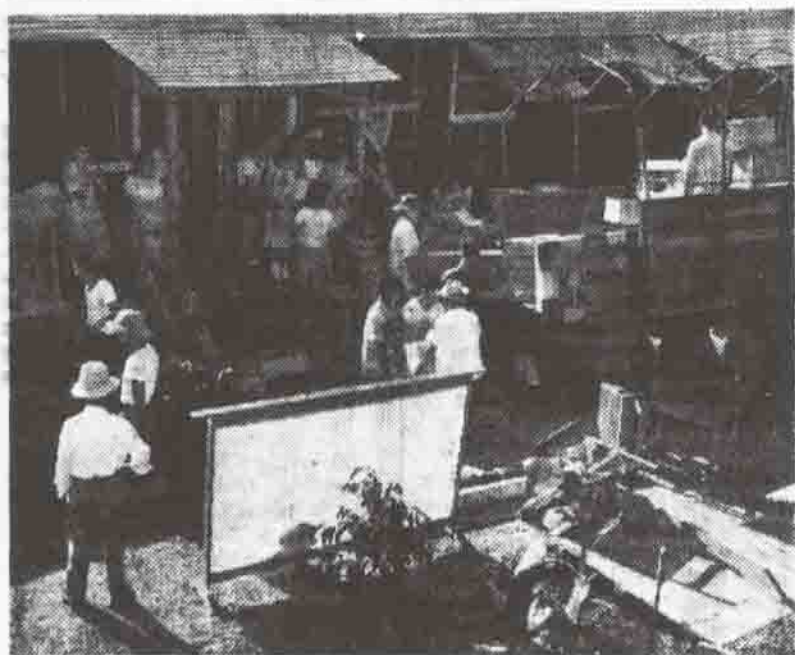
By evading the constitutional issues posed by these cases, the majority opinions of the Supreme Court by default implied such orders and validated the principle that military actions, would be upheld, though avowedly infected by motives of racial discrimination and wholesale condemnation of a group of people without reasonable opportunity to ascertain their loyalty during wartime.

The Supreme Court, since the Hirabayashi, Korematsu and Endo decisions has moved forward in recent cases to condemn the policy of discrimination based on race, religion, creed or racial origin as exemplified in the decisions in the restrictive covenant cases, the interstate transportation and the school segregation cases.

It is enough to say that these

subsequent decisions reflect the changed thinking of the Supreme Court, or do the cases—approving of racial discrimination reflected in the Hirabayashi, Korematsu and Endo cases still lie about as Mr. Justice Jackson so forcefully stated in his dissenting opinion in the Korematsu case, "like a loaded weapon ready for the hand of any authority that can bring forward a plausible claim of an urgent need."

To the writer it would appear that if the proper opportunities and facts present themselves, that the JACL might well sponsor another case concerning the curfew, exclusion and evacuation to have the U.S. Supreme Court reconsider the Hirabayashi and Korematsu cases, so that U. S. public policy and the present thinking of the U.S. Supreme Court may be consistent with its more recent cases.



It was moving day in June, 1944, when Jerome WRA Center was ordered closed. This scene (taken in front of Block 28-6-A & B) was typical as trucks loaded up belongings of the residents who were to be moved to other centers. The screen, prominent in the foreground, served as a home-made partition between beds and afforded a degree of privacy inasmuch as entire families occupied a single barrack room.



Block 30 of Jerome WRA Center goes back to nature. The lush growth of weeds hides the community block wall even before the entire camp was vacated. For some it was a "second evacuation." Sun, rain and the humid atmosphere of this section of Arkansas soon caused the site to revert to the dense, jungle-like growth from which it was shown.

## - Sequoia -

A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ALL

**Sequoia JACL Chapter**

## PLACER COUNTY REPORT:

# Getting Issei to Successfully Pass Naturalization Exams Most Notable Chapter Project

By ROY YOSHIDA

About this time every year the chapter historian or a member with a certain amount (questionable) of journalistic flair or literary versatility is usually cornered and prevailed upon by the chapter president to write an article for this holiday edition, said article to contain the virtues of the chapter written concisely and believably.

Placer County JACL is well known as one of the most active chapters in the country. It attained this justly proud reputation through sponsorship of varied year-around activities that encompass the interest of not only its members but of the general public as well.

Let it be said that it did not come by this reputation easily. It took years of painstaking devotion to the intent and purpose for which the chapter was organized.

Therefore, outwardly it would seem a writer would have plenty of material to write about. But because a chapter program generally follows the near-same pattern year after year, injection of originality becomes proportionately difficult with each succeeding year.

This was the unhappy situation this writer found himself in fulfilling this year's assignment given me by Keichi Uyeno, chapter president.

## Rescued at last

After half-dozen or so false starts, even toying with the idea of re-hashing last year's story, Providence benignly or otherwise came to the rescue.

It has placed before me a deed that was screaming for a write-up. It was the deed performed in an exemplary fashion by the chapter's Issei Naturalization committee.

Serving on any chapter committee has long been considered a thankless task. This reasoning unhappily is not without foundation. Being on a committee is usually like being put in a pressure cooker, you're done—but good. And if the job turns sour, through lack of cooperative support, you can expect and usually get plenty of brickbats.

One committee above all others in recent years that has successfully consummated its original assignment without a bit of criticism is the aforementioned Issei Naturalization committee.

For its accomplishments over a long, hard haul, it truly deserves the kudos of not only the chapter members but the Japanese public as well. Without question by its work it added stature to the chapter and more important, made all local Issei JACL conscious—which, hitherto, verged on wishful thinking.

This committee spent countless hours getting the naturalization program organized. It did untold amount of research work with school authorities and naturalization officials. It rounded up the most competent instructors available to serve on the teaching staff.

It canvassed the entire county to make sure every eligible Issei was given the opportunity of becoming a citizen.

The committee did practically everything but take the citizenship course itself.

## Can't be skipped

To fully describe the work done by the committee in the interest of Placer Japanese would take more words than an article of this kind would ordinarily permit. Yet in fairness to the committee you just can't skip over their Herculean efforts with a light touch of the pen.

Therefore, this writer, although assigned to report the chapter activities for the year, will devote this article to the Issei Naturalization committee. Surely those who worked hard on other chapter activities will not begrudge this action. Particularly, since those who served on this committee also did their share towards the success of other chapter undertakings.

Soon after the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 (Walter-McCarren bill) was passed over the presidential veto to give Issei right to become citizens, the then chapter president Homer Takahashi appointed a committee to handle the Issei Naturalization program.

Unwittingly or not, Homer picked the right man to head when he appointed Kay Takemoto of Lincoln as chairman.

Kay happens to be one of the most conscientious JACLers in Placer County. He is not a horn-tooter and in his quiet, efficient way tackles any job he accepts with a tenacity of a bulldog.

But even a tireless, conscientious worker like Kay would have found the job rough if he had not received the wholehearted support of his committee members. In this respect he hit the proverbial "jackpot."

First off, Kay had a very able lieutenant in co-chairman Kelvin Mitani, a bilingual expert who not only helped to set up the program but also took charge of instructorship. Kelvin was the "2" of the one-two punch that kept the program rolling smoothly.

On the committee there were such stalwart "infantrymen" as Tadashi Yego, Harry Kawahata, Hugo Nishimoto, Tom and Masayuki Yego, Cosma Sakamoto, Homer Takahashi and Koichi Uyeno. And in the committee's "was" division, Hiroko Kashiwabara and Barbara Nakashima handled their assignments with their usual high efficiency.

## Rough times loom

Toughest part of the citizenship program for the Issei was in first learning how to learn. And then adjusting themselves to the task of grasping the basic concept of American government.

This was not easy as it has been a long time since they last stepped into a classroom to study. In the twilight of their lives, all this was like an old dog trying to learn a new trick.

The problem of overcoming this handicap with a minimum of mental anguish was placed in the hands of following capable instructors: classes in Japanese—Kelvin Mitani, Tadashi Yego, Benji Takahashi and Rev. Susumu Kuwano; classes in English—Tom Yego, Bruce Denison (Sierra College, Auburn) and Cosma Sakamoto.

It required infinite patience on the part of the teachers and unswerving desire to learn on the

part of the Issei students to make the program successful.

From the fact that 126 Issei were sworn in as citizens at the county courthouse at Auburn on June 10 and 20 more were among some 600 naturalized as part of Veterans Day program at the memorial auditorium in Sacramento on Nov. 11, there is conclusive proof that the above instructors did a very commendable job.

It is to the everlasting credit of the committee and the instructors that many Placer County Issei were able to register and vote in the last November general election. And it augurs well that these Issei took their new citizenship and its responsibility to heart by so doing.

## Schoolmen aid

Aside from the members of the committee and the instructors, there were others who played a very important part in the Issei Naturalization program. Particularly was this true of the cooperation given by Albert F. Bequette, county superintendent of schools, who placed his good office at the disposal of the committee in laying the groundwork for the program.

And two most helpful school officials, who not only worked closely with the committee but also advised it constantly, were Frank D. Van Vleet, principal of Sierra College evening school, and Mrs. H. J. Hedin evening school secretary.

Without their sincere and untiring assistance the citizenship program would have bogged and sagged. Their work in this program was on par with those of the committee members in instructors.

## Like KP duty

Processing a large group of the would-be citizens takes lots of time and a capable staff to handle innumerable clerical and stenography work. For people who did these lower echelon work of asking questions, checking the records and pounding typewriters in filling out various forms, it was like doing "KP" work. But like good soldiers they took things under adverse working conditions.

So to the following goes a hearty vote of thanks:

Mrs. Toki Okusu, Mrs. Meta Nagaoka, Mary Yoshida, Marian Imamoto, Jeanne Shimizu, Mary Hada, Martha Takahashi, Mrs. Clara Hada, Mrs. Ruth Ikeda, Sakaye Tenma, Yoko Okamoto, Florence Yego and Ellen Kubo.

In the final analysis, the worth of any committee cannot be based on what it was assigned to do.

Just as the proof of the pudding is in its eating, the worth of a committee is in its accomplishments.

Unquestionably the Issei Naturalization Committee was handed a difficult task. It had no precedent to go by and no sign posts along the way to guide it.

On the basis of accomplishments, this committee came through with flying colors. It proved its worth to be "all wool and yard wide."

As a closing thought, it might be fitting to say that the committee's success was in measure a long overdue thanks to the Issei for their untiring devotion to the Nisei cause and to their abiding faith in JACL.

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**Tokyo Topics:****First Japanese Landed  
in California in 1610  
Near Cape Mendocino**

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Along the shores and in the valleys of California live many Japanese, but many of them are unaware of the romance of the past. They do not appreciate the fact that a group of Japanese visited the coast of California as early as 1610—a date noted by Japanese historians. Three years later, a band of Japanese Catholic emissaries visited California on their way to Rome.

These Japanese expeditions across the Pacific in the early 17th century were the first active thrusts of commerce to their east. Mendocino was the first historically-known spot in California touched by the Japanese.

Trading vessels from Portugal, Spain, Netherlands and China were doing business with the Japanese at Nagasaki more than 400 years ago. Christianity was introduced into Japan by Father Francisco Xavier about the same time.

Fearing that Japan would be exploited by foreigners through peaceful overtures in the same manner that Spain conquered the Philippine Islands, open trade was banned and the most horrible persecution in Japanese history was waged against the Christians. And it continued some 300 years.

Japanese pirates continuously harassed the Philippines and the China coast. Shogun Hideyoshi even sent an emissary in 1592 demanding the Philippine government to become subject to Japan. He did likewise on the Korean kingdom.

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This fascinating phase of early Japanese international relations is still open to extensive study. There is every reason to believe that records of Japanese visiting California and the New World might be uncovered in Spain, Mexico and Rome.

**First Hakuji-Japanese**

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Williams Adams came to Japan as early as 1600 as a pilot of a Dutch ship. He is probably the first foreigner to be naturalized a Japanese, adopting the name of Anjin Miura and was granted some land that still bears the name Miura on Izu Peninsula. His contribution to early Japanese foreign commerce was tremendous as he taught the art of ship building and navigation.

In 1609, the shipwreck of the Spanish vessel San Francisco led to the opening of long-desired commerce by the Japanese. The ship, bound for New Spain, had departed the Philippine port of Cavite for Acapulco (Mexico) and met violent storms on the way. Ex-Governor Don Rodrigo de Vevoro was among the passengers. When the Tokugawa Shogunate found out the ex-governor of Luzon was among the shipwrecked, a court invitation was extended to him.

Iyeyasu (who succeeded Hideyoshi) was desirous of trading with New Spain. Fray Louis Sotelo, a Franciscan missionary, acted as interpreter.

Iyeyasu decided to send a Japanese trade mission to New Spain with Don Rodrigo as its guide. Fray Sotelo, anxious to make the trip, could not accompany the mission as interpreter, but a Father Alonzo Munoz went.

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A ship was built by William Adams and named San Buenaventura, leaving the port of Uraga on Aug. 1, 1610. This mission of 23 merchants spent 40 days crossing the Pacific, arriving in Mendocino (near Eureka of today) on Sept. 1, then proceeded safely to Acapulco by the end of October.

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This voyage is the first one to be recorded in Japanese history. It might be suggested that six years hence, we can observe the 350th anniversary of the Japanese visit to California and revive the romantic history of California-Japanese relations.

(An envoy was dispatched by Iyeyasu on the San Buenaventura to the court at Madrid, but the name is still uncertain at this moment of my research.)

**Vizcaino to Japan**

Sebastian Vizcaino, famous explorer of the California coast, was appointed Spanish ambassador to Japan to return thanks to Iyeyasu for the kindness shown towards the unfortunate crew of the San Francisco, sent back on the San Buenaventura.

Two other ships, the Santa Ana and San Antonio, accompanied Vizcaino to Japan. Vizcaino had sufficient knowledge of the California coast before his trans-Pacific voyage as he touched Monterey Bay and Mendocino.

Vizcaino left Mexico City on Mar. 7, 1611, and set sail on Mar. 22. His ships arrived at Uraga on July 10, 1611. Japanese records reveal that Vizcaino's voyage was marked with threats to the Japanese trade mission, 23 of them, returning to Japan from New Spain. They were handed the worst kind of treatment.

The Japanese did return with clothes, velvets, wines, and goods purchased by the money advanced by Iyeyasu to Don Rodrigo.

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After delivering messages to Iyeyasu from the King and Queen of Spain with their portraits, Vizcaino was permitted to survey the eastern coast of Japan to secure safe harbors for Spanish ships. He also obtained permission to build a ship, but also demanded that the Dutch be excluded from trading with Japan to expand the Spanish market. This selfish and dominating attitude drew much Japanese hatred.

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While Vizcaino was surveying the Japanese coast, the ship San Francisco was wrecked and some 50 sailors were lost. The sister ship Santa Ana was also wrecked off the coast of Kyushu and its crew was rescued, and later taken to Nagasaki.

The Spanish explorer went overland to Sendai, where he met Lord Masamune Date, one of the most powerful daimyos of the northern provinces. Vizcaino advised Lord Date to build a ship to take him and his emissaries to Mexico and Europe in order to make a commercial treaty with Spain as well as having the Pope send Franciscan friars from Mexico.

**Lord Date's voyage**

Meanwhile, Lord Date became associated with Fray Louis Sotelo and became acquainted with Christianity. He was determined to dispatch Don Filipino Francisco Rokue-mon Hasekura and his party to Rome.

He ordered the construction of the ship under supervision of Vizcaino. Eight hundred carpenters, 700 iron workmen and 3,000 laborers were engaged day and night to complete a huge ship within fifty days. This magnificent ship measured 110 ft. long, 35 ft. wide and 26 ft. high.

It sailed from Tsukinoura on Oct. 27, 1613, with Rokue-mon, his entourage and Fray Sotelo as well as 140 samurais and merchants plus a borrowed crew of 40 from Vizcaino.

The ship met with many storms crossing the Pacific, but it finally arrived at Acapulco on Jan. 25, 1614. The embassy proceeded

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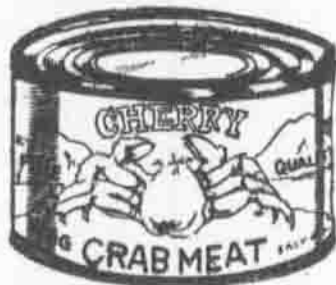
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to Mexico, where all the Japanese  
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Lord Date and his party arrived in Mexico and were well treated by the viceroy, who arranged their passage to Spain on the Spanish fleet. The embassy reached Madrid after disembarking at San Lucas de Barrameda in early October, 1614.

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### Return voyage

Meanwhile, Fray Sotelo succeeded in persuading the government to send Fray Diego to Japan in the ship built by Masamune Date, which had been detained at Acapulco by the viceroy, pending orders of the King as to whether to send them direct to Japan or by the way of the Philippines.

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Hasekura and his party were enthusiastically welcomed all over Spain. They had an audience with King Philip III, and at his expense were sent to Rome where Pope Paul V received them with fatherly tenderness and granted them almost everything they asked. This was in October, 1615.

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The Pope promised to use his influence with Philip II to create a new bishopric of Northern Japan in the province of Lord Date, nominating Father Sotelo to the office and establish commercial relations between Japan and New Spain.

The Roman Senate made Hasekura a patrician and presented the chief members of the Japanese embassy with citizenship of Rome.

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They were entertained on their way back to Spain by the Grand Duke of Tuscany and the Doge of Genoa.

Hasekura found out a decided change in the official Spanish attitude due to the persecution of Christians in Japan. The Japanese were obliged to leave for Mexico in July, 1617. They were instructed to return to Japan by way of Luzon, leaving in April, 1618, in the company of Don Alonso Fajardo, the new governor of the Philippines. His fleet arrived in Manila June 20, 1619.

The Islands were threatened by a

possible attack by the Dutch. The governor therefore asked the Japanese ambassador to sell his ship and equip it as a man-o'-war. Hasekura and his suite took passage in a junk, arriving in Sendai on Aug. 20, 1620—after a long absence of seven years.

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 This magnificent history was not widely known in Japan until Ambassador Iwakura visited Venice in 1873. Which leads historians to believe other documents of this great romance exists in Mexico, Spain and in Rome.

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# Chapter Aids Issei Citizens in 1-2-3 of Voting

(The American voter witnessed one of the closest "off year" elections last Nov. 2. And preparatory to it, the newly naturalized Issei conscientiously assumed his responsibility as a new voter for the first time. And in Tacoma (Wash.), the Puyallup Valley JACL assisted the Issei citizens in exercising their newly-gained privilege. Don Duncan, reporter for the Tacoma News Tribune, records this pre-election day spirit . . . Puyallup Valley JACL, like many other chapters, believe preparing Issei citizens to be registered voters was their most significant project for 1954.—Editor.)

## By Don Duncan

(Reprinted from Oct. 31  
Tacoma News Tribune)

Issei, Nisei Sansei. That's the way you count one, two, three generations in Japanese.

