



## FRIEND OF NISEI GALEN FISHER DIES AT 81

**Berkeley**  
Galen M. Fisher, 81, who worked over a half century for better Japan-U.S. understanding, died here Sunday, Jan. 2, in a local hospital after a two-week illness. Memorial services were held Tuesday at the First Congregational Church for the YMCA leader who first went to Japan in 1897.

A graduate of Univ. of California in 1896, Fisher took up the cause of interned Japanese-Americans during World War II, founding the Fair Play Committee to seek the easing of their plight.

He was decorated by Emperor Hirohito in 1950, and funds were raised among California Issei and Nisei to rebuild the bombed YMCA buildings in Japan.

The City of Berkeley last year voted him the Benjamin Ide Wheeler award as its most useful citizen.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie Brockman Fisher, whom he married in 1948; 12 grandchildren and three children by his first wife, Ella Wilcox Fisher.

## 'Floating World'

**New York**  
Random House has published a handsome book of art history and art criticism of Japan, written by James A. Michener. The book, "The Floating World," contains 65 pictures, 40 of them in color, describes evolution of Japanese prints with biographical sketches.

## Cameron King dies

**San Francisco**  
Cameron H. King, former registrar of voters here who defended the rights of evacuated Nisei, died Dec. 11 in Chatham, N.J., the Nichi Bei Times reported. King who retired three years ago sent out absentee ballots to Nisei voters, then in Tanforan assembly center in June, 1942, despite strong pressure from those who wanted to deny franchise rights to evacuees.

## ★ CALLAHAN'S CORNER ★

# Only Resolution

★ GEORGE INAGAKI ★

A sparkling new year is ahead of us and it looks like another busy one for us in JACL. With one full term of office behind me, I feel that I've learned enough to know what the National President's duties are.

My one and only resolution for 1955 is that I'm going to try to do all that I'm supposed to do. I hope that every officer and member of every chapter will join me in that resolution and make this year a really big year for JACL.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank all for the many good wishes sent us during the Holiday Season, and for the many wonderful gifts. We are certainly grateful to be remembered by the chapters and members of JACL. Many, many thanks to you all.

National Board plans for me this year call for my making an extensive visit of the chapters so I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible before too much time passes. So till then, good luck and good JACLing.



## ICY CURVE HOSPITALIZES SALT LAKE CHURCHMAN

**Baker, Ore.**  
The Rev. and Mrs. Tetsuo Saito of Salt Lake City were injured when their car skidded off the highway three miles west of here and rolled into a ditch.

Rev. Saito is pastor of the Japanese Christian Church in Salt Lake City, and an active Salt Lake JACLer.

He was taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Baker with head injuries, while his wife was hospitalized with head injuries and several broken ribs. Both were reported in satisfactory condition.

Their young child traveling with them was uninjured.

Oregon State Police said Rev. Saito lost control of his car when he applied the brakes on an icy curve in the highway.

## Nisei jet pilot risks life crashing plane outside town

**Minneapolis**  
Lt. Minoru Yahanda was forced to parachute from his disabled jet plane Dec. 20, according to word received here by his father, Teizo Yahanda. The Nisei air jet pilot is stationed at Cape Cod (Mass.) Air Force Base.

On a routine practice flight, he noted trouble developing in his jet unit, ordered his radar-observer to bail out and was set to bail out himself when he saw that he was close to a populated area. Risking eminent explosion of his craft, he remained to steer the plane away from the homes to a wooded area.

Norwell (Mass.) newspapers praised the Nisei for his quick-thinking in face of great personal danger, adding that his decision may have saved a number of lives.

## Nisei champion dies

**Toronto**  
Bernard Keble Sandwell, champion of the cause of Canadian Japanese, died Dec. 8 at the age of 78. Author, teacher and editor, he often pleaded for better race relations.

# 15 recommendations favoring claimants made for Hillings bill

## Management expenses, internee claims, corporations cited in House subcommittee proposals

**Washington**

Recommendations for including management expenses, internees' claims, corporations and judicial determinations of crop losses as compensable evacuation losses were included among 15 specific suggestions of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on evacuation claims the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

Subcommittee recommendations were incorporated into its report on the so-called Hillings Bill to expedite the determination and payment of remaining evacuation claims. Five days of public hearings had been held in San Francisco and Los Angeles by the Subcommittee to gather testimony from Issei and Nisei claimants regarding their evacuation claims.

Paralleling closely the suggestions made on behalf of the JACL by Mike Masaoka, the organization's Washington representative the favorable Subcommittee report clearly indicated that many of the inequities of the present law should be removed in amendatory legislation to expedite the payment of remaining evacuation claims.

### Liberalize Bill

Specific recommendations made by the Subcommittee also included features of the Hillings Bill. However, the Subcommittee urged a liberalization of the Hillings Bill "to permit the exercise of wide discretion, on the part of the Attorney General and others who will decide these claims, to meet novel situations occurring from time to time which are due to the unique abilities and inclinations of the Japanese Americans as a racial group."

In addition to advocating "a more flexible policy," the Subcommittee made the following specific recommendations:

1. Management expenses which were incurred in order to bring about the continued operation and maintenance of businesses and properties should be recognized as an evacuation expense. (During the west coast hearings, Masaoka pointed out to Subcommittee members that existing law penalized the Issei and Nisei who maintained their properties by hiring managers

to conserve their assets. Payment of these conservation costs would be nominal compared to the losses that would have occurred without the conservation expenses, Masaoka had explained).

### On Crop Losses

2. Where possible, judicially acceptable methods should be adopted in the determination of crop and other losses. In addition, growers of perennial crops should be entitled, as a measure of crop valuations, to whatever buyers would have willingly paid on their then present and future crops. (Through a brief filed with the Justice Department, the JACL had argued that crop losses be judicially determined.)

3. The losses of Japanese internees which resulted from the evacuation of their families or from the evacuation of Japanese Americans as a group should be recognized and compensated.

4. The words "person of Japanese ancestry" should be defined and broadened to include corporations, partnerships, associations, organizations, and societies which were substantially owned by or in which the membership consisted of a substantial majority of Japanese American evacuees. (Churches as well as business corporations could be paid through enactment of this recommendation.)

### For Larger Claims

5. The compromise-settlement provisions of the present law should be extended to the settlement of the remaining larger claims.

6. The so-called 75 per cent "ceiling," which limits the amount for compensable items, should be continued. It might be well to point out that anyone who believes that he may be prejudiced by the 75 per cent ceiling may avail himself of other remedies, provided for in the subcommittee's recommendations, which do not have this limitation.

7. The proposed 50 per cent "floor" limitation whereby a claimant would be forced to accept any compromise award offered by the Attorney General, so long as the amount is not less than 50 per cent of the original amount of the claim,

should not be written into the present law. It is believed that the very purpose of compromise would be defeated if the Government, under given circumstances, could force its awards upon claimants.

### Appeal Procedure

8. Despite the fairness which has attended the proceedings of the Attorney General, the lack of appeal procedures and independent hearing examiners does basic violence to the intent underlying the Administrative Procedure Act. The Subcommittee therefore recommends that the present law be amended to expressly provide for the application of the Administrative Procedure Act to formal adjudications before the Attorney General.

9. The proposals of H.R. 7435 (Hillings Bill) authorizing certifications of claims to the Court of Claims in lieu of determinations by the Attorney General should be adopted, and in addition, there should be written into the law a further provision permitting any claimant who has rejected an amount offered by the Attorney General or under the Administrative Procedure Act.

It should be noted that a claimant, in litigating his claim before the Court of Claims under the proposals of H.R. 7435, would not be bound by the 75 per cent ceiling. In addition, the Court of Claims, like any judicial tribunal, has inherent power to authorize compromise settlements upon the stipulation of the parties concerned.

10. A statutory provision is needed in the present law expressly requiring the Attorney General to report to Congress the results of all compromise settlements as well as the results of formal adjudication.

11. An amendment is required to remove the present monetary limitation of \$2,500 for the compromise settlement of claims.

### Preparation Expenses

12. Evacuation preparation ex-  
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## Utah VFW organized

**Salt Lake City**  
Lyle Kurisaki, 519 N. 2nd West, restaurant operator, was installed as the first commander of a new Nisei VFW Post 9416 last month. Other officers are:

Hiroshi Aramaki, sr. v.c.; Seiko Aramaki, jr. v.c.; Wallace T. Doi, gm.; Jun Morita, adv.; Ted Yamashita, adj.; surg.; Jeri Tsuyuki, pub. rel.; James S. Taniminee, chpin.; William B. Shimizu, OD; Peter M. Oki, pst. inst.; George C. Gikku, leg.; Shigeo Kanegai, hist.; Hideo J. Sakashita, gd.

# Alien address reports due this month; unsworn Issei waiting to be naturalized required to report addresses

**Washington**

Japanese aliens are required by law to file an "Alien Address Report" during this month of January 1955, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reminded.

While the law and regulations for filing this Alien Address Report remain unchanged from last year, all Issei who have not yet received their final United States citizenship are required to again report their addresses

to the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization.

Japanese war brides, too, who have not acquired American citizenship, are also required to file the report.

### Filing Procedure

The procedures for filing the Alien Address Report were outlined by the Washington JACL Office as follows:

1. The alien must obtain an "Alien Address Report" Form I-53. This form can be obtained at any United States Post Office or at any Immigration and Naturalization Service Office.

2. The alien must complete all items on the form. This includes the alien's current address as well as his Alien Registration Number.

3. Return the Alien Address Report in person to a clerk at the Post Office or to an official in the Immigration and Naturalization Service Office.

This form must be returned in person and cannot be mailed.

Every alien in the United States, Hawaii and Alaska is required to file this address report in January 1955.