But for more than a quarter of a century it wasn't so good to be an Issei in this country. Issei (Japanese immigrants) were denied citizenship under the Exclusion Act of 1924.

All that is changed now. And on Tuesday a good many elderly Japanese-Americans in the Tacoma area are going to vote in a general election for the first time.

Among those who dreamed big and lived to see their dream come true with passage of the McCarran Immigration Act. (1952) were Mr. and Mrs. N. Mizukami and Tom Sakahara, all of Fife.

Along with half a hundred other first-generation Japanese they will walk proudly into the polling booth at Gardenville precinct, draw the black curtain and vote for "their" candidates.

## Great Day in Life

"I will be a great day in my life," said balding Sakahara, who manages a vegetable co-operative in Sumner. "It is wonderful to be able to say, without reservation, that I am an American."

Sakahara has six children, one of whom served in the U. S. Army, and "more grandchildren than I can count."

Mizukami scratched his close-cropped grey hair for a moment and squinted behind gold-rimmed glasses. Then he said: "After so many years it feels wonderful to be able to participate in the government of the land of my choice. I am deeply grateful."

Mrs. Mizukami nodded in agreement. She was perhaps thinking of the priceless gift the Mizukamis had given to America—the life of their infantryman son in World War II. Four children survive.

## Heads Chapter

Bob Mizukami, son of the new citizens, is president of the Puyallup Valley chapter of the Japanese-American Citizens League, which sponsored a 10-week course to prepare elderly Japanese for citizenship.

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"These people know more about the Bill of Rights and the Constitution than most native born citizens," said Bob Mizukami. His words were echoed by Ted Takemura, a guiding force behind the league.

It was Bob and Ted and many other Nisei (American-born Japanese) who jumped in with both feet when the McCarran Immigration Act took effect. They boned up on this nation's precious documents and taught naturalization classes, with the cooperation of the Tacoma Vocational School and immigration man Charles Withers Jr.

## Once Strange Word

"It wasn't easy," said Bob, "because democracy until recently was a strange word in Japanese."

The "citizens" (three generations of Mizukamis) readily posed for pre-election day pictures. Little Rebecca (Becky) Mizukami, 2, played with grandma's purse during the picture, then flashed a beautiful smile when the photographer announced he had run out of film. Becky is a Sansei.

Sakahara beamed when the flashbulbs had quit popping and the copy pencils had been stowed away.

"It's the straight Republican ticket for me," he said.

Mizukami was silent, but his eyes twinkled when he looked at his friend and fellow citizen. It is a safe bet he'll cancel Sakahara's vote.

But that's the American way. As simple as one-two-three.

## Gilroy, Youngest Chapter, Ends First Year

By KIMIKO OKAWA

As the newest chapter in the NCWNDC, the Gilroy JACL Chapter was formed in February, 1954. Many thanks to the San Benito County Chapter for sponsoring us and to San Francisco seconding the motion which officially made Gilroy a member.

Hiro Kunimura was installed as the first president of the chapter at the May dinner-dance at Hecker Pass Inn. Graduates of the area were honored at a Bolado Park outing in June with John

Hanamoto in charge.

On a community level, recently naturalized Issei citizens were recognized at a dinner in the Community Hall. Joe Obata was chairman. Guest speakers and candidates were also invited to address the chapter on the importance of elections this year.

Preceded by weeks of dance classes, the chapter sponsored its first annual Thanksgiving Day dance at the IOOF Temple. Hank Yoshikawa chaired.

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Seated, left to right, Mrs. Katherine Felice, Gardenville election board; N. Mizukami and Mrs. N. Mizukami; standing, left to right, Bob Mizukami, Rebecca Mizukami, Ted Takemura and Tom Sakahara.—Courtesy Tacoma News Tribune.)

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## A SHORT STORY

# A Mid-summer Incident

By FRED S. KAI

AS THE station wagon slowly rounded the driveway of the spacious front lawn of the Clinton House, Mr. Wilson, the manager of the hotel, turned to his young passenger. "I'll take you right to your quarters so that you can unpack and get settled. Afterwards you can come down to the kitchen and have supper. You'll find that two of the boys on the crew are 'Joe College' like yourself. The third one's an older man, a nice quiet chap. Uh, what was your first name again?"

"Haruo," was the reply. The youth smiled as he noticed the manager's effort to form the syllables on his lips. "But friends often call me Harry," he added.

Mr. Wilson chuckled loudly. "That's the English equivalent, is it? Well, Harry, here we are."

The car came to a stop in front of the workers' lodgings, a weather-beaten building, about fifty yards in back of the hotel. The manager led Haruo into a room on the second floor. "You'll be sharing this room with the two boys; the older man sleeps alone in the next room. They usually get about a three hour break in the afternoon between meals. It's after five so they're probably down at the kitchen. Well, Harry, you can start work tonight or tomorrow, whichever you prefer. I suggest you rest up from your trip tonight."

After Mr. Wilson left, Haruo made his bed and changed into his working clothes. He decided to begin his dishwashing chores that night, rather than spend a lonely evening in the room.

The Clinton House was a large, old-fashioned wooden mansion that had once been the summer retreat of a millionaire family. The estate, covering an ample tract of woodland, was located in southwestern Massachusetts, in the Berkshire Range. The house and grounds were eventually sold to an enterprising Boston businessman who converted the old mansion into a refined and quiet hotel for summer vacationists.

In recent years the management regularly hired their dishwashers through a Japanese employment agency in New York City.

As Haruo approached the kitchen, in the rear of the hotel, he heard the faint clatter of dishes and suddenly felt a tinge of nausea as he foresaw ten summer weeks of dishwashing drudgery ahead of him. He closed the screen door carefully behind him and glanced about the kitchen.

Walters were carrying trays bulging with salads through the swinging doors into the dining room, and busboys were filling pitchers with cracked ice. In front of the long black stove and behind the serving table, the chef and his two assistants were adding their last professional touches to the evening meal. At the other end of

the kitchen the dishwashers were quietly eating their supper.

The chef noticed Haruo watching the busy kitchen scene and motioned him over. "You are the new dishwasher, eh?" he said, as Haruo approached the serving table.

It wasn't until later that Haruo learned that both he and the first cook had studied at a Parisian culinary school. The third cook, however, had learned his trade in the kitchen of a New York City automat. "Here, I will give you something to eat and you can join your friends over there..."

Haruo accepted a plate of steaming goulash, and, after obtaining a glass of milk, a couple slices of bread, and an apple pie at another table, he carried his tray of food over to the table where the dishwashers were stilling eating.

Introductions were politely, but, as is often the case in such a situation, perfunctorily made between the newcomer and the others. Stanley and Michio were two young Nisei from Seabrook Farms in New Jersey, and attending the same college in Philadelphia; Araki-san, the third worker, was a middle-aged Issei bachelor from New York City.

By the time Haruo had finished his meal, he was on a friendly footing with his two young co-workers. Araki-san, however, sat apart near the dishwashing machine and silently watched the three boys conversing. Haruo noticed the faintly amused expression that continually played on the man's face and the vague, pensive look in his eyes.

"He doesn't speak English, does he?" Haruo asked his companions in a lowered voice, nodding slightly in the direction of Araki-san.

"Not much," Stanley replied. "He's a quiet guy. He's always smiling and thinking to himself."

"He works like mad though," Michio added. "We tell him to take it easy because the busy season hasn't even started yet, but he just grins at us and keeps right on knocking himself out. Only a few days ago he came over to Stan and myself and told us to ignore

him if he should ever act a little funny, because it's due to an accident he had when he was a kid in Japan. He fell off a tree he was climbing and landed on his head. He said he was unconscious for a couple days and was never the same afterwards..."

THE DAYS followed one another in monotonous succession, like the unending flow of dirty dishes that perspiring busboys haul into the kitchen after every meal.

And work in the kitchen sharply increased as the Fourth of July swept in a wave of vacationists to the hotel, many of whom intended to remain until the Labor Day weekend, which marked the close of the summer vacationing season.

The three youths and Araki-san soon blended into an efficient dishwashing crew, each worker knowing his role in the assembly-line procedure of racking the dirty dishes, cups, saucers, glasses and silverware on wooden trays and shoving them through the aluminum box-shaped machine which both washed and rinsed them.

Another man would stand on the receiving end of the machine and pull out the loaded trays amidst a cloud of steam and vapor. Among themselves, the boys called Araki-san "the anchor man," for he preferred the last job of stacking the dishes, cups and saucers and carrying them to the shelves.

It was in August, only a few weeks from the end of the season, when Araki-san's behavior suddenly took a disturbing turn.

One morning, as the boys filed through the Issei man's room on their way to work, they were astonished to find him sitting on the edge of his bed, wearing his good clothes, and staring violently into space.

Haruo, who spoke the most Japanese of the three, called out: "Araki-san, what's the matter? It's time to go to work." He slowly turned his head toward the boys, revealing a sad, beclouded expression on his face.

"You boys go on ahead," he whispered hoarsely, "I don't feel well today—" The three youths exchanged helpless glances and quickly left the room.

Araki-san did not appear in the kitchen all morning. To the chef's query the boys replied simply that the man was not feeling well that morning, and avoided explaining further.

As the last of the breakfast dishes were being washed, Haruo turned to his co-workers and said: "I think I'll run over to the house and see how he is. Maybe it's not safe to leave him alone like that."

Stanley and Michio readily agreed. The jolt that the three boys had received that morning by the older man's peculiar behavior had served to confirm any doubts in their minds about his mental state. They felt that he had finally cracked up.

The disturbed man was wandering aimlessly about his room, with his head down and shoulders bent, as Haruo silently endured. Haruo noticed that he had changed back into his work clothes.

"Oy-san," he called, a bit uncertainly, "what's the matter? Are you still feeling bad?"

Araki-san stopped his pacing and stared blankly at the youth, seeming not to recognize him. Then, with what appeared to be considerable effort, he said in a low monotone: "Don't worry about me. I'll go to work now—"

"It's better if you rest," Haruo said. "You don't have to worry about work, we'll take care of it."

Haruo finally realized that the poor man was in no condition to continue working, and that the most sensible plan would be to have him taken back instantly.

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## Midsummer Incident

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to New York City and be put under medical care.

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Haruo left Araki-san sitting on the edge of his bed, gazing languidly at the ceiling, and hurried back to the kitchen. "He's in a pretty bad way," he told the boys on his arrival. "I think we'd better talk to the manager about him. Maybe one of us should take him back to the city. So far as I know he lives alone and so I guess it'll have to be Bellevue."

"You can have that job," Stanley said. "I don't want it."

"Me neither," Michio agreed. "he might start acting up—"

"I'll do it, don't worry," Haruo said impulsively, with perhaps a trace of bravado in his tone. "But let's see the boss about it first..."

On hearing of Araki-san's condition the manager expressed immediate concern, and promptly seconded Haruo's plan to take the sick man back by train to New York City that very afternoon.

At lunchtime the boys went after Araki-san and found him wandering about outside of the house. He allowed himself to be led to the kitchen and seated at the table.

The boys brought him his food but he appeared to have no inclination to eat and merely toyed with his fork. Suddenly he arose and ran from the kitchen—to the amazement of the cooks and waiters who watched him scurry by. The dishwashers quickly chased after him and caught up to him outside. "Our house was on fire," the sick man said quietly, a bemused expression on his face.

MR. WILSON drove Haruo and Araki-san down to the Marlowe Station in time to board the two o'clock train. Carrying the Issei man's suitcase, Haruo ushered him up the steps of the car and seated him next to the window. The trip took almost five hours and being a "local" stopped at every Connecticut village and city on the New Haven and Hartford line.

At virtually every stop Araki-san made a movement to get off, but Haruo firmly restrained him. Once held back, the poor man would lapse into a comatose state until the next station halt.

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Arriving at Grand Central Station Haruo quickly led his ward outside and hailed a cab. The single idea in Haruo's mind was to get the demented man to Bellevue Hospital as quickly as possible.

Dusk was rapidly closing in by the time the two got off the cab and entered the foyer of the hospital's psychiatric ward.

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"I have a sick man on my hands here," Haruo explained to the nurse at the desk. He was now weary of the entire matter, and although he still felt considerable sympathy for Araki-san, he was anxious to unburden himself of his share of responsibility. He felt immensely relieved when the nurse gained them immediate entrance into the clinical room.

Haruo informed the two intern psychiatrists who began to examine Araki-san as much as he knew of the Issei man's personal history, not forgetting to mention the in-

## One World

By ALICE KASAI

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Must rise to God's acclaim!

## Japan Overdoing Good Thing Westerning Too Eagerly

While PC contributor Sam Ishikawa, member of the Jiji Press Association, Tokyo, presents his special feature on anti-Americanism in Japan, last month Dr. Harry J. Carman, dean emeritus of Columbia College, New York, offered collateral observation of particular Nisei interest. —Editor.

### New York

There was danger in Japan's over-eagerness to be Westernized, said Dr. Harry J. Carman, Dean Emeritus of the Columbia College, in an informal talk about his mission to Japan before the International Students' Club of Columbia University last month.

Dean Carman who went to Japan under the Japanese-American Exchange Program during April and May said, "One wonders whether in their haste to be modern they are overlooking that part of their culture which should mean something—a great deal in fact—to them spiritually."

The music of Beethoven, Mozart and other Western artists attracted crowds of Japanese university

students to the concert halls who considered the native Japanese music as "old stuff," "outdated," "too simple and not sufficiently intellectual," and "not in style."

Under the impact of Westernization, the old Shinto-Buddhist teachings had lost their influence among the youth and moral values and ethical conduct had been weakened. There was thus a spiritual vacuum in Japan, he said.

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Dean Carman found that respect for authority in Japan was responsible for the lecture method of teaching as against the discussion method.

The students in the classroom in Japan did not dare to differ from their instructors and the final examinations were given not for the purpose of ascertaining the students' ability to think but largely for testing if the students remembered what their instructor had taught them.

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He said there was lack of opportunity for student-faculty informal contacts and discussions and the student had little chance to benefit from the advice and wisdom of his instructors.

Speaking about the role of Japanese women, Dean Carman said that they were pressing forward to achieve equality with men, to secure protection of widows and their dependent children, and to abolish prostitution, especially in the areas of military camps. They were also becoming increasingly concerned about gambling and juvenile delinquency which latter had increased by 150 per cent during recent years.

Dean Carman also discussed Japan's economic situation. He said, "In terms of area and readily available natural resources including agricultural land Japan is over-populated," and must therefore increase her food supply. She has also to expand her overseas market.

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# THE STUDY OF ENGLISH IN JAPAN

By P. M. SUSKI, M.D., D.M.Sc.

Dr. Peter M. Suski, of Denver, longtime prewar resident of Los Angeles physician who also worked as a photographer and editor in Li'l Tokio, has been a keen student of the English and Japanese languages. One of his published works that proved popular was the Dictionary of Japanese Kanji for the English reader. He poses an interesting question on the matter of teaching English in the Japanese secondary schools.—Editor.

Since the Meiji Restoration, the Japanese people, as if awakened from a long slumber, suddenly started to seek knowledge of world affairs. Discovering that knowledge of the English language was of paramount importance to accomplish that end, they turned their efforts toward the study of this language.

Soon, the fervent desire to learn English spread all over the country like wild fire. Hence, for a time, impetus of the "Learn English" slogan began to eclipse everything else.

A few fortunate persons had opportunity to learn English directly

from American or British teachers. Millions of others were taught by inexperienced or unqualified teachers as it was the time when almost any beginner in English turned to any teacher of English in face of sheer demands.

English is no easy language for a Japanese student to master, even if placed in the hands of the best qualified native teacher, either American or British.

One can never expect to learn the correct English from a Japanese teacher who had learned it from another Japanese, as is

usually the case. Japan is sadly overrun by teachers in English of very poor quality even today.

The condition of poor English teachers in Japan has never been corrected or ameliorated today in spite of the 80 years since Meiji era, because the government, scholars or the people never realized the importance of learning correct English.

Rather, most seem to think the poor English they were being taught is as good as any. The number of American or British

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teachers or Japanese teachers trained and qualified abroad is unfortunately very small.

Tragic consequence

On the face of facts like these, the most deplorable thing is that the teachers and pupils of the English language in Japan have not the least suspicion that the English they are learning and teaching could not be readily understood by the people of America or England.

Instances are not rare where a Japanese scholar in the English language or a reputable English teacher, on coming to the United States found, to his consternation, that he experienced extreme difficulty in conversation with Americans. Information of this sort is, however, usually hushed up, and never reaches Japan.

A language is a medium to convey one's thoughts to another. Yet, it is not all the thoughts that are expressed in spoken flow of feelings. I call this a psychic flow.

The psychic flow between the speaker and his listener meets and induces or urges the pattern of the speech which may follow. Persons converse with each other through spoken words as well as through this psychic flow. Therefore, the psychic flow may be regarded as a speechless or an extra-speech language.

Some of the extra-speech psychic flow may come through the eyes, head, shoulders, arms, hands, fingers, noise or breathing. They are then called gestures.

Gestures with speech

Just as a spoken language varies from one nation to another the extra-speech language should also differ between one people and another. This difference is found to be particularly greater between Japanese and Americans or Europeans.

Students of English in Japan have never dreamed or suspected of the existence of such a thing as the psychic flow, because they had no opportunity of learning about the extra-speech language of Americans or Englishmen.

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anese with aid of KANA will not be understood by Americans or Englishmen, because:

- (1) F, L, V, TH are sounded exactly as H, R, B, S.
- (2) Original syllables discarded and substituted with KANA syllables, often increasing the number of syllables.
- (3) Accents often in wrong place, and
- (4) Vowel values are limited to five short vowels.

And yet, it looks as though the learning of English through the use of KANA is encouraged, when we note that daily papers, books and magazines are full of Hundreds of English words taken in and put to daily use in Japan are pronounced invariably in KANA fashion.

Without a good supply of native teachers and tireless efforts on the part of students to conquer all difficulties, it would be next to impossible to learn, teach and preserve in Japan, correct pronunciation and accentuation of English or any other foreign language.

Among millions of Japanese students of English, there are only a very few who ever come in contact with English speaking people. Majority of them have no worldly use of ever learning English which they never hope to use except for the fact that a course in English is required in getting jobs, or as a matter of qualification, or to establish a prestige among fellowmen.

That is the reason why some schools or private teachers ignore entirely the need of learning pronunciation or accents.

Issei-Nisei differences

In America, the Japanese and their children born in America or Nisei seldom get together for a heart to heart talk. What is the cause?

The difference in age, environment in which they grew up, and the difference in degree of education may be the cause to a certain extent, but the the chief reason seems to be the difference in the ways of thinking.

Parents have extra-speech psychic flow of the old country.

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## THE STUDY OF ENGLISH IN JAPAN: Cont'd.

while the Nisei have the psychic flow in American fashion.