Aliens who are temporarily absent from the United States  
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# VERY TRULY YOURS

By HARRY HONDA  
New Year's Day

Maybe the generation that whooped it up during the war years is gradually cooling in its effervescence . . . It appeared that way here on New Year's Eve . . . There were innumerable private house parties and several public dances for the Nisei



crowd, not to mention the theaters and night clubs in Hollywood that catered to the \$10-25 package deal paying customers . . . The ones I attended were not as reserve as a college prom, but they weren't as boisterous as some we witnessed five or six years ago . . . The Nisei Veterans Association held its New Year's Eve party at the Biltmore Ballroom — scene of Nisei Week coronations in prewar years and more recently the site of the McCaran-Walter testimonial dinner two years ago. Tickets were nominal (\$7 per couple) in cost by comparison — as across the center hallway in the Biltmore Bowl, the tariff was \$18 per person . . . The dance floor was crowded and colorful. The chatter at the bar was spirited, merry but tempered . . . There was time when the morning-after, we heard so & so having passed out at a party, or someone getting hostile in the men's room . . . Undoubtedly, many were staying home, too, sleeping through midnight new year before being awakened by the baby's yelp for his 2 a.m. feeding.

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The Nisei generation that remembers the hysteria of Pearl Harbor day so vividly is mellowing . . . Rather than sip and gossip at the table, they enjoyed the waltzes, sambas and fox-trots. The chanting of "Auld Lang Syne" wasn't too loud. The confetti was missing, but serpentine and noisemakers were plentiful . . . Several New Year Eves ago, it was the other way 'round. Some might not even remember it from the early start of glass-tipping.

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Nisei families greeted callers the rest of the day . . . Many stayed in to watch the ball games on television . . . And I even learned something new even that day — court tennis, when the subject of unfamiliar games came up for discussion later that evening. I had to check the encyclopedia on

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## WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER

By Mike Masaoka

### Control of Senate

#### Backstage on 84th Congress

As the 84th Congress prepared to convene this week, one of the hottest behind-the-scenes-rumors had to do with a GOP effort to force a showdown vote on control of the Senate.

If every qualified senator showed up for the organization meeting, there would be 48 Democrats, 4 Republicans, and one Independent.

The rumor has it that some GOP leaders figure that Democratic Sen. John Kennedy of Massachusetts may be too ill to attend and that Dixiecrat J. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina may vote with the Republicans. This latter hope is based on the fact that the South Carolinian ran against the regular Democratic party candidate and won as a write-in nominee. Moreover, as Governor, in 1948 he sparked the drive in the South against President Harry S. Truman and, in fact, was the States Rights Party candidate for President.

Sen. Styles Bridges, Republican of New Hampshire, the senior GOP in the Senate and president pro tempore in the last 83rd Congress, is supposed to be the mastermind behind this movement. He was said to be trying to convince his Republican colleagues that the powerful committee chairmanships are more important than temporary public indignation over such a political maneuver.

Even if all the Republicans agreed to go down the line and vote to control the Senate, the final outcome would depend upon the Democrats themselves and it was most unlikely, as this Newsletter went to press, that the Democrats would allow themselves to be short-changed in such an important matter as party control of the Upper Chamber, especially with the presidential sweepstakes of 1956 practically around the political corner.

Another "hot" rumor had it that the White House was trying to displace its top spokesmen of the last Congress, Speaker Joseph Martin in the House and Majority Leader William F. Knowland in the Senate.

It was speculated that the White House was so pleased with the way Rep. Charles Halleck of Indiana had handled the Administration's legislative program in the 83rd Congress that it wanted him, rather than the Massachusetts veteran, to be the Minority Leader in the coming session.

As for the outspoken Californian, rumors had it that the White House preferred as its legislative liaison a senator whose views coincided more with that of the Administration. Senator Knowland's foreign policy views particularly are usually contrary to that of the White House, especially when it deals with the Far East.

In the Senate cloakrooms there was speculation, too, that the Senior Senator from California was trying to win leadership of the so-called Taft forces. Those who believe this point out that Senator Knowland has presidential aspirations and realizes that his former California colleague, now Vice-President Richard Nixon, seems to be the President's choice should the President himself decide not to run again in 1956. This group argues that only by gaining the favor of the late Ohionan's strong following can Senator Knowland have any chance to stop the Nixon

## OPINIONS

#### A True Friend

Los Angeles Shin Nichi Bei

The sad news over the INS teletype (Jan. 2) informed us about the passing of a true friend (Galen M. Fisher) of the Japanese people . . . We knew (him) from pre-evacuation days when he had just returned from Japan where he had been connected with the YMCA

Even when the feeling was strongest against the Japanese after Pearl Harbor, he was not afraid to stand up for what was right. JACL leaders counted upon his advice a great deal. Mike Masaoka used to confer with him frequently . . .

The Japanese people have not had a better friend than Galen Fisher. We saw too many fair weather friends who revealed their true colors when the mass hysteria was on. Some of us were fortunate in having loyal friends who were undaunted in their conviction that fair play and justice would eventually prevail . . .

—Saburo Kido

drive and to win the GOP nomination for himself.

But the Californian's bid for Taft's mantle runs counter to the ambitions of such long-time supporters as Senators John Brickner of Ohio, Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois, and Homer Capehart of Indiana, all of whom are said to have secret presidential ambitions of their own.

Top rumors concerning the Democrats revolve around Alben Barkley, long-time Majority Leader and more recently Vice-President of the United States.

By Senate standards, the former Veep is the junior senator from Kentucky and, as such, will sit at the bottom of all committees to which he may be assigned.

There are those who say that Senator Barkley should at least be elected as president pro tempore of the Senate, if not elected to serve again in his old post as Majority Leader.

Much respected Senator Walter George of Georgia, by seniority and custom, is entitled to the honorary job of being president pro tempore and there is doubt that these two leading Southerners will be allowed to fight it out for this position.

Texas' Senator Lyndon Johnson, after serving his apprenticeship as the Majority Leader during past biennium, probably feels that he has earned the Majority Leader's post. On the other hand, there are some senators who feel that his election to that responsibility would give one state too much influence in the legislative branch, and particularly one man.

Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn is also from the Lone Star State. Senator Johnson is known to be the Speaker's protege, and so those who disagree with Texas Sam's philosophy and sentiments, while in no spot to defeat his bid for the Speakership of the House, want to replace his Senate henchman with another individual. Senator Barkley, with his great prestige, could be that man.

These are all cloakroom rumors. And by the time this Newsletter reaches the readers, the House and the Senate will have organized and these rumors put to rest. But, at this stage at least, they make for interesting speculation because in each of them there is some germ of wishful thinking and reasoning.

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#### Another Investigating Congress

Because the last two Congresses engaged in so many investigations, some observers have said that the Congress has become, not the legislative branch that it used to be, but the investigative branch of Government.

The new 84th Congress bids fair to continue this trend towards investigations.

With an eye on the national elections two years hence, the Democrats will try to reverse the exposes, so-called, of the GOP 83rd Congress.

After being out of office for two decades, it was natural for the GOP to delve into what they considered Democratic shortcomings in the past 20 years. The more they could embarrass the Democrats, the Republicans thought that they could justify the votes they received in 1952 and prepare the groundwork for another successful campaign in 1956.

Now that the political shoe is on the other foot, it can be expected that the Republican-sponsored investigations into alleged Democratic subversion and corruption will come to an end and that the Democrats will initiate investigations into what they feel are the weaknesses of present Administration policy and practice.

The Democrats particularly are expected to look into the alleged "giveaway" philosophy of the present White House occupants. Another investigation will probably center on Republican charges, particularly during the past campaign, that the Democrats are a party of treason.

Since they will control the chairmanships and will dictate the terms of every investigation, the Democrats hope to make the electorate forget the "findings and conclusions" of the GOP investigations of the past two years and to become aware of the many, and as they see it great, shortcomings of the GOP as a party in power.

The curtain is up on the 1956 presidential drama. And it will be interesting to see the various players act the part which they hope will bring them success in the next national elections.



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## YOUR NAT'L DIRECTOR REPORTS

By MASAO SATOW

It is that time of year when Chapters are re-organizing with new officers. Approximately one-half of the chapters have reported their new cabinets to National Headquarters.

Some of the 1955 Presidents are repeats, and we appreciate their willingness to continue carrying the responsibility. Several of these have expressed the feeling that now they have a year's experience behind them, they can be of greater help to their communities and to the national organization.

Most of the Presidents are new, but not entirely newcomers to JACL, for they have served their apprenticeship through holding other offices and responsibilities in their respective chapter programs.

It is no secret that a Chapter that is alive has no difficulty in finding officers, for an active on-going organization always produces its own leadership.

The local Chapter officers are the backbone of our national organization, for theirs is the job of rallying and organizing support and activities at the local grass roots level to make our National program possible.

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#### CCDC convention

We were again impressed with the mass installation of the officers of the seven California District Council Chapters at the CCDC Convention in Fresno last month. This District always promotes a good turnout of local community leaders, which bespeaks well for their local public relations program as well as the extent to which Japanese Americans have become a part of their communities.

At the same time, however, our appreciation to these community leaders—mayors, newspaper editors, Chamber of Commerce officials, service clubs and veterans organization bigwigs for taking the time to express their goodwill by attending these banquets.

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#### PSWDC chapter clinic

And speaking of officers, we are glad to see that the PSWDC has again scheduled a Chapter Clinic for new Chapter officers on Feb. 13. The one last year was very successful and well attended, showing that there is a real need as well as an interest for a session devoted exclusively to organize problems and techniques.

We are in the process of bringing up to date our President's Notebook, and preparing copies for all the newly elected Chapter Presidents. We have been coasting along on material developed several years ago, and we hope that we can add new material this year.

In addition to the Notebook, we are also sending out a 6-page condensed graphically illustrated leaflet on parliamentary procedures, which is the best we have seen.

In addition to these materials we think it a must that every Chapter President be a regular PACIFIC CITIZEN reader in order to be effective in his job. Some of the Chapters have felt strongly enough about this to provide their new Chapter Pres-

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## ★ HONOLULU NEWSLETTER ★

## '54 in Review

★ LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA ★

In the journalistic custom at the start of a new year, we'd like to review some highlights of Hawaii Nisei in the news during 1954 and to look ahead a little.

News men here agree that the November elections were the biggest local news of 1954. It was an upset that put the Democrats in control of the Territorial Legislature for the first time in Hawaii's history.

Nisei newcomers won many of the political offices, including some legislative victories in places unheard of for Nisei politicians heretofore.

The big question ahead is the kind of record the Nisei Democrats will make in office. They're being watched closely by the voters in general and the Republicans in particular.

Meantime, the Republicans are searching for more Nisei candidates for the next election and rebuilding their political fences.

During 1954, the Nisei lost a good friend in the death of Joseph Rider Farrington, Delegate to Congress from Hawaii. On June 19, he succumbed to a heart attack in his Washington office.

Joe Farrington and his newspaper, the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, backed up the Nisei after Pearl Harbor in a way few others dared to. They vouched for the loyalty of the Nisei in the face of strong opposition.

Now, his widow, Betty Farrington, is carrying on in the late delegate's place, having won a special election last summer to succeed him, and a full two-year term in the November election.

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## Nisei population: headache &amp; hope

No one Nisei name stands out in the biggest news of 1954. But as the largest single racial element in Hawaii, the Nisei population was a source of both a headache and a hope for the future.

Nisei and Sansei children make up the bulk of the 5,000 to 6,000 new pupils who are being enrolled in the Territory's public schools every September. The increase will continue for several more years.

For the taxpayer, this means more schools must be built, more textbooks bought and equipment installed; more teachers trained.

The school department will ask the next Legislature convening in February to spend \$6½ million more for public education during the next biennium.

The requested operating budget is \$42½ million for 1955-57, by far the largest school budget in Hawaii's history. In addition, an unprecedented, multi-million dollar school building program is underway to provide more classrooms.

At the other end, the schools are turning out more graduates than ever before. About 5,000 young people are entering the labor market every year, and the economy, while expanding steadily, may not be able to absorb the growing number of job seekers.

Hawaii has a young population, 27 per cent being children of school age. The mainland average of school age children is 23 per cent.

So the problem of creating new employment will be a long-term headache. Unless more jobs are provided, the more aggressive and talented young people are likely to move to other areas, like the Mainland, causing Hawaii to lose the "cream of the crop."

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## Economic outlook optimistic

Not long ago, government and business leaders here were gloomy about the economic outlook, but they now take a more optimistic view of the prospects during 1955.

They feel that the economy will be stepped up considerably in the months ahead due to a bigger tourist season, more government and private industry construction (particularly Waikiki hotels), more defense activities and troops stationed in the islands; more government efforts to build new businesses and to stimulate farming and land development.

What is most encouraging, probably, is the awareness of the community concerning these economic problems and the concerted drive of government and business planners to come to grips with the realities of the situation.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Nonaka of San Francisco.

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## San Francisco leader contributes \$1,000 to JACL on 51st anniversary

San Francisco

Frank M. Nonaka, pioneer Issei community leader and past president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California, made a special presentation of \$1,000 to the JACL to celebrate his 51st year in the United States and recent attainment of his American citizenship.

Nonaka stated: "I am very fortunate to celebrate a half century of happy living in this great country and the privilege of receiving my American citizenship." He thanked the JACL for its many services to the Japanese American.

Mr. and Mrs. Nonaka are from the Niigata prefecture, Japan, and after over a half century in this country received his American citizenship last year.

The Nonakas have been married for 39 years and have three daughters: Mrs. Chiyo Yoshihashi of New Haven, Conn., Mrs. Hisako Kimura of San Mateo and Mrs. Taki Shinoda of San Leandro.

## Import-Export Merchant

He is one of the most prominent Japanese American businessmen of California and is the owner of the Nonaka Company, an importing and exporting firm in San Francisco.

Accepting the gift in behalf of the JACL were Victor S. Abe, San Francisco attorney

and chairman of the San Francisco JACL Committee on Citizenship for the Issei, and Haruo Ishimaru, regional director.

Ishimaru expressed his gratitude to Nonaka on behalf of the JACL: "We Nisei are very proud of the great contributions of Issei pioneers like you, and we are especially grateful for this generous token of support at the beginning of the New Year and we hope, a new era for the JACL."

## JAPAN CHERRY TREE SEEDS AVAILABLE FROM U.N.

New York

A gift of 100,000 flowering cherry tree seeds from the United Nations Association of Japan are enroute here for distribution in the United States. Six states, however, prohibit their entry as possible plant disease carrier. They are:

Colorado, Minnesota, Michigan, New York, Pennsylvania and Washington.

The seeds were collected by Japanese school children as a goodwill gesture. Those interested in obtaining seeds should write by Jan. 15 to:

W. G. Hughes, UN Ass'n of Japan, 10 Rockefeller Plaza, N. Y. 20.

✓ John Miyazaki of Longmont, Colo., was named president of the Tri-State YBL at its 21st annual conference in Denver. He succeeds Harry Matsushima of Ft. Lupton.

## Farmer in accident

Morrill, Neb.

George Kanno, who chose to work on the farm rather than join his teammates to participate in a Denver basketball tournament, mangled his left arm in an accident operating a corn picker.

Sam Yoneyama, 771 Stanford, was re-elected president of the Los Angeles YBA. He heads a 20-man cabinet.



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## New refugee relief act head appointed

Washington

Tyler Thompson has been named as the new administrator for the Refugee Relief Act Program, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The announcement of Thompson to head the so-called Refugee Program was made to the Washington JACL Office and several other interested organizations during a State Department meeting with Antonio A. Micocci, former Director of the Refugee Relief Act. Thompson now succeeds Micocci, whose resignation has become effective to undertake a Foreign Service assignment.

The new Administrator indicated that existing departmental policies would be continued pending his study of the entire program. Until this personal study is completed, Thompson indicated that he would like to withhold comment on specific questions regarding the possible formation of new policies to expedite the Refugee Program.

Scott McLeod, Administrator of Security and Consular Affairs, made the appointment of Thompson as his aide to administer the Refugee Relief Act. Thompson has been in the Foreign Service of the State Department for 3 years and recently held the post of executive director of the European Area for the same department.

## Camellia from Japan

New York

A late-blooming camellias, grown from seeds recently brought here from Japan, are being readied for the American public by an Alabama nursery. Pointed petals are white, flushed faintly with pink. It is called camellia japonica, variety Mrs. K. Sawada.

## Burstyn award movie

New York

"Jigokumon," Japanese color film now playing in the United States, was selected as winner of the annual Joseph Burstyn award by the Motion Picture Distributors Association of America. The award is in memory of the late Burstyn in honor of his service toward improving understanding among all nations through free interchange of their finest movies.

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## Chicago Corner

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● Our greetings for a prosperous 1955 go to our many loyal JACLers, PC subscribers, advertisers, 1000 Clubbers and friends at this time.

● The Enterpriser's gala New Year's Eve party (71 attended) at the North Park Hotel typified a gay happy family reunion. The vast spread of food across the buffet tables was the grandest you ever saw. George Yoshioka did a bang-up job as chairman.

● The Co-Operative Investors greeted the New Year at the cozy home of Dr. Frank Sakamoto . . . And there were many other private house parties welcoming the New Year, so we learn.

### Around Windy City . . .

● The Art Institute Goodman Memorial Theater features throughout the month of January a play, "The Crucible," that concerns witch-hunting in Salem, Mass., during the days of the Puritans. An 8:30 curtain is scheduled: Jan. 7-8, 11-15, 18-23 (Tuesdays only, 7:30 p.m. and one Thursday 2 p.m. matinee).

● Over 3 inches of snow fell here Dec. 29.

● Izumi Sakamoto, 48, labor editor for Asahi Shimbun, Tokyo daily with four million circulation, visited the Windy City on his tour of the United States as guest of the State Department to study U.S. labor. He told reporters here: "America is now aware that Asia is a vital part of the world. How Asia solves its problems in the next few years will have worldwide consequence."

● A uniform statewide speed law, 65 mph by day and 50 mph by night, is being proposed by Joseph D. Bibb, Illinois public safety director . . . One of the stormiest legislative sessions in state history loomed with the opening of the 69th last Wednesday. V OT General Assembly at Springfield last Wednesday.

### About people . . .

● Active at the Newberry P-TA is Mrs. Edward Sonoda, 753 W. North Ave. She is the former Yoshiye Sato of Los Angeles. Husband is a lithographer for Curat Teich Co., a CLer and also hails from Los Angeles. They have two children: Craig, 11, and Christine, 8. Yoshiye's brother and sisters are (1) George, gardening in Los Angeles; married to Mary Nakatsugawa, three children: Kenneth, 9; Arlene, 5, and Donna, 1 month old; (2) Fumi, of Kobe, married to an import-export merchant, with two sons and daughter; and (3) Yaye, now Mrs. Sam Ozumi of Los Angeles; children: Carol, 9; Ellen, 6, and Suzanne, 4.

● George Adachi, 5528 S. Kimbark Ave., is proprietor of Wilmington Cleaners, hails from Los Angeles, and a member of the JACL and Enterprisers. His lovely wife, Emi Oka, comes from Terminal Island, Calif., married in Chicago June 2, 1945. They have three children: Christina, 6; Patti, 4½, and Paul, 1.