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The ultimate motive to establish many Japanese language schools in America, or to send Nisei to schools in Japan, was to get better understanding between parents and their children. Naturally these attempts ended in failure, as they did not take the difference in psychic flow into consideration.

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A language is a living thing, which takes in nutrition, performs metabolism, throws off waste material, thus accomplishing growth and development. Hence the term—the living language.

When growth and development stop, the language remains static as a dead language.

English, Japanese or any other living language, takes in new words, new senses, new applications, from time to time, and throws off old worn-out words as obsolete.

Now let us take a look at what is being done with the English language in Japan. It has already elapsed 70 or 80 years since the study of English became fervent. During these years, hardly any of the changes and developments, which were going on in the English language in America or England, had been taken up.

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English is taught in Japan today in the same form and pattern as has been taught in the early days of Meiji. Hence, the English language in Japan is an analogue of a plant from which the nutrition is cut off, and now dead and dry, petted and enjoyed only as a curio.

### Chinese episode

But such a curious episode is not without a precedent. About 1,300 years ago, Chinese literature had been brought to Japan. Soon, the Japanese became an ardent student of Chinese litera-

ture and language. But it has been very seldom used as a means of communication with the Chinese.

The Japanese citizenry took it up as a means of promoting culture, education and personal prestige, without paying any attention to the reforms, changes and developments in the language taking place right along in China. Japan had converted the living Chinese language into a dead language for her own convenience.

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The carcass of the dead ancient Chinese language which has been and still is of the inestimable value to the Japanese as the backbone of culture and education, is now gradually being replaced by the newly acquired dead form of English language.

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For 80 years Japan has been studying English on a vast scale, far beyond the wildest imagination, and still going strong.

Each one of the 50,000,000 young people would spend about 60,000 yen annually for the study of English. The total annual expenditure would be a staggering amount of 8,000,000,000,000 yen or over eight billion U. S. dollars.

In return for this enormous expenditure, they get the knowledge of English good only for the Japanese domestic use, because of the poor quality of teachers. The worst of it is that the students are kept entirely ignorant of the fact, until they hit American or English shores, and find the sad truth out for themselves.

### Help needed

Something must be done at once. The first and the most important step to be taken will be to let the government and the people get wise to the real condition. Let them study the ways and means to stop the enormous waste of time, money and energy.

There is enough literature in the Japanese language today, to cover the latest knowledge and sciences, so that there should be no necessity of relying upon English or any foreign language.

Japan should abolish all English classes except in a few of the highest colleges. The English language is best studied in England or America.

## Watsonville JACL Honors Issei Citizens

By Bill Fukuba

Elimination of a long-standing law or custom, which had denied a minority the dignity of full equality, is in itself noteworthy.

But the amending of an old discriminatory naturalization statute meant even more than this. To the patient immigrants from Japan, favorable features of the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Naturalization law meant the final realization of a brave dream preserved in their breast for half a century. Such a drama is touched by a kind of divine miracle that radiates new hope for all mankind today.

This drama was sensed by those attending a dinner honoring some 25 Issei who had received their citizenship papers.

Several political candidates, including a candidate for Congress, an Assemblyman, and the Santa Cruz County District Attorney, gave inspired talks to the group. Haruo Ishimaru, JACL Regional Director, was the main speaker. The Watsonville JACL chapter, which had sponsored a citizenship class, was host at the dinner held on Sept. 17 at the Minamar.

Participation in the naturalization program was the year's most important activity for the Watsonville JACL chapter. Among other things, it was another step towards gaining the necessary member support for an organization that has gained national public recognition.

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By JIM KIMOTO

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Beginning with a welcome Hershey Miyamura social, the chapter saw the new executive board installed at an impressive ceremony, witnessed two excellent meetings on "home buying," cheered at the response shown for the Japanese movie presentations, joined in applause for the new American citizens at an Issei Recognition night, added in appreciation at the excellent turnout at the picnic, and relaxed at a hilarious Hallowe'en party.

In addition, the chapter attended the National Convention at Los Angeles and all of the quarter district meetings.

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You're probably wondering why you had to take time off to hear me gloat. Yes, I'm gloating, but not for myself, for our executive board or our various committee heads who unselfishly gave their time and money. I'm gloating, because the members gave us support when it was needed most.

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A great year is almost at a close. Now, we're asking that support again. The membership drive for 150 members (40 more than 1954) is underway. We know that members realize that helping us is actually helping their fight for better citizenship.

**Nat'l JACL Keg Meet in Elbee**

The Ninth Annual JACL National Bowling Tournament will be hosted by the Long Beach Nisei Bowling League and the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL, March 3-6, 1955.

Tournament committee chairman, Easy Fujimoto, prominent angler, will have the able assistance of league officials and members while JACLers, including president-elect Tomizo "Blow" Joe will give full cooperation on non-tournament events.

Relatively inactive during 1954, the infusion of newer and younger officers in the chapter promises much enthusiasm, activity and support, reports Fred Ikeguchi, acting prexy.

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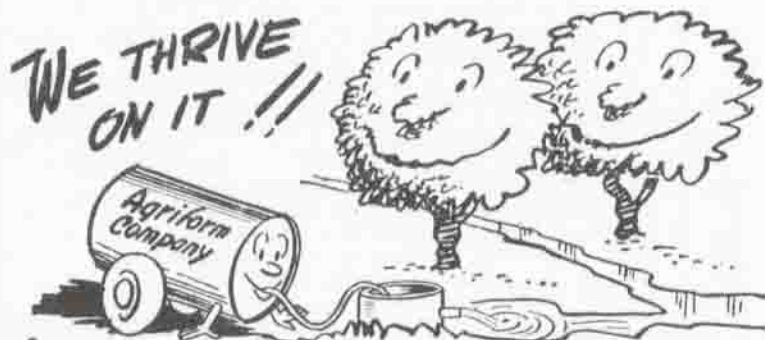
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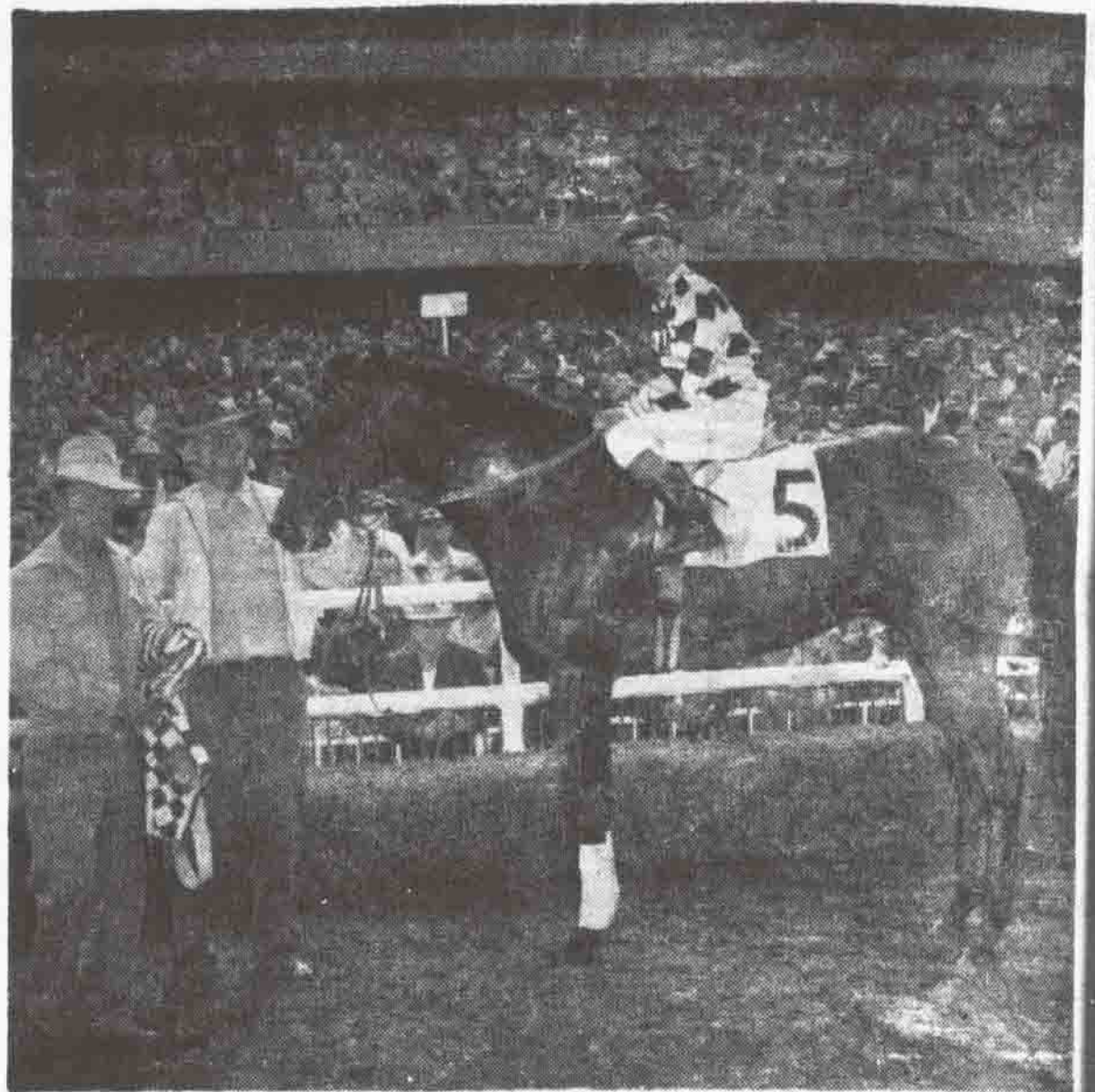


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Jockey Taniguchi hits the winner's circle for the first time before Hollywood Park race fans.—Photos on this page by Author.

## Success Story Born from Saddle & Strap for Nisei

By GEORGE YOSHINAGA

The day was March 9, 1954.

A cold, biting wind swept a torrent of rain across the Bay Meadows race track as the horses and jockeys came out on the track for the third race of that day's eight-race card.

The condition of the track was officially graded as "muddy" but the description hardly fitted the quagmire.

Even for a veteran jockey, the conditions were hazardous but it was under these conditions that El Centro-born George Taniguchi made his debut as rider to become the first Nisei ever to ride on a major thoroughbred racing strip.

His debut marked a new chapter in the saga of the American Nisei.

Handling Radio Message for his contract holder Lawrence Kidd of Pleasanton, California, Taniguchi made his debut an auspicious one.

Unlike a success story of some of the best known Hollywood scenario writers, Taniguchi didn't win his first race, but he was in the money. This in itself was quite a feat for a newcomer.

It also served as a notice for things to come.

The very next day, in the second race, he scored his initial win.

Those who predicted that Taniguchi would "be one of the top jockey prospects ever to be developed in years," nodded their heads in approval at the sight of the Nisei rider in the winner's circle for the first time aboard the long-shot, Sheer Speed.

After breaking his maiden with Sheer Speed, trips to the winner's circle became a familiar thing to Taniguchi.

Before the Bay Meadows season was over, he moved into second place in the jockey standings, headed only by Billy Harms, who lost his apprenticeship during the Meadows season.

Taniguchi capped the Bay Meadows season by winning the Children's Hospital Handicap with Houssets-Moore's Kingly, the longest shot in the field. The win was worth \$28,000 to King-

ly's owners and was Taniguchi's first stakes win.

He called this win, "his greatest thrill thus far in racing."

### \$89.60 to Win

Taniguchi followers probably got an equally big thrill when the \$89.60 figures were posted on the pari-mutuel board.

The press and radio caught on to the Nisei and his popularity zoomed.

During the Bay Meadows season, the management sent one hundred season tickets to the exclusive turf club to the Japanese Consul General in San Francisco.

When the horses and jockeys moved to Hollywood Park, Taniguchi was being acclaimed the greatest apprentice since Willie Shoemaker, currently the top jockey in the world.

The Hollywood Park publicity department started the boom for "The Gooch" as he was labeled by radio commentator Charlie Clifton.

They got the racing public "Taniguchi-conscious."

The Los Angeles Times carried a full page picture coverage on him with sports editor Paul Zimmerman devoting the entire column.

Al Santoro of the Examiner interviewed race announcer Joe Hernandez for an opinion on Taniguchi. Senor Hernandez called the Nisei, "A Japanese Basil James, one time national riding champion."

Hernandez also called Taniguchi one of the most courageous riders around.

He proved this later in his career at Golden Gate Fields when he suffered a near-fatal fall.

### 'Best Prospect . . .'

Syd Swanson who sends the horses on their way as a starter at Bay Meadows, Hollywood, Tan-

foran and Golden Gate, unhesitatingly called the Nisei the "best prospect I have ever seen."

What impressed Swanson was Taniguchi's desire to learn by first hand observation.

"I've had a lot of young boys come into the stand with me," said Swanson, "but none of them was as alert as Taniguchi."

"Why, one day, to my great surprise he pointed out to me the movement of Johnny Longden's wrists!"

"I'll admit I didn't pay much attention at the time. But when I watched him today using his wrists like Johnny, I had to smile to myself."

Hollywood Park recognized Taniguchi's presence and staged a race in his honor, calling it "Lil' Tokio Day." Consul General Shinsaku Hogen crowned the winner along with the Nisei jockey.

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## RELAXATION AFTER PICNIC HAS MORE PICNICKING

By Mits George Kaneko

The Idaho Falls JACL now looks back to present some of the highlights of times gone by—

Masks, norms, streamers, and confetti started our New Year's Eve Party with a record turnout. A week later newly-elected officers were installed.

Then came the annual midwinter Carnival, one of the biggest and most successful events of the year.

Naturalization classes were begun in February with 35 parents attending twice a week. Combining Mother's and Father's Day, a Japanese film was shown in the honor.

The annual chapter picnic was held June 12, with all committed doing their share of work, thus another unforgettable gathering.

Relaxation is needed by everyone! On June 22, we all headed for Henry's Lake for boating, fishing, and more picnicking. A wiener roast in August at Tautphaus Park was a cool evening of enjoyment. Then came an enjoyable night of spooks, goblins, and ghosts spelling Halloween.

Elections of a new cabinet to place in November. Climaxing 1954, the Issei were sworn in as naturalized citizens Nov. 19, and a party was held in their home.

TANIGUCHI  
STORY: Cont'd.

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who rode in the day's feature but unfortunately didn't win it.

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It was fitting that Hollywood Park should honor Taniguchi, for it was at that track that two short years previous to his debut that he got the idea of becoming a jockey.

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At one time, he was determined to become an actor. He was attending Ben Bard's dramatic school with hopes of accomplishing his goal.

## Sought Movie Role

He heard of a casting for a movie part one day so decided to look up the producer. The producer happened to be at the race track.

Always bothered by his own slight build, Taniguchi was intrigued that the jockeys matched his own size.

He made a few inquiries, and discovered that monetary returns for a successful rider were quite handsome. It was then he decided to switch professions.

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It was the wisest switch in his life which included such chores as being a market hand and harvesting vegetables.

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His rise to fame is marked by one noticeable characteristic.

Bill Haney, publicity man at Hollywood Park, best describes it when he stated, "despite his success and fame, George still wears the same hat size as when he was scrubbing out the barn as a stable hand."

That, in essence, is the George Taniguchi story.

And as Zimmerman of the Times puts it, "His rise to fame probably could have happened in no country but America."

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It was Li'l Tokio Day at Hollywood Park with Nisei apprentice jockey George Taniguchi pointing to the Turf Club sign to Miss Yae Marumoto, Nisei Week Festival beauty.

PLACER JACL NINE COPS  
CALIFORNIA NISEI CROWN

By HOMER TAKAHASHI

Loomis, the hotbed of Nisei baseball, finally brought home a state championship!

Fresh out of its fourth year in the semi-pro Placer-Nevada League, the Placer JACL ball club under Manager Chuck Hayashida and the coaching of Mori Hada surprised no one in walking off with the State title at the Labor Day weekend tournament in Lodi.

In annihilating the perennial Nisei kingpins, Fresno, Lodi, and San Jose, the Placers rang up a total of 47 base hits to the opponents' 15 and brought in 31 runs to their 9 in the championship classic.

This was no fluke as the locals in tuning up for the tourney jump-

ed all over the defending state titlists, the Sacramento Valley All Stars, by a score of 13 to 6 and outthit them 16 to 4. As a season's bonus the JACL was given a trip to Los Angeles to tangle with the southland's best, the Nisei Traders, and returned with a 7 to 1 triumph. Oddly enough the Traders were powerful at the plate and outdid Placer 9 to 7, but couldn't produce them when needed, thus their lone tally.

The Placer-Nevada League is split into two halves, but were it a straightaway race, the Placer JACL would have finished in third place in the final standings.

Being the only Nisei club in the eight-team circuit, the locals outdrew every other club both at home and on the road.

Following are the batting averages of the team:

Jack Hayashida 394, Bob Hayashida 390, Norm Matsuoka 372, George Goto 349, Billy Nishimoto 343, Bob Kozaike 333, Koji Watanabe 324, Frank Kageta 295, Charley Oseto 258, Bob Takemoto 227, Jimmy Enkoji 226, Melvin Matsuoka 308, Angel Kageyama 200, Nob Watanabe 190, and Russ Bivens 103.

Following are the pitching records:

	W	L
Russ Bivens	7	1
George Goto	4	1
Bob Takemoto	4	1
Angel Kageyama	2	1
Johnny Nakao	1	1

Following are the scores of the season:

Placer 5, Folsom 2.  
Placer 14, Lodi 10.  
Placer 11, Lodi 8.  
Placer 18, Nevada City 3.  
Placer 7, Roseville 10 (12 innings).  
Placer 3, Lincoln 9.  
Placer 14, Colfax 7.  
Placer 11, Sierra College 10.  
Placer 4, Auburn 1.  
Placer 12, Placerville 8.  
Placer 7, Grass Valley 3.  
Placer 12, Nevada City 17.  
Placer 11, Roseville 13.  
Placer 5, Grass Valley 4 (12 innings).  
Placer 2, Lincoln 16.  
Placer 6, Colfax 0.  
Placer 4, Auburn 2.  
Placer 7, Placerville 6.  
Placer 13, Sacramento Valley Nisei All Stars 6.  
Placer 8, Los Angeles Nisei Traders 1.  
Placer 13, Fresno All Stars 3.  
Placer 11, Lodi 5.  
Placer 7, San Jose 1.

The Folsom Globes, whom Placer defeated in the first game of the season, went on to win the championship of their league, the Sacramento County, and in the playoff between the County champs and the winners of the Sacramento Rural League, the Folsom club came out the victor.

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After three days at the downtown Young Hotel in Honolulu, our ever gracious friend MRS. ADDIE YOU helped us move out to Waikiki. It was mighty informal business. She said, "I have my husband's station-wagon for the afternoon so throw your things in." We did, and still being informally hatless and attired in an L.A. type cotton dress and the same low-heeled shoes, we ambled over to the new Surf-Rider Hotel looking as if we just blew in from the beach.