● John Y. Yoshino, past Chicago JACL 1st v.p. and with the American Friends Service Committee here, is now a member of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations Committee on Employment.

### Orange County CL plans Feb. 4 installation fete

Garden Grove

The Orange-County JACL installation banquet will be held here at the French Imperial Restaurant on Friday, Feb. 4, with retiring president Ken Uyesugi as chairman. Tats Kishida, Pacific Southwest regional director, will be installing officer.

### CHICAGO CL MAY SET NEW MEMBERSHIP MARK BY ENROLLING ISSEI

Chicago

Among the 1955 projects for Chicago JACL will be the attempt to enroll the 500 recently naturalized Issei citizens into the chapter to surpass a previous record of 1,100 members, according to Kumeo Yoshinari, chapter president.

"The Issei will bring experience and maturity to our group, thus enabling the JACL to gain prestige and recognition," Yoshinari declared.

A key Issei group is currently canvassing eligible Issei to join the JACL.

Yoshinari was also hopeful that the chapter would better integrate itself in community relations, working more closely with other Japanese organizations.

### CHAPTER MEMO

**Sacramento JACL:** The recent "Your Stars of Tomorrow" talent review netted \$2,022.51, it was announced by Masuto Fujii, treasurer. A near \$2,500 was grossed. Principal contributions came from recently naturalized Issei citizens.

**Florin JACL:** Two movies, one in Japanese, were shown at the final chapter meeting last month at the JACL hall. A final 1954 report was also made.

**Parlier JACL:** Bill Hirata of Reedley won the second chapter stripped bass derby at Frank's Tract recently with a 26-lb. catch. Frank Maruyama was in charge of the contest. Other winners were:

Ralph Kimoto, 23 lb. 4 oz.; Minoru Doi, 18 lb. 1 oz.; and Ted Katsura, 13 lb.

Only five fish were caught by 32 participants. Winner caught two.

**Fresno JACL:** The Chinese Fay Wah club and Fresno JACL co-sponsor the fourth annual March of Dimes dance Jan. 14 at the Rainbow Ballroom. Dick Cruz and his Cruisers will play. It has become the social highlight for San Joaquin Valley Chinese and Japanese. At the recent committee meeting were:

Seichi Mikami, Dr. Robert Yabuno, JACL; Dr. Irwin Chow, Ed Fong, Alan Mar and Frank Tuck, Fay Wah.

**Sacramento JACL:** The chapter will hold its membership drive during the month of January. Already 25 are 1000 Club members, the largest in Sacramento history. Bill Matsumoto and Mary Nakashima co-chair the campaign. Assisting are:

Henry Taketa, Dr. George Takahashi, downtown; Toko Fujii, Ginji Mizutani, professional men; Joe Matsunami, George Tambara, George Misaki, residential; Peter Osga, Fred Fukuda, new citizens; Harry Fujii, Jean Nakatani, state and local gov't.; Frank Yoshimura, Martin Miyao, Jun Miyakawa, clubs; Dubby Tsugawa, bowling.

Memberships will be accepted at Kat's Koffee Klub, Percy Ma-

### Recommendations of claims group—

\* From Front Page

penses such as the purchase of heavy clothing, suitcases, etc., and also belongings purchased and used during the evacuation, which but for the evacuation would not have been purchased, should be recognized and compensated.

13. Transportation expenses incurred, either in leaving the evacuation areas or in returning thereto, should be compensated.

14. The 75 claims, which were postmarked prior to Jan. 3, 1950, the last day for filing claims, but which were not received in Washington until after that date, should be validated.

15. Since it is not clear whether the Attorney General is authorized under the present law to permit claimants to amend their claims so as to increase the total of the amount claimed an express statutory permission is desirable in order to eliminate any doubt on this question.

#### Full Committee Study

The preceding recommendations in the report of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on

evacuation claims will be considered by the House Judiciary Committee in the next Congress which convenes Jan. 5.

Masaoka, the principal witness during the west coast hearings, had urged Subcommittee member to liberalize the Hillings Bill to take care of certain inequities in existing law and in the proposed amendments. His specific suggestions were favorably considered in 13 of the Subcommittee's 15 recommendations.

The new 84th Congress is not bound to act upon the report or its recommendations, cautioned the Washington JACL Office. Rather it is expected that many members of Congress, particularly newly elected members without the background knowledge of the evacuation, may be inclined toward reducing government expenses because of promises made in their campaign pledges.

This new Congress means that a full educational program must be undertaken to acquaint new senators and representatives with the evacuation claims problems, the Washington JACL Office said.

Five years ago, Dr. Alexis Ree, a native of Korea who was raised in Japan and graduated from Kyoto Imperial University, assisted the Salt Lake JACL by writing publicity material and letters in Japanese for its ADC drive.

He is now professor of chemistry at the Univ. of Utah and is seen with members of his family, his wife, Francis, 18; Bernadette, 19; Teresa, 17; and Joan, 9.

—Photo Courtesy: Salt Lake Tribune

## Christmas Eve pops concert honors Korean educator, family separated 6½ years; helped Salt Lake ADC drive

By ALICE KASAI

Salt Lake City

For the first time, the Republic of Korea is utilizing her quota of 100 as five Korean natives were admitted to the United States to live in Salt Lake City, thanks to the McCarran Bill.

Memories of separation and suffering were vanished for Dr. Alexis Ree, professor of chemistry at the Univ. of Utah, his wife and four children, at a Christmas Eve "pops" concert in their honor at the Taber-

saki's real estate office or at the Nichibei Times branch during office hours.

**Orange County JACL:** Membership drives in the chapter and 1000 Club are underway, it was announced by Ken Uyesugi, president, with the appointment of Fred Misuzawa and Elden Kanegae, respectively.

nacle.

For music-loving Dr. Ree, the evening was an appropriate climax to the first Christmas season the Catholic family has celebrated together in more than six years.

#### List Too Long

Dr. Ree had been trying to get his son Francis in Japan to join him in the United States, but the waiting list was too long, so he had his wife and four children, all Japan born, go to Korea and be admitted on the Korean immigrants' quota.

Because the Korean government is reluctant to have their subjects leave the country, there were few quota applicants, it was explained.

Four or five years ago when George Mochizuki was president of the Salt Lake JACL, Dr. Ree assisted in the ADC drive on several occasions, by writing letters and publicity material in Japanese, and by attending benefit movies and various functions held by the chapter. His command of Jap-

anese was of great aid to the chapter. Dr. Ree now looks forward to becoming a naturalized U. S. citizen.

#### Joins Utah Faculty

Dr. Ree, a native of Korea raised in Japan, was graduated from Kyoto Imperial University where he later taught chemistry. After World War II, he accepted an invitation of the U. S. military government to return to Korea and become dean of arts and sciences at the Univ. of Utah faculty, planning to bring his family to this country from Seoul.

But the Korean war prevented the move. It was not until Sept. 24—after six and a half years—that the family was reunited in Salt Lake City. They live at 1260 Second East.

It may have been coincidental that the recent Pacific Citizen Holiday Issue featured the final ADC report and the Salt Lake Tribune reported the reunion of the Ree family. It was good to recall Dr. Ree's contribution to the ADC.

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## ★ SCENE FROM THE GOLDEN GATE ★

## PNW Tour Finis

★ HARUO ISHIMARU ★

First of all, I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas and we wish you a somewhat belated but nevertheless, hearty New Year. It's a good thing that Harry Honda, our hard working editor, is such a good natured fellow otherwise I would probably be quartered and hung for missing his special holiday deadlines.

At any rate, I hope I'm back to making the deadlines again especially since the Pacific Citizen is back to a regular schedule.

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## Three more chapter prospects

In my last report, I discussed the first half of my assignment to the Pacific Northwest. Since then I have visited the members of the Portland, Gresham-Troutdale and Mid-Columbia Chapters in Oregon and ran into some fairly frigid weather even for a San Franciscan. Presidents of these Chapters are respectively Dr. MITSUO NAKATA, TOSHIO OKINO and RAY SATO.

On my way back from the last meeting in Oregon with the Mid-Columbia Chapter in Hood River, I returned back to Seattle by way of Yakima, and met with some fellows in that area to discuss the possibilities of starting a new Chapter or really reactivating the pre-war Yakima Valley Chapter. It seems that there is considerable interest and with a little prodding, the Chapter may be started in this area.

After returning back to Seattle, I met with the Jackson Street Lions Club of Seattle which is a practically all Nisei Club and represents quite a cross section of the Nisei business and professional men of the City.

My last official session in the Pacific Northwest was to meet with some officers of the Seattle Chapter on Dec. 22 and to scout the possibilities of reactivating the White River Valley Chapter, which is in the Kent-Auburn cities, south of Seattle. All in all, as far as potentialities for new Chapters are concerned it seems that with some help, three Chapters are in sight in the Pacific Northwest: Quincy, Yakima Valley, and White River Valley area.

It was a great pleasure visiting our good JACLers in the Pacific Northwest and doubly enjoyable because I took my family along and parked them with Yoshiko's sister and brother-in-law, the SAM HOKARIS of Seattle. (Both Yoshito and I claim Seattle as our hown town; Yoshi being evacuated from there although I left way back in 1933). Baby JACLYN had a grand time with her cousins.

Best wishes to the Pacific Northwest chapters and their members. We hope that 1955 will be a year of great progress for them.

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## Our deepest regrets

Although more eloquent pens than mine will pay tribute to Dr. GALEN FISHER who passed away last Sunday, I know that I echo the sorrows of his many friends all over the world at his recent passing.

I had the opportunity to get acquainted with him while we both served on the "faculty" at Cazadero, the Northern California summer camp of the Congregational Christian Churches. We were both members of this great Christian denomination. I had heard a great deal of him by reputation, and I certainly found it an inspiration to work together with this man who had devoted his whole life in serving Christ and his fellow men. His works and his courage during the days of tribulation for the Japanese Americans will never be forgotten by his many Nisei and Issei friends.