"The Surf," as the kamaainas call it, was so ultra-modern and glassy that one could see right through from Kalakua Avenue through the lobby, past the beachfront to the blue Pacific beyond. Porters in colorful pakei (Chinese) type uniforms—a black two-piece, loose-fitting pajama thing with a broad horizontal stripe in cerise-red across the chest on the blouse—just picture it, you ladies. (No doubt, the manly crew objected when these were innovated but to the tourists like us, the unusual outfits presented an exotic and attractive appearance.)

Employees were all Nisei or mixed blooded Hawaiians. Some would have Japanese faces and "Anglo-Saxon" names, or interesting Portuguese-Hawaiian faces and have German-sounding names; all adding up to a delightful confusion. Once we overheard a haole from the States exclaiming to his wife in pleased surprise, "What do you know? They have all Chinese maids here—cute little Chinese girls!" He was referring to some good-looking Nisei members of the Housekeeper's crew.

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**LA VIDA DE RILEY**

Up to our seventh floor room we went, into a sunlit room with a huge picture-window giving forth upon a wondrous view of the mountains. "Some plush glamour-joint!" we exclaimed in our genteel way, "Man, this is livin'—!" What, with the services of two maids, Filipino boys in white jackets wheeling in a complete breakfast table when one called for room service, bowing "service" right and left, one really felt like a Wicked Woman in a penthouse suite.

Up to this time we'd always thought the epitome of leisurely idleness was one of those glamour magazine creatures who sat around in negligees painting their toenails. Now here we were (though not clad in filmy penguin, quite—) but at least applying Revlon's "Touch of Genius" to our pinkies and dashing on Lenthier's "Confetti" which our cousin Tod had brought back from Paris. Daughter Bambi had nothing better to do than ride up and down elevators on the slightest excuse: "Do you want me to post a letter, Mommie?" "Shall I buy some stamps?" "May I go down and get comic books?" etc.

Some one in the adjoining room, most likely the fellow who had been raving about the "Chinese girls" was assiduously plunking away on his ukelele lessons: "We're going to the hula-lau" (fishing-picnic). Plunkety-plunk, over and over again, in the rhythm of a hula-dance—"huki-huki-huki LAU!"

On our fortune-cards from the weighing machine, Bambi's read, "You are gay. Stay on the sunny side of the street!" while her Mom's went "Prosperous period is coming. Money jingles." We laughed at the mercenary sound of that last one; but that very afternoon a telegram arrived from home reading: "LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED MORE CASH. REMEMBER MONEY IS NO OBJECT WHEN ON VACATION." Hmmm, we said duly impressed by the one-cent prognosticators, Hmmm—, and instructed Bambi not to throw the cards away but to keep them for good luck.

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**FELLOW TOURISTS, "HAOLES," ETC.**

Since we were the only so-called "Orientals" among the Surf guests, everybody stared at us with friendly curiosity, especially the "Easterners" from the U.S. The latter often expected us to be from Japan, China, or even Java, and expressed surprise to hear that we hailed from good old Los Angeles. These mainland tourists were usually older people, from the early forties on up through middle-age and elderly. There were very few youngish couples and one or two rich but rather bored and lonely kids. Evidently not until one had attained a certain age and prosperity could one afford winter vacations in the tropics.

Genteel old ladies sat leisurely around the spacious verandahs in the adjoining Moana Hotel. At dusk when the torch-lights flamed along the beach in front of the Banyan Lanai, Hawaiian musicians gathered in the verandah lobby to serenade the guests. Gay crazy hats, fragrant leis, colorful mumuus (Mother Hubbard type loose-fitting, floor-length gowns), and always the inevitable fresh flowers in the hair; hibiscus, ginger, or gardenia. And since the two hotels were connected by one long common corridor we often went down to listen to the singers or watch the dancers down in the court under the giant banyan-tree.

Some times during quiet lulls on sleepy afternoons we were seized with a mad pixie urge to "cut loose" with some real gone bop-talk just to see how the sedate old ladies would react. And what fun it would have been if one were to bust out with an uninhibited mambo yell!

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# An Old Debt

By TED YAMACHIKA

Tanabe San was the kind of man you couldn't help liking once you knew him. He was a big, lumbering fellow in his fifties with eyes as simple as a child's and just as sincere. He cared very little how he looked and wore patched overalls and usually had a boy's growth of whitening hair. His general appearance gave you the impression of uncouthness but his manners were nice and he was always polite. He talked very slowly and thoughtfully and was especially careful not to hurt a person's feelings.

I got to know him well because he was one of my father's employees and every morning he came to our house to ride to work with my father. He lived close by and I remember going to his house to pick mangoes from his tree during the season. "Be careful not to fall," he always warned me. "No mango is worth a fall."

My father spoke well of him at all times. I've heard him say on several occasions: "If all my employees were as honest and hard working as Tanabe San, my business would prosper in this year of depression. In the years he's been working for me he's never missed a day of work on purpose except once or twice when he was given leave off to attend a funeral."

That year I became good friends with Tanabe San during the worst depression in Honolulu. Well, you know how those things happen. One year one's a down and the next, he's a grown up. I must have suddenly grown up to have

made friends with Tanabe San and to have noticed the depression. I remember hundreds of people were out of work. The pineapple canneries weren't even canning their pineapples. Some people had a bright idea and tried selling them on the streets for as little as a penny apiece, but there were very few buyers. When these peddlers finally got disgusted they simply dumped their truck loads of pineapples on some secluded street. Some of the fruit were picked up by children and even adults but most of it just fermented in the sun and rotted away and gave off a terrible stench.

That was also the year School Street was resurfaced and the people said that this was one of the government projects to create jobs for some of the unemployed. The job of resurfacing the street was a big job in those days and it took much longer than it does today.

One evening I was on my way home from Japanese School when I met Tanabe San on this same School Street. He had been sick and he had a sick man's pallor. He was dressed in kimono and wore "geta" and he was watching the work being done on the street.

"How are you, Tanabe San?" I asked. "Father told me you were sick and in the hospital. Are you all right now?"

"Yes," he smiled. "Okagen de." Of course I understood the Japanese term to mean "by your grace," but at that time, except for feeling that he needn't have thanked me for getting

well, I thought he was only being polite as usual and never gave it any significance. It took me several years to find out what he really meant at that moment.

I don't remember what else we talked about but we chatted for a while. But I do remember one thing he said at the time because it struck me as odd, and as it proved later, premonitory. I pointed out to him how wonderful it would be for driving when the street was completed. "Yes," he said, with a philosophical look and gazing up at the dusky sky, added, "Yes, wonderful in a lot of other ways too, but bad in one. Those drivers are going to speed and many people are going to get killed."

I say the whole thing was uncannily premonitory because School Street was completed within two months and a few days later, Tanabe San was dead. He was killed by a speeding automobile.

All this happened a long time ago and I had forgotten the whole incident until one day my father, while driving to work, was hit by another car and hospitalized. Ironically enough the accident occurred at the exact spot where Tanabe San had been killed. Fortunately, however, my father's injuries, though severe enough, weren't fatal and he was pretty well patched up after spending a month in the hospital.

A few days after my father came home he had a young visitor and I was surprised to learn that he

was the son of Tanabe San. He sat on the floor and talked to my father for a long time. "Until now," he said, "I was ashamed to face you and your family. I was in the army until about a year and a half ago. And it took me all this time to save enough money to pay you back. This is the money my father borrowed from you when he was sick more than six years ago. You don't know how happy I am to be able

to return it."

I never found out how much the loan was and I never asked my father. But I know my father was very happy. I won't say it was the money. He was not that mercenary. Besides his business was doing fine, at least he gave us that impression. He was up and around in no time after that and I heard him mention the money only once afterwards. "It sure came in handy," he said.

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## Fishing Club For Sanger CLers Proves Popular

By GEORGE NISHIMURA  
Six events stand out on the Sanger JACL calendar for the past year, but a popular sideline, the Sanger JACL fishing club, proved

very successful with its two derbies this season—one for trout, the other for striped bass.  
Shig Domoto and George Ohama tied for the trout derby championship; Robert Kanagawa won the striped bass title.

The six events include the annual Sanger community picnic, potluck dinner, Sanger Fair Kick-off Banquet, and ceremonies honoring newly naturalized Issei.

The chapter also took over funeral arrangements, previously done by the Sanger Doshi Kai.

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## 1000 Club Memberships Pride of DLA

The Downtown Los Angeles JACL Chapter looks back upon 1954 as one of its most successful years.

The year was a busy one, with the 13th Biennial National JACL Convention drawing upon the Downtown Chapter for many of its key personnel. Among the associate chairmen of the Convention were Frank Chuman in charge of official events, Harry Fujita in charge of special events, Harry Honda in charge of public relations, all Downtown Chapter 1000 Club members.

Assistants to the Chairman of Official Events were Dave Yokozeki and Merijane Yokoe. Committee Chairmen from among Downtown Chapter members included George Maruya in charge of Opening Ceremonies, Fred Tayama in charge of the 1000 Club Function, Issei Banquet, Kei Uchima, Gongoro Nakamura, Duke Ogata, Frank Suzukida; and Lily Otera, Outing. Many other chapter members served on the more than 50 various committees of the Convention.

The great pride of the Downtown Chapter is their total of 114 "1000 Club" members in 1954, the highest total of chapter in the nation. The drive to obtain this quantity of 1000 Club members was headed by Frank Suzukida.

Chapter members who helped in the 1000 Club drive included David Yokozeki, chapter president, Kei Uchima, Ted Okumoto, George Maruya, Lily Otera, Blanche Shiozaki, Duke Ogata, Gongoro Nakamura and Tats Kushiida.

Among the outstanding luncheon program this year were a lecture with illustrated color slides by Michael Lombardi on the Azuma Kabuki dancers and a personal appearance by Paul Coates, well known television personality of "Confidential File" and columnist of the Los Angeles Mirror. President David Yokozeki promises that the high caliber of programming

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## Albuquerque CLers Confer Biennium Award to Medal of Honor Veteran

By S. Ruth Hashimoto

Conferring of the Nisei of the Biennium Award to Hershey Miyamura at the 13th Biennial in Los Angeles highlighted the year's activities for the Albuquerque chapter with Issei Recognitions Banquet a close second.

A chapter as small as this one with members scattered over a 150 mile radius is able to function due to the unstinting effort of its staunch members.

Hershey, in his quiet, unassuming way, has led a group of Gallup members to cooperate fully with this chapter's events at every occasion possible. Under the able chairmanship of Mary Kimura, assisted by the Shibatas, the Miyamuras, the Yoshidas, the Tairas and others, the Gallup group sponsored an all-day outing in May at Bluewater Lake, complete with games, races, eats, and drinks.

The Yonemoto family in Albuquerque has been most hospitable and kind in offering the use of their recreation hall for many of the chapter socials and functions.

In February Hershey Miyamura came all the way from Gallup to install the new cabinet. The following month at the Rancho School a combination bingo-cake walk-pie and cake auction party was held to raise funds to send the chapter delegate to the Biennial Convention. Ted Yonemoto and John Glynn revealed their business acumen by making a financial success of this money-raising deal.

The Frank Takahashis opened up their home to a meeting in April where Perry Webb, Social Security field manager, explained the red-tape of old age pensions and social security payments.

The summer months being the only productive season in the Southwest, the chapter is at a practical standstill. However, since November of 1953 a little more than a handful of Issei diligents convened twice-weekly at the Yonemotos to study the American Constitution under the tutelage of Mrs. Hashimoto.

Climaxing a year of anticipation, 14 Issei and two warbrides were sworn in at a precedent-breaking naturalization ceremony where 110 new citizens were taken into the citizenry of this country, on Veterans Day, Nov. 11 at the U.S. District Court in Albuquerque. The same evening these Issei were tendered a banquet at the Franciscan Hotel and words of tribute were paid them by the Lt.-Gov. Tibo Chavez and U.S. District Judge Waldo Rogers.

Almost 100 persons attended the affair where two comely maidens from Japan, Mrs. Tamie Hori and Mrs. Kyoko McWhirter, presented publicly for the first time in this area two Japanese classical dances in kimono.

With election of 1955 officers and its annual New Year's Eve social closing the year, the Albuquerque JACL still has a busy season ahead. First 1000 Clubbers from this area will also be announced very shortly.

Mrs. Evelyn Togami and Setsu Matsumoto are to be especially commended for their untiring efforts on behalf of the chapter. Working behind the scenes they have contributed much toward the success of the past year.

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# FINAL A.D.C. REPORT

# 1946 — 1952

PREPARED BY THE  
**WASHINGTON OFFICE**  
Japanese American Citizens League

The Pacific Citizen, for this Holiday Issue, drops its traditional role of presenting the many human interest stories and varied writings of Nisei in order to bring its readers the special report prepared by the Washington Office last August 20 for delegates to the Japanese American Citizens League National Convention, which met in Los Angeles during the Labor Day holidays.

Probably, this is the most comprehensive summation available in print of the six years succeeding the last war that has meant so much to persons of Japanese ancestry in America. The fact, that we were persecuted because we had the face of an Oriental peculiar to an enemy nation then and experienced individually the delights of being welcomed inside these six years, prompts this special section: "1946-1952."

It is hard reading because of the very nature of this report—a summary of what the Japanese American Citizens League has done on the national, state and local levels. But from a journalistic standpoint, it tells a vital story.

We stand to be criticized for breaking away from the expected tenor of Holiday Issues. Some won't read it, because it's too long; or because it "toots" the JACL horn. But nonetheless, here it is. We believe it will be read and understood. We ask you to file this section and when time permits as the months pass, turn to it and read it again.

The good graces resting on our shoulders were not beneficently handed to us. They had to be won the hard way. Let's not lose them through apathy. — EDITOR.



Congressman Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.) greets the National Legislative Director Mike Masaoka in the Congressman's office in Washington, D. C. Co-author with the late Senator Pat McCarran (D., Nev.) of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, which granted naturalization privileges to alien

Japanese residents and which lifted immigration bars to Asians, the Pennsylvanian has been regarded as among the key benefactors of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States, in spite of the utter lack of such persons among his particular constituency.

—Vincent A. Finnigan Photo

## Final ADC Report: 1946-1952

The six-year history of the Japanese American Citizens League Anti-Discrimination Committee (JACL ADC) is the story of unprecedented achievement in the field of human relations, of democracy at its best in action, of a small racial minority working within the framework of the American way to gain new status and to overcome prejudice and bigotry.

It is a story which makes all Americans, and particularly those of Japanese ancestry, proud.

It is also an epic of father and son, mother and daughter, Issei and Nisei, of those on the mainland and those in Hawaii, working together — all under the leadership of the JACL ADC — surmounting half-century old discriminations to open new doors to greater opportunities "For Better Americans in a Greater America."

Detailed, it would take many volumes to recount the record, but for the purposes of this Final Report, a sketchy summary of the more outstanding successes will have to suffice.

### Denver Convention sets forth objectives

Following World War II, when persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States were persecuted as no other racial group in American history has ever been maligned, delegates to the Ninth Biennial and first postwar National Convention of the JACL, meeting

in Denver, Feb. 28 to Mar. 4, 1946, surveyed their status as individuals and as a group and decided upon the following four-fold program as their immediate concern:

1. To secure corrective and remedial legislation benefiting persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.
2. To test in the courts the validity of discriminatory legislation directed against persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.
3. To make representations before appropriate government agencies and officials for the just and equal treatment and consideration of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States; and
4. To conduct a public information program in order that the American public at large might learn of the wartime experiences and loyalty of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

These four objectives were not separate and mutually exclusive projects; the delegates appreciated their dependence upon each other and the inextricable implications of every program for

every other one.

Nevertheless, even judged against that almost "idealistic" statement of objectives, singly or jointly, the JACL ADC has been quite a success. This does not presume that the millennium has been reached—far from it.

But it does indicate the relatively Utopian status that we, as persons of Japanese ancestry, enjoy today as compared and contrasted to even our prewar, and certainly to our wartime, station.

### Incorporation of the JACL ADC

Inasmuch as the 79th Congress, as a part of the Reorganization Act, had enacted what is commonly designated as the Lobbying Registration Law, requiring all organizations and individuals engaged in attempting to influence legislation to register with the Clerk of the House of Representatives and the Secretary of the Senate and to file quarterly reports on the amounts of funds received and expended, in order to protect JACL's favored tax status, the JACL ADC was incorporated under the laws of the State of Utah, July 9, 1946.

It is interesting in this connection to note that the new Committee was optimistically incorporated for only ten years in the hope that at least some of its program would be completed in a decade.

At the same time, a Washington Office was authorized and a National Legislative Director appointed.

### Proposition No. 15

Even before the Washington Office was opened, the ADC assumed active leadership in the defeat of Proposition No. 15, a referendum measure on the California State ballot in November, 1946, purporting to validate certain restrictive amendments to the California Alien Land Law passed by the State Legislature during wartime when persons of Japanese ancestry were in War Relocation Centers.

This Proposition was defeated by California voters 1,143,780 to 797,067.

This initial victory for the JACL ADC in the State and congressional elections of 1946 was significant as a barometer of the changing sentiment on the west coast towards persons of Japanese ancestry. For, as can be recalled so readily, during the early stages of the war, Californians led the drive to evacuate all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast.

This defeat for a Referendum proposed by the State Legislature represented the first time in United States history that the people of California, or any west coast state, had officially indicated their desire that any Oriental, including the Japanese, be treated humanely.

This effort also represented the first time that persons of Japanese ancestry had assumed active and public leadership in a "election" campaign on a statewide basis.

### Washington Office Established

A post office box (No. 163 Washington 13, D. C.) was secured for the JACL ADC on Jan. 2, 1947. The same day, the National Legislative Director (a brave tile for an inexperienced representative) registered as a "lobbyist" with the Clerk of the House and the Secretary of the Senate.

One week later, Jan. 27, the front room of an apartment was used as the "home" of the National Legislative Director became the Washington Office of the JACL ADC.

The original staff was composed of two people, the National Legislative Director and his wife.

Later, that staff was expanded and the office moved to larger quarters. Although it remained part of the National Legislative Director's "apartment home".

Later, too, the regional office of the JACL—in New York City, Chicago, Denver, San Francisco and Los Angeles—became office of the JACL ADC and their regional directors contributed much to the total program by raising funds and promoting support in their respective areas.

Financial contributions, without which the JACL ADC could not have functioned, came almost without exception from the people most affected by the program, from persons of Japanese ancestry, particularly the Issei, residing in most of the States of the Union and the Territory of Hawaii.

# 1. Nat'l Legislative Record

## Denver Convention Recommendations

At the 1946 National Convention held in Denver, the delegates unanimously adopted a three-point national legislative program:

- (1) Naturalization privileges for the Issei,
- (2) Evacuation Claims, and
- (3) Suspension of Deportation for deserving Japanese aliens.

**MOST IMPORTANT** item was that of naturalization, for the fact that Congress declared persons of the Japanese race to be ineligible for naturalization was used as legal sanction for the alien laws of 16 western states and more than 500 other discriminatory statutes and ordinances on the federal, state, and local levels.

Had it not been for the phrase "racial ineligibility to naturalization," the whole course of history in the West would have been different — immigrant Japanese would have learned the English language and been integrated into the larger communities because they would not have been a race apart; they could have purchased and owned land which even by prewar standards would have given them an agricultural empire; they could have become "professional"

people, and they and their citizen children would not have been evacuated in World War II.

**SECOND** in importance was an Evacuation Claims Law which would not only be recognition on the part of the Congress that in 1942 it misjudged the loyalty to the United States of 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry on the Pacific Slope but would also compensate them for some of the property losses suffered in that mass movement. Such funds would help in the rehabilitation and reconstruction of individual evacuees and the Japanese American community as such.

**THIRD** on the list was the suspension of deportation proceedings for more than 2,000 alien Japanese who entered the United States legally prior to the war, most as so-called treaty merchants, some as temporary visitors and students, but whose immigration status had been changed by the accident of war.

Most of these Japanese had married either citizens or resident aliens and many had citizen children.

Many too had served this nation in its war effort against the country to which they owed technical allegiance; their deportation to Japan might result in embarrassment or a worse fate.

a "lame duck" session that fell at the call of the President, on the first day, Nov. 27, Congressman Walter reintroduced his Resolution in its original, simple form. The House for the fourth time in the 81st Congress unanimously passed the Walter Resolution, but once again Senator Russell's objection on Dec. 15 prevented its passage before adjournment the next day.

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On Jan. 3, 1951, when the 82nd Congress convened, Congressman Walter again introduced his Resolution. The House unanimously passed it on Feb. 19, 1951, but the Senate Judiciary Committee pigeonholed it on the grounds that the subject matter was being considered in its so-called Omnibus Bill on Immigration and Naturalization.

## Omnibus Bill

The third, and successful approach, was by having the so-called "Asian provisions" of the Judd Bill incorporated in the Omnibus Bill sponsored by Senator Pat McCarran and Congressman Walter in their respective chambers.

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This Omnibus Bill was a 279-page recodification of the many immigration and naturalization statutes, court decisions, executive orders, and regulations brought up-to-date, with certain security provisions added.

The bill was the result of more than four years of intensive study and investigation, most of it under the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization.

During the last series of public hearings on these omnibus bills before a joint House-Senate Subcommittee, it is noteworthy that the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans, the American Federation of Labor, and the National Grange, all testified in favor of the provisions for the naturalization of resident alien Japanese.

These were the most vocal and effective national organizations which were instrumental in securing the passage of the Japanese Exclusion Act in 1924.

## Reasons for JACL ADC's Position

JACL ADC was aware of the rising tide of criticism and denunciation of the Omnibus Bills from certain organizations and individuals, but after careful analysis of the legislation decided that it had no alternative but to support it as vigorously as possible because of its Asian provisions and because it was the only measure of its kind

that had any chance of passage in that or in any succeeding Congress for perhaps a decade or more.

Moreover, weighed in the balance, the alleged theoretical "bad" sections against the positive, certain "good" features, JACL ADC concluded that, in the main, the McCarran-Walter Omnibus Bill was as "good" a compromise as that or any future Congress would accept.

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It was obvious from the outset that Senator McCarran and Congressman Walter had the votes in the Senate and House respectively to pass their Omnibus Bill. It would have passed with or without the Asian provisions that JACL ADC endorsed and desired.

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Since it was the only legislation of its kind that would be enacted by that Congress, it was clear that JACL ADC's obligation to its members and supporters was to try to have included in that Omnibus Bill the provisions for equality in immigration and naturalization.

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If the McCarran-Walter Bill had been passed without the Asian provisions, it would still have contained the National Origins Act of 1924 and the Internal Security Act of 1950, the twin features to which most of the critics of the statute objected.

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Besides, it should be remembered that the Asian provisions of the McCarran-Walter Law are far more liberal than were similar sections of the Judd Bill.

Nonquota status is extended to all spouses and children of American citizens; registry for all who lost their passports or entered illegally prior to July 1, 1924 is authorized; waiver of the English language requirements in naturalization proceedings for aliens residing in the United States for more than 20 years and who are over the age of 50—to name the most outstanding.

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And, remember too that the Walter Resolution was limited to only naturalization privileges, nothing more.

## Legislative History

In any event, after weeks of sharp parliamentary maneuvering by its opponents, the House on April 25, 1952, passed by a roll call vote of 206 to 68 the Walter version of the Omnibus Bill.

On the Senate side, debate began on May 13. The opponents tried what has been termed "filibuster by amendments" by introducing more than 200 amendments to the bill.

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## IMMIGRATION & NATIONALITY ACT OF 1952

The first of the three objectives was the last to be enacted; it had to overcome many difficulties, legislative as well as otherwise, before resident Issei, our parent generation, were granted the privilege of naturalization. Among the obstacles were two presidential vetoes.

Three different approaches which we opposed had to be defeated.

One was to include only the Japanese in JACL ADC's bill for equality in naturalization, for that was the successful technique used by every other group since 1789 to gain this most "sacred" of American privileges and the one by which the Chinese, the Filipinos, and the East Indians had recently attained naturalization privileges.

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JACL ADC's position was that, as a matter of basic principle, all resident Asians (which at that time included the nationals of most of the countries of Asia and the South Pacific) should be extended this privilege of naturalization, that citizenship should not be a matter of race, color, creed, or national origin.

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The second was that of naturalization for only the "Gold Star Mothers" of Nisei servicemen killed in action overseas; this was later enlarged to include "Gold Star fathers too, then to include "parents of all Purple Heart veterans", and finally to include "all parents of Nisei servicemen". The House on one occasion, passed such a restrictive measure.

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JACL ADC's position, again as a matter of principle, was that to arbitrarily single out and honor only a select few, no matter how worthy, was unfair and discriminatory to the vast majority of loyal immigrant alien Japanese.

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The third was the private bill formula, under which Congress would approve each applicant individually by private, limited legislation sponsored by individual congressmen. The House passed several of these, but JACL ADC opposed these most vigorously, for then only a few with political influence and connections would become naturalized citizens of the United States.

Moreover, enactment of special

legislation for either the parents of Nisei servicemen or for select individuals would not remove the racial stigma of "ineligibility to citizenship" that was the basic foundation on which all "anti-Japanese" discrimination was postulated.

## Three Approaches Used

Coincidentally, while opposing three different methods, JACL ADC tried three separate means to secure equality in naturalization.

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The first was the so-called Judd Bill (Congressman Walter H. Judd) approach in which both naturalization and immigration opportunities were made available to all without regard to race or national origin.

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The House passed this version on Mar. 1, 1949, unanimously, after defeating a motion to reconsider by a vote of 336-39.

But the Senate Judiciary Committee refused to act upon it.

## Walter Resolution

The next was the Walter Resolution (Congressman Francis E. Walter) approach which was a simple declaration of public policy that the principle of naturalization could not be denied or abridged because of race or national origin.

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The legislative history of this frustrating lesson in politics.

The House first passed the Walter Resolution unanimously June 2, 1949. When the Senate called its Calendar for the last time in the First Session of the 81st Congress on Oct. 13, 1949, Senator Richard Russell of Georgia demanded that it be "passed over". When the Senate called its first Calendar in the Second Session, Feb. 1, 1950, Senator Russell again prevented its passage.

On June 8, 1950, Senator Russell proposed an amendment to include only "Japanese" in the Resolution, the Senate accepted and passed the amended version, and returned it to the House for concurrence.

The House refused to accept the Senate amendment on June 15 and asked for a Conference with the Senate in order to develop an acceptable compromise. The Conference restored the original simple statement of principle that was the Walter Resolution but added a number of so-called security provisions.

The Senate repassed the Conference Report on the Walter Resolution on Aug. 14 and the House also accepted it that same afternoon. But, just prior to adjournment for the day, Senate Majority Leader Scott Lucas moved to reconsider the earlier Senate approval, thereby preventing its passage. On Aug. 23, Senator Lucas withdrew his motion to reconsider, sending the Walter Resolution as altered in the Conference to the White House.

President Truman vetoed the Walter Resolution and returned it to the House on Sept. 9. In his veto message, the President declared himself in favor of the naturalization provisions but strongly against the so-called security amendments.

The House that same afternoon promptly overrode the veto 307 to 14 and sent the Resolution to the Senate, which failed to act upon the legislation before adjournment on Sept. 23, 1950.

When the Congress convened in



Southern California Issei leaders kickoff an ADC fund campaign. "Financial contributions from persons of Japanese ancestry, particularly the Issei . . . came almost without exception from the



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For the first time since the first Japanese immigrated to the United States, there is not a single "anti-Japanese" law on the books anywhere.

**2** The Issei desire to become citizens and share in the heritage of their children. Though most of them are in the twilight of their lives in the land of their adoption, in the first 18 months since the law became effective, more than 6,000 have become naturalized.

This, according to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, is the best record of naturalization for any group in such a short time.

While it is true that the waiver of the English language requirements for aliens over the age of 50 and who have lived in the United States 20 or more years on Dec. 24, 1952, may account for this enthusiastic response, were it not for the shortage of examiners and a technical question of eligibility for certain male applicants since resolved in favor of the Issei by the courts, several thousand more would be naturalized citizens by this time.

**3** Issei who lost their passports or who entered this country illegally prior to July 1, 1924, in most cases are being recorded as lawful entrants as of the date of their entry.

Before the McCarran-Walter Act, though not subject to deportation, this group could not adjust their status to that of permanent residents; accordingly, they could not apply for re-entry permits and other privi-

leges of resident aliens.

**4** For the first time since the 1924 Immigration Act excluded them, Japanese may be admitted to this country on a quota basis.

For the first time since the "Gentlemen's Agreement" of 1907, Japanese are welcome to this nation on the same basis as others.

Though the quota of only 185 is small, it is not discriminatory in that it is based upon the National Origins formula of 1924 governing immigration from all countries of the earth.

Moreover, the principle of acceptance in itself is important. Too, more than 40 nations, including India, China, Australia, and Israel, have smaller quotas than Japan.

**5** Though the quota is only 185 a year, in the first 18 months of the Act, more than 6,000 Japanese immigrants have been admitted to this country for permanent residence. They are the husbands, wives, and minor children of United States citizens, nonquota under the 1952 but not previous laws.

**6** Under the preferences listed in the 1952 Act, families are being united, an impossibility under the old statutes that barred Japanese completely.

**7** Students and temporary visitors who marry American citizens while they are in this country may, under certain circumstances, adjust their status to that of permanent residents without leaving the United States.

**8** All the administrative remedies and discretions that formerly applied only to Europeans

## COMPROMISE-SETTLEMENT AMENDMENT OF 1951

Under prodding from the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the Department of Justice developed a compromise - settlement formula by which the smaller claims under \$2500 could be compromised and settled on the basis of affidavits and available records up to three-fourths of the amount of the compensable items in the claim, or \$2,500, whichever was less.

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Although JACL ADC recognized no justice in the automatic 25 percent deduction on compensable items, in view of the difficulty experienced in producing proof of loss on the part of the evacuees, and as the price for expediency in processing claims, JACL ADC endorsed this amendment and worked for its enactment.

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Introduced by Congressman Emanuel Celler, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, on Mar. 8, 1951, this legislation was quickly approved by both the House and the Senate. The President signed it into Public Law 116, 92nd Congress, Aug. 17, 1951.

From October through December, 1951, under the compromise-settlement procedure, 1,813 claims were compromised and settled to

are now available to the Japanese and all others.

the satisfaction of claimants in 249 different communities in the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Territory of Hawaii. During this same period, administrative costs per claim dropped to an average of \$43.37 for a \$773.65 award.

### 15,000 claims cleared

In 1952, the Japanese Claims Section of the Department of Justice was able to compromise and settle 15,354 claims for a total award of \$18,255,768.78. The amount originally claimed by these evacuees totaled \$46,664,322.80. Forty-four states, Hawaii, Alaska, and the District of Columbia were represented by awardees.

A number of claims were also being adjudicated during the period of concentration on compromise-settlements.

As of the end of Dec. 31, 1953, JACL's best estimates were that 998 claims totaling \$3,344,756.40 had been dismissed for one reason or another; 544 claims had been adjudicated for \$529,226.99 out of \$1,220,661.85 originally claimed; and 19,296 claims had been compromised and settled for \$22,148,731.17 out of \$58,883,383.57 originally claimed.

At that time, about 3,297 claims were pending for a total of \$68,165,227.83.

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With the compromise settlement expedient, the small claims program that threatened to take decades to be completed has been, for all practical intents and purposes, liquidated.

And, an extension of the compromise-settlement procedure is now being sought by the JACL and the remaining, larger claimants.

To appreciate the "liberality" of the program, it should be pointed out that in testimony before the House and Senate Judiciary Subcommittees on Claims, Dillon S. Myer, wartime director of the War Relocation Authority, estimated that not more than \$10,000,000 would be involved in the payment of all claims.

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## EVACUATION CLAIMS

Public Law 886, 80th Congress, authorizes the Attorney General, as a matter of grace, to adjudicate claims of the evacuated persons of Japanese ancestry; it is more commonly known as the Japanese American Evacuation Claims Act of 1948.

On Mar. 25, 1947, Congressman Earl C. Michener, then chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, introduced at the request of the Department of the Interior a bill drafted by the War Relocation Authority to create a three-man Evacuation Claims Commission under the supervision of the Secretary of the Interior.

Following public hearings, the Judiciary Committee reported out a bill that substituted the Attorney General and the Department of Justice for the special commission.

The House approved this amended bill unanimously, on a voice vote, after less than half an hour of debate in which all speakers acclaimed the measure.

A Senate Judiciary Subcommittee made 13 minor amendments

which the full Senate approved without a single dissent on June 18, 1948. The next day, the last day of the 80th Congress, the House concurred in the Senate amendments and sent the legislation to the White House.

The President signed it into Public Law 886, July 2, 1948.

### Evacuation sting eased

To the best of our knowledge, this was the first and only time that Congress has ever enacted a claims bill of this character.

It also represents, to our way of thinking, a vote of confidence in the Japanese people in the United States and an indirect admission that the President and the Congress misjudged character and loyalty of persons of Japanese ancestry in 1942 when they "approved" the military evacuation.

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In the 18-month period for filing claims, 23,924 claims were timely filed for a total amount of \$129,996,589.80.

The administration difficulties

in setting up the procedures and in conducting formal adjudications made a mockery of the remedial program enacted by the Congress.

In 1949, only 21 claims were adjudicated, one of which was dismissed. Out of the total of \$13,543.99 originally claimed by these evacuees, \$6,882.20 was paid in awards.

In 1950, only 211 claims were adjudicated, of which 73 were dismissals. The original amount claimed by the 137 claimants who were paid \$62,595.16 was \$141,373.83.

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Estimates that the program would take a hundred years to complete were not uncommon during this period.

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With field offices established only in Los Angeles and San Francisco, about the only claims being adjudicated were those from California.

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# SUSPENSION OF DEPORTATION ACT OF 1948

Public Law 863, 80th Congress, the so-called Suspension of Deportation Act of 1948, was the first of JACL ADC's major legislative objectives to be enacted. The President signed it on July 1, 1948, one day before he signed the Evacuation Claims Act, our second major congressional achievement.

The purpose of this remedial legislation was to authorize the Attorney General to exercise his discretion and power in suspending the deportation proceedings of deserving alien Japanese subject to those orders and to adjust their status to that of permanent residents on the same basis as for other aliens.

As finally approved, the Attorney General, through the Immigration and Naturalization Service, makes his recommendations to the Congress which must, within two sessions, affirmatively act individually upon them; otherwise, the Attorney General's recommendations are disapproved and the alien must be deported.

The late Congressman Frank

Fellows, chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, introduced the original bill on Apr. 2, 1947.

The House approved it unanimously on July 7, 1947.

The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, while agreeing to the elimination of race in executive discretion in deportation matters, amended the administrative provisions of the bill. In this amended form, the Senate approved it on May 11, 1948.

### Conference called

The House refused to accept the Senate amendments on May 12 and asked for a Conference, which the Senate agreed to on May 17. After several futile meetings, the House and Senate conferees agreed to a Report near midnight, June 15.

The Senate accepted the Conference Report 15 minutes after the agreement was reached, at 12:45 a.m., the morning of June 16. The House also agreed to the Conference Report, but not until June 18, the day before adjournment of the 80th Congress.

As mentioned earlier, the President signed this bill into law on July 1, although many organizations and individuals who later were to protest the McCarran-Walter Act urged a presidential veto on the grounds that the measure made it more difficult administratively.

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Enactment of this legislation prevented the deportation to Japan of more than 2,000 aliens, most of whom had entered the country legally many years earlier but because of the war lost their immigration status.

Counting members of their families, an estimated eight to ten thousand persons, most of them American citizens, directly benefited by this congressional remedy.

The significance of this measure was that for the first time since the immigration laws were passed, race was eliminated as a basis for distinction and discrimination in our federal deportation code. As such, it served as a precedent for the eventual removal of all racial classifications in immigration and nationality legislation.

## Other Bills Enacted

In addition to the three major items of legislation enacted into law, JACL ADC was instrumental in the passage of a number of other public bills, including the following bills.

## APPROPRIATIONS FOR EVACUATION CLAIMS

Since the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 was a measure authorizing the adjudication only of claims, it was necessary for Congress to appropriate funds for both the administration of the program within the Department of Justice and the payment of awards made either by adjudication or by compromise-settlement.

The administrative funds have always been a part of the fiscal year appropriations for the Department of Justice, while most of the money for payment of claims has been provided by supplemental appropriations.

Up to the end of fiscal year 1953 (June 30, 1953), \$945,600 was appropriated for administrative expense and \$23,622,000 for the payment of all awards.

Even though the Department of Justice may request specific funds for the payment of awards as authorized by the Congress, JACL ADC learned that this does not mean that the National Legislature will automatically appropriate the necessary funds.

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Take 1952, for instance.

The Department of Justice requested \$14,800,000 for the payment of awards compromised and settled under the Amendment of Aug. 17, 1951, in the Third Supplemental Appropriations Bill for 1952.

The House approved this amount but the Senate Appropriations Committee eliminated the complete sum.

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It became JACL ADC's responsibility to organize a "fight" on the Senate floor to restore these funds.

The Senate approved the sum of \$9,000,000 — by accepting a floor amendment — with the proviso that if the Department of Justice had actually awarded more than this amount the appropriations would be increased to pay the full total.

During House-Senate Conference on the appropriations, it was revealed that the Department had by that time awarded considerably more than the \$14,800,000 originally requested.