Galen Fisher was truly one of God's great noble men!

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Honolulu singer looms  
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Tokyo

Honolulu-born singer James Shigeta, who sang in Hollywood and New York night clubs, after appearing on the Nichigeki stage, is winning popularity among Japanese feminine audiences. He is expected to be one of the most popular singers in Japanese entertainment circles in 1955.

Twenty-four years old, he is an English literature graduate from City College of New York, and began his singing career after winning in an amateur program four years ago.

## IN HONOR OF

Effie Frank Kawahara, mechanical engineer at the U.S. Naval Radiological Defense Laboratory in San Francisco, was cited by the Navy for his part in decontaminating a radioactive building in Canada and helping in the recovery from the situation created at Canada's Chalk River atomic energy project. Although the breakdown occurred in December, 1952, details were only released recently.

Henry Yamaga, proprietor of a Norwalk (Calif.) supermarket, was elected into the Norwalk Chamber of Commerce board of director recently. He is also active in the Rotary.

Ethel Yanaru, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shigeo Yanaru, 746 Sherman St., Denver, was acclaimed Miss Bussei of 1955. She is senior student in art education at Denver University, stands 5 ft. 2 in., and weighs 110 lbs. Coronation took place at the Tri-State Young Buddhist League conference Dec. 19 at the Cosmopolitan Hotel.

Bill Nakahara, W6GHI, 1727 Laguna St., San Francisco, was elected to the board of directors of the S.F. Radio Club.

Sgt. 1/c Shigeru Sugaya, son of Mrs. Yone Sugaya, Murray, Wash., was awarded the Bronze Star for battle action in World War II, while assigned with the 442nd RCT on or about May 1, 1945 in ceremonies last month at Ft. Douglas. He has been in service 11 years, having achieved a 1st Lt. commission in the Korean hostilities.

Kange Shirata was appointed assistant engineer in the Salt Lake City water department and is stationed at the City Creek Canyon water treatment plant.

## 1955 directory

San Francisco

The 1955 edition of the Nichi Bei Times directory, 612 pages thick, is available at \$1.75 postpaid from the Nichi Bei Times, PO Box 3098, San Francisco 19. Over 15,000 names are listed.

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## ★ SMOGLITES ★

## New Year's Eve

By MARY OYAMA ★

New Year in Honolulu seemed more like Fourth of July. Premature firecrackers popped intermittently while summary weather prevailed all through December. We were still running around in cotton clothing minus hats, sweaters, or stockings. Down on the beach in front of the Manoa hotel, a well dressed family consisting of parents and two teen-aged sons was "celebrating". The mother watching from a nervous distance, the father kibitzing, and the boys (who reminded us of our own sons back home) made with the fire-crackers and punks.

As we watched, the father who could no longer contain himself decided to show his boys the proper method of igniting but something went awry and they fizzled or popped at the wrong time. The older teen-ager whereupon threw up his hands in disgust, grabbed away the punk from his father and scolded, "Oh you DOPE!"

Just like modern kids.

On the sea-wall by the giant banyan tree two sedate and almost prim-looking women, one middle-aged and the other late thirtyish were carrying on a mild flirtation with two lone-some young soldiers. We gathered the impression that women whom one could easily imagine as filing-clerks or bookkeepers, were on a vacation and being far from home, were acting bolder than usual. They were in the mood for a sort of "pickup" since it was New Year's Eve and they were lonely.

The boys in uniform also appeared lonely, like nice kids, and obviously considerably younger than the women—one late twenties and his companion in the younger twenties. They were glad for any sort of home talk. The older chap's face was flushed from more drink than that of the younger, and he kept insisting that the party "go for a walk". The women preferred to sit romantically in the banyan's shadow "to watch the sunset" but he kept muttering, "Come on, c'm on, let's go down to the Royal Hawaiian . . ."

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## The Waikiki Tavern

Had we been young, foot-loose and fancy-free, it might have been fun to hie down to the bar at the far end of the Moana's verandah to flirt with the dashing officers but since we were happily married and the mother of three, we were content with the maternal role of taking our nine-year-old "adventuring". We dressed for dinner in informally dressy duds and went to the nearby Waikiki Tavern just in time to see cops making a half-hearted token arrest of some young sailors who had been playing wire fire crackers. "Poor fellows, Bambi commented sympathetically, as five boys were hauled away in the patrol wagon, "they have to spend New Year's in jail!"

Within the Tavern were numerous handsome young servicemen both soldiers and sailors, gay but not boisterous and well behaved. Nearby stood a tourist with the loudest and prettiest Hawaiian shirt we'd ever seen: it was bright sun-yellow with the huge design of a hummu-hummu fish in shoutin' turquoise blue. At an adjoining table, another tourist considerably in his cups attempted to flirt with the Nisei waitress by addressing her as "Zippy" and trying to catch her hand as she passed his table. She cleverly eluded him with poker-faced dignity, completely ignoring him . . .

Lugubriously he turned his eyes to the other waitresses, "Hey, isn't ANYBODY gonna talk to me?" then focussing his orbs in our direction . . . "What d'ya know . . . a BALLERINA! Now, YOU talk to me . . ." We tried to ignore him but he persisted, "please someone talk to me," so finally we inquired, "Are you SOBER?" and ignored him for the rest of evening. Everybody laughed good-naturedly, even the waitresses.

Meanwhile, a shy quiet teen-aged sailor with a large group of servicemen, who appeared to be on his first away-from-home celebration was becoming more flushed and extroverted with each successive drink of beer. Upon our departure after the meal, he surprised us by cheerily greeting us with a beaming "Happy New Year!" When we admonished him not to get hauled away by the Shore Patrol he assured us solemnly, "Don't worry, honey, I won't. I WON'T!"

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## A Hair-Raising Adventure (?)

Back under the banyan tree in the shadows of the Moana we saw more policemen confiscating fire crackers here and there, again in token motions of trying to enforce an unpopular law. We tried to look as innocent as possible but Bambi who did not see The LAW in the darkness exclaimed in a loud defiant voice, "Doggone those nasty old cops . . . who do they think they are?" We shuddered.

Swishing the sand off our skirts we dashed back to our room at the Surf, and a moment later Bambi yelled from the bathroom, "Help, Mommie, help, a centipede!" (We had just changed a moment before from dress-up clothes to lounging clothes.) But there IT was wiggling from bathroom to bedroom, from closet to under the dresser. Ye gods! Frantically we called management while Bambi screamed from the top of the bathtub. The hotel manager was incredulous about a centipede being up on the seventh floor but promised to dispatch a maid immediately.

During the interim we recalled something stickly having poked our knee, like a twig or dried leaf, and we remembered having brushed off our skirt as we walked away from the giant banyan tree. Evidently the centipede had crawled up along the outside of our slip and nestled cozily just under our tight-fitting cinch belt. It had been rudely tossed to the cold bathroom floor when we changed . . .

In dashed the brave Nisei maid: "Where's the centipede?" then moving the dresser as we pointed, and as the ugly creature crawled out, "were you outside under the trees?" We nodded. With the aplomb of a veteran she nonchalantly scrunched it underfoot, "Must have crawled up on you. Don't worry . . ." (picking the Thing up with kleenex and dropping it into the wastebasket) . . . "these Hawaiian centipedes have painful bites but are not deadly or poisonous."

We were so unnerved by this hectic adventure that we changed our minds about going out to watch the dancing under

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## Nisei prep all-America selections-announced

Los Angeles

Coaches and sportswriters in various sectors of the country aided in the second annual Shin Nihonsei selection of the high school Nisei All-America, Geo. Yoshinaga, sports editor of the New Japanese American News, recently disclosed.

Ends—Ted Uyeda, Antelope Valley Tackles—Ray Kawano, Oceanside; Kei (Calif.); Jerry Kamiya, Santa Maria; Higa, Citrus High; Guards—Sei Sugiyama, El Cerrito; Stan Ruruta, Los Angeles High; Center—Charles Inagaki, North High, Denver; Quarterback—Jim Kobashi, Glendale (Ariz.); Halfbacks—Hideki Hamamoto, Pasadena; Milton Nishida, Farrier; Fullback—Kent Ikeda, San Mateo.

## Sacramento CL bowling tourney slated Feb. 12-13

Sacramento

The sixth annual Sacramento JACL and Nisei Bowling Association handicap tournament will be held Feb. 12-13 at Alhambra Bowl, it was announced by Bill Matsumoto and Stirling Sakamoto. Participation is limited to JACL members. Entry deadline is Feb. 1.

Fees for team, singles and doubles are \$4 per event and \$1 for all-events. The 1953-54 blue book averages will be used. The highest known average of Jan. 1 will be used if no book average is available.

Forms are available from Matsuto Fujii, 522 "O" St.

## 700 SERIES ROLLED BY TAKA ASABA OF SEATTLE

Seattle

The first 700 series in Seattle Nisei bowling history was posted by Taka Asaba Dec. 21 while rolling in the Nisei Commercial League at Main Bowl. He strung a 259, 204, 242 for a 705.

## Oregon Nisei bowling tourney winners named

Portland

Kaz Yamazaki of Seattle snared the all-events honor at the recent Oregon Nisei Bowling Tournament with 1718, nosing out George Saito of Ontario who closed with 1713.

Seventh Ave. Service of Seattle won the team title with 2806. Other champions were:

Singles—George Saito, 643; Doubles—Mixed—Takako Inukai-Ken Namba, Joe Asahara, Mako Yaguchi, 1162; 1076; Women's singles—Rose Namba, 885; Doubles—Lila Quan-Rose Namba, 1122; Team—Bamboo Gardens, 2643; All-Events—Kathleen Sasaki (hcp), 1632; Lois Yut (scr) 1510.