All the conferees were in favor of restoring at least the original amount except for the chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

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## PUBLIC DOCUMENT NO. 124

This was the first public law that was enacted in which JACL ADC had a special interest after the establishment of the Washington Office; it was a supplemental appropriations bill approving the payment of \$34,040.89 to 82 former residents of the Poston War Relocation Center and 15 former residents of the Manzanar Relocation Center for property losses involved in fires that occurred in the two camps. Congress passed this appropriations bill on May 17, 1947 and the President signed it ten days later.

The significance of this legislation was that it established a precedent under which the Government assumed liability for some property losses suffered by the evacuees, and, in this way, aided in the passage of the basic Evacuation Claims Act itself.

It also was the first time in American history — to our knowledge — that this Government compensated resident alien and citizen Japanese for any losses or damages.

## SOLDIER BRIDES ACT OF 1947

More popularly known as the First Japanese Soldier Brides Act, Public Law 213, 80th Congress, amended Public Law 271 of the 79th Congress, which was the basic Soldier Brides Act, to authorize the admission into this country of the Japanese or other Asian wives of United States servicemen and veterans, provided that the marriage took place within 30 days after the enactment of the Act, which was July 22, 1947.

Though very limited in scope, it represented the first time in American history that inadmissibility on account of race as such was eliminated from any immigration law.

In the second place, it repre-

sented the first time since the Japanese Exclusion Law of 1924 that Japanese immigrants were permitted to enter this country for permanent residence under a public bill.

Up to that time, a few private bills to permit the Japanese wives of influential American businessmen to be admitted to the United States were approved.

In the third place, for the first time, Japanese and other Asian wives were placed on the same basis for immigration purposes as women from Europe.

And, finally, since some 2,000 American soldiers and veterans were married under the provisions of this Law, the equivalent of ten full years of Japan's annual quota of 185 was cleared for admission.

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Public Law 567, 80th Congress, signed by the President June 1, 1948, provided that "irrespective of race," aliens who served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States during either World War I or World War II could become naturalized citizens of the United States without taking the usual examinations.

Although only a few hundred Issei at most benefited from the provisions of this legislation, its importance to persons of Japanese ancestry was great.

It recognized that even Japanese aliens, if they served our country in wartime, were entitled to citizenship through naturalization.

It represented the first time since 1789 — when the first Nationality Act was passed — that Japanese aliens were entitled to become naturalized citizens on a privileged basis.

Too, this legislation not only placed alien Japanese servicemen

and veterans on a par with other aliens serving in our Armed Forces but also represented the first public bill ever passed by Congress in which the original draft contained language recognizing Japanese aliens on the same basis as other aliens.

Other legislation, such as the one granting citizenship to Issei who served in World War I were special amendments to the original statute and, in that particular case, was approved much too late (1937) to be of benefit to those for whom it was intended.

## NISEI CIVIL SERVICE BENEFITS ACT

Public Law 545, 82nd Congress, signed by the President July 15, 1952, provides remedial benefits to certain Federal employees of Japanese ancestry who lost certain rights with respect to grade, time in grade, and rate of compensation by reason of "any policy or program of the Federal Government with respect to persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II".

Several hundred Nisei Federal Civil Service workers who lost certain rights as a result of

## TREATY OF PEACE WITH JAPANESE

Effective Apr. 27, 1952, hostilities with Japan officially ended and resident alien Japanese were no longer "enemy aliens" under the law when the Treaty of Peace came into force.

This particular treaty of Peace was unprecedented in the annals of warfare because it was one of "reconciliation and friendship," rather than one of revenge and hatred.

the evacuation or of the special policy in the Territory of Hawaii were restored these rights in full.

## CONTRABAND ARTICLES CLAIMS ACT, 1949

Public Law 17, 81st Congress, signed by the President Mar. 15, 1949, supplemented the Evacuation Claims Act of 1948 by authorizing the payment up to \$1,000 on claims for the loss of or damage to so-called "contraband articles" deposited with local and federal law enforcement officers immediately follow-

ing the outbreak of war by order of certain proclamations by the Attorney General.

Under this remedial statute, several hundred claims were filed and almost a million dollars paid in awards for cameras, sport guns and pistols, hunting knives, ceremonial swords and bows and arrows, etc.

## SOLDIER BRIDES ACT OF 1950

Public Law 717, 81st Congress, signed by the President on Aug. 19, 1950, was the Second Japanese Soldier Brides Act. It provided that the racially inadmissible alien spouses and minor children of American citizens serving in or having an honorable discharge from the Armed Forces may be admitted to this country, provided that the marriage took place prior to Feb. 19, 1951.

This legislation was specially directed to take care of the situation created by United States Occupation troops in Japan and by those engaged in the fighting in

Korea.

Several thousand marriages between American service personnel and Japanese nationals were performed by American consuls and military chaplains during this period.

### Extension of Act

Because of the continuing Occupation in Japan and the war in Korea, Congress passed and the President signed Public Law 6, 82nd Congress, on Mar. 19, 1951, to extend the benefits of the Second Japanese Soldier Brides Act of 1950 to include all marriages taking place up to Mar. 18, 1952.

## Bills That Were Not Enacted

### Statehood for Hawaii

JACL ADC supported enabling legislation granting Statehood to the deserving Territory of Hawaii.

Because a substantial part of Hawaii's population is of Japanese ancestry and because Statehood would probably result in the election of members to Congress who would be personally aware of the problems of those of Japanese ancestry, JACL ADC was particularly concerned with this legislation.

In spite of "public arguments," JACL ADC was cognizant of the fact that the primary opposition to Statehood was the "cultural difference" between most of Hawaii's population and that of the mainland, which aroused the prejudice

of certain elements in Congress. Moreover, petty party politics compounded and confused the issues.

Unfortunately, the Pacific Islands, as of this writing, are still in territorial status. JACL ADC was hopeful that the 83rd Congress would redeem the campaign platforms of both major political parties and extend Statehood to Hawaii.

### Six bills of 1952

JACL ADC was also concerned with six other measures, all of which were introduced in 1952:

(1) Inclusion of Japan, and all Asia, in any program to admit outside the regular quotas refugees and persecutees.

(2) Restoration of United States citizenship to Nisei who lost such

citizenship solely by voting in the postwar elections in Japan.

(3) Authorization of the admission outside the quotas of 500 adopted Japanese orphan children under prescribed circumstances.

(4) Granting of provisions for the expeditious naturalization of Issei who served as members of the Armed Forces in Korea.

(5) Extension of the filing deadline for title claims against the Office of Alien Property.

(6) Adjustment of status to that of permanent residents for the Peruvian Japanese victims of war's hate, without being charged against Japan's annual quota.

JACL ADC is happy to note that all six of these justified measures were enacted into law in the 83rd Congress.

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## DUAL NATIONALS VESTED PROPERTY ACT

Public Law 859, 81st Congress, signed by the President Sept. 29, 1950, authorized the Attorney General and the Director of the Office of Alien Property to return wartime vested property to Nisei who were stranded in Japan during the war even though they had dual nationality or citizenship, provided that they had returned to the United States.

It also provided that (Nisei) women who had lost their United States citizenship solely by reason of marriage to a foreign national but who had reacquired American citizenship prior to Sept. 29, 1950, may file for the return of their vested property in the custody of the Office of Alien Property.

A considerable number of stranded Nisei were the beneficiaries of this amendment to the Trading With the Enemy Act.

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## Bills to Which JACL ADC Was Opposed

While endeavoring to secure the passage of remedial and corrective legislation is important, it is often just as crucial, if not more so, to defeat or prevent the passage of "bad" or ill-conceived legislation.

Two examples will suffice to illustrate the point:

1. **IN THE 79th, 80th, and 81st Congresses**, identical bills were introduced which provided for the deportation of all aliens who did not become naturalized citizens within a five-year period.

The theory, and one that was supported by the American Legion and other patriotic organizations, was that if an alien did not appreciate what this land had to offer enough to become a citizen, he should be deported.

But, had this bill become law, because alien Japanese could not become naturalized citizens, they would have been subjected to automatic deportation to Japan inasmuch as no exceptions were made in the proposal.

2. **IN THE 80th and 81st Congresses**, legislation was introduced to "confiscate" the property of all "enemy aliens" in the United States to pay war claims against the German and Japanese "enemy".

Again, because alien Japanese could not become naturalized citizens under federal statute and because they were subjects and nationals of Japan, up until the Treaty of Peace in 1952, through no fault of their own, they were "enemy aliens".

The passage of this bill would have resulted in the confiscation of the property of the Issei, with resulting damage to their Nisei children.

## Private Bills

Private bills are the means by which individual injustices in general law create a hardship and are corrected by the special approval of the Congress and the President.

Prior to World War II, private bills for the benefit or relief of a person of Japanese ancestry were rare. After World War II, however, they became quite commonplace, especially prior to the enactment of general legislation obviating the necessity for most private bills for the Japanese.

As a matter of fact, JACL ADC often used the device of having many private bills introduced to illustrate and dramatize the urgent need for corrective general legislation.

Private bills in which JACL ADC took an active interest were divided into the following general categories:

- (1) To prevent the deportation of alien fathers and/or mothers of American citizen families;
- (2) To admit the Japanese wife or husband of an American citizen

and their minor children, if any;

- (3) To authorize the entry of the Japanese fiancées of veterans or servicemen residing in the United States;
- (4) To permit the admission of the adopted Japanese children of American citizens;

- (5) To restore United States citizenship to Nisei who lost it by voting in the postwar Japanese elections;
- (6) To allow the re-entry of Issei parents of American citizens stranded in Japan by the war;

- (7) To change the status of students and temporary visitors from Japan under certain circumstances;
- (8) To register for legal entry alien Japanese whose records prior to July 1, 1924, were lost or who entered illegally prior to that date;

- (9) To claim for the death of a minor child killed in a WRA camp because of negligence, and
- (10) To authorize payment for an injury caused by the negligence of a Government agent.

In the three Congresses from 1946 to 1952 — 80th, 81st, and 82nd — several hundred private bills were enacted into law.

The enactment of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 made unnecessary most of the private bills that had to be introduced prior to its effective date.

## GENERAL COMMENTS

As an introductory to this section, the Legislative Comments in the JACL ADC Report of the Tenth Biennial National JACL Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah, Sept. 4-8, 1948, may be of interest:

"The 80th Congress was the first Republican Congress in 16 years. A Democrat, however, was President. Both parties were looking to the 1948 presidential elections.

"The ADC - sponsored and supported legislation were the only civil rights measures passed in the entire 80th Congress; they were also the only laws to be passed eliminating race discrimination in this two-year period.

"But, perhaps even more significant, is the fact that all 17 public and private bills were approved by both the House and the Senate unanimously. This means that on 38 separate occasions, the 435 members of the House of Representatives and the 96 members of the Senate approved without a single objection legislation that would primarily benefit persons of Japanese ancestry.

"Over 100 members of this Congress are from the race-conscious South and the formerly 'anti-Japanese' west coast. Then too, more than 80 percent of the present Congress were members of Congresses which in the past few years considered and passed restrictive legislation affecting the alien and citizen Japanese in this country.

"But most significant, perhaps, is the fact that during the past Congress, the United

States was still at war, officially at least, with Japan, and the majority of those who will benefit from the new laws are subjects of that country residing here.

"For the first time in American history, the President of the United States called for beneficial legislation for persons of Japanese ancestry in a regular message to Congress. President Truman's Civil Rights Message at the opening of the Second Session called for the passage of both the evacuation claims and naturalization laws.

"Then, on addressing the opening of the Special Session before a joint session of the House and Senate, President Truman noted that the only part of his Civil Rights program that had been passed by the 80th Congress affected the Japanese Americans (evacuation claims).

"In addition, five senators specifically mentioned either the discrimination against Japanese Americans or the exploits of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in statements on the Senate floor.

"Some 20 Congressmen spoke with considerable favor in the House on the ADC legislative program. On 24 separate occasions, favorable remarks relating to persons of Japanese ancestry were extended in the Congressional Record.

"All of these represent records as far as the Japanese in this country are concerned, for up to this time no Congress has had more than two or three 'remarks' extended in the Record or spoken on the floor in such a manner as to so unanimously champion Japanese Americans and their alien parents."

## New contacts needed

The 81st and 82nd Congresses were controlled by the Democrats.

This meant that new contacts had to be established in 1949 with the Democratic leadership in both the House and the Senate, with the Committee chairmen, and with the leading and more influential party members.

That JACL ADC was relatively successful is generally conceded on Capitol Hill, where some Congressmen have observed that this Nisei organization accomplished more in four years than the Japanese Government did in 40 before the war in removing the inequities of the law against persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

Moreover, the only two recommendations of the President's Commission on Civil Rights that have become law in recent years are Evacuation Claims and Equality in Naturalization.

JACL ADC's legislative congressional efforts have been characterized as "having accomplished more, faster, with less" than any other similar organization in the nation's capital.

## Difficult future seen

As remedial and corrective legislation for the benefit of persons of Japanese ancestry are enacted from time to time, it will become increasingly difficult for any organization or individual to "lobby" for our particular racial minority because soon these causes calling for justice and fair play—which JACL ADC has symbolized — will all be won and efforts may be made to secure self-interest and special-interest goals.

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Founders of the JACL 1000 Club in the early part of 1947 were George Inagaki of Los Angeles (left), now National JACL president and first national chairman of the 1000

Club, and Hito Okada, past National JACL president, of Salt Lake City. The photograph, it must be pointed out, was taken several years earlier when National Headquarters was situated in Salt Lake City.

## 1000 Club Aim:

# Another 1000 Members by '56

By SHIG WAKAMATSU

The list of names you see printed on this page speaks for itself and more eloquently than any words of mine.

They are the names of JACLers from across the Nation who have done something concrete—by going that "extra mile" — for their convictions that the National JACL has a continuing and important role to play in our society.

The 1000 Club has become the principal source of financial support for our National organization. This idea was crystallized in the thoughts of delegates who met at the National Convention in Los Angeles last September.

It is based on the sound principle that the necessary support must come from a responsible membership. Therefore, it is extremely encouraging to note that the membership of the 1000 Club has tripled in the past two years.

A great deal of credit goes to Hito Okada who originated the idea, to "Callahan" Inagaki, our National President who put this idea into motion, and to Harold "Tokuzo" Gordon, who followed through in a most inspiring manner.

But more important is the response that our JACL membership gave to this idea by its concrete and substantial support of their convictions.

However, we believe that the results that have been achieved thus far are only the beginning.

We base this on the faith that members are aware that the Japanese American Citizens League has become an integral and necessary structure in our society that lives and works by groups.

If the problems and the challenges of the future are to be met by our group, then it must be through means of a well established organization, whose pattern of past performances is now known to all.

At the National Convention, when the chairmanship of the 1000 Club was passed on to me, your retiring chairman, Tokuzo, challenged us to keep up the rate of membership growth during the coming biennium. We accepted the challenge.

This means that a membership of over 2,000 must be attained by the time of the next biennial convention.

We are convinced this can be done if all of us would roll up our sleeves and get on with the job. There is no question in our mind that the Nisei of today, entering the prime of their lives, are able to set aside the necessary \$25 per year towards the maintenance of our National and Regional offices.

As the National Chairman, I consider it a primary responsibility to set up an efficient organization through the medium of 1000 Club chairmen in the various district councils and their member chapters, to which the response has been most satisfactory.

The cooperation of the National Headquarters and the Midwest Regional Office staff in the administrative task has been most efficient and helpful.

The one request we ask of you is that you support your chapter and district 1000 Club chairmen because theirs is the most responsible task in this drive.

The importance attached to the success of this project need not be re-emphasized. The ball is entirely in your hands.

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P.S.—May I extend to each of you my best wishes for a joyous Holiday season.

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When that day comes, it will be far more difficult to seek special privileges and concessions for persons of Japanese ancestry than it has been to solicit and enlist sympathy and concern for fundamental objectives relating to human dignity and simple justice.

A Final Report on National Legislation would not be complete

without reference to JACL ADC's continuing cooperation with organizations and individuals of good will in attempting to secure legislative guarantees for compulsory fair employment practices, for non-segregation, for "equal protection of the laws," for the right to exercise the franchise without payment of poll taxes, and for other enactments that will make for a "more perfect democracy."

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JACL ADC recognizes that legislation alone is not enough to erase prejudice, repeal of "anti-Japanese statutes," for ex-

ample, but JACL ADC does know that its cause is strengthened when the legal sanctions behind bigotry are removed.

JACL ADC has joined with others of like-mind because, from the experiences of persons of Japanese ancestry in World War II, JACL ADC has learned that "only by defending the rights of others does one defend his own."

Though, unfortunately, legislative success has not been achieved in these fields of social relations, the fight for human betterment must continue.

## 2. State Legislative Record

## The California Story

Inasmuch as California has been the bellwether of "anti-Japanese" legislation since before the turn of the century, California's State Legislature's record in the six-year period from 1946 to 1952, when the JACL ADC was active in Sacramento, was an interesting commentary on the shift in public sentiment.

On May 27, 1947, the then Gov. Earl Warren (now Chief Justice of the United States), despite strong protests, approved an administrative budget for the State without deleting an item of \$25,180 for the so-called "enforcement" of the Alien Land Law.

Interestingly enough, later, that same session, a special appropriation bill for \$200,000 to "enforce the Alien Land Law" died in the Senate Judiciary Committee when that group failed to act on the money bill during that term of the Legislature.

On June 16, 1947, Governor Warren signed a bill repealing the 60-year old law authorizing separate public schools for "Orientals," including, of course, Nisei school children.

## No 'anti' laws

The 1948 session of the California State Legislature was the first since World War II in which no "anti-Japanese" laws or budget items were approved, according to the then west coast director of the

JACL ADC.

On May 13, 1949, Governor Warren signed remedial legislation amending the California Fish and Game Code to eliminate the 1945 "war clause" prohibiting the issuance of commercial fishing licenses to "aliens ineligible to citizenship." This Act was passed to bring California Law into conformity with the decision of the United States Supreme Court in the Takahashi Fishing Case declaring this racial prohibition unconstitutional.

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On July 13, 1951, Governor Warren signed into law legislation ordering the return of liquor sale licenses of Issei and Nisei revoked by the State Board of Equalization following the outbreak of World War II.

The JACL ADC cooperated in this matter with a private lobbying organization, the Committee for Justice to Japanese Americans, which spearheaded the successful campaign.

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On July 19, 1951, Governor Warren signed into law the bill equalizing the sports fishing licenses for alien Japanese and others.

On July 23, 1951, Governor Warren signed into law the "escheat repayment bill," which completely reversed California State policy first adopted in 1913.

The Committee for Justice to Japanese Americans, an effective private lobbying organization, was primarily responsible for this unprecedented legislation, although the JACL ADC also supported the measure.

The statute provided for the return of approximately \$419,000, with three percent interest, to

about 50 Nisei whose land the State had escheated under the Alien Land Law and to about 23 other Nisei who had made cash settlements with the State to clear title to their own lands.

## Pension bill fails

In that same Legislature, a JACL ADC-sponsored bill to make old age pensions available to indigent and aged Issei even though they were not citizens (because a federal statute prohibited it) failed of passage only because of the lateness of the session.

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Also, in the final days of the legislative term, a bill to license landscape architects, which might have been used to seriously curb the activities of Issei and Nisei gardeners, was killed in Committee.

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Because of the spectacular record of remedial measures enacted for the benefit of persons of Japanese ancestry in California during the last several weeks of the 1951 session, that term represented the high-water mark in the legislative history of the Japanese in that State.

## The Utah Story

The Utah State Legislature in Salt Lake City repealed its Alien Land Law, and Governor Herbert B. Maw signed it on Mar. 20, 1947.

Utah is the first and only State since the end of the war which has repealed its "anti-Japanese" law prohibiting the purchase and ownership of agricultural land by "aliens ineligible to citizenship."

## 3. Court Record

Impressive as were the legislative gains, the juridical record for the six-year period was equally impressive.

In this period, the highest tribunal in the land, which during wartime had upheld the right of the military to establish curfew and travel restrictions for American citizens of Japanese ancestry (*Minoru Yasui v. United States* and *Gordon Hirabayashi v. United States*, decided June 21, 1943) and to order their evacuation (*Fred T. Korematsu v. United States*, decided Dec. 18, 1944) but not their detention (*Ex Parte Mitsuye Endo*, decided Dec. 18, 1944) struck the initial blows that finally ended with the legal destruction of the California Alien Land Law, the most potent weapon of discrimination devised and used against the immigrant Japanese to prevent their economic development in the West.

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## OYAMA ALIEN LAND LAW CASE

This case, **Fred Y. Oyama and Kajiro Oyama, Petitioners, v. State of California**, involved the alien land law of that State, originally passed in 1913, which prohibits "aliens ineligible to citizenship" to "acquire, possess, enjoy, use, cultivate, occupy, transfer, transmit and inherit real property". (Thirteen other western states copied this California law.)

In this instance, the State of California filed an escheat action on Aug. 28, 1944, against the Oyama property, charging that the alien parent had an interest in the land in contravention of the alien land law. The Superior Court in San Diego upheld the State's contention and an appeal was taken to the California Supreme Court.

On Oct. 31, 1946, the California Supreme Court ruled that the law was constitutional. Four justices participated in the unanimous decision, but two justices abstained and the third stipulated that he concurred only because of the previous United States Supreme Court decision to this effect.

Appealed to the United States Supreme Court, Dean Acheson, later Secretary of State, of Washington, D.C., joined A. L. Wirin, then National JACL ADC counsel, of Los Angeles, California, in ar-

guing that the alien land law was unconstitutional (Oct. 22, 1947).

Briefs amicus curiae were filed by the JACL ADC, the Civil Rights Defense Union of Northern California, and the American Civil Liberties Union.

In a six to three decision, on Jan. 19, 1948, the Court of last resort, while refusing to rule on the constitutionality of the statute, held that California could not deprive an American citizen simply because of Japanese ancestry of his constitutional rights and privileges. Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson wrote and delivered the majority opinion.

In two separate concurring opinions, one by Justices Frank Murphy and Wiley Rutledge and the other by Hugo Black and William O. Douglas, four justices expressed their opinion that the law itself was unconstitutional.

In two more opinions, Justices Robert H. Jackson for himself and Stanley Reed and Harold Burton dissented from the majority view.

Although the constitutionality of the State law was not passed on, to all intents and purposes this was the result accomplished, for the then Attorney General of California, Fred N. Howser, ruled that the decision made the land law a practical dead letter. He ordered dismissed all pending escheat cases.

## TAKAHASHI FISHING CASE

This case, **Torao Takahashi v. Fish and Game Commission, Lee F. Payne**, as chairman thereof, W. B. Williams, Harvey E. Hastain and William Silva as members thereof, tested the constitutionality of the 1943 and 1945 amendments to the Fish and Game Code denying, first to Japanese aliens and then to "aliens ineligible to citizenship", commercial fishing licenses.

The Superior Court in Los Angeles held that the denial of commercial fishing licenses to alien Japanese was unconstitutional. On appeal, the California Supreme Court in a four to three opinion, with the Chief Justice among those dissenting, reversed the lower court and held the prohibition to be constitutional (Oct. 17, 1947).

On Apr. 21 and 22, 1948, attorneys Acheson and Wirin again teamed up to successfully argue the unconstitutionality of the California law.

Amicus curiae briefs were filed by the Attorney General and the Solicitor General of the United States, the JACL ADC, the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Jewish Congress, the National Lawyers Guild, the Human Relations Commission of the Protestant Council of New York, the Council for Social Action and Committee on Church and Race of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches, the Council on Christian Social Progress of the Northern Baptist Convention, the Home Missions Council of North America, the Congress of Industrial Organizations, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the American Veterans Committee.

For the first time, the highest legal officers of the government, the Attorney General and the Solicitor General, entered litigation urging justice to the Japanese.

For the first time, too, so many organizations have supported the Japanese in court action. Twenty-five Nisei attorneys, in California, Illinois, Colorado, and New York signed the JACL ADC brief, the first time Nisei attorneys have joined in such action.

On June 7, 1948, in a seven to

two opinion, the United States Supreme Court held that the amendment to the Fish and Game Code was unconstitutional. Associate Justice Hugo Black delivered the majority opinion.

Justices Murphy and Rutledge filed a concurring opinion, while Reed and Jackson dissented.

## RESTRICTIVE COVENANT

These cases involved the so-called racial restrictive housing covenants under which individuals agreed to retain the ownership of real property in certain hands.

The two cases at bar involved covenants in the District of Columbia and Detroit, Mich., and St. Louis, Mo., prohibiting the sale of real estate to members other than of the "white race".

The cases were argued before the Supreme Court in January, 1948, and a unanimous six-court opinion announced by the Chief Justice on May 3, 1948, held that neither federal nor state courts could be used to enforce racial restrictive covenants. Three justices abstained from participation.

The JACL ADC was among some 20 organizations that filed briefs amicus curiae. The JACL ADC filed two briefs in this case.

## LANGUAGE SCHOOL

In a seven to two opinion on Mar. 14, 1949, the United States Supreme Court remanded this matter to the Territorial Courts of Hawaii on technicality refusing to rule on the constitutionality of a wartime Hawaii statute prohibiting the teaching of any language except English to any child who has not passed the fourth grade.

A special three-judge Federal District Court sitting in Honolulu had declared the law unconstitutional. The Territory appealed to the United States Supreme Court.

The Territory later changed its law and mooted the case.

The JACL ADC amicus brief charged that the Hawaiian Act "unconstitutionally prohibits and restricts the teaching of languages other than English" and was "an unfortunate and mistaken expression of racism".

## OTHER SUPREME COURT CASES

Other cases decided by the United States Supreme Court and in which the JACL ADC either participated or had a special interest in the 1950 and 1951 terms included:

**Railroad Segregation Case**, in which the Supreme Court on June 5, 1950, ruled that the railroads may not segregate passengers on the basis of race or color in interstate commerce. This was a forerunner of the 1954 decision in which segregation in the public schools was held unconstitutional and the "separate but equal facilities" theory rejected.

**Kuniyuki Case**, in which it was held that Nisei loses her citizenship by voluntarily voting in the postwar elections in Japan, under the Nationality Act of 1940.

**Okimura and Murata Cases**, in which it was held that a Nisei who served in the Japanese Army lost his American citizenship, under the Nationality Act of 1940.

**Kawakita Case**, in which it was held that a Nisei loses her citizenship can be lost only by specific participation in the prohibited activities promulgated by the Nationality Act of 1940, or by formal renunciation. In dicta, the Court went on to define "dual nationality" and its obli-

gations and limitations in such a manner as to create serious questions and problems in the minds of many Nisei.

**Jaeger Case**, in which it was held that the wartime classification of "enemy alien" terminated with the ratification of a treaty of peace or, as in this case, a "peace contract".

**Guessefeldt Case**, in which it was held that a permanent resident alien of the United States stranded in an enemy country during the war did not lose his American domicile within the meaning of the Trading With the Enemy Act. This ruling qualified many Issei stranded in Japan during the war and who have returned to seek a return of their vested property from the Office of Alien Property.

**Issei Naturalization Case**, in which three Issei sued in the Federal District Court in Los Angeles in April, 1947, to test the constitutionality of the racial bar to naturalization. Case was not prosecuted, as it was a means to dramatize the racial

discrimination in the Federal Code.

**Evacuation Claims Fraud Case**, in which a jury in the Federal District Court (San Francisco) of Judge George B. Harris acquitted Yujiro Sakuragi of attempting to defraud the Government by making false claims for property in the filing of his evacuation claims. This is the first, and only, case involving the Evacuation Claims Law to date.

### Citizenship cases

In this period, literally hundreds of so-called citizenship cases have been filed in the Federal District Courts in the Territory of Hawaii and on the west coast to regain citizenship lost by voting in Japanese elections, serving in the military forces, accepting employment available only to Japanese nationals, and even renouncing their United States citizenship under a special wartime law.

In a great many of these cases, where the Nisei has been able to show "duress", their citizenship has been restored to them.

## 4. Court Record in the States

### California Supreme Court

Since most of the "anti-Japanese" laws were adopted in the State of California and since they were most vigorously enforced there, it was inevitable that the overwhelming majority of "key" cases were filed in this jurisdiction. The more significant ones will be reported.

The Oyama Alien Land Law Case and the Takahashi Fishing Case, already referred to, were sent on appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

### Alien Land Law

**SEI FUJII CASE**, in which the California Supreme Court by a 4-3 vote on Apr. 17, 1952 held its Alien Land Law to be unconstitutional. Chief Justice Gibson wrote the majority opinion, with Justices Edmonds, Carter, and Traynor concurring. California's highest bench declared that the 37-year-old law violated the "due process and equal protection" clauses of the 14th Amendment to the Federal Constitution.

This case, involving an Issei, became a cause celebre when the State District Court of Appeals on Apr. 23, 1950, invoked the United Nations Charter to invalidate the California Alien Land Law.

**MASAOA CASE**, a companion case to the Fujii Case, involved an Issei mother who had five sons in the armed services during World War II. When Superior Court Judge Thurmond Clarke on Mar. 16, 1950, held that the California Alien Land Law was unconstitutional, he became the first jurist in that State to hold this 1913 law void. The California Supreme Court, again by a 4 to 3 vote on July 10, 1952, reaffirmed its decision in the Fujii Case.

### Issei Right to Conduct Business

**STOCKTON THEATER CASE**, in which the California Supreme Court held on June 14, 1948, in a unanimous opinion that an alien Japanese could lease commercial property and was entitled to a sales tax license in order to do business in that State, even in the absence of a commercial treaty between the United States and Japan. The Oyama and Takahashi opinions of the United States Supreme Court were cited.

### Right to Marry

**MISCEGENATION CASE**, in which the State Supreme Court, by a vote of 5 to 2, on Oct. 1, 1948, ruled that the California law banning interracial marriages between "white persons" and Mongolians, Negroes and Malaysians was unconstitutional.

## DURATION CLAUSE

**SHIMAZU CASE**, in which Superior Court Judge Drapeau of Ventura County, on Dec. 10, 1946, ruled that "duration of the war" leases were uncertain as to time and that the plaintiff, therefore, had nothing more than a month to month tenancy. He also ruled that the "war" ended with the end of hostilities.

This decision opened the way for many evacuees returning to the west coast to secure the return of land and property "leased for the duration" at the time of the evacuation.

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## OREGON STATE SUPREME COURT

**NAMBA CASE**, in which the Oregon State Supreme Court on Mar. 29, 1949, in a unanimous four-judge decision with one abstaining, ruled its Alien Land Law unconstitutional. This was the first State Supreme Court to so hold. Its precedents were cited as the Oyama and Takahashi decisions of the United States Supreme Court.

## OTHER STATES

**BOWLING DISCRIMINATION SUITS**, in which the JACL ADC joined with other interested parties in the spring of 1950 in filing suits and briefs against the "white only" membership restriction of the American Bowling Congress in the states of New York, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

The ABC mooted the cases by changing its membership requirements.

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## 5. Federal Gov't

### Activities not well publicized

Though not widely publicized nor as dramatic as the legislative and judicial results, one of JACL ADC's greatest responsibilities was to make appropriate and necessary representations to various executive departments, agencies, bureaus, and boards.

Many of these representations were for persons of Japanese ancestry who desired information or needed special consideration because of peculiar individual circumstances.

Others were on a broad policy basis, affecting either the entire group or a substantial number thereof.

But, probably most important were representations to specific agencies regarding the implementation of legislation, for, in most cases, the administration determines whether the statute itself is "liberal" or "reactionary" and whether it is workable or beset with

## Representations

red tape and bureaucracy.

As postwar policies were promulgated, remedial legislation enacted, problems resolved, and individual persons of Japanese ancestry both in Japan and the United States more adjusted to their situations, representations on behalf of individuals lessened materially.

On the other hand, as such remedial measures as the Evacuation Claims Statute, the Suspension of Deportation Law, and the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 were enacted, representations to implement broad policy decisions and to secure favorable interpretations became increasingly more necessary.

Since it will not be possible to list all the representations made, many of which were not accepted by the agencies concerned, only the more vital ones will be reported. Moreover, with two exceptions, only the successful representations will be mentioned, by subject matter, in order to conserve space.

## THE WHITE HOUSE

Urged President's Commission on Civil Rights to recognize the need for an evacuation law and for equality in naturalization privileges. In its Report (1947), the Commission included these recommendations among its list of needed legislation.

To date, these are the only parts of the program, which the President adopted, to be enacted into law.

Urged repeal of "limited passport" situation in connection with Issei in Hawaii traveling to the United States. President Theodore Roosevelt in 1907 issued an Executive Order requiring that immigrant Japanese residing in the Territory desiring to visit the United States mainland would have to comply with all the requirements of a temporary visitor from a foreign nation. President Truman revoked this Order after more than 40 years.

Urged an early and generous Treaty of Peace with Japan, and that every possible aid be extended to Japan in order that that nation would become a strong ally in the Pacific.

Urged, before the Treaty was

signed, that private commercial opportunities be opened in Japan and that Issei and Nisei be granted the same consideration for licenses and other privileges as were extended to other groups, including prewar businesses seeking to return to Japan.

Urged, without success, that the "enemy alien" designation applied to all Issei be eliminated after the end of hostilities, and that the names of postwar Japanese organizations on the Attorney General's proscribed list be removed.

Urged the President to promulgate a fair employment practices commission to assure all Nisei equal employment and promotion opportunities. The President instead established the Committee on Government Contract Compliance which requires compliance with the non-discrimination requirements of the Federal Government in all contracts entered into with private firms.

Urged appointment of a qualified Nisei attorney as a Federal judge. Two years later (1951), the President appointed a Hawaiian Nisei to the Federal District Court of the Territory. The United States Senate, however, failed to confirm his nomination before adjournment.

## DEPT. OF TREASURY

Urged "unblocking" of all bank accounts of all Issei.

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**Sanger JACL Chapter**

## BUREAU OF THE BUDGET

Urged President's signature for every JACL ADC bill approved by Congress. This Bureau serves as the President's legislative reference service.

Urged adequate appropriations for every Department and agency in which JACL ADC had an interest; also needed funds to pay all claims, including evacuation claims.

## DEPT. OF STATE

Urged appointment of qualified Nisei into the Foreign Service of the United States.

## PASSPORT OFFICE

Urged expeditious processing of all cases involving stranded Nisei in Japan. Also urged "liberal" interpretation of the statutes and regulations insofar as applicable to Nisei citizens.

## VISA OFFICE

Urged expeditious issuance of visas to Issei stranded in Japan and to all applicants for immigration under the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

## DEPT. OF DEFENSE

Urged appointment of first Nisei to Military Academy at West Point (1947).

Urged appointment of first Nisei to Naval Academy at Annapolis (1949).

Urged no segregation of Nisei inducted into service; no discrimination in branch of service, promotion, appointments, etc.

Urged qualified Nisei nurses and technicians be commissioned in Navy, Air Force, and Marines, as well as Army.

Urged recognition of Buddhism as "major" religion and of acceptance of Buddhist markers, identification tags, etc., as for Christians and Jews.

## DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Urged appointment of Nisei as Assistant United States Attorneys.

## IMMIGRATION APPEALS

Urged suspension of deportation in hardship cases involving alien Japanese and Peruvian Japanese. Most of these were before JACL ADC enacted legislation relating to this subject matter.

Urged parole of alien Japanese held in detention under "hardship" conditions.

## I & N SERVICE

Urged in 1947 resident Issei be permitted to file "declarations of intention" to become naturalized citizens. This enabled many to qualify for professional licenses and employment available only to "citizens and declarant aliens."

Urged repeal of travel restrictions on all Nisei, departing from or entering into the United States, including Hawaii. Urged same procedure for Issei.

Urged expeditious processing of "suspension of deportation" cases.

Urged expeditious naturalization proceedings for Issei under Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

Urged expeditious immigration procedures relating to entry of Japanese.

## Japanese Claims Section

Urged expeditious processing of evacuation claims.

Urged "liberal" interpretations of law to conform to congressional intent in enacting remedial statute.

Urged "generous" valuations as possible.

Urged reconsideration of number of adverse-to-claimant adjudications.

## Office of Alien Property

Urged expeditious return of vested property to Nisei citizens and resident alien Issei.

Urged administrative extension of filing deadline. Five thousand claims were filed after this extension was announced.

Urged return of "yen deposits" on pro rata basis of dollars held in custody, as against current exchange rate. This item is still pending.

## Special problems

Urged that citizenship status of Nisei renunciants be resolved as quickly as possible, on an administrative individual basis.

## POST OFFICE

Urged opening of mail and parcel post service to Occupied Japan.

Urged opening of mail and parcel post service to Okinawa.

Urged appointment of qualified Nisei as postmasters in United States proper. First Nisei appointed postmaster in California in 1947.

## Labor

Urged fair employment practices in all Government agencies.

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**REEDLEY CHAPTER**

JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE



The return of the 442nd Combat Team to Washington, D. C., for its deactivation with a Presidential Review was suggested by the JACL ADC. President Harry Truman, Secretary of War Patterson and Hon. Andrew May salute as the regimental colors pass in review. The 442nd arrived in New

York Harbor in July 2, 1946, and journeyed to the Nation's Capitol to parade for the President. In the background are wheel-chair 442nd veterans hospitalized at Walter Reed Hospital. And it was a wet day.

## Dept. of H-E-W

Urged greater coverage, under Social Security, for aged Issei.

## Civil Service Commission

Urged employment of Nisei and Issei in federal employment on a non-discriminatory basis as to appointments, agencies, promotions, etc.

## Atomic Energy Commission

Urged employment of qualified Nisei on Atomic Bombing Survey and Atomic Casualty Commission.