✓ Sachio Kuse, formerly a free-lance writer for the Nippon Times, is assistant director of Chicago's Japanese American Service Committee.

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## SPORTSCOPE

### Football

Olivia Semba, San Mateo high guard, was named to the first team of the All-North Coast and second team of the All-Northern California prep eleven by the San Francisco Examiner. A four-year letterman, he was the only San Mateo to be placed on either squads. . . . **Hal Nakaji**, 150-lb. quarterback for San Jose James Lick High, earned a spot on the second team of the All-Santa Clara Valley League eleven as picked by league coaches. . . . **Takeo Hirahara**, rookie quarterback for Hartnell J.C. of Salinas, was named to the all-Coast J.C. team. . . . **Kent Ikeda** and Semba of San Mateo were named to the All-Peninsula Athletic League 1st string and **Dick Takaki** of Palo Alto on the second string squad as tackle. Halfback Ikeda tallied 42 points this season.

### Baseball

**Fibber Hirayama**, Fresno State star athlete and outfielder with the Stockton Ports before going into service, is planning to join Japanese professional baseball with the Hiroshima Carps. He would join two other Nisei, **Kenishi Zenimura** and **Ben Mitsuyoshi**, both of Fresno now home on vacation.

### Golf

**Frank Hattori**, 8-handicapper, won the Golfer of the Year honors of Puget Sound Golf Club of Seattle. **George Shimizu** heads the group in 1953. . . .

## PRESS FILE:

**BUSSEI REVIEW** — Haruo Yamaoka succeeds Irene Kubo as editor of the Bussei Review, official publication of the Central California YBA, published monthly at Fresno.

A factor . . . Just a year ago I was feverishly writing articles about Nisei's role in cementing friendship between Japan and America — highly ambitious and somewhat illusory. That was shortly after I made a quick sentimental trip to Japan. I had only to learn that in Japan, an average Nisei is stereotyped, at worst, an impertinent and brash individual in a loud, brazen sport shirt with little or no culture of any kind and whose chief pastime is indulging in black market trade.

"These Nisei act as though they had no Japanese blood running through their veins" is the sort of comment made by the local people giving some clues as to what is to be expected of people of Japanese descent in the way of virtues. To some extent, a few Nisei still have that American Occupation hangover and the natives are quick to label Nisei as being 'namaiki.'

So, it seems enough for a Nisei to merely present a fairly honest, decent and mild front to impress the localities who would purr, "Ah, yapari Nihonjin da!"

—Jobo Nakamura, Crossroads

Denver

Those in the Denver area wishing help filling out the I-53 form (alien address report) are invited to come to the JACL office, 1225-20th St., during the weekday, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Necessary forms are available, announced Min Yasui, regional representative.

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Sumi Takemura, 18, of Los Angeles was selected "Miss Spirit of New Year 1955" at the Nisei Veterans Association New Year's Eve dance at the Biltmore. She is a student at Los Angeles City College. Former NVA executive secretary George Waki was photographer. —Cut courtesy Shin Nihonsei

## ★ THE SOU'WESTER ★

## A Flying Start

★ TATS KUSHIDA ★

JACL's role as a community service agency got off to a flying start in '55 with the chapters and offices extending a helping hand to non-citizen Issei who are still required by law to fill out the annual address report form, I-53.

A good many of the Issei we have helped out have mastodontic memories for they clearly remember the exact day when they arrived in the United States—and it averages about fifty years' ago! Some of them throw a Japanese calendar date at us when we ask for their birthdates, like Meiji hachi-nen (eighth year of Emperor Meiji).

Thanks to a conversion calendar provided by Empire Printing Co., we can easily figure that year to be 1875.

It's a good thing the Issei don't remember dates by the Japanese zodiac calendar, or we'd be stuck for sure. It's funny but oldtimers seem to share some affinity with each other if they were born in the same "toshi," such as the year of the sheep, which 1955 happens to be. We haven't calculated back to see what zodiacal beast we're a god-son to but we guess it to be a dragon or something.

Chapters are kicking off with the membership drives and installation programs. We look forward to attending several in the near future. First on tap will be a visit with the Arizona chapter which will hold an Issei Testimonial Banquet in honor of new citizens on January 15 at the Japanese community hall in Glendale. Principal guest and speaker at this affair will be Arizona's new governor, the Hon. Ernest McFarland, former Senate majority leader who helped JACL so much in its drive to secure naturalization for Issei. SAT TANITA is the 1955 prexy and has a fine cabinet to support him.

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### Christmas cheer

SUE TAKIMOTO JOE and spouse TOMIZO, appropriately monickered "Blow," are the proud parents of a Christmas Day baby, Randolph Williams, an eight pound, two-ouncer. Sue's association with JACL dates back to Pacific Northwest and Denver days but is probably most known for her work with the JACL Club Service Bureau and its annual Christmas Cheer program in L.A. Providence reciprocated and now she received Christmas cheer this time.

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### Condolences to the Wakamatsus

We extend sincere condolences to Chicagoan SHIG WAKAMATSU, national JACL 1000 Club chairman, whose father, JUTARO WAKAMATSU, passed away at the Japanese Hospital in Ellay on New Year's Eve. Shig's brother, JOE, who teaches school, and sister, Mrs. MARIE KOBAYASHI, are both in Los Angeles. Another sister, TICK SUYAMA, who was cheer leader at Hyde Park high school in Chicago, is now in Seattle.

Shig served a term as chairman of the Midwest District Council, and also was Chicago chapter prexy during our assignment in the Windy City. Sure rough on the Wakamatsus—their mother just passed away in November, '53. We're with you, Shig!

## Address report—

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during January 1955 are required to obtain and complete this report within 10 days after his return to the United States.

The Washington JACL Office urged all Issei who have not yet become naturalized American citizens to obtain and file this Alien Address Report at the first opportunity. Taking care

of this matter early in January 1955 will save the Issei from serious difficulty should he later forget to file this report.

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Because it was promised in the Holiday Issue, this is little Bennett inspecting his dad's tropical fish aquarium. Henry Mori had written on how to get a tropical fish tank started, but when it came time to make the press run, the picture was missing. Here's that picture.—Editor.

## LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER

# Five Headliners

By HENRY MORI

★ If we were to be asked today what five events in 1954 had the greatest public impact or interest, we would hesitate in naming them in any order since emotional factors differ with each individual.

For instance, a farmer in Wyoming may not be too concerned over what had happened last March in Bikini when the lethal H-bomb was dropped in the Pacific, and some 80 miles away from the center of the experimental target, 23 Nipponese fishermen on board the Lucky Dragon were dusted with the deadly radioactive ashes.

But an office worker earning his livelihood under the shadow of the Los Angeles City Hall would naturally stir uneasy in his seat. The metropolis is too vulnerable for open attack.

And the morbid foul air, filled with smog, may not affect those who have the good fortune of residing in clear air outside of the stench area.

The average Li'l Tokio resident would probably come up with the following five if they were to be queried: (1) smog problems; (2) H-bomb in Bikini, (3) Issei participation in the elections for the first time, (4) mass naturalization ceremony on Veterans Day at the Hollywood Bowl, and (5) tabling of the Hawaii Statehood in Congress (July).

Of the five, three were discouraging and bad and the two favorable.

To the hundreds of former aliens of Japanese ancestry, speed-up in the naturalization program last year was a God-send. In one Veterans Day mass ceremony on Nov. 11 at the Hollywood Bowl were 1024 Issei. They were among the 8000 who became citizens that day.

For the first time, scores of them who were naturalized before that time went to the polls to vote. We gave notice to the Nisei they were just as serious about government affairs as the next citizen.

Disheartened but not completely given up were many Japanese Americans here and in Hawaii who campaigned vigorously to get the mid-Pacific island into statehood.

Their battles start anew when Congress opens for business again this month. It still rates top priority on the National JACL's program, since the successful passage of the McCarran Act in 1952.

★ We were guests of Harry Fujita, insurance man, at his California Western States Life Insurance Co. office on New Year's day in Pasadena to view the 66th annual Tournament of Roses parade.

The congenial host is an active member of the Downtown chapter JACL and past president of the organization. Fujita kept his more than a dozen guests happy in his warm second-floor office.

Just as a matter of record, it rained that day in Pasadena—a not too frequent thing, according to their Chamber of Commerce public relations official.

Our son, Bennett, who is ready to raise havoc with the tropical fish again, almost lost himself on Colorado St. when a two-prong mob of spectators crashed through the intersection.

If we sound a little bit personal in our last few paragraphs, it's because we've had one of the best New Year's day treats to date. Harry, how about baby insurance?

★ And speaking about babies, Mrs. Tomizo Joe, nee Sue Takimoto, of Long Beach, gave birth to a son on Christmas Day. We just mention this because we've known Sue for a long time and Tomizo is new president of the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL.

## Smogmites—

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the giant banyan and went to bed early. About quarter of midnight we were awakened by fire crackers. At 12, the whole sky burst into the most beautiful and spectacular sight we'd ever witnessed as every home in Honolulu simultaneously set off: fire crackers, fire works, guns, pistols, rockets, and cherry-bombs. From sea level beachfront to the highest home on top of the mountain heights, all up and down the slopes and in the valleys, geysers of fire and shooting stars, thundered and boomed. This amazing display continued for about 20 minutes as we gazed in open-mouthed awe.

Finally as the last romancandle flickered out, a drunk down the street seven floors below wafted up to the tune of "Happy Birthday to You": "Happy New Year to you, happy new year to you! Happy New Year deer pee-ee-pul . . . Happy new year to youoooo . . ."

## Salow—

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idents with a year's subscription.

### Attention, Chapter Secretaries

Newly elected Chapter Secretaries will note that National Headquarters would like to have copies of the minutes of various Chapter meetings. We realize that this makes extra work for you, but this is the best way to keep Headquarters posted on what is happening or about to happen in your local chapter.

In the past, National Headquarters has been able to be of real assistance to chapters through these minutes by anticipating needs, clarifying policies, making suggestions, sending helpful material, as well as passing helpful ideas on to other chapters.

### 'Home Again'

Chapters will be receiving flyers of a new book about the evacuation written in novel form by James Edmiston. Edmiston's experience as a WRA resettlement officer in the Santa Clara Valley area and his close associations with the Issei and the Nisei have produced "Home Again," published by Doubleday and Co., and which will appear Jan. 20. Mike Masaoka is high in his praise of the book which he characterized as "having guts," but Edmiston gives credit to persons on Japanese ancestry and modestly insists that "the book practically wrote itself."

It will sell for \$4, but JACLers may obtain copies through National Headquarters at the special price of \$3. Several motion picture producers are interested in filming the story depending upon its public reception.

### Dr. Galen M. Fisher

With the passing this week of Dr. Galen M. Fisher, we have lost one of our staunchest friends and trusted counselors. We are glad that the project nearest to his heart, that of rebuilding the YMCA's in Japan, elicited support from both Buddhists and Christians as a personal tribute to him.

Persons of Japanese ancestry in America probably owe more to him than to any other individual for his courage and statesmanship during the dark war years.

It was he who gave impetus to the Pacific Coast Committee for American Principles of Fair Play, and his series of articles in the "Christian Century" disseminated the correct facts about us and rallied the support of the Christian Church people of this country to our cause, undoubtedly the single organized group upon which we could count.

Through his 57 years of doing good, including 22 years in establishing the YMCA in Japan, the deep impact of his experiences in helping us out is reflected in his humble acknowledgment of JACL's congratulations upon his being named recipient of the Benjamin Ide Wheeler Award as Berkeley's outstanding Citizen in 1953:

"None of the congratulatory telegrams that I have received touched me more than yours in behalf of the JACL. As you know even better than I, it was a hard unpopular fight that we had to fight during the war, and the courage and wisdom shown by the leaders of the League were among the chief factors in achieving some of the gains. Your message is all too generous as to my part in the struggle, but I shall treasure it as coming from loyal friends and allies in the long campaign for genuine Americanism which still continues, although the public recognition of the loyalty of the Nisei must give you all great satisfaction, slow though it was in coming."

Among the letters we have kept are those which he penned us during the war years giving us encouragement and telling of the progress of the "struggle." Galen Fisher's trust in God and his faith in his fellowmen will always be an inspiration to those of us who were privileged to know him.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### LOS ANGELES BIRTHS

HAMANE—Nov. 15, a girl to the Tadashi Hamanes, Pasadena.  
HARADA—Nov. 16, a boy to the Ki-yoshi Haradas, Long Beach.  
HASHIMURA—Oct. 16, a girl Ellen Gayle to the Masato Hashimuras (Kim Gloria Ishihara).  
HASHITSUME—Nov. 14, a girl to the Kazuo Hashitsumes, Sierra Madre.  
IKADA—Sept. 25, a boy Alvin Hidemi to the Hidemi Ikadas (Sarry Fujimto).  
IMURA—Oct. 17, a boy John Toshio to the Taugio Imuras (Elko Nofiri).  
KAKEHASHI—Nov. 12, a boy Robert Kevin to the Hideo Kakehashis (Mae Kageyama), Santa Monica.  
KAMI—Oct. 11, a boy Edward Toshiaki to the Oscar T. Kamis (Fumiyo Inabu).  
KATO—Oct. 20, a girl Sandra Yoko to the Tadao Katos (Mariko Yamasaki).  
KAWAMOTO—Oct. 13, a boy Brice Hitoshi to the Michael Hitosh Kawamotos (Michiko Sakamoto).  
KAWASHIMA—Nov. 17, a girl to the Robert E. Kawashimas, Pasadena.  
MATSUSHIMA—Oct. 12, a boy David Paul to the James J. Matsushimas (Alice Jitsuko Nakano).  
MITCHELL—Oct. 15, a boy John Ralph to the Walter S. Mitchells (Florence Shinobu Koga).  
NAKAMURA—Oct. 14, a girl Patricia Mio to the Don Utaka Nakamuras (Chieko Yoshii).  
OGAWA—Oct. 15, a boy John Thomas to the Kei Ogawas (Tazuko Yamamoto).  
OKITA—Sept. 28, a boy Peter James to the Hiroshi Okitas (Tove Takahashi).  
OKURA—Oct. 12, a girl Faith Lynn to the Yoshiro Frank Okuras (Irene Yoshiko Hiraga).  
OMORI—Oct. 13, a girl Sharon Tomiko to the George Kazumi Omoris (Sally Sawako Nakano), Montebello.  
SATO—Oct. 8, a boy Thomas Takeji to the Takeo Satos (Satsuko Uyeno).  
SHIMOKAJI—Oct. 18, a boy Michael Alan to the Kiyoshi Shimokajis (Chieko Umeno).  
SHIROISHI—Oct. 16, a girl Debra Masumi to the Fumio T. Shiroishis (Shizuye Ishida).  
SUGITA—Nov. 12, a girl to the I. L. Sugitas, Long Beach.  
SUMIDA—Oct. 16, a boy William Yukio to the William Yutaka Sumidas (Clara Chiyeko Harada).  
TAKAMATSU—Oct. 16, a boy Gary Curtis to the Toshio Takamatsus (Emiko Hamel).  
TATSUMI—Nov. 11, a boy to the B. T. Tatsumis, Compton.  
WHANG—Oct. 16, a girl Lorene Jo to the Joseph Whangs (Hiroko Takamine).  
YAJIMA—Oct. 17, a girl Lillian Midori to the Robert Takeshi Yajimas (Teruko Arai).  
YAMAMOTO—Oct. 8, a girl Karen Kikuko to the Michio M. Yamamotos (Madelon Reiko Arai).  
YAMATE—Oct. 12, a girl Dawn Aiko to the George Masato Yamates (Kazuko Ikuta), Compton.

## Father of Cler dies

Los Angeles

Jutaro Wakamatsu, father of Shig Wakamatsu, National JACL 1000 Club chairman, past chairman of the Midwest District Council and past president of the Chicago chapter, died suddenly on New Year's Eve at the Japanese Hospital here.

The deceased, of Aichi Ken, was 73. A widower since November, 1953, he is survived by four children: Shig of Chicago, Joe Wakamatsu, Mrs. Marie Kobayashi of Los Angeles, and Mrs. Toshiya Suyama of Seattle.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the Japanese Baptist Church, East Second and Evergreen.

## Father of writer dies

Denver

Funeral services were held Dec. 28 for George S. Shiohita, 67, longtime resident of Blanca, and father of Mrs. Tay Kondo, associate English editor, Colorado Times. He is survived by four sons also.

## Japan population rising

Tokyo

The population of Japan is still soaring. Last Oct. 1, it was estimated at 88,290,000 by the statistics bureau of the Premier's office. Women outnumbered the men, 100 to 96.6.

The old campus belief was that the professor threw the examination papers down the stairs and graded them according to which step they landed on. Obviously impossible in these days when faculty members live in ranch houses.

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## Honda—

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this . . . And D. K. said it was played with a sagging net against a side of barn with slits which, when hit by the ball, meant points.

★ As flamboyant a day might be, I felt one resolution which would prove ideal in this instance could be: learn something new every day . . . And I did.

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## EDITORIALS

### Land reform

What appeared to be an unfortunate set of circumstances has been eased. The action of Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson in recalling one of the most useful Americans in Asia — Wolf Ladejinski — from his post in Tokyo was followed by his acceptance to head a land reform program in Vietnam for Foreign Operations Administration.

Congressman Judd, a staunch foe of communism and former medical missionary in China, regards Ladejinski as one who has done more than anyone else in the land reform of Japan. We are happy to note security stigmas can be ameliorated.

### 84th Congress

Between Christmas and New Year, a good number of news commentators on radio and in the press were predicting of things to come in the 84th Congress that opened this week in Washington. And many of the predictions were saddening, pointing to the President being of one party and Congress controlled by the other.

Yet history does not uniformly support such pessimism. An item-by-item resume of Eisenhower's program appears to dispel some of the gloom.

Consolidation and strengthening of the anti-Communist world has been the President's keystone in foreign policy. His domestic policy appears designed to appeal to the moderate elements of both parties.

One recent example of divided government should be remembered: the Republican 80th Congress during President Truman's administration that passed the basic evacuation claims law.

While the majorities either way is too slender to constitute a mandate in the Senate, subject to possible elimination at any time by the death or incapacity of a single member, the 84th Congress may well be one of the most bipartisan or non-partisan in years.

There is no big reason why Congress could not get along well with the Chief Executive who has always shunned partisanship. His norm has been "what is good for America".

An anthropologist reports that American fathers show an amazing amount of interest in their young children. Well, somebody who is standing in your lap forcing pieces of a scrabble set into your mouth while you are trying to read the paper naturally arouses your interest.

## FROM THE FRYING PAN

By Bill Hosokawa

### Polish Overtones

Denver  
Anyone among the several readers of this column understand Polish? Reason is, somehow I got on the mailing list of "Everybody's Daily," also known as Dziennik Dla Wszystkich which is reputed to be America's largest Polish language newspaper. Their letter begins as follows:

"Drodzy Rodacy:  
"Narod polski znany jest ze swego wielkiego przywiązania do języka Oczystego, obyczajów, kultury i tradycji Polskich. Te zaszczytne zalety narodo polskiego z wielkim poświęceniem pielęgnują 'Dziennik dla Wszystkich', który z tego powodu cieszy się Wielkim zaufaniem i poczytnością."