## Special Representations

British Embassy, protested denial of usual courtesies to servicemen and officers of the Allied Powers to Nisei soldiers and officers in Occupied Japan.

Embassy of Australia, protested the denial of immigration visa to Purple Heart veteran of 442nd.

Embassy of Canada, protested the mistreatment of Nisei seamen in Vancouver, British Columbia, and the "humiliations" imposed on Nisei and Issei at the Canadian border; requested cooperation in so-called pre-examination procedure of Immigration Service by permitting alien Japanese to enter the Dominion for purposes of securing an immigration visa from an American consul.

Embassy of Guatemala, protested denial of entry to Nisei tourist.

Embassy of Mexico, requested cooperation in so-called pre-examination procedures (denied.)

Embassy of Peru, requested issuance of travel documents to permit readmission of Peruvian Japanese who were brought to the United States during the war for internment (done on selective, individual basis).

## 6. Local Gov't Representations

### CALIFORNIA

State Personnel Board urged to dismiss charges made against 500 Nisei state civil service workers at time of evacuation. Board also urged to reinstate former employees.

State Board of Education urged to hire qualified Nisei school teachers. City boards were also petitioned.

Department of Public Welfare urged to extend aid to returning, aged evacuees. County boards were also requested to make aid available to returning evacuees.

Los Angeles and San Francisco Housing Authorities urged to adopt non-segregation policies.

Governor Warren urged to appoint a qualified Nisei attorney to the bench; other qualified Nisei for various posts in state government.

### OREGON

Portland City urged to repeal ban on issuance of business licenses to Issei.

Governor Douglas McKay, now Secretary of the Interior, urged to order State to hire Nisei veteran previously refused because of ancestry.

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Lincoln National Cemetery urged to accept, without discrimination, Issei for interment.

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Although the least known of JACL ADC's activities, public relations and the dissemination of information played a major role in gaining favorable congressional and governmental reaction to our various requests and projects. In fact, in a representative democracy such as ours, without favorable public sentiment neither the Legislature nor the Executive would have given persons of Japanese ancestry a hearing.

Newsreel and magazine articles and editorials, radio and even television and the newsreels were utilized to dramatize the problems of persons of Japanese ancestry in the postwar period. Reprints from the "Congressional Record" running into the thousands were distributed.

Appropriate events were used to highlight either the gallantry of the Nisei GI or the problems of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

A few of the outstanding JACL ADC projects in this field will be highlighted to indicate the scope of the activities and projects.



Probably no single vehicle of expression did more to arouse sympathy and tolerance for persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States than the MGM motion picture, "Go For Broke!" On the set, Van Johnson is

royally entertained by three of the supporting players, Akira Fukunaga, Ken Okamoto (both of Hawaii) and Lane Nakano (of Los Angeles).

### GO FOR BROKE

This pictorialization of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team written and directed by Robert Pirosh for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios related the story of the heroics and the problems of the Nisei GI in World War II to millions, in a dramatic and inspiring way.

Probably no single vehicle of expression did more to arouse sympathy and tolerance for persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States than this great motion picture.

JACL ADC's director served as technical consultant in the writ-

ing, the filming, and the distribution of "Go For Broke." In recognition of the contributions to the picture by the organization, MGM's chief of production presented a monetary donation to JACL ADC.

### NISEI IN WW2

The return of the 442nd to Washington, D.C., for its deactivation with a Presidential Review was suggested by the JACL ADC, joining perhaps many other recommendations of similar nature. JACL ADC also urged the Army to rename a military transport the "USS Sadao Munemori," after the only Nisei to be awarded the Medal of Honor in World War II, and then suggested that it be used in the Pacific.

The public ceremony when the first Nisei war dead were returned from Europe and interred at special services at Arlington National Cemetery, participated in by leading military, congressional, and governmental leaders was arranged by the JACL ADC.

### Documentaries

Two excellent documentaries on the evacuation were promoted by the JACL ADC.

One was "Americans Betrayed," by Morton Grodzins (University of Chicago Press), which is a 444-page documentation of the political pressures and the politics that culminated in the 1942 evacuation. Efforts were made to prevent its publication. JACL ADC's support assured its printing.

The other was "Beauty Behind Barbed Wire," by Allen H. Eaton, a story of the arts and crafts of the evacuees in their wartime camps, told in words and pictures (Harper and Brothers).

The documented indictment

did much to point up the factors behind the military "decision" to evacuate and contributed much to the public understanding of that mass movement.

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The Eaton book reached a segment of the population that admired the courage and the spirit of the evacuee people.

### Other Media

The Newspaper Guild was persuaded to adopt a policy to discourage the use of the word "Jap" in all newspapers throughout the country.

The Radio and TV industries were requested to eliminate war-inspired "hate-the-Japs" plays and broadcasts, and individual television stations across the nation were requested not to show motion pictures made during the war in which falsehoods and untruths were told or inferred about persons of Japanese ancestry.

When a major Hollywood studio announced that it planned to film one of the most rabid "anti-Japanese" books of the early 1920's, JACL ADC protested and the film was canceled.

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It was JACL ADC's policy to oppose the filming of obviously prejudicial productions and to encourage the making of those which portrayed persons of Japanese ancestry in a favorable light.

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In cooperation with the National Education Association, improper and untruthful references to the loyalty of persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II were deleted from junior and senior high school history textbooks and other reference books used in the schools of the nation.

## Pioneers revisiting old country, but with American passports

Metropolitan and community newspapers this past year have been generous in their coverage of Issei success stories—especially when they appeared in naturalization court to be sworn in as American citizens. The Nisei vernaculars and the PC has brought them to attention of their readers regularly. Typical might be the recent story published by the 3 Box Elder Journal, Brigham City, Utah, and reprinted here.—Editor.

Brigham City, Utah

Mr. and Mrs. R. Aoki of Honeyville left Monday, November 22, aboard a United Air Lines plane from Salt Lake City for Tokyo, Japan. They will visit with relatives until March.

They were to leave San Francisco Monday evening and spend 27 hours in the air before landing in Tokyo November 26 at 11 a.m. They departed on the Japan Air Lines from San Francisco. It was the first plane ride for

the congenial couple.

Mr. Aoki arrived in the United States alone in 1904 as a 19 year old youth. He spent three years in Sacramento, California before coming to Honeyville to make his home. He has resided there since.

His wife, the former Kumano Akagi, came from Japan to Tacoma, Washington in 1914. The parents of the couple arranged the marriage. Prior to meeting her in Tacoma they had just seen pictures of each other. They recited wedding vows in Tacoma and have spent a happy 40 years together.

The Aoki couple visited Japan in 1926. They traveled by ship at that time and Mr. Aoki recalls getting very seasick. On his first trip here he spent 17 days enroute. On the plane trip they have stop-overs in Honolulu and at Wake Island and still make the journey in 27 air hours.

They plan to visit with Mr. Aoki's older sister, 82, and his brother, 78, and with an older sister and younger brother of Mrs. Aoki. All live in the mountainous area near Hiroshima.

Before coming to America, Mr. Aoki recalls attending school for about five years, then working with his father as a farmer. The temperature in that area is moderate enough to raise citrus fruits. They have some snow but it disappears quickly.

When asked if they might decide to stay, both were definite in saying they would be on their way home by March or before. Mr. Aoki plans to be here in time to help his sons, Horace and Keyo, with the spring planting. The Aoki farmers raise tomatoes and beets and also have a dairy herd. They live in a comfortable seven room home, have their own greenhouse and barns.

"I just help the boys now," Mr. Aoki explained.

Keyo visited with his parents' folks in Japan during his U. S. Army duty there. The relatives traveled to Tokyo to see him.

They have four sons and a daughter, who are very pleased that their folks are able to return to their native land and visit with relatives. Children include: Horace, Frank and Keyo, Honeyville; David, Ogden, and Mrs. Kekuye Takahashi, Tremonton. They have eight grandchildren, all boys.

The pleasant little couple was packing during the interview and explained that they were allowed 44 pounds of baggage each and

what they could carry in an especially designed handbag presented to them by Japan Air Lines.

Their passports were in order, their shots completed and round trip tickets purchased for a winter vacation in Japan.

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## LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT

Indicative of the support rallied for legislation were the 108 organizations and 167 individuals, representing 32 states, which were read into the record of the House Judiciary Subcommittee Hearings on the Evacuation Claims Act, May 29, 1947.

The Conference of State Governors unanimously adopted resolutions urging congressional enactment of legislation authorizing evacuation claims and eliminating racial barriers to citizenship.

The American Legion, in National Convention assembled, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, at their National Encampment, approved resolutions for the naturalization of the Issei.

More than fifty distinguished Americans in all parts of the nation organized a Committee for Equality in Naturalization that aided in the legislative effort to eliminate race as a qualification for naturalization.

All in all, without doubt, more Americans today are aware of Japanese Americans and sympathetic to their efforts to secure corrective legislation than ever before.

Recognition of the role that the JACL ADC plays in national affairs came when its Legislative Director was named a consultant to the President's Commission on Civil Rights, invited to participate as an unofficial observer at the Treaty of Peace with Japan Conference in San Francisco, and elected to the boards of many national minority and human rights organizations, including chairmanship of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House, an association of 50 national labor, veterans, liberal, racial, religious and patriotic organizations with representatives in Washington.

remedial legislation for persons of Japanese ancestry.

The best proof of effective public relations is the complete and natural acceptance of the Nisei as an integral part of his community—in social life, in civic endeavor, and in economic contributions; all point up the fact that, at long last, the public-at-large considers persons of Japanese ancestry as welcome partners in the democratic enterprise.

## 8. Local Public Relations

JACL ADC committees and JACL chapters in many states and communities have earned their place as civic enterprises, participating in community drives and projects.

Many of them have developed year-round programs of activity in which community responsibility is stressed.

And, on state and community levels, Nisei are being elected and being appointed to commissions and boards.

City clubs and civic organizations joined in urging passage of



JACL chapters in many communities have earned their place as civic enterprises, participating in community drives and projects. Here, the Idaho Falls JACL chapter won first

place in a midsummer 1949 parade. Some 30 chapter members worked in 12,000 paper napkins to accomplish this colorful effect.

—Photo Courtesy: Willy Whitehead

## Conclusion

This Report is an effort in outline, summary form to describe JACL ADC's work in its six-year period of activity. And, in many instances, particularly as it relates to regional, state, and community achievements, this Report necessarily ignores the substantial contributions made by the regional directors, the JACL ADC committees, and the JACL chapters. This lack, however, is not intentional.

Written as it is in Washington and with little information available as to accomplishments away from the immediate vicinity, this summation is restricted pretty much to what happened in the national arena.

The miracle of what must have happened in hundreds of communities across the country when persons of Japanese ancestry won acceptance must, someday, be written. It will be an inspiring story of neighborliness and understanding.

But, as limited in nature as this Report must be, it is hoped that it will at least give some conception of the scope and magnitude of what took place under the aegis of the JACL ADC, and, of course, the parent JACL organization.

To divorce the accomplishments of one from the other, except for the purely legislative issues, will be extremely difficult, for though legally separate entities, they frequently overlapped in leadership, in membership, and in objectives. The important fact is that the chartered goals were attained.

Of course, much of what has occurred for the good cannot be credited to the JACL ADC alone; many people outside the Organization also did more than their share in their own way. But, over-all, there had to be a blueprint and there had to be the leadership. These, the JACL ADC supplied.

When the JACL ADC was incorporated, it represented the hopes and dreams of a bewildered people.

The Issei, returning to their former places of abode after years in Government camps, discovered that in the twilight of their lives they had to begin anew to build up what had taken them over a quarter of a century to amass—only to lose it overnight.

The Nisei, returning from the war in which they had suffered personal and property loss, desperately trying to make up for lost time, years spent in wilderness camps, were also bewildered as to their "homecoming."

Haunting their thoughts, the Issei and the Nisei both could only wonder what the future held for them—they who were so recently suspect people.

The JACL ADC was incorporated in July, 1946. It took as its slogan: "Equal Rights, Equal Opportunities." And since the bulk of the job had to be done in the Nation's capital, it set up a Washington Office.

In the greatest pressure chamber in the world, without many votes and with little money, but with justice, courage, and vision JACL ADC went to work.

That JACL ADC succeeded is a tribute to American democracy, and to the people who believed in it enough to support it with their time, energy, and money.

That it succeeded can be verified wherever persons of Japanese ancestry reside. Contrast their present way of living and their opportunities for the future with what they had and did in the prewar racial ghettos to which they were confined by laws and prejudice. Compare their acceptance and their welcome with the hostility and bigotry of a decade ago.

The JACL ADC was given a job to do in 1946. By 1952, it had worked itself out of a job, and in so doing had done a job in which all who participated can justly be proud.

When its National Legislative Director resigned at the Twelfth Biennial National JACL Convention in San Francisco in June, 1952, the four-fold program extravagantly hoped for at Denver six years earlier had become a reality. The delegates officially terminated the JACL ADC organization when they voted to alter the makeup and the functions of the Washington Office. And, by their action, they ended this brief experiment with a "peoples' lobby."

But, persons of Japanese ancestry were no longer an unsure, uncertain people. Secure in their newly gained status, they look to their destiny as individuals and as a group with confidence. The future looms bright for a people who have earned a better tomorrow.



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These Issei are the people who, after 40 or 50 years of residence in Hawaii, are finally able to vote.

The first election in which they could participate was the special election on July 31, 1954, for delegate to Congress from Hawaii. Delegate Joseph R. Farrington had passed away in his office in Washington, D.C., of a heart attack, and his widow was running for the unexpired five months of his term.

The next time Issei citizens were voting was in the primary election on Oct. 2, and after that in the general election on Nov. 2.

They didn't stay at home; they went dutifully to exercise their democratic privileges.

But it was a long and tedious journey to the voting booth....

### First papers allowed

While Canada was granting their alien Japanese residents citizenship immediately after World War II, America started slowly by allowing alien Japanese to apply only for first papers, or the Declaration of Intention. Even this was a big step forward.

With the passage of the McCarran-Walter act, however, the Issei finally were able to become full-fledged citizens. There have been overwhelming numbers of both Issei and Nisei applying for naturalization in Hawaii.

With anywhere from five to fifty years of residence to fulfill their requirements, they no longer had to file first papers. The second papers, or Petition for Naturalization, was sufficient.

There were Japanese war brides of American servicemen from Far East duty.

There were children who had been born when Issei parents had made a trip back to Japan.

There were immigrants who had come to work on the sugar and pineapple plantations and could pass the exams only in Japanese.

The road to naturalization includes sleep sessions at Americanization classes. As most of the Issei are working during the day, night classes conducted by the Territory of Hawaii's adult education department are popular.

Among classes for Issei are Beginning English, Intermediate English, American Constitution, and just plain Citizenship training classes. Classes are conducted by regular school teachers, newspaper reporters, businessmen, who

want a little extra money and are paid \$2.50 for an hour's teaching. Class sessions usually last two hours, two nights a week, for ten weeks.

An Issei businessman who was not seen often by his buddies was thought to have a girl friend who took up most of his time, until he explained that he was studying the principles of democracy most of his nights.

Diplomas are presented at the graduation ceremonies of adult education classes. Tiny American flags are passed around, and the traditional paper leis of Hawaii, and congratulations, and hopes that the day in court will not be too trying.

### Logic of student

Issei, besides wanting to be informed about America, attend citizenship classes because they feel it is a surer way to naturalization. Some reason that they are paying the government to teach them through these classes all they can about democracy.

If the naturalization examiner should not pass them, it would seem partly that the government had somehow failed in its teaching of citizenship. But most Issei are eager students and learn well.

Of course, there was the little woman who said she knew all the answers when explained by the teacher, but the next day in the press of household chores forgot all that was instilled in her the night before.

Finally, after being called for examination by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and producing two character witnesses, the alien has passed his test satisfactorily. A notification comes through the mail that the applicant is ready to become naturalized at a solemn court session.

Issei men appear in suits of subdued color; women wear their party dresses of nylons and silks.

One young man came to court in an alpha shirt, the usual garb of Hawaii, with a coat. His young son had told him he looked all right. The court clerk sent him home to reappear in a shirt and tie, for naturalization is not to be taken lightly.

A typical session starts usually from 10 a.m. in the federal court. The applicant is told to report early, about 8 a.m. to be briefed by the naturalization examiner or the court clerk. The whole procedure is gone through and seats are assigned alphabetically.

### Routine in court

After a recess of about half an

hour, the applicants are called back into the court room. The rites last about an hour and a half. The court clerk presents all who are to be naturalized to the judge.

Before the oath of naturalization is administered, the judge picks out representatives from among the aliens who are asked why they chose to become American citizens.

The answers are varied to some extent, as the family and racial backgrounds are different. But all want to live and be good American citizens.

In Hawaii, a unique feature is that the oath is often administered in several languages — English, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Chinese.

An address is given by some prominent businessman, songs are sung in patriotic fervor by a school choir, and after all is over paper leis and sometimes flags are given to the new Americans.

Reporters from the newspapers are there to cover the news, for it is always good news when a naturalization ceremony is held. The Japanese papers will even send their photographer to get pictures, and question the newly-sworn on their background and history.

In the last two years, at the rate of about 100 persons a month, naturalization ceremonies have been held regularly. Of these, roughly one-fifth are Japanese, the others being Caucasian servicemen, some even flown in from Japan; Italian and German war brides; and aliens of other nations from the melting pot of Hawaii.

If the courtroom were larger, more persons would be naturalized at a time.

### Fitting climax

As a fitting climax to naturalization in Hawaii after two years, and in commemoration of Veterans Day on Nov. 11, 1000 persons were naturalized in the Honolulu district. This district comprises Hawaii and Guam, and was one of several districts in the entire United States which together naturalized 50,000.

In the city of Honolulu alone, 623 were naturalized in a mass ceremony at McKinley High School auditorium. This is the largest number to be naturalized at one time in Hawaii; the last record being 278. The Marine band played, and invitations to attend were also extended to the 1229 persons naturalized in 1954.

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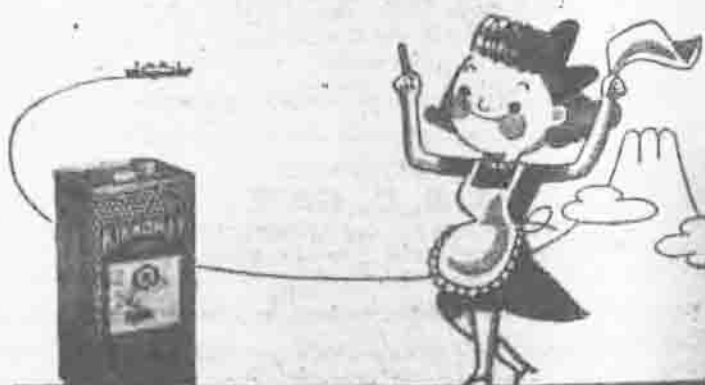
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