Then there are four more paragraphs of equally lucid prose, brought to an end by the signature of Adolph Cepura who is identified as "Redaktor." I gather Mr. Cepura is trying to sell me a subscription to his newspaper, but he's not going to get very far unless he has an English section.

Mystery is how Hosokawa happened to get on a Polish mailing list. The name has been spelled in a variety of original ways, including O'sokawa, by well-meaning correspondents but we hadn't suspected it had Polish overtones. Wonder if Louise Suski of Chicago has been honored similarly by Dziennik Dla Wszystkich.

Among family names that got Nisei into predicaments is that of Charles Kambe of the Seattle Kambe. Charley was a freshman at the University of Washington when he got an invitation to a party at a fraternity house, or maybe it was a sorority. Charley figured it was a mistake, sororities and fraternities being off limits for Nisei back in those days. But just out of curiosity he showed up and identified himself. As Kambe tells it, a look of horror spread over the face of the fellow (or maybe it was a girl) that answered the door when he/she saw that Charley wasn't an



Denver  
The other night television—the Theatre Guild's United States Steel hour on ABC-TV, to be exact—presented a cheerful comedy on Japanese manners called *Presento*, which co-starred Shirley Yamaguchi with Don Taylor and Pat Crowley. Although it was, in itself, a projection of some shopworn Japanese stereotypes, *Presento* was good-natured enough not to evoke offense.

The plot, what there was of it, concerned an ex-GI turned writer who has been campaigning for equal rights for Japanese women in the Occupation Nippon of 1946. In appreciation, a Japanese organization presents the writer (Don Taylor) with a gift, a real live girl named Toshiko and, as George Gobel would say, "you can hardly get that kind no more." Anyway, Toshiko arrives at Taylor's Tokyo hotel room only a few minutes before his fiancée from the United States (Pat Crowley) docks in Yokohama. The resulting mixup is straight out of the Broadway farces of the *Up in Mabel's Room* and *Getting Gertie's Garter* genre, except that *Presento* does wind up with an effective tea ceremony scene which has something to say about the tranquility of the spirit, and a nod of respect for a treasured custom of a foreign country. All of the problems in *Presento* apparently are solved through the tea ceremony which Miss Yamaguchi conducts. Personally, however, we'll have to confess we found the tea ceremony to be pretty dull stuff, the only time we were exposed to it—but then Miss Yamaguchi wasn't pouring.

In the TV romp around the Tokyo hotel, which was written for television by Joseph Julian, Hans Conreid, one of the better TV-radio-movie actors, was splendid in the role of the French attaché who stayed on in Japan to marry a girl named Kimiko, and who served as interpreter between Taylor and Miss Yamaguchi. Conreid's handling of the Japanese language probably shamed a lot of Nisei who certainly can't speak it as well as he. Stephen Cheng played Sato, the young man who was in love with Toshiko, and Kikuya Yoshiwara, a veteran of the New York stage, was Nakagawa, the man who brings Toshiko to Taylor as a *presento*.

In her TV debut in the United States, Miss Yamaguchi was effective in a role which was not too demanding. She probably will make many more TV appearances, although her time in the immediate future will be taken

Anglo-Saxon type. Charley muttered "So sorry" in his best Charley Chan manner and went about his business.

Fortunately, Kambe survived this mortification and is now a more than somewhat successful physician and surgeon in Philadelphia, Pa. His patients don't ask Dr. Kambe where his Pa and Ma came from, either.

About the time of the Kambe episode mentioned above, there used to be a girl of Finnish descent named Maki attending Garfield High school in Seattle. Since a good many Nisei kids went to Garfield, too, the editors of the Seattle English sections used to scan the school paper for Honor Roll listings. Miss Maki, who habitually made good grades, was probably the only Finnish-American to make the Nisei Honor Roll four years running.

This situation was further confused by a Nisei with the legal name of Jack McGillvery. Later, no doubt weary of answering questions and facing baffled expressions, he had his name changed to John McGillvery Maki. Dr. John M. Maki today is one of the top men of the University of Washington's Far East faculty.

Then there was the case of the two Dave Haras, also students at Garfield High. Dave Hara, Caucasian, stood about six-foot-four, and Dave Hara, Nisei, was a foot or so shorter. No end of confusion here.

Since the war, many a Nisei has had his name Anglicized for convenience sake. Best example I can think of right off is Dr. Newton Wesley of Chicago, who used to be Uyesugi back in Portland, Ore. This was largely a matter of self preservation since his patients tried to find him, unsuccessfully of course, in the telephone book under "O", "W" and anything but "U." The fact that Newton's father is a devout Methodist made the change a little easier for him to take.

## VAGARIES

By Larry Tajiri

### 'Presento'

up by a 20th Century Fox production which is temporarily titled *The Tokyo Story*. The studio already has sent a unit to Japan to take exteriors for the film, but the majority of the CinemaScope production will be filmed in Hollywood.

Miss Yamaguchi has had a remarkable career on two continents. Born in Manchuria of Japanese parents, she started her acting and singing career in Chinese dress and with the name Rikoran. As Bill Hosokawa recalls, it was not until she had established herself that it was revealed she was Japanese. She has been a star of Japanese films and recently completely a production in Hongkong. One of her major pre-World War II successes was in the picture, *Shina no Yoru*, in which she sang the song—later to be banned by the Japanese militarists—which became popular with GIs during the occupation.

Shirley Yamaguchi came to the United States in 1951 to make *Japanese War Bride* for Anson Bond. This picture, directed by King Vidor, also starred Don Taylor, of the recent *Presento*, as the ex-GI who brings the Japanese girl home to the Salinas valley of California where, according to the picture, race prejudice and the hate engendered by war, still exist. Whereas *Japanese War Bride* was dredged in the foreboding of incipient tragedy—although it did have a happy ending—the TV *Presento* is comedy, pure and simple.

Miss Yamaguchi also was signed for the leading role in the Broadway musical production of the Donn Byrne novel, *Messer Marco Polo*, but it was abandoned after rehearsals were under way, when the producers grew afraid that entry of the Chinese Communists into the Korean war would make a Broadway show with a Chinese background, however remote from the problems of today, unpopular with audiences.

After *Japanese War Bride* Miss Yamaguchi returned to Japan. She and Isamu Noguchi were married in 1951 in Tokyo, and have lived since that time in Japan and in Europe while awaiting approval of permission for Mrs. Noguchi to enter the United States as a permanent resident with her American-born sculptor husband. The Noguchis have now settled down in Manhattan, where Isamu recently had a successful exhibit of his recent works while wife Shirley was rehearsing for her bow on TV.

## MINORITY

Louisville, Ky.  
Carl Braden, copyreader for the Courier-Journal, was found guilty of sedition and sentenced Dec. 13 to serve 15 years in prison and fined \$5,000. Testimony showed Braden bought a house in an all-white neighborhood, then immediately transferred it to a Negro. Six weeks later, the house was damaged by what police described as a bomb explosion. The Negro family was not injured. The prosecution charged the explosion was part of a Communist plot to stir up racial trouble.

New York  
If sponsors of the proposed film, "The Birth of a Nation," based upon Thomas Dixon's novel, "The Clansman," which will be palatable to American Negroes in 1955, they will have performed a "miracle," the NAACP stated.

In response to a telegram protesting the remaking of the anti-Negro film, the producers have indicated a new script would be written and suggested a conference with west coast NAACP representatives. In the original novel, the Negro depicted as an ignorant, depraved animal; and the Klan held up as the proper weapon with which to control this animal.

## DECADE AGO

January 8, 1945

Front-line GIs condemn Hood River Legion; war correspondent (Gordon Gammack of Des Moines Register & Tribune) reports soldiers "bitterly angry" over reports of anti-Nisei prejudice.

Sec. of Interior Ickes urges Japanese Americans to leave camps for outside relocation.

Expose Teamster's Union of Los Angeles deal with produce exchange to exclude Nisei; Carey McWilliams reports of closed-shop agreement offered union by business interests.

Pittsburgh (Pa.) area leaders back Nisei relocation.

Hollywood World War II post of American Legion asks fair play for Japanese American group; bulletin points out constitutional questions involved in return of citizens of Japanese ancestry, no state can deny equal protection of law.

Anti-Japanese Association of Vacaville (Calif.) formed.

Maj. Gen. Henry C. Pratt, who announced army revocation of West Coast exclusion order of Japanese Americans, permanently assigned to command Western Defense Zone; succeeds Maj. Gen. Charles N. Bonesteel.

WRA debunks Hearst paper's story on evacuee relocation; no truth in New York Mirror's scare story, comments newspaper P.M. (Mirror had warned 60,000 Japanese evacuees were about to descend upon New York from relocation centers).

Mayor Lapham of San Francisco backs rights of evacuee group.

Southern California groups commend Gov. Warren's stand on return of Japanese Americans to California.

## CALENDAR

- Jan. 11 (Tuesday)  
Pasadena—Form Filling Service, 64 W. Del Mar.
- Jan. 14 (Friday)  
Fresno — March of Dimes dance, Rainbow Ballroom.
- Jan. 16 (Sunday)  
Parlier—Benefit Movies.
- Jan. 21 (Friday)  
San Francisco—Installation Banquet, William & Mary's (tentative).
- Jan. 22 (Saturday)  
Sequoia—Installation Banquet, Rick's Studio Inn.
- Sonoma County — Installation Banquet, Memorial Hall.
- L.A. Coordinating Council—Installation Ball, Inst. of Aero. Sciences, 7660 Beverly Blvd., 9 p.m.
- Feb. 13 (Sunday)  
PSWDC — Chapter Clinic, International Institute, 435 S. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles.