



ATTORNEY GENERAL ASKS CONGRESS TO DISMISS 17,500 YEN DEBT CLAIMS

Washington
Dismissal of all yen debt claims against the Office of Alien Property has been formally requested by the United States Attorney General, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

SOUTHLANDERS ENDORSE PLAN FOR BIG CLAIMS

Los Angeles
Support continued to mount this week for the recently organized Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims as its 16-point objectives (see below) were endorsed by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California and an increasing number of claimants.

Committee executive chairman, George Inagaki reported, "Every claimant with whom I discussed this program has readily endorsed and joined the committee," following a tour of Coachella Valley, Arizona, Imperial Valley and San Diego.

(In Washington, the committee has been registered as a special lobbying organization with Congress and Mike Masaoka as lobbyist.)

The committee is not affiliated with, nor a part of the JACL, although the JACL will generally support its objectives.

It was organized in response to requests from claimants that a special committee be formed to expedite payment of the remaining 3,000 claims for evacuation losses, amounts in excess of \$2,500. Nearly 20,000 "pots and pans" claims (under \$2,500) have been settled.

Los Angeles
Sixteen specific objectives of the Committee on Japanese Evacuation Claims were announced this week. They are:

1. Work for the speedy enactment of an expediting amendment, which would also permit claimants to select among adjudication procedure, compromise settlement or judicial determination by the Court of Claims.
2. Work to have so-called "internee" claims accepted as compensable.
3. Work to have the so-called conservation or management costs accepted as compensable.
4. Work to have standards of valuation, particularly on farm crops, revised upward.
5. Work to have fair rental value allowed.
6. Work to provide consideration of certain cumulative losses.
7. Work to have corporate business losses accepted as compensable.
8. Work to have charitable and non-profit corporations and organizations made eligible for claim under the law.
9. Work to have all claims postmarked prior to the Jan. 3, 1950, deadline accepted as timely filed.
10. Work to liberalize the Hillings Bill by providing that adjudications made by the Attorney General may be reviewed by the courts if claimants so desire.
11. Work to liberalize the Hillings Bill by removing the 75% ceiling on compromise settlements.
12. Work to liberalize the Hillings Bill to provide that claimants may reject a tendered compromise by the Department of Justice.
13. Work to liberalize the Hillings Bill by providing claimants a choice to transfer the claim to the Court of Claims.
14. Work to secure reversal of adverse precedents involving noncompensable items.
15. Work to secure early congressional approval of awards authorized by the government or Court of Claims.
16. Work to secure adequate administrative funds from Congress for administration work of the Department of Justice and/or the Court of Claims.

Mrs. Watson dies at 93

San Francisco
Mrs. Mattie Watson, 93-year-old mother of Annie Clo Watson, executive director of International Institute, died Jan. 24 at a San Francisco hospital. Miss Watson left with the remains by train for Uvalde, Tex., the family home.

mally requested by the United States Attorney General, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

In separate letters to the President of the Senate and to the Speaker of the House, Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., asked Congress to pass legislation which would terminate the government's liability sought in yen debt claims. He also submitted draft legislation to each house to assist in expediting the introduction of the dismissal bills.

Last year the Senate passed legislation similar to that requested now by the Attorney General, but the House failed to act on the bill before adjournment.

The new dismissal action was instituted earlier in this Congress and in both the House and the Senate at the same time in an obvious attempt to secure the necessary congressional approval this session.

Yen debt claims are those debt claims filed against the assets of pre-war Japanese banks which were located in the United States. These assets are now in the custody of the Office of Alien Property, an agency of the Dept. of Justice.

The government has contended that dismissal of the yen debt claims is justified because there are too many thousands of these claims and that the amounts in each claim are so small as to be administratively too expensive to process. They also say that the claimants can recover their funds in yen from the successor banks in Japan.

Passage of the Attorney General's bills would mean that the Office of Alien Property could automatically dismiss some 17,500 yen debt claims held by Issei and Nisei in the United States and Hawaii against the government. Then, the remainder would be to seek return of their ing recourse of the claimants funds in Japan at the post-war devalued yen rate, the government said.

Seek immigration quota of 100 for Okinawa, Ryukyus

Washington
Rep. Walter H. Judd (R., Minn.) has introduced a bill to provide Okinawa and the Ryukyu Islands a quota for immigration into the United States, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The bill would for the first time provide an annual immigration quota of 100 for the residents of these islands. The United States still maintains jurisdiction and administration over these islands, which were formerly a part of Japan.

At present, the residents of Okinawa and Ryukyu must seek admission into the United States through the heavily oversubscribed Japanese immigration quota.

Congressman Judd's bill would establish a separate quota for Okinawa and the Ryukyu Islands in order to help correct this situation of requiring residents of an American protectorate to seek entry into the United States under the Japanese quota. This bill would also serve to reduce some of the pressure on Japan's annual immigration quota of 185, which is currently oversubscribed for the next decade or more.

State Dep't ready to liberalize refugee relief law procedures

Washington
Hope was expressed that new State Department advisory opinions and regulations would allow the issuance of immigration visas under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 to victims of military operations and natural calamities in Japan by Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The Washington JACL Office revealed that, since Masaoka returned from his visit to Japan two weeks ago, he has conferred with State Department officials, including those charged with the administration of the program, Senate and House members who were instrumental in securing the amendment in 1953 to include Asians in the basic law, and

White House officials regarding the operations of the Act in Japan.

While in Japan, Masaoka had conferred with the American consuls general in Tokyo and Kobe and the consuls in Fukuoka and Yokohama, as well as with Japanese Foreign Office and prefectural officials, including the governors of Wakayama, Hiroshima, and Fukuoka, on this matter of the Refugee Relief Act.

Interpretations Strict

On his return, he reported that under the strict interpretations given to refugees, few, if any, Japanese would qualify for the benefits of the 1953 law.

Masaoka declared that the regulations appeared to be drafted to take care of Europeans but did not take into account the special situation in Japan.

He charged that Japanese traits of industry, integrity, family life, and willingness to help each other was being used to penalize bona fide refugees from being issued visas under the law that was intended to include Japanese among the 5,000 Asians mentioned in the legislation.

He said that the technical definitions used would permit only the beggars in the streets to emigrate to the United States.

Confers with Officials

Among State Department officials with whom Masaoka conferred were Herman Pheleger, legal adviser to the Secretary of State; Edward Corsi, recently appointed Special Assistant Secretary of State for Refugee and Migration Problems; and Roland W. Kenny, administrator of the program for the Far East.

The JACL representative stated that a special State Department conference had been called to discuss the problems in the operation of the Refugee Relief program and that, as a result of this conference, new advisory opinions had been drafted.

"While we would have preferred that the new opinions be even more liberal, at least they recognize the special situation in Japan and may allow the issuance of visas over there as intended by the Congress," Masaoka said.

New regulations in the light of the new advisory opinions are being drafted and should be ready for publication either this week or next, according to the JACL representative, who added that the Immigration and Naturalization Service had concurred in the new policies and program of the State Department.

Statehood issue Senate to air

Washington
Alaska and Hawaii statehood legislation will get a new airing before the Senate territories subcommittee starting next Monday.

The hearing, which chairman Jackson (D., Wash.), predicted would last "three to four days, not more than a week," was decided upon at a closed session of the full insular affairs committee last Monday.

Only government agency representatives from the two territories and persons who have not previously testified will be heard by the subcommittee, Jackson said.

HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEEMEN FOR 84TH CONGRESS ANNOUNCED

Washington
The House Judiciary Committee, which handles more JACL initiated and supported legislation than any other congressional committee, announced its membership for the 84th Congress.

Amendments to the evacuation claims law, as well as new and amendatory legislation pertaining to immigration, naturalization and civil rights, are referred to the House Judiciary Committee.

Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.) is new committee chairman, replacing the former Republican chairman, Chauncey W. Reed. Celler is considered a "liberal Democrat" and has been in continuous service since his first election to the 68th Congress in 1922.

Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.) is the ranking Democrat on the committee and chairman of Subcommittee One on Immigration and Nationality, a post which he also held during the 81st and 82nd Congresses. He succeeds Rep. Louis E. Graham (R., Pa.), who was defeated during the November elections, as chairman of this important Subcommittee.

Third in line of Democratic

seniority is Rep. Thomas J. Lane (Mass.), a member of the former Jonas Subcommittee on evacuation claims which held hearings in California last fall. Rep. Edgar A. Jonas (R., Ill.) was defeated in the last elections.

Rep. Chauncey W. Reed (Ill.), ranking Republican and former chairman of the full Judiciary Committee, has been a Member of Congress since the 74th Congress.

Other members of the Judiciary committee are:

DEMOCRATS

Re-elected — Michael A. Feighan (O.), Frank Chelf (Ky.), Edwin E. Willis (La.), James B. Frazier, Jr. (Tenn.), Peter W. Rodino, Jr. (N.J.), Woodrow W. Jones (N.C.), E. L. Forrester (Ga.), Byron G. Rogers (Colo.), and Harold D. Donohue (Mass.).

New — Sidney A. Fine (N.Y.), Jack B. Brooks (Tex.), William M. Tuck (Va.), Robert T. Ashmore (S.C.), James A. Quigley (Pa.), and Charles A. Boyle (Ill.).

REPUBLICANS

Re-elected — Kenneth B. Keating (N.Y.), William M. McCulloch (O.), Ruth Thompson (Mich.), Patrick J. Hillings (Calif.), Shepard J. Crumpacker, Jr. (Ind.), William E. Miller (N.Y.), Dean P. Taylor (N.Y.), Usher L. Burdick (N.D.), Laurence Curtis (Mass.), John M. Robison, Jr. (Ky.), and DeWitt S. Hyde (Md.).

New — Richard H. Poff (Va.) and Hugh Scott (Pa.).

First Nisei grand juror in Fresno empaneled, accepts job in humility

Fresno
Mrs. June Toshiyuki, 41, 1918 W. Kearney Blvd., was among 19 empaneled last week to the Fresno County grand jury. She was nominated by Superior Judge Edward Kellas.

She told a Fresno Bee reporter:

"I feel very grateful that someone of our race has been chosen. I'll try to do my best to fulfill the honor... My natural impression is that being appointed to the grand jury is certainly a very frightening thing. It really is an honor but I feel so incapable. I told Judge Kellas he was making a terrible mistake. I really lack experience. I don't know anything about civic duties. I feel so small about it. But I hope I'll be able to do something for our people."

"Possibly a lot can be done for the Japanese people through the welfare committee," she continued. "There are a number of unmarried men in their older years who are quite lost. One of the traits of the Japanese people is pride. They could be getting aid but they have not been getting it."

Judge Kellas said although he does not know Mrs. Toshiyuki well he has been assured she is a "representative of the civic minded people" in the Japanese American community.

"In the last two years we have acquired a large segment of Japanese citizens," Judge Kellas said. "In my opinion they

form a big enough group so they should be recognized."

Mrs. Toshiyuki is a native of Salinas. She and her husband, Michio, a West Fresno druggist, have lived in Fresno since their marriage in 1934. They have two children, 19 and 13 years of age.

Yuba City

Masanobu Oji, former Marysville JACL president and local Nisei area leader, was among 19 members empaneled to the 1955 Sutter County grand jury.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ryoji Oji of Sacramento operates a 2,000-acre produce farm with his brothers Henry and Noboru. He is active in community work, serving on a local school board and is a director for the State Tomato Growers Association.

Hollister

George Nishita, veteran JACLer of San Benito County, will serve on the law committee of the 1955 term on the San Benito County grand jury. He is the first postwar Nisei to be selected.

Federal grand juror

San Francisco

While Nisei are being named for the first time to several California county grand juries this year, Masahide Nonaka is now serving a four-month term as member of the federal grand jury here, it was reported in the Nichi Bei Times.

Washington Newsletter

MIKE M. MASAOKA

Formosa Resolution

Without doubt, the most important congressional action of the present session to date is the near-unanimous approval given to the President's request for a "blank check" in the so-called defense of Formosa.

As a matter of history, this may go down as the most significant action of this administration, especially if it achieve its objective of stabilizing the situation in the Far East and preserving the peace in the Pacific.

A reversal of President Theodore Roosevelt's historic "walk softly but carry a big stick" admonition, it is based

upon the premise with which many historians agree, that World Wars I and II and the Korean incident would not have occurred had the enemies known in advance that the United States would fight to defend those principles in which we believe.

If the President's estimate is correct, he may have found the answer to the question of peace in our time.

Though we know that many members of both the House and the Senate voted for the resolution with deep personal misgivings, we join with them and with most Americans in the prayer that the President's request will bring peace to the troubled Pacific and stop

armed aggression on the part of Red China.

At the same time, we note that the Senate has ratified the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization and will soon discuss the Mutual Defense Pact with Nationalist China. The debates on these treaties will probably result in a complete re-examination of our policies in the Far East.

Such a re-appraisal of American foreign relations should most certainly include Japan, for to this amateur observer at least Japan remains the key to the whole problem. The only workshop in the Orient, and the only Asian country with any skilled manpower pool, Japan is the prize that the now dead Stalin once declared to be the answer to world domination.

During the coming debate on the treaties dealing with the two current hot spots in the Far East, it is hoped that the congressmen will not lose sight of Japan, for this may be the true communist objective. It is to be recalled that United States and United Nations preoccupation with Europe allowed the communists to sneak in the back door, so to speak, and take over mainland China.

We trust that we have learned from the costly lesson, and that we won't be caught with our guard down anywhere in the world.

White House in a "package deal".

Then it will be up to the President either to accept both, or to bear the onus of having denied statehood to both Hawaii and Alaska. In either case, the Democrats want to appear to be the champions of statehood for both territories.

One skirmish has already been fought, and the opponents of statehood have lost the first round. That was when the full House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee voted to conduct hearings on the combined statehood bill as a unit, rather than delegating the responsibility to a subcommittee.

Though there may be those who would have preferred that no hearings were held, since so many have been held in the past decade by both House and Senate committees, this observer believes that at least pro-forma hearings will eliminate opposition arguments that no new hearings were held to take into account the current situation and to inform congressional newcomers of the problems involved.

Fewer Investigations

Aware of the growing criticism that Congress is no longer the legislative but the investigative branch of the government, the House Rules Committee, through its chairman Howard W. Smith of Virginia, has served notice that it will carefully scrutinize all requests for funds for investigations.

The Committee hopes to eliminate unnecessary and unwarranted investigations, as well as duplications.

At the same time, Chairman Smith declared that his Committee would also reduce the number of congressional junkets to the absolute minimum.

On the Senate side, the Judiciary Committee, which includes the Internal Security Subcommittee, announced that it would not tolerate any one-man hearings, while Senator Joseph R. McCarthy's former Government Operations Committee, now under the direction of Senator John L. McClellan of Arkansas, issued new procedural rules for carrying on investigations, including one banning one-man hearings.

Though all these pronouncements have met with general

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favor, political pundits recognize that the Democrats are simply trying to take advantage of the criticism directed against many of the GOP investigations of the past two years.

At the same time, these same observers expect that as the 1956 presidential campaign approaches, the Democrats will turn to investigations into what they consider Republican shortcomings or mistakes for material for the forthcoming elections.

In spite of protestations to the contrary, it is not expected that the number of investigations will be reduced materially, if only because the Democrats must continue the investigations the GOP began in order to disprove their findings as biased, prejudiced, slanted, etc.

McCarran-Walter Act of 1952

Backstage fight to revise the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, the McCarran-Walter law, is now going on in the House and Senate Judiciary Committees, which would consider any bills relating thereto.

On the House side, Chairman Emanuel Celler of New York, outspoken foe of the 1952 Act, tried to take over the chairmanship of the Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee, which is Subcommittee No. One. If successful, this would have meant that Rep. Francis E. Walter of Pennsylvania, who was chairman of the Subcommittee in the 81st and 82nd Congresses, and is co-author of the present Immigration and Nationality Code, would either have had to accept a subordinate role on the Subcommittee or to take over the chairmanship of another subcommittee.

Either way, the "liberal" New Yorker would have controlled consideration of all immigration and naturalization bills.

On the Senate side, Chairman Harley Kilgore, "liberal" West Virginian serving his first term as chairman of any major senate committee, is planning to follow the precedent set by his late Democratic predecessor, Pat McCarran of Nevada, and assume the chairmanship of this key Subcommittee himself. By doing so, he will not follow the custom of the GOP which always has given this subcommittee to the ranking party member.

If Senator Kilgore, outspoken advocate of repeal or revision of the 1952 Act, does assume the chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, it probably would mean a complete housecleaning of the professional staff which was first organized by the GOP 80th Congress and continued through the following Democratic and Republican Congresses.

Though it is too early at this writing to know the final outcome of the maneuvering in both the House and Senate Judiciary Committees regarding this key Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization, it now appears likely that a stalemate can develop between the two bodies because of the great differences in the immigration philosophies of the chairmen of the House and Senate subcommittees.

Such a stalemate would mean that no substantial amendments to the McCarran-Walter Act will be approved this session.

VERY TRULY YOURS

Newsletters

By HARRY K. HONDA

Some of the delightful mail crossing our desk from day to day consists of chapter newsletters . . . Chapters blessed with technical know-how and the means, of course, produce masterpieces of production—offset printing, photographs and even a section for their Issei supporters. But, there are chapters which work just as diligently month after month to get the announcements, tidbits and JACL briefs with less frills yet appearing equally effective . . . A little chuckle in the latest mimeographed issue of the Southwesterly, now starting its fifth year in the Southwest Los Angeles chapter, is the seed for this week's column. The chuckle:

"Smog wise . . . predictions call for more of the same, smog that is . . . and we note here that there are openings for smog inspectors at \$355 per month for anyone that is interested," and we're quoting from a humorously written column, "Smog As Bord" by Miye Nai (Japanese for "can't see"), "also there are openings for more members in the S.W. JACL chapter . . . don't know what Pomeroy (membership chairman) pays."

Chapter bulletins have been a steady source of items for the Chapter Memo columns of the Pacific Citizen. Advertising commitments necessitate the very briefest in these items . . . But, when the time comes justifying 12 pages each week, our readers can be sure chapter news will have preference . . . Some of the chapter newsletter articles are worthy of reprinting for all of our readers. They deserve wider circulation than the confines of their locality for which it was originally intended.

The past year, we have experimented with 12-page issues on the first week of each month . . . We had hoped sufficient advertising might be gathered to justify its continuance this year. (No more 12-pagers for a while.) We are still working for it.

U.S. Nisei should not judge strandeers summarily

By TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Tokyo

Strange and interesting cases concerning U.S. citizenship of Nisei strandeers in Japan would include mine, for when I returned from my three-month trip to America last September, I was told there was no military service record under my name. And much of the complications of strandeer citizenship cases concerned the wartime draft.

I was taken to a military camp in Nagano prefecture to build roads through the mountains. I worked like a slave for six weeks before being told a mistake was made and then released. Since so many Nisei strandeers were being called in, I was expecting the same.

The mystery in my case, however, is that I was only notified by a postcard to report and then sent to the military labor camp. Because it was only a postcard, and not the customary formal call to the draft printed on red paper, I never felt it was a military draft.

Being told it was a mistake after two weeks, I was discharged; but since the release papers never reached me in due time, I had to stay in camp for six weeks.

Hence, the question arose whether I was drafted for military service or labor service. It required technical interpretation by Japanese and American officials.

Because of my interpreting work at a PW camp during the war years in Japan (and I was even kicked out from that), I was investigated by American authorities when Japan was occupied. It was a routine check of all PW camp personnel, but the investigation was stern and severe.

A former PW, now attired in the uniform of the U.S. Navy, clean & neat, was a member of the investigating board. He was very cordial. But others on the board summarily felt: "This guy is no good." Yet this ex-PW added: "Mr. Murayama is the only gentleman in Japan. He has done nothing wrong, but he helped many of us. As a matter of fact, many of us were saved by Mr. Murayama." These remarks settled the issue. I was permitted to go home free and clean after being served coffee for the first time since the war.

I had been kicked out of the Tokyo PW camp, because it was charged that I was "too close to the PWs." I had to help the suffering PWs. I had to take some of them to the hospital

for immediate attention. I could not wait for permission from Army officers, who were too slow in issuing them . . . And it was good to know that malaria victims and other American lads were regaining their health.

Consequently, I was kicked out of that camp. Then came the post card to report for labor service. They admitted it was a mistake to be sent there, but the fact remains I did construct mountain roads.

That some PWs told me they had written to the Justice Department explaining this situation revealed their sense of appreciation of what one interpreter tried to do. I was doing what any decent human being would have done under the same circumstance.

There must be other Nisei who were in a similar situation. These are the strange citizenship cases of strandeers. While everything is in the past, I hope their suffering can be eased soon. In my instance, the Justice Department has confiscated my life insurance policy—a big amount of money in terms of yens.

It took a trip to America to find out there was no military service record under my name.

Prior to the outbreak of war, we were planning to go to Manila for the Associated Press office in Tokyo. But the war came too soon. I was arrested as an espionage suspect. As a matter of fact, I was arrested three times by the gendarmes, beaten up by several people all night long with bamboo sticks, and being yelled at: "Spy, you are a spy for America."

These are grim memories to recall. As a member of the Tokyo AP office, I was under constant surveillance before war broke. Then there was that price of suffering and pain. It was a tremendous relief and gratifying to learn many former PWs offered their personal services on my behalf.

Now I wish the Nisei in America will realize that many Nisei in Japan stood firm for justice and humanity during the dark days of the Pacific war. They did their best under the circumstances. It is unfortunate the exceptional cases were given wide publicity and accused like the "Meatball" case.

HONOLULU NEWSLETTER

Public Education

LAWRENCE NAKATSUKA

Hawaii's youth—the very young and not so young—are presenting Hawaii with a mountain-sized problem.

The problem is not juvenile delinquency; far from it, the problem is public education and what to do for the young people after their schooling.



It is a two-sided problem. At one end, there is the tremendous number of youngsters pouring into the public schools; at the other end, there are the graduates of high schools and the University of Hawaii flooding the labor market looking for jobs.

Hawaii has never faced such a dilemma before; it has had the heavy influx of new children into the schools, but it has never had simultaneously the problem of providing employment for new graduates.

It is a picture that has not yet been brought into clear focus for the public. There is much talk now about building new classrooms, training and hiring more teachers, and otherwise preparing for the vast army of six-year olds trooping to the schools. There is almost as much attention being given the problem of creating new jobs for the graduates.

But no one has brought the two separate problems together for a critical analysis. To be sure, they represent two different types of problems but as subjects of concern to the whole community, they might be viewed and considered as one over-all matter.

In the final analysis, it is a matter of cost, in dollars and cents, to the community. It would be a drain on the community resources unless the problem is handled intelligently.

This is not a "Nisei problem" as such because children of all racial groups are involved. But because most of them do come from Nisei families, the Nisei have the civic duty of keeping informed and taking part in the solution of the problem.

Each year, for several years to come, Hawaii's public schools must absorb 5,000 new youngsters. The school budget for this year is about \$20,000,000, plus building and maintenance costs. The budget, naturally, must be expanded to care for the new pupils, which means more lands must be acquired for schools, more classrooms constructed, more teachers and other personnel trained and hired.

Education is by far the largest single item in the Territorial government's operating budget, representing between a third and a half of the spending.

Under a centralized system covering all the islands, Hawaii's public schools have rated high generally. There isn't the wide variation in quality of instruction and facilities characteristic of many Mainland communities, where separate school districts are maintained, and separate school taxes collected for public education. In these cases, schools in the more populous and wealthier communities fare much better than those in rural areas with small populations and limited resources.

In Hawaii, the same high quality of teachers is assured each school, regardless of whether it is located in an isolated town or in urban Honolulu. The same textbooks are provided everywhere.

To maintain these standards will cost more and more, for the obvious reason there'll be more pupils enrolled in the immediate period ahead. Hawaii's people are already heavily taxed. Besides the Federal taxes, the people pay a territorial tax load that is about the heaviest in the whole country. (Only residents of three states pay more state and local taxes than do the people of Hawaii but their per capita income also is greater than that in Hawaii.)

As long as Hawaii continues to grow, economically, the outlook for paying the tax bill, for education and all other public expenses, is not discouraging. Neither would it be so discouraging to create more jobs for the 5,000 or more young people who leave the schools every year to enter the labor force.

Obviously, everybody's stake in seeing to it that the island economy keeps growing is great. Hawaii's leaders have the responsibility of not hampering or handicapping business from growing or new enterprises from coming into the islands. The emphasis, actually, should be the other way. The leaders, in and out of government, must do everything within their capacity and ingenuity to promote and encourage an expanding, healthy economy, in order to develop more tax-yielding sources and to create more employment.

School children of Japan not much different from U.S.'s, on a par psychologically, says visiting Wakayama teacher

Mesa, Ariz.

Boys and girls in Japan may have differences facially and in their dress, but are about on a par psychologically with their counterparts in the United States, in the opinion of Masaji Hayashi, 39, Fulbright scholar from Japan observing teaching methods here.

He is spending four weeks at Mesa High School before sailing for Japan Feb. 25. He will also go to Washington to write an evaluation of his six months in the United States for the Fulbright Commission.

"Boys and girls of high school age," he said, "are about the same everywhere."

School Jargon

Japanese students even have what is called "school jargon" corresponding to the changing fads in slang of American teenagers.

Buildings of the high school where he teaches English in Wakayama are "not so large nor so beautiful" as Mesa High School, he said.

The curricula, however, are

comparable. Students in Japan begin the study of English in the seventh grade.

The junior high school plan is well grounded in Japan, he said, with most school systems operating on a 6-3-3 basis—six years of elementary school, three years of junior high, and three years of senior high. Students are required to complete junior high school, at least.

High school and college in Japan are highly competitive, the visitor said. Students in those brackets "must work very hard."

In Japan, Hayashi teaches between 50 and 60 students per class three or four times a day. Class periods last 50 minutes.

There are some 1,300 students in his school with about 50 teachers in a city of about 200,000.

Japanese schools use the term-system of dividing up the school year by three vacations: winter, spring and summer. Summer is the longest, lasting about 40 days. Winter vacations begin around Christmas time, the spring holidays in late March, he said.

For his labors, he receives 30,000 yen (\$85) a month, and supports his family that includes two children. "It is difficult to make ends meet even though commodities cost considerably less in Japan," he said.

ARMY STUDIES MOVING LANGUAGE SCHOOL FROM PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY

Monterey

Rep. Charles Teague (R., Calif.) said he will "resist strongly" any attempt by the Army to move its foreign language school from the Presidio of Monterey.

Last week, Army officials at the Pentagon said a survey was underway of possible new locations for its language school.

The Army Japanese language school was shifted from Ft. Snelling to Monterey shortly after World War II and it was expanded to teach more than a dozen foreign languages.

Sixth Army headquarters in San Francisco termed the survey as "routine."

"Of course I am not qualified to say whether the Army should operate a foreign language school at all," Teague observed.

"but I can say that if they're going to have one, there is reason for moving it from Monterey. The Presidio already has a fine staff and excellent facilities. I will resist strongly any attempt to relocate the school. I don't see how such a move could be justified."

One Army source, who asked not to be identified, speculated that the survey might result in a recommendation for a branch school on the East Coast, leaving the Monterey facility intact.

Maid, youngsters saved from monoxide poisoning

Palo Alto

A defective furnace had been pumping monoxide fumes through the residence of Harry Kimball, general manager of John Rickey Enterprises, last week.

If Mrs. Kimball, who felt weak and suddenly dizzy, had not ordered her Nisei maid, Ann Yanase, 20, out of the house and picked up her two young daughters in time, "they might have died," commented a fire captain.

All of them promptly recovered in the fresh air.

Propose Amache camp as state penal farm

Denver

Amache WRA Center has been proposed as a site for a state correctional institution in a bill put into the state legislature hopper last week. State Sen. Wilkie Ham (D., Lamar) explained the penal farm would cost \$3,500,000.

Akira Fujiki, associated with Japan Air Lines Honolulu office since it opened in December, 1953, has been named sales manager of that office by Yoshito Kojima, JAL American division vice-president.

Douglas MacArthurs Surprise Restaurateur

Los Angeles

Most surprised restaurateur last week was jovial George Furuta of Imperial Gardens, where Gen. and Mrs. Douglas MacArthur dined the night of his arrival from New York. The former GHQ supreme commander was honored by the city on his 75th birthday.

'Gentle Wolfhound' fem lead to Mitsuko Kimura

Hollywood

Mitsuko Kimura, 22, who retired from the screen upon her wedding to a Salt Lake Nisei pharmacist, returns to the film as the feminine lead in Columbia's "The Gentle Wolfhound," the Fred Kohlmair production to be shot entirely in Japan.

Aldo Ray, Dick York and Chuck Connors head the cast and will leave for Tokyo Feb. 25.

MGM 'Buddha' film to be authentic

San Francisco

Historical accuracy and reverence of treatment in the filming of the life of Buddha were assured in a letter from Dore Schary, MGM production chief, received recently by Hitoshi Tsufura, National YBA director here.

(The film has just been retitled, "The Wayfarer."—Edit.)

The producer of the film, "Go for Broke," had announced this picture in CinemaScope color with much of the shooting in India.

The script has been studied by Dr. Makoto Nagai and Dr. Shodo Taki of Tokyo with the Japan Buddhist Association, Schary wrote. "It is hoped that MGM's proposed film will bring out the simplicity and the humanism in Buddha's teaching," the letter stated.

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City-Widers . . .

● Robert Pickus, peace-education director of the American Friends Service Committee, will be guest speaker at the City Wide Recreation Council meeting, Feb. 18, 8 p.m., at the residence of **Walter Tamura**, 4021 W. Kamerling. The talk is titled, "Which Way to Peace," and a movie, "Time for Greatness", will follow. The public is invited.

Around Windy City . . .

● Sub-zero weather hovered for five days this past week . . . The City Council is supporting a bill introduced in the Illinois legislature granting budget-making powers to the Chicago mayor . . . Mark Tobey's paintings are on view at the Art Institute Gallery of Art Inter-pretation until Mar. 20. Shakespeare's comedy, "As You Like It," is being staged at its Goodman Theater on Feb. 11, 12, 15-19, 22-27 (8:30 p.m.), Feb. 24 (2 p.m.); while for the children is "The Magic Horn," a heroic drama of young Roland, nephew of Charlemagne, who seeks to recover the emperor's famous sword from evil Palerina, on weekends from Feb. 19-Mar. 26.

State Legislature . . .

● State Sen. Broyles (R., Mt. Vernon) has introduced watered-down versions of his anti-subversive bill in the state Senate. But apparently, they do not eliminate the objections raised by Gov. Stratton when he vetoed Broyles' 1953 bill . . . The new measures would outlaw the Communist Party after 1956, bar membership in more than 260 groups listed as subversive by the U.S. Attorney General, and loyalty oaths from all employees of agencies receiving state money. Since schools, municipalities and even private agencies receive state funds, this measure would require loyalty oaths from the lowliest employees. Otherwise state aid would be stopped.

About People . . .

● **Dr. Benedict Mayers**, 48, 4112 S. Dorchester, author of the popular song "Gomen Nasai", was appointed administrative assistant to the Cook County Sheriff's juvenile division. A Chicagoan, he is now on leave from Roosevelt University, where he teaches social sciences and is director of the college prep program for students seeking admission. The native Chicagoan was in Japan as special service officer in 1951-52, deepened his admiration of the Japanese people and expanded his friendship with the Nisei. He and his wife, Fredericka, have two sons: Frederick 16, and Patrick 15 . . . Dr. Mayers will serve in the community public relations section, training other law enforcement officers in juvenile work.

Chicago dentists plan to move to California

Chicago residents will lose three Nisei dentists, who have announced their intentions to move to California.

Dr. George Hiura, formerly of Sebastopol, decided to open an office in Palo Alto last year, but has twice postponed the move pending a call for military service.

Dr. Thomas Hiura and family will make their home in San Jose. Dr. Clifford Fujimoto and his wife, Jane, will return to Watsonville.

Join Holiness denomination

Chicago The Rev. Hide Sakuma is pastor of the Chicago Japanese Holiness Church, 46th and Woodlawn Ave., which recently voted itself to join that denomination. It had met since 1945 as the Woodlawn Japanese Church.

Chapter asked to help community in solving problems

Centerville

Immediate problems of the Washington Township, locale of the Southern Alameda County JACL chapter, were graphically presented by Bruce Michael, guest speaker at the chapter's installation banquet last month.

The civic leader expressed his hope and belief that Japanese Americans would take significant interest in helping to overcome these obstacles. He also showed personal slides of a recent trip to Europe.

Ray Kitayama, carnation nurseryman of Alvarado, and his cabinet were inducted into office by Dr. Frank Saito, Eden Township JACL. Harold Fudenna was presented the Past President's pin. Setsu Umemoto was voted the outstanding member of the year and given a JACL pin.

Mr. and Mrs. Yas Kato co-chaired the event, assisted by: Aki Kato, Mrs. Yutaka Handa, Setsu Umemoto and Kaz Shikano (m.c.).

Parlier JACL winds up '55 membership drive

Parlier

A house-to-house canvass by the Parlier JACL membership committee headed by Ronald Ota was brought to a successful climax with 172 members including twenty 1000 Clubbers. Of the total membership, 48 are new and 28 are naturalized citizens.

Assisting in the drive were: Ralph Kimoto, Tomio Miyakawa, Bill Watamura, Ted Katsura, Bill Tsuji, Kengo Osumi, Harris Tanaka, Kay Yoshimoto, Bob Okamura, Kenzo Tsuboi, Kaz Ohara, Don Nakadachi, Tak Kimoto, Robert Yano, Tad Kanemoto and Noburo Ebisuda.

Sonoma Co. judge lauds Issei-Nisei good behavior

Sebastopol

Judge Charles J. McGoldrick praised the Issei and Nisei for their excellent record of being law-abiding citizens and for their contribution to the progress of agriculture in Sonoma County at the Sonoma County JACL installation ceremonies Jan. 23 at the Memorial Hall here.

He was the main speaker at the potluck dinner attended by some 250 persons. General chairman Henry Shimizu also introduced 50 recently naturalized Issei citizens, 18 employees of R-Way Feed Co., who joined the JACL en masse, and Superior Court Judge Hilard Comstock.

Issei dinner planned by Ft. Lupton chapter

Ft. Lupton

A recognitions dinner honoring recently naturalized Issei citizens will kickoff the 1955 Ft. Lupton JACL activities, it was announced by Tik Matsu-shima, president, at the first chapter meeting of the year Jan. 15 at the local Buddhist church.

Sam Koshio, retiring president, presented a review of 1954 activities. Min Yasui, Mountain-Plains regional representative, praised the Ft. Lupton chapter as being the oldest continuously existing JACL group in the Mountain-Plains district and urged continued support of JACL's program to advance the interests and welfare of all persons of Japanese ancestry in America.

Program workshop feature of NC-WNDC quarterly

Turlock

A two-hour program workshop, chaired by Jerry Enomoto, San Francisco JACL chapter president, will be among the highlights of the first quarterly NC-WNDC meeting this Sunday at the American Assyrian Hall here.

Jack Noda, district council chairman, explained two specific projects would be covered: (1) women's auxiliary, described by Vi Nakano, and (2) JACL exhibits at county fairs, by Harry Itaya, grounds superintendent at San Joaquin County fairgrounds.

CHAPTER MEMO

San Francisco JACL: The women's Auxiliary meets Thursday, Feb. 10, 7:30 p.m., at Booker T. Washington Center conference room. "Charm Session" is the agenda for the first meeting to be presided by new president Sumi Utsumi.

Snake River Valley JACL: The annual bazaar, originally scheduled last Sunday, was postponed to this Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Airport Community Hall near Ontario, Ore., under co-chairmanship of George Mita, Paul Saito, Mrs. Joe Saito, and Mrs. George Hashitani.

D.C. JACL: Henry Shimano-uchi, press and public relations officer at the Japanese embassy, was speaker at the first chapter meeting of the year last week at the YWCA. He spoke on the "Problems of Japan."

Parlier JACL: The chapter acknowledged \$5 donations from the following new citizens last week:

Mr. and Mrs. T. Nagare, U. Ide, Kay Arifuku, Mr. and Mrs. S. Fujii, Joe Yamamoto, M. Furumoto, Y. Masuda, Mr. and Mrs. Tanaka, Mr. and Mrs. Tanaka, Mr. and Mrs. S. Osumi, Mrs. Y. Komoto, Mrs. S. Tsuji, Ken Kimoto, Mr. and Mrs. K. Yokoyama, Mr. and Mrs. T. Yoshimoto, K. Nakashima, F. Takata, Kay Sunamoto, Mr. and Mrs. Y. Taniguchi, Mrs. T. Koga, Bob Okamura and Mrs. Wada.

Fowler JACL: Guest speakers will be invited to all chapter meetings this year, according to Tom Kamikawa, president. Stan Hansen of the Fresno Social Security Administration office was the January speaker, explaining regulations concerning farm operators.

Newsletter Received: Salt Lake, Southwest Los Angeles, Berkeley, D.C., St. Louis.

Southwest L.A. JACL: Approximately 20 teams are canvassing the Seinan area to solicit membership, according to Pomeroy Ajima, 2nd v.p., and campaign chairman. A special effort is being made to line up new leaders and the major portion of the drive will be concluded within three weeks. However, memberships will be sought through the entire year.

Hollywood JACL: Recently naturalized Issei may register to vote in the Apr. 5 city primary elections at the Hollywood Japanese Community Center, Feb. 8, from 7:30 p.m. They should show their naturalization certificates.

Chicago JACL: The monthly chapter meeting next Friday, Feb. 11, will be strictly social with Helen Hori in charge. It meets at the usual locale, Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan Ave., at 8 p.m.

Placer County JACL: An event which attracts some 4,000 residents here—the JACL picnic—will be held on Sunday, Apr. 17, at the Penryn JACL ball park. A seasoned crew will assist George Itow, general chairman, and Harry Hirakawa, co-chairman.

SANTA BARBARA ELECTS TOM HIRASHIMA PREXY

Santa Barbara

Tom Hirashima will head the Santa Barbara JACL chapter this year. The chapter is preparing to host the Pacific Southwest District Council convention in May. On the cabinet are:

Frank Mori, v.p.; Mike Hide, treas.; Fumi Inouye, cor. sec.; Hannah Katayama, rec. sec.; Mrs. Lilian Nakaji, Mike Suzuki, social; Ikuo Kakimoto, Ken Ota, Tad Kanemoto, Tom Fukumura, Harumi Yamada, membs.-at-lrg.

Inagakis move

Los Angeles

Correspondence for George Inagaki, National JACL president, should now be addressed to 12427 Milton St., Los Angeles 66, Calif. He recently moved two houses east of his former home.

Ogden

Heavy snowfall and icy roads postponed the Intermountain District Council quarterly meeting scheduled last Sunday at Sun Valley, Idaho. A new date is to be set.

"This weather is strictly for skiers; not for delegates that have to drive 400 miles," declared chairman Jim Ushio of Murray. Delegates will be notified as to time and date of the postponed meeting.

Hollywood CL selects first woman president

Hollywood

The Hollywood JACL elected its first woman president, Miwako Yanamoto, for the 1955 term. On the cabinet are:

Noboru Ishitani, 1st v.p.; Midori Watanabe, 2nd v.p.; Charles Kama-yatsu, 3rd v.p.; Danar Abe, treas.; Hiroko Mitokawa, cor. sec.; George Saito, aud.; Arthur Endo, Seiko Ishimaru, membs.-at-lrg.

Dick Zumwinkle will be news bulletin editor and Arthur Ito was appointed chapter 1000 Club chairman.

GEORGE KANNO HEADS ORANGE COUNTY C.L.

Santa Ana

Orange County JACL will install its 1955 cabinet officers at Garden Grove's French Imperial Restaurant tonight. Sab Kido will speak. Geo. Kanno is new president, and will be assisted by:

Harry Matsukane, 1st v.p.; Dr. Tad Ochiai, 2nd v.p.; Dr. William Yamamoto, 3rd v.p.; Mitsuo Nitta, treas.; Fred Mizusawa, sec.; Charles Ishii, aud.; Stephen K. Tamura, George Ichien, Elden Kanegae, Don Solomon, membs.-at-lrg.; Ken Uye-sugi, ex-officio.

George Isoda named Venice-Culver president

Venice

The Venice-Culver JACL chapter elected George Isoda to be its 1955 president recently. Assisting him are:

Kiyoshi Kagawa, 1st v.p.; Dr. Tak Shishino, 2nd v.p.; Steve Nakaji, treas.; Ann Muto, rec. sec.; and Mrs. Betty Yumori, cor. sec.

5 'veeps' named to aid Yokozeki

Los Angeles

David Yokozeki, attorney, was re-elected president of the Downtown Los Angeles JACL and will be assisted by five vice-presidents—believed to be the highest in number of vice-presidents for a single chapter in the national organization.

His chief aides are Kei Uchima, George Maruya, James Mitsumori, all attorneys; Frank Suzukida, real estate broker, and Duke Ogata of Mission Mortuary. Also on the cabinet are:

Ted Okumoto treas.; Shig Taketa, CPA, aud.; Reiko Ohara, Lily Otora, Helen Baker, secs.; Roy Hoshizaki, hist.; Bruce Kaji, Edwin Hiroto, pub.

Serving on the newly-formed board of governors are:

Judge John F. Aiso, George Aratani, Dr. George Baba, Frank Chuman, Willie Funakoshi, Shiro Inoue, Joseph Ito, Taro Kawa, Saburo Kido, George Kuniyoshi, Toyo Miyatake, Henry Mori, Katsuma Mukae, Gongo Nakamura, Dave Nishida, Masami Sasaki, Meiji Sato, Gichi Takata, Elji Tanabe, Dr. Tom Watanabe, and Junichi Yoshitomi.

A monthly chapter bulletin will be published under the editorship of Eugen Valjean. Assisting will be co-editors William Bodine Jones and Leroy Ventris. Consultant will be Kei Uchima.

Staff writers include Frank Chuman, Frank Suzukida, Fred Funakoshi, Kei Uchima, Dave Yokozeki and Edwin Hiroto. Blanche Shiosaki will be production manager assisted by the Vandas girls club.



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SCENE FROM THE GOLDEN GATE

Installation Rites

HARUO ISHIMARU

This was another busy weekend of chapter installations. Last Friday night, the new cabinet of the San Jose Chapter was installed at Hawaiian Gardens. The new officers are headed by PHIL MATSUMURA who will be assisted by: HENRY UYEDE, 1st v.p.; ESAU SHIMIZU, 2nd v.p.; SHIG MASUNAGA, rec. sec.; WAYNE KANEMOTO, treas.; and WILLIAM YAMAMOTO, pub.

Wayne Kanemoto, legal eagle, did the honors as emcee. Main speaker was Assemblyman Bruce Allen who talked about the legislative work in the state capitol, the many types of bills that are introduced and the methods of study and their disposition. Shig Masunaga, a past president, presented outgoing proxy TOM MITSUYOSHI with a pearl-studded past president's pin.

On Saturday night I had the double privilege of installing and speaking in Gilroy. This chapter saw the installation of new president JOE OBATA and his cabinet: HANK YOSHIKAWA, 1st v.p.; JACK NAKANO, 2nd v.p.; JOHN HAMAMOTO, 3rd v.p.; PEGGY TERAMOTO, rec. sec.; IDA UEKI, cor. sec.; ROBERT KISHIMURA, treas.; and KIMIKO OKAWA, pub.

HIRO KUNIMURA, outgoing president and acting as emcee, gave an account of the development of this newest chapter in our District Council. Among the guests of honor was GEORGE NISHITA, past District Council chairman from the San Benito County Chapter.

Following the banquet, Billy Wilson, stellar end for the San Francisco 49ers, showed movies of their 1954 football highlights.

Sunday saw yours truly in Marysville, one of our most distant chapters, for a combination installation banquet & celebration honoring new Issei citizens. Close to 200 persons were in attendance.

AKI YOSHIMURA was emcee. Main speaker Lt.-Col Darrel Reed, executive officer at Beale Air Force Base, spoke about his experiences while stationed in Japan. Extending greetings was FRANK OKIMOTO, president of the chapter for the past two years.

The new cabinet is headed by DAN NISHITA, bilingual expert who was instructor for the chapter's citizenship class. Aiding him will be: GEORGE INOUE, 1st v.p.; GEORGE NAKAO, 2nd v.p.; GEORGE OKAMOTO, treas.; MITZI FUKUI, rec. sec.; TERRY MANJI, cor. sec.; and board members BOB INOUE, SAM KURIHARA, FRANK NAKAMURA, GEORGE MATSUMOTO, AKIJI YOSHIMURA, ISAO TOKUNAGA, ICHIRO YOSHIMURA and FRANK OKIMOTO.

Officers of the Women's Auxiliary were also introduced. They include: LUCILLE TOKUNO, chmn.; KARUMO TOKUNAGA, co-chmn.; CAROL KINOSHITA, sec.; and board members MEL TSUJI, TOMOKO YOSHIMURA, CHIYO ISHIGAKI, KATHERINE MATSUMURA, FRANCES IWAMURA, LORRAINE KOMATSUBARA, YUKIMI SHINGU and DOLLY FUKUMITSU.

Highlight was the presentation of a JACL sapphire pin to Frank Nakamura, 20-year veteran of the chapter and an organizer and charter member of the Marysville Chapter, originally known as the Yuba-Sutter-Butte-Colusa Counties American Loyalty League.

This weekend at Turlock

A permanent Program and Activities Committee is being set up in our District Council, with an initial workshop to be held at the District Council quarterly meeting in Turlock this Sunday. Burning the midnight oil, planning not only for the coming workshop but on future projects have been JERRY and JOYCE ENOMOTO, VI NAKANO, JOHN ENOMOTO, FRED HOSHIYAMA and yours truly. Also serving will be KENJI FUJII of the Eden Township Chapter and HARRY ITAYA of the French Camp Chapter. The coming District Council meeting promises to be one of the most stimulating ever put on. We'll be seeing you in Turlock!

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Arkansas Valley Issei
in naturalization rites

La Junta, Colo.

A group of 15 Issei of Arkansas Valley were recently naturalized in ceremonies at Rocky Ford. Local newspapers gave the event a big spread as a spokesman for the Rocky Ford Chamber of Commerce called the 350 Issei and Nisei in the area "our outstanding citizens." Included were:

Toro Kawata, 84, who had lived in Arkansas Valley for over 50 years. Mrs. Ume Taguchi, who lived here for over 35 years, is the mother of seven children, all of whom are graduates or attending college. Two are physicians, and one daughter is in medical school.

Mrs. Toyo Mugishima is the mother of 11—seven of whom served for Uncle Sam in World War II. M. Yunoki lost a son in Italy.

New Yorkers plan for
Issei golden jubilee

New York

To focus attention on the contribution of Issei pioneers to the community, the Nisei Committee of the Japanese American Association will sponsor the New York Issei Golden Jubilee at the McAlpin Hotel, May 21, it was announced by Toshi Miyazaki, chairman.

The committee, 125 W. 72nd St., would appreciate names and addresses of Issei who have lived in America over 50 years.

L.A.-born strandee
restored citizenship

Los Angeles

Federal Judge William Byrne of Los Angeles last week ruled George Masatatsu Fujii, 29, presently residing with his uncle in Gardena, had not lost his American citizenship because of his military service in the Japanese army or because of his voting in the Apr. 20, 1947, Japanese elections.

The native Angeleno was sent to Japan for schooling in 1937 and stranded at the outbreak of war. David McKibbin, trial counsel, contended his military service and voting were under legal duress.

Judicial action of this nature are no longer available under present naturalization laws, it was added.

Horse kicks youngster

Brigham City

Ruby Endo, 8, was critically injured Jan. 20, when she was kicked in the head by a horse which had been pulling the sled on which she was riding. When the horse stopped, the sled slid into the horse which then kicked the girl.

First-aid importance

Cleveland

General rules of first-aid and their importance at time of accidents—be they in the home or on the road—were explained by Gerald Kirsch of the local YMCA to members of the Jr. Matron's Club recently.

Stuffed dolls and animals are to be made at home of members in time for distribution at Easter.

Import chick sexors

Lansdale, Pa.

Sixteen expert chick sexors are being imported from Japan by the American Chick Sexing Association to work in American hatcheries this coming season. Nine are already here, the seven are scheduled to arrive by this weekend.

Submarine training

San Francisco

A crew of 89 Japanese naval officers and men arrived here aboard the USNS Gen. Sultan enroute to New London, Conn., to receive six months training in American submarines. The crew will return home with an American submarine loaned under the Mutual Defense Assistance program.

'Das Kleine Teehaus'

Berlin

"Teahouse of the August Moon," under the German title of "Das Kleine Teehaus" (The Little Teahouse) delighted German theater-goers who packed the theater each night during its three-month's period.

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Good Sendoffs

MASAO W. SATOW

We are pleased with the enthusiasm and spirit reflected at the several chapter installations as reported by members of our staff as well as those in which he have participated. There is

nothing like a good sendoff for the new chapter officers and giving proper recognition to the outgoing officers. A number of chapters have combined their installations with honoring the newly naturalized citizens plus expressing appreciation to the non-Japanese friends who have been especially helpful.

Among new chapter presidents we note five active gals who have demonstrated their abilities and devotion to JACL. While their election is a personal tribute to them, it is also a reflection of the important role that the women play in our organization's activities. Congratulations to Washington DC's RUTH KUROISHI, ROSE OGINO, St. Louis; Dr. RUBY HIROSE, Dayton; HELEN INAI, Milwaukee; and MIWAKO YANAMOTO of Hollywood.

San Benito had a packed house in installing JOE SHINGU and honoring the new citizens. We were happy to be able to thank a number of friends who stood by the Japanese people in the dark days, like WINNIE FREITAS of San Juan Bautista, who Edmiston in "Home Again" acknowledges "was never intimidated by the open threats of armed night riders." Their attendance at the installation is also a tribute to the manner in which our San Benito members and their families have integrated into the community.

Livingston-Merced gave President GEORGE YAGI an encouraging sendoff as 1000 Clubber FRANK SUZUKI announced that the number of Thousands had been upped from two to sixteen. The people from this area were our neighbors in block 9H at Granada, which we recall led all other blocks in Army volunteers.

At Salinas, JIM TANDA was installed as president. CHARLEY TANDA was in front of Sel's Steak House having pups when we arrived a bit late due to a mixup on time. Congratulations to Salinas for starting right on time. Everyone was already seated and ready to go, while toastmaster LEFTY MIYANAGA was holding the fort. Incidentally, DC 1000 Club Chairman Lefty throws into a cocked hat any attempts by public speaking pros to pour toastmasters into the same mold, except of course for more formal occasions. Just be your own self is the best advice we can give to toastmasters.

We also report that for the first time in several years, we were finally able to be on hand for our own chapter's installation and give San Francisco's President re-elect, JERRY ENOMOTO, our personal blessing, though at the price of having to speechify for our meal. Despite the goodly number of these dinner talks to which we have subjected patient audiences, somehow we have never been able to keep the butterflies out of our stomach, hence never do justice to the food. So, take heart, you chapter presidents and other officers who have to get up in public and do your stuff, the butterflies are just normal concomitants.

Alameda Chapter installed YAS KOIKE. We are glad to see a number of veteran JACLers in his cabinet to back him up, including HARUO IMURA, Mrs. HARUE MAYEYAMA and Mrs. KAY HATTORI, and indications are that we will hear from Alameda this year. Good ol' SIM TOGASAKI, at one time our National Treasurer, was on hand to give the main talk.

1955 membership

Memberships are beginning to roll in. To the Parlier Chapter under RONALD OTA's leadership goes the distinction of being the first chapter to complete its 1955 membership drive and surpass last year's figure. Thanks to KAZ KOMOTO, twenty of the 149 members are One Thousand Clubbers, seven of them brand new ones.

Richmond-El Cerrito also deserves a big hand for 17 1000 Club memberships and renewals, helping to boost the January total of 1000 Club memberships and renewals to 85.

Our thanks to the New York Chapter which under SAM KAI's leadership and TOMIO ENOCHTY's drive cleared up its 1953 and 1954 financial commitments to National and also forwarded \$500 for 1955. Thanks also to Southwest LA, West Los Angeles, Hollywood and Pasadena Chapters for turning over their share of the Ichi Doru profits to National.

Evacuation claims committee

As mandated by the National Council, the National Board has organized a Japanese American Evacuation Claims Committee under the personal direction of President GEORGE INAGAKI. This Committee will work with Mike in Washington to clear up the remaining larger claims, but is also organized with the purpose of realizing a substantial amount for JACL's National Endowment Fund. George has dedicated himself to make this the most lasting contribution to JACL during his tenure of office.

Incidentally, the full text of the west coast hearings conducted by the Congressional Subcommittee just prior to our National Convention will be in the hands of all the Chapter Presidents shortly.

We would also like to report that the sum of \$800 was received this month as the quarterly dividend from our Endowment Fund.

National JACL bowling tournament

About this time next month we will be in the midst of our ninth annual National JACL Bowling Tournament. It will be our biggest ever with over a hundred teams firing away under the direction of Tournament Chairman and Long Beach Harbor District Chapter President EASY FUJIMOTO.

Along with the Tournament we will have some important discussions at the meeting of the team captains, including the possibility of conducting a booster division, financing the Tournament in a manner which will also benefit the teams, extending the Tournament proper to three days instead of two, and determining the site of the 1957 classic.

In a recent letter to us, ABC National Secretary Frank Baker voiced appreciation for the way Nisei across the country are assuming officer responsibilities in local leagues and city associations. Yes, we have come a long way in this sport, thanks to a big boost from JACL in helping to eliminate the "whites only" clause.

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Nisei mentoring leader in M-Men basketball league

Salt Lake City

The largest basketball league in the world—the M Men—each year produces many unusual situations and personalities. Among its 10,000 participants is Shake Ushio, only Nisei coach teaching Caucasian lads how to play the game.

His squad, South Cottonwood, is the season's leader. "Actually, the situation is not as strange as it sounds," commented Phil McLeese of the Salt Lake Tribune sports staff. "Shake was born in the Cottonwood area, and grew up with the M Men basketball program. He learned his basketball as a member of the South Cottonwood team of 1930 and 1931.

"Wat Misaka, of course, reached the basketball pinnacle as a member of the national championship University of Utah team, but Shake, in his own sphere, must stand as unique until somebody uncovers a championship Caucasian basketball team coached by a Japanese," he added.

Denver griddler wins top award

Denver

Star guard of North High, Charles Inagaki, was named by the Denver Post to receive the Thom McAn trophy as the outstanding prep griddler here.

Twice all-city nominee, he is the first linesman selected for the award since its inception in 1951. The trophy (a football shoe in bronze) symbolizes outstanding performance in sportsmanship, team play, leadership and competitive spirit.

Nisei baseball stars to marry this month

Fresno

Two Nisei members of the Hiroshima Carps, Japanese professional baseball club, are going to be married a week apart this month here before rejoining their team in March.

Fibber Satoshi Hirayama and Jean Setsuko Doi will be married Feb. 12 at the First Congregational Church. Kenshi Zenimura and Rose Tagami will recite their vows Feb. 20 at the Buddhist Church.

Utah alien Issei lose fishing rites upon passage of '52 naturalization law

Salt Lake City

Legislation was introduced in the Utah state legislature last week to permit Issei, unable to fish and hunt on the same basis as resident citizens.

Senate Bill 42, authored by Sen. Elias L. Day (R) and Sen. J. Francis Fowles (D), will amend a section of the Utah fish and game code as follows:

"An alien who was ineligible for citizenship under the laws of the United States on Dec. 1, 1952 and who has resided in the state of Utah 15 years prior thereto may purchase a license to fish and hunt upon the same terms as a resident citizen."

The story goes back to 1937 when the Salt Lake JACL legislative committee under chairmanship of Henry Y. Kasai had the legislature amend the fish and game laws to permit Issei with 15 years residence in the

state to fish upon payment of fees required of resident citizens.

With the passage of the Walter-McCarran law, the Issei (then ineligible to citizenship) were removed automatically from the status of "ineligible aliens" and thus lost this special privilege.

It meant the Issei would be required to pay the alien fishing license fee of \$12 instead of \$3.

In April, 1953, the Utah state fish and game commission passed a resolution to permit Issei to fish and hunt as before until the following session of the legislature could correct the technicality.

IN HONOR OF

William Ebihara, 18, class president of East High School in Cleveland, called roll of 106 marching classmates to receive their diplomas on Jan. 24. Beside being president of his class and No. 1 mathematical scholar; Bill was vice-president of the National Honor Society, member of the cross-country team, German Club and Radio Operators. He plans to further his education at the Ohio State University in September, majoring in mechanical engineering.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Okada, 902 Myrtle St., Oakland, who were the first Japanese couple to be married at Berkeley's Friends Church, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Jan. 9. Okada, who came to Oakland in 1898, operated a laundry for many years. They were honored by their three children, Thomas, Helen Kiyoko, Mrs. Alice Tatsuno of San Jose, nine grandchildren and some 90 friends.

Stella Nakadate, East Los Angeles senior at Roosevelt High School, was awarded the Bausch and Lomb science award for outstanding work in the field of science during her three years in high school. She will compete for a \$32,200 scholarship at the Univ. of Rochester.

Ishii watercolor pieces on first U.S. exhibit

New York

Watercolor paintings of Hakutei Ishii are on exhibit at the Sulgrave Hotel, Park Ave. off 67th St., until Feb. 26. A foremost Japanese artist, it is his first American exhibition under combined auspices of the Japan Society and Milton Kestenberg.

Twenty-one paintings are of Japanese scenes. Five are of Mt. Rainier, Yosemite, El Capitan, Kings Canyon and Grand Canyon, done since his arrival here last September.

Taro and Mitsu Yashima, students of Ishii, commented: "Seeing his works now, after twenty years, we feel more proud than ever that we were his students. We are particularly happy that he was able to keep his sense of poetic beauty in spite of the destructive time of war, and has brought it into this final accomplishment."

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SPORTSCOPE

Kikuo Moriya, Wheaton College's NCAA two-mile champ from Tokyo, switched to the mile distance last week and won by six-inches in the Michigan AAU track feature at 4m.19.7s. The little Japanese runner, coached by Gil Dodds, led all the way and stood off a late challenge by Michigan State's Selwyn Jones and Michigan's Geert Keilstrup, Danish 1,500-meter champion.

Ford Konno of Ohio State University was back in the double-win column, taking the 200 and 440-yard freestyle events in a dual meet with Michigan State Jan. 29. Times were 2m.9.3s. and 4m.42.4s., respectively.

Norman Yabe, Denver's East High swimmer, broke the Colorado State Invitational Meet 150-yd. individual medley record Jan. 22 in 1m.55.4s.

Hank Nose, San Jose State frosh cager, set a new scoring record in the Nisei Coast-Peninsula loop with 40 points two weeks ago, 12 field goals and 16 free throws, in a 70-58 San Jose Nitto club win over Redwood City.

George Nishita was elected president of the San Juan Bautista Rod and Reel Club for 1955.

WOMEN'S GROUP AIDS PRESTIGE OF NISEI TO COMMUNITY LIFE

Brighton, Colo.

The Brighton Nisei Women's Club, headed by Miyeko Mayeda as president, will prepare the banquet for 300 guests of the West Adams Soil Conservation Service's annual dinner to be held here Feb. 15, with local celebrities and officials, as well as the Governor of Colorado, as guests.

Robert Y. Sakata serves as vice-chairman of the West Adams Soil Conservation Service, and has been active in local agricultural programs.

The Brighton Nisei Women's Club during the past several years have been lauded for their fine sense of civic responsibility, in contributing to the public swimming pool fund, participating in the Community Chest drives, and in cooperating in all civic programs. With the active participation of the NWC of Brighton, it was noted that the Nisei here are gaining prestige in their community.

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The occasion was a five-day trip last weekend through the wide open deserts of the southwest where the two of us made four motels stops enroute at Indio, Glendale (Ariz.), El Centro and San Diego, the 1,000 miles of sitting giving us another kind of weekend.

After having submitted a lengthy manuscript to describe this trip, Editor Honda says cut it down, we're short of space this week. With clenched teeth, we desist from further name-calling and promise to plug the activities of several of our PSWDC chapters next week. It sure don't sit right to know you're expendable. (Ed. note: the Sou-wester will get a half-page next week.)

PSWDC chapter clinic Feb. 13 at International institute to draw 150

Los Angeles

Some 150 JACLers will assemble in the annual Pacific Southwest District Council chapter clinic to be held Sunday, Feb. 13, at International Institute, 435 S. Boyle. The all-day event is being hosted by East Los Angeles JACL with Fred Takata, general chairman, and Wilbur Sato, coordinator.

JACL history, program and legislative goals will be presented by Sab Kido, Mas Satow and Frank Chuman. Important aspects of organizational operation will be covered in panel discussions. On the panel are: Membership-Finance—Jim Higashi, chmn.; Dr. Roy Nishikawa, Frank Suzukida, Mas Fujimoto, Programming—Kimi Matsuda, chmn.; Ken Uyesugi, Miyo Fujita, David Yokozeki. Chapter meetings—Wilbur Sato, chmn.; Miwako Yanamoto,

Tom Ito. Public Relations—John Watanabe, chmn.; Flo Wada, Steve Yagi. Tats Kushida, Harry Honda; General Problems—Tut Yata, chmn.; George Kodama, Tom Hirashima, Gongoro Nakamura, Janet Fukuda.

Registration opens at 9:45 a.m., with a brief business luncheon meeting at noon. Sam Furuta will emcee the dinner and Dr. Toru Iura will chair the social mixer from 8:30 p.m.

JAL celebrates first trans-Pacific anniversary

San Francisco

Japan Air Lines marks its first anniversary of its inaugural trans-Pacific light today. It also announced the extension of its overseas route from San Francisco to Hongkong via Honolulu, Tokyo and Okinawa.

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LOS ANGELES NEWSLETTER

Restudy Nisei Week

By HENRY MORI

Is it possible to run a Nisei Week Festival on the profit side of the ledger, officials of the Downtown Retail Merchants Association asked themselves this week following an election of officers for 1955.



The affiliate of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce which named Kesanosuke Sakuda, co-owner of Kyodo Drug Co., as its chairman was deep in study on the task of keeping the 1955 August celebration in Li'l Tokio out of the "red." The festivals operated in the deficit column the last three years.

One of the "big moves" as far as the merchants are concerned, is to give the festival chores back to the community, so to speak. What was in the past an affair held in Li'l Tokio with participants (various chairmen) selected on a community-wide basis, the recent ones were more or less supervised by persons who were within the confines of First and San Pedro Sts.

A little more distribution of work to other groups might be one of the solutions, the businessmen are thinking.

The Nisei Week Festival program needs to be changed, some of the more alert officials were admitting after careful survey of the past events.

The stereotyped hand-me-downs of a program since before the war have been losing appeal each year they are repeated. Working on a theme—like the Pasadena's Tournament of Roses parade—may inspire some new approach for the public.

If one of the important aims in having the annual festival is to swell the fund for a Nisei Community Center, besides stimulating business on First and San Pedro, something new must be added while keeping money matters well within the budget standards.

It strikes a contrasting picture of one community center fund lying un nourished while at another corner a Christmas Cheer project flourishes with more than \$2500 raised last December.

Eighteen new Silver Beaver awardees, including one Nisei, were honored for their fine scouting work at the 40th annual dinner of the Los Angeles Area Council last Friday in the Embassy Room of the Ambassador.

Frank Tanaka of 1714 Pennsylvania Ave., who is a neighborhood and area commissioner, was recognized and the first persons of Japanese descent from the local area council.

Tanaka, 43, has been instrumental in the reorganization of Koyasan Troop 379 Boy Scout drum and bugle corps and their frequent appearances at many important functions, including the National Jamboree and the National Council Meeting of the scouts.

Scouting honors were not limited to the Silver Beaver this week.

Seven scouts from Maryknoll School Troop 145 will be getting their Ad Altare Dei award this Sunday at a service to be presided over by His Excellency Cardinal McIntyre. These boys has the signal honor of being the first of Japanese ancestry to receive this Catholic scouting award since the national requisites went into effect.

Back in 1926 when the award was inaugurated, the honor was limited on a Council level. Only four Nisei at that time achieved the coveted award in the history of Troop 145. They were Thomas Nishimura, Joseph Takeuchi, George Omokawa, and James Yamamoto.

Takeuchi has the honor of seeing two of his sons, James and John, receive the Ad Altare Dei this Sunday. The other five who will receive the Catholic citation are Lawrence Yamamoto, Robert Uyeda, Renaldo Ritchie, Kelvin Nobuyuki, and Kenneth Nobuyuki. Presentation will be made at St. Vibiana's Cathedral.

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Births

LOS ANGELES

ASARI—Dec. 4, a girl Christine Shigeko to the Fred Torao Asaris (Sue Sugie Baba), Long Beach.
HAYASHI—Dec. 2, a girl Dawn Ellen to the Fumio Hayashis (Sayuri Yamashita), North Hollywood.
KIHARA—Dec. 30, a boy Stephen Joseph to the Richard T. Kiharas (Kazuko Kitahara).
KIKKAWA—Dec. 23, a boy to the Kazuya Kikkawas, Pasadena.
KUBOTA—Nov. 28, a girl to the Kiyoshi Kubotas, Long Beach.
MATAYOSHI—Dec. 1, a boy Stanley Eric to the Seizen Sam Matayoshis (Yemiko Taira).
MATSUO—Dec. 9, a boy John Shigeki to the Shigeru Terry Matsuos (Fujie Hashimoto).
MORIOKA—Dec. 4, a boy to the Katsuichi Moriokas, Pasadena.
NIKAIDO—Dec. 8, a girl Teresa Natsu to the George Hiroshi Nikaids (Haruko Imamura).
NISHIJIMA—Nov. 26, a boy Ernest Dean to the Bill Norio Nishijimas (Ayako Hashigemi).
OZAWA—Nov. 18, a girl Leslie Ann Yuriko to the George Ozawas (Susie Setsuko Tamaki), Santa Monica.
PARK—Dec. 10, a boy Randolph K. to the Donald Parks (Shinko Shirley Yamamoto).
SAKAMOTO—Nov. 26, a boy Reginald Noritake to the Kenneth Kunio Sakamotos (Shizuko Hishiyama).
SHIGEMORI—Dec. 14, a boy to the Jack Shigemoris, Pasadena.
THOMAS—Dec. 7, a boy Charles Jr. to the Charles H. Thomases (Sachi Oyama).
WATANABE—Dec. 6, a girl to the Tsugio Watanabes, Azusa.
WEYLAND—Dec. 4, a girl Linda Jane to the George H. Weylands (Kuniyo Sakama).
YAMAMOTO—Nov. 30, a girl Leslie Helene to the Harry Kazumi Yamamotos (Elaine Gertrude Finberg).
YOKOYAMA—Dec. 3, a girl to the Fred Seizo Yokoyamas (Katherine K. Yamasaki).

SAN DIEGO

TANIGUCHI—Dec. 11, a boy to the Takeharu Taniguchis.
FRESNO
YAMAMOTO—Jan. 3, a boy to the George H. Yamamotos, Reedley.
SAN JOSE
KONDO—Nov. 23, a boy Alan Hiroshi to the Misao Itaninis.
MINAMI—Jan. 6, a girl Linda Yoko to the Mas Minamis (Jitsy Hamamoto).
MUKAI—Nov. 17, a boy Gary Mitchell to the Masato Mukais.
TAMURA—Nov. 12, a boy Irving Ken to the Kenichi Tamuras, San Martin.

SANTA CRUZ

NISHIHARA—Jan. 21, a girl to the Mits Nishiharas (Yoshiko Hirahara), Watsonville.

REDWOOD CITY

IKI—Dec. 30, a boy to the Sam S. Iki, Palo Alto.

SAN FRANCISCO

TANAKA—Jan. 1, a girl to the Joe Katsuki Tanakas.
YOKOBATA—Nov. 9, a girl to the Tamotsu Yokobatas.

OAKLAND

YOSHINO—Jan. 14, a boy to the Paul Yoshinos, Alameda.

BERKELEY

AKAGI—Jan. 13, a boy to the Yasuo Akagis, Richmond.
KAWAGUCHI—Jan. 7, a boy to the Makoto J. Kawaguchis.
MAMIYA—Nov. 30, a boy to the Yoshio Mamiyas.
NAJIMA—Jan. 12, a girl to the Dale Najimas.
NAKANO—Jan. 23, a girl to the George Nakanos.
ODA—Dec. 2, a boy to the Thomas H. Odas, El Cerrito.
OKAZAKI—Jan. 7, a girl to the Amile Okazakis.

SACRAMENTO

FUJII—Jan. 1, a boy to the Richard M. Fujiis.

IKENAGAI—Dec. 22, a girl to the James S. Ikenagais.
KUBO—Oct. 29, a boy to the George J. Kubos.

KUSHIDA—Dec. 9, twin girls to the Takeshi F. Kushidas.
MATSUOKA—Jan. 7, a girl to the Toshio Matsuokas, Walnut Grove.
MIYAHARA—Jan. 11, a girl to the Ted Miyaharas.

MIZOGUCHI—Dec. 27, a boy to the Max T. Mizoguchis.
MORI—Jan. 14, a girl to the Ray Moris.

ONO—Oct. 29, a boy to the Masao Onos, Fair Oaks.
SASAKI—Dec. 10, a girl to the Yoshio F. Sasakis.

TAGAWA—Dec. 17, a boy to the Hidemi Tagawas.
TOYAMA—Jan. 7, a girl to the Evan S. Toyamas.

UEDA—Oct. 25, a boy to the Yoshio Uedas.
WAKABAYASHI—Nov. 12, a girl to the Roy Wakabayashis.

YAMADA—Jan. 1, a girl to the Mitsuo Yamadas.

MARYSVILLE

DOIZAKI—Oct. 28, a boy to the Keiji Doizakis, Wheatland.

GOTO—Jan. 11, a girl to the William Gotos.

MATSUMOTO—Jan. 10, a boy to the Tom Matsumotos.

OZAWA—Dec. 31, a girl to the William Ozawas.

PORTLAND

WATANABE—Dec. 30, a boy Alvin S. to the Sam S. Watanabes.

SEATTLE

EGUCHI—Dec. 30, a girl to the Hiroshi Eguchis.

FUJINO—Dec. 30, a boy to the Manabu Fujinos.

ITO—Dec. 21, a boy to the Rokuro Ito, Kent.

IWAMOTO—Dec. 29, a girl to the Yoshita Iwamotos.

KAWAMURA—Dec. 20, a boy to the Sam Kawamuras.

KIKUCHI—Dec. 28, a girl to the Isamu Kikuchis.

KOJIMA—Dec. 29, a girl to the Masao Kojimas.

MAMIYA—Jan. 10, a boy to the Sumio Mamiyas.

NAKASHIMA—Jan. 10, a boy to the Isao Nakashimas.

NATSUHARA—Dec. 24, a boy Charles to the Frank Natsuharas.

OKAMOTO—Dec. 4, a girl to the Mineo Okamotos.

SAKURA—Dec. 21, a girl to the Kenneth Sakuras.

SHU—Dec. 29, a girl to the Evan Shus.

TAKADA—Dec. 26, a boy to the Michihiro Takadas.

VITAL STATISTICS

YOSHIHARA—Dec. 20, a girl to the TAKI—Jan. 5, a girl to the Sumio Takis.
Takeo Yoshiharas.

SPOKANE

FUKAI—Nov. 30, a boy Grant Mason to the Mason Fukais.
YONAGO—Dec. 3, a girl Corine to the Lloyd Yonagos.

SALT LAKE CITY

DOI—Dec. 14, a girl to the George Dols.
ENDO—Jan. 8, a boy to the Nobuzo Endos, Midvale.

KASUBUCHI—Jan. 8, a boy to the James Kasubuchis, Draper.
KINHARA—A boy to the Bob S. Kinharas.

MAYEDA—Dec. 14, a boy to the Kazu Mayedas.
NAKAMURA—Jan. 11, a boy to the Huddy Nakamuras.

NAKAMURA—Jan. 10, a boy to the Richard Nakamuras.
SATO—Jan. 11, a boy to the Henry Satos, Bingham.

SHIMIZU—A girl to the Bill Shimizus.

DENVER

IMAMURA—A girl to the Chisato Imamuras.

ITO—Jan. 14, a boy to the Lander Ito.

KAWAKAMI—A boy to the Koki Kawakamis.

KINOSHITA—Nov. 25, a boy to the Albert Kinoshitas (Misao Ishida), Ault.

MATSUMONJI—A girl to the George T. Matsumonjis, Englewood.

MIYOSHI—A girl to the Donald S. Miyoshis.

MURATA—A girl to the Oscar Muratas, Brighton.

NAKATA—A girl to the Hideo S. Nakatas.

SAKURAI—Dec. 22, a boy to the Joe Sakurais, Kersey.

TANAKA—Dec. 13, a boy to the Ken Tanakas.

TERAJI—Dec. 27, a girl Shauna Kay to the Shig Terajis (at Ogden).

YAMADA—A girl to the George Yamadas.

YOSHIMA—A boy to the M. Yoshimas.

ST. LOUIS, MO.
KAWANISHI—A boy Stanley to the Richard Kawanishis.

MORIOKA—A girl Amy to the Dr. Alfred Moriokas.

CLEVELAND
IWASAKI—Jan. 3, a girl Karen Emiko to the Min Iwasakis (Marjorie Nako).

KANNO—Dec. 13, a boy Kenneth Kiyoshi to the Stanley Kannos (Mae Iwasaki).

NIHEI—Nov. 26, a boy Ronald Stephen to the Francis Niheis (Marilyn Tomoda).

ENGAGEMENTS
HONDA-FUJII—Clara, Fowler, to Yoshio, Reedley.

KADOWAKI-SAGARA—Ruth Miyoko to Frank Kunio, both of Anaheim.

KODAI-A-JOFUKU—Yoneko Jane to Kazuo, both of Fresno, Jan. 22.

MATSUURA-ESHIMA—Kiyo to Takano, both of Berkeley.

MITOKAWA-KUNITAKE—Hiroko, Phoenix, Ariz., to Sidney Haruo, Maui.

MIURA-TSUMURA—Terry to Rev. Junjo, both of Sacramento.

TAGAMI-ZENIMURA—Rose to Ken-shi, both of Fresno.

YAMADA-HATANAKA—Susie, Los Angeles, to Hank, Oakland.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED
GOUVELLA-NAKATA—Juvenal and Caroline, both of Selma.

HASEBE-ESAKI—Yoshio, 32, Dinuba, and Masuyo, 26, San Francisco.

HIURA-ITO—Lloyd, San Francisco, and Naomi, Watsonville.

ONO-MASUHARA—Kiyoshi and Tsuyako, both of Sacramento.

SHIKASHIO-MASAOA—Minoru, Blackfoot, Idaho, and Mitsuye, Lodi.

TASHIRO-TERAOA—George and Sharon, both of San Francisco.

WATANABE-NAKAGAWA—Frank Shinso, Parlier, and Sumiko, Reedley.

WEDDINGS
FUJII-KOSHIMA—Jan. 23, Minoru and Haruko Ruth, both of Los Angeles.

HOSHINO-YOSHIDA—Dec. 12, Ted T. and Joyce Kimi, both of Los Angeles.

MATSUNAGA-IKEMI—Dec. 19, Jim T. and Louise M., both of Garden Grove.

MIYASAKI-SUGIDONO—Jan. 16, Sam, Sacramento, and June, Watsonville.

MORI-IJICHI—Nov. 28, Hoshio, Sunnyvale, and Amy, Berkeley.

MOTOYAMA-SAKAMOTO—Jan. 29, Rev. Keiso, Santa Barbara, and Evelyn, San Fernando.

NAKAMURA-OYE—Jan. 1, Dr. Tatsumi, Denver, and Jean Aki, San Francisco.

NAKATANI-MATSUMOTO—Jan. 22, Isao, West Los Angeles, and Midori, San Fernando.

OKUDA-SEKI—Jan. 23, Shigeru and Shizuko, both of Los Angeles.

TAKEUCHI-MOCHIZUKI—Jan. 8, Noboru and Atsuko, both of Los Angeles.

TODA-MURAOKA—Jan. 8, James and Alice, both of Chicago.

YOKOYAMA-KATAGI—Jan. 22, Masami and Naoka, both of Los Angeles.

DEATHS
ASAKA, Mrs. Irene Y.: Washington, D.C., Jan. 1, survived by husband Harry, sons Ronald, Dennis and John.

DOI, Kataro, 74: Los Angeles, Dec. 31.

FUJITA, Sogataro, 83: Fresno, Nov. 26, survived by wife Kotsuye, son Hiroshi, daughter Tomoye.

GOTO, Mrs. Tomi, 51: Madera, Jan. 23, survived by son Tomoyoshi, daughters Kayko and Mrs. Yoko Horimoto.

HASEGAWA, Kaname, 75: Parlier, Nov. 29.

HAYASHIBARA, Sadaichi, 66: Wilmington, Jan. 2, survived by wife Fusayo, sons Masao, Jiro, Kiyoshi, daughter Aiko and three grandchildren.

IGUCHI, Yonezo, 65: Los Angeles, Dec. 26, survived by wife Saya, sons Tatsuo, Shinobu, Yoneo and Kikuo.

Tori.

IKESAKI, Suteichi, 71: Sacramento, Jan. 9, survived by wife Kimi, son Tom, daughters Mrs. Lorraine Kubochi, Mrs. Dorothy Kadowakawa, Mrs. Joyce Hirai and Mrs. Alice Abe.

ITO, Mrs. Mitsuko, 40: Los Angeles, Dec. 31, survived by husband Joji, sons Richard and Shigemitsu Matsuyama.

IZAWA, Heichi, 67: Los Angeles, Dec. 25, survived by wife KAI, Billy Masanobu, 33: San Jose, Nov. 29, survived by wife Mitsue, daughters Joyce, Karen, mother Miyoko (Watsonville), brother Louie, sister Mrs. Edna Nakagawa.

KAWAHARA, Mrs. Yuriko, 39: Palo Alto, Dec. 29, survived by husband Shizuo, daughters Aileen, June and Leilani.

KIKUCHI, Yonezo: Sebastopol, Dec. 1, survived by wife Tamaye, sons George, Mary, daughters Helen, Mrs. Shizuyo Nagata, Mrs. Rose Nakamura.

KOBO, Kichizo, 79: Los Angeles, Jan. 6, survived by wife Isune (Japan), sons Tom, George, daughters Haruko, Mrs. Masako Ando, and Mrs. Mary Hasegawa.

KODASHIRO, Gentaro, 89: Oakland, Dec. 28.

KOSUGI, Tamenosuke, 79: Seattle, Jan. 2, survived by wife Ito, sons Tadashi, Shigeji, Shozo, daughters Mrs. Chiyeko Abe, Mrs. Momoye Asaka and two grandchildren.

KUBO, Yoshisato, 78: Long Beach, Jan. 2, survived by sons Hideomaru, Yoshio, daughters Mrs. Fumiyoko, Kojima, Mrs. Yoshi Ujida.

KURAKANE, Mrs. Yoneko: Los Angeles, Jan. 17, survived by husband David Tsuneo, son David and daughter Kathleen.

KUROKAWA, Matsuzo: San Francisco, Nov. 27, survived by wife and daughter.

KUWAHARA, Mrs. Kane: Chicago, Jan. 7, survived by husband Wasaji and two sons.

MAEDA, Kazo, 56: Ogden, Jan. 23.

MASUDA, Mrs. Asaye: Cupertino, Jan. 22, survived by husband Kihiji, sons Kiyoshi, Kiyomi.

MATSUURA, Tatsunosuke, 87: Cupertino, Dec. 1, survived by daughters Mrs. Kiri Yoshida, Mrs. Takaye Tujita.

MATSUYOSHI, Yasu, 54: Los Angeles, Jan. 20, survived by sons Kazuhiko and Toshihiko Nomura.

MAYERAWA, Tome, 54: Gardena, Dec. 27, survived by sons Shiochi, Masao, Masachi and daughter Fumie.

MINATO, Teizo, 67: Los Angeles, Jan. 16, survived by wife Hide, sons Takeshi, Larry, Mike and daughters Mrs. Chizuko Terada and Noriko Morikawa.

MIYAMOTO, Mitsuzo, 67: Los Angeles, Jan. 17, survived by wife Shizuyo, sons Toshiaki, Lee, daughters Elsie Mrs. Hatsuko Mukai, Mrs. Aileen Sugiyama.

MORI, Momoki, 72: Los Angeles, Jan. 12, survived by wife Takio, six daughters Masako, Mrs. Ayako Yabuta, Mrs. Asako Kudow, Mrs. Tsuyako Mori, Mrs. Yoshie Nakayu, Mrs. Sumiye Kuwata.

NAGAI, Masayoshi, 70: Clearfield, U., Jan. 6.

NAKAMURA, Janice Marie: Reedley Jan. 12 (funeral), survived by parents Howard S. Nakamuras.

NAKAMURA, Shigeru, 40: San Pedro, Jan. 7, survived by wife Kumie, son George, daughter Donna.

NAKANO, Mrs. Miyo, 75: Turlock, Nov. 6, survived by husband Kurajiro, sons Minoru Furuki (San Francisco), Isamu and Shigeru Furuki (Cleveland).

NAKAYAMA, Mrs. Tsuna, 85: Oakland, Jan. 10, survived by sons Dr. Joe, Tyler E., and daughter Mrs. June Shiraki.

NARUSHI, Michitaro, 73: Chicago, Jan. 25, survived by wife Toyono, sons Ichiro, daughters Chitane and Mrs. Chisato Ujiiye.

ODA, Kaishi, 36: Los Angeles, Jan. 20, survived by wife Hisayo, daughter Keiko, brother Shinobu, sisters Harumi, Mrs. Kay Sakaniwa, Mrs. Takemi Shimizu.

OGITA, Iwa, 66: Los Angeles, Jan. 18 (in Japan), survived by sons Yoshiaki, Asao.

OIKE, Suneo, 75: Los Angeles, Jan. 3.

OKADA, Jiro, 72: Sacramento, Nov. 28, survived by wife Kichi, sons Harold, Eugene, daughters Mrs. Yuriko Agnes Kojima (Japan).

SASAKI, Mrs. Shigeyo, 67: Los Angeles, Jan. 22, survived by sons James, Kazuo, Toshio.

SASAKI, Shigeo, 65: Marysville, Nov. 10, survived by wife Masako, sons Takashi, Masato, daughters Kikumi and Mrs. Mariko Kamikawa.

SATO, Gisuke, 64: Fresno, Jan. 7, survived by wife Kazuyo, sons Taru, Koji and Giro.

SHIMBO, Shizozo, 76: Seattle, Dec. 15, survived by sons Tokuo, Kenso (Japan), Nobuo (Detroit), daughter Mrs. Kiyo Nobuyama (Ontario, Ore.).

TAKEUCHI, Jingo, 66: Los Angeles, Jan. 14, survived by six sons, Kenji, Joseph, Shozo, Keigo, Goro, Mamoru and daughter Mrs. Reiko Uyesaka.

UCHIDA, Haruhisa, 58: West Los Angeles, Jan. 4.

WAKAMATSU, Jutaro, 73: Los Angeles, Dec. 31, survived by sons Shigeo, Joseph, daughters Mrs. Marie Kobay

EDITORIALS

New claims group

Formation of a nationwide group to represent the interests of larger evacuation claimants was announced last week and organized as the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims. While JACL officials are listed on its executive committee, it was carefully pointed out that it was independent of the League.

A number of larger claimants had requested the JACL to work for enactment of necessary amendments to the basic 1948 Evacuation Claims law to expedite their claims. Because some 3,000 claims are involved, the JACL felt it unfair for the organization's limited funds and facilities to concentrate effort assisting only a relative few, especially in light of JACL finances derived almost entirely from membership dues rather than voluntary donations from the community-at-large.

The step taken by the larger claimants to organize themselves for certain objectives is indeed proper. Its acknowledgment that the JACL could best assist them is realistic. Yet the JACL could not degenerate itself for the benefit of the relative few. Because the larger claimants agreed to meet operating expenses involved for work on seeking expeditious amendments to the 1948 Act as well as assuring the JACL to build its endowment fund, JACL officials named on its executive committee then accepted.

Common sense has always dictated that larger organizations should not assume functions which can be performed efficiently by smaller bodies. It is a manifestation of the right of self-government. The JACL exercised a fine sense of balance keeping its eye on the welfare of the whole.

Nisei grand jurors

News this week of three Nisei being sworn in as members of county grand juries in three separate California counties for the first time is but a sign that the Nisei have become of age. Their parents are diminishing in numbers, their children are increasing by leaps and bounds. What the next decade holds for the Nisei would be more startling, if we're sticking to 1939 standards of Nisei accomplishments.

Strides being made by the Nisei in other fields of endeavor are equally imposing and meritorious. It's about time the Nisei thinks in terms of the community in which he lives, rather than his little home.

FROM THE FRYING PAN

By Bill Hosokawa

Life Begins at 40

Denver

Having recently passed the milestone at which life is alleged to begin, I stretched out in a hot bath recently to do a little thinking. First thought: If what I've gone through the last 40 years hasn't been living, how can I hope to survive what lies ahead?

Take school, for instance. What a trial that was. Started first grade without understanding more than a half dozen words of English. Couldn't figure out what was going on around me for the first six months. Would I want to go through that again? No, sir, indeed. Later on they started to pile on the homework, and unfortunate custom which has survived to this day. At various times in recent years I've seen our Mike struggling with such tasks as diagramming sentences and solving algebraic equations. Could I go through all that? No, not even if my life depended on differentiating between a dangling participle and the formula for square root.

Used to be, I could practice basketball all afternoon in preparation for a game to be played that night. All that was needed to refresh myself from the afternoon's running and leaping and sweating was a meal big enough to bog down a hog's digestive system. Then I was ready to go anew. Could I go through that sort of routine again? Now, if I run more than 20 yards to catch a bus, I feel the need for checking my pulse as soon as I get my wind back and stop trembling.

Back about the time I got out of school, I was offered a job in a place half way around the world. I took it without hesitation and had a wonderful time. Could I do it today? Maybe, but probably not. Too many mortgages payments to meet, too many responsibilities, too many roots sunk too deep. I'm far

less able to cope with change today than a few years ago.

Or take the Great Evacuation of 1942. We took it in stride then. Oh, yes, we groused and we were fearful of the future, but at the same time it was a pioneering adventure, too. We were curious and ambitious as well as outraged and apprehensive. Today, if we were faced with similar situation, I think I'd be so completely upset that I'd shout, "Shoot if you must this old gray head," and go on a sitdown strike.

And courting. Man, but that was a time full of high hope and heartache, ecstasy and purple gloom. I'd just as soon not let those tired old emotions go on a roller coaster ride any more. It's nice not to have to be on your good behavior all the time, not having to try to appear to be more dashing and exciting and considerate and thoughtful and romantic than you really are. Besides the current crop of young ladies frightens me no little, they're so youthful and poised and refreshing and all that.

As for the years that lie ahead, now that the first 40 are history, I imagine there will be plenty of excitement, pleasure and high adventure, too. When a fellow is 10 years old, the kid next door who's 12 seems to be terribly old. At 15, I thought anybody who'd reached 20 had just about run his race. At 20, anybody 30 was just plain old, and as for the 40-year-old, why he was a pitiful, broken, decrepit creature tottering on the brink of helpless old age.

Now at 40 myself, I hasten to declare that those long-ago evaluations were hasty and inaccurate. Matter of fact, the outlook doesn't appear much different than it did last week when I was a mere sprout of 39. Let's see what's in store for tomorrow.



MINORITY

New York
The U.S. Navy has disgraced itself by unapologetically allowing its non-white (Negro, Filipino and Nisei) personnel to be humiliated under South Africa's segregation laws, editorializes "The Crisis," official NAACP publication, in its current issue.

It refers to the visit of the aircraft carrier Midway to Capetown, Jan. 15-16, carrying 400 colored crew members who, when ashore, were subjected to South African apartheid laws.

Philadelphia
The long-awaited discrimination suit against Levitt & Sons, Inc., world's largest builders of private homes, reached the Federal District Court Jan. 13. Legal action against developers of Levitt town, Long Island, was brought in a complaint filed by six Negro veterans who were denied the right to buy homes in the new Bucks County (Pa.) community developed by Levitt.

It seeks an injunction restraining the firm from discriminating against Negroes in the sales of homes as long as it uses credit, guarantee, insurance, approval, and assistance of the Federal government.

DECADE AGO

Feb. 3, 1945

Placer County citizens will organize to aid evacuees; four men held on suspicion of participation in attempted dynamiting of Sumio Doi farm.

State Attorney General deputies investigate Placer affair.

Seattle CIO council extends welcome to Nisei evacuees; resolution raps race-baiters.

Statute of limitation bars cheat proceedings, contends defense counsel for evacuees in Chamori (of Parlier) case.

NAACP deplores attempt to create friction between Nisei, Negroes in San Francisco.

San Jose State College president doubts campus poll accuracy; purported to show majority opinion against returning evacuees.

Air Force dramatizes life story of Sgt. Kuroki on nationwide CBS broadcast; army program denounces coast race-baiters.

171 Tule segregates transferred to enemy alien camp.

California's majority opinion supports return of Nisei to coast homes, says Gov. Warren; believes Nisei will be accepted without ill feeling.

CALENDAR

Feb. 6 (Sunday)
NCWNC—Quarterly meeting, Assyrian American Hall, Turlock; Livingston-Mercer chapter host.

Feb. 10 (Thursday)
San Francisco—Auxiliary meeting, Booker T. Washington Center, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 11 (Friday)
Chicago—Social, Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan Ave., 8 p.m.

Feb. 12 (Saturday)
Montana—Installation dinner, Shantri-La, Billings.

Feb. 13 (Sunday)
PSWDC—Chapter Clinic, International Institute, 435 S. Boyle Ave., Los Angeles.

Feb. 17 (Thursday)
Southwest L.A.—Chapter meeting, Centenary Methodist Church, John Naka, spkr., "Art of Bonsai."

Feb. 19 (Saturday)
Mile Hi—Chapter benefit, D-X club.

Feb. 21 (Monday)
Stockton—Chapter meeting, YBA Recreation Room, 8:15 p.m.

Feb. 26 (Saturday)
Parlier—20th Anniversary banquet, Magnuson's Dining Room. West Los Angeles—Installation dinner-dance, Santa Monica Elks club.

Mar. 2 (Wednesday)
Long Beach—Pre-Bowling Tournament mixer, Wilton Hotel.

Mar. 3-6
Long Beach—Nat'l JACL Bowling Tournament; men's events—Virginia Bowl; women's events—Kenmar.

Mar. 6 (Sunday)
Long Beach—Bowling Tournament dinner-dance, Wilton Hotel.

way to help Captain Hogle give a lesson in non-segregation to South Africa's apostles of apartheid.

VAGARIES

By Larry Tajiri

Nisei in South Africa



Nisei sailors aboard the U.S. aircraft carrier Midway recently helped give South Africans a lesson in American racial de-segregation when the big fighting ship visited Capetown for two days.

The Midway, like other ships in America's combat fleet, carries an interracial, non-segregated crew. The Midway's personnel numbers 2,600 and the Navy Department told Washington, D.C. reporters last week, when the Capetown story came out, that it doesn't know what percentage is non-white—though an estimate would be more than 15 pct. Navy spokesmen said that its postwar program of de-segregation has been carried forward to the point of making no racial distinctions on personnel records carried at the Pentagon. Only a ship's captain, or the commanding officer of a land-based naval unit, would be able to provide the information from personal contact with his men.

In race-conscious South Africa, the news of the Midway's visit on Jan. 15 and 16 raised considerable apprehension because of the interracial character of U.S. ships. The apprehension was sharpened when the Midway's captain, Reynold D. Hogle, and the U.S. consul general, John Stone, initiated negotiations to ease South Africa's "apartheid" regulations—which impose severe restrictions on non-white in varying degrees, from Indians, other Asians, Cape colored mulattoes, to native Negroes—for non-white sailors aboard the Midway. Although no official count was available, it was reported that the big carrier carried 84 Negroes and 300 other non-whites, including men of Japanese, Filipino and American Indian descent, among its 2,600 member crew.

As a result of the negotiations, a number of official functions held for the Midway's crew were completely de-segregated. The victory was not a complete one since other social functions, like dances, were segregated, and separate affairs were held for whites and non-whites in the Midway's crew. Captain Hogle, the American consul-general and the Mayor of Capetown made a point of attending the non-white social functions, as well as those for the Midway's Caucasians. American authorities were reported satisfied that Capetown authorities gave maximum cooperation in relaxing their regulations, and any further relaxation would have required parliamentary action.

South African "apartheid" prescribes "Jim Crow" seating sections for non-whites at sporting events—if they are admitted at all. One of the feature events during the Midway's visit was a baseball game between the ship's

nine and a Capetown team. Five hundred men from the Midway were admitted on a non-segregated basis to the grandstand at the local ball park to watch the game and were later entertained at a local hall.

Negro members of the Midway's crew were not admitted to the white hotels in Capetown, but were assigned to hotels which are open to Indians. Although this was discriminatory, it was considered a considerable concession in Capetown because these Indian hotels are not permitted to admit native Negroes. Before the Midway's arrival barkeepers and hotel operators were told to impose on Negro men from the American ship the same severe restrictions on the purchase of liquor as are in effect against native Negroes. At Captain Hogle's intercession, these bars on liquor sales to Negro sailors were dropped and they were served on the same basis as other men from the carrier.

United States policy requires American naval ships to observe local laws and practices in visiting foreign ports, and Captain Hogle is to be congratulated in obtaining the greatest degree of freedom available under Capetown law for all of his men. But Captain Hogle did not stop there. He set an example in democracy for the people of Capetown by opening the Midway to visitors on a non-segregated basis. He showed off his non-segregated crew, Negroes, Nisei, American Indians, on duty alongside Caucasian Americans. The lesson wasn't lost on the 23,000 persons, many of them Indians, Chinese and native Negroes who clambered aboard and were—for the few hours they were on the carrier—free and equal with white South Africans. The demonstration is one which will not be forgotten for a long time in Capetown.

It wasn't too long ago, of course, when Nisei and other non-white Americans couldn't look forward to a non-segregated career in the U.S. Navy. Then, Negroes, and most non-whites, were segregated into jobs equivalent to that of cooks, sweepers and servants in civilian life. During World War II the Navy was closed to Nisei enlistments, though the Navy—hard up for intelligence personnel in the war against Japan—borrowed Nisei interpreters from the U.S. Army. It wasn't until late in 1945, spurred by activity by the Japanese American Citizens League, the Navy was opened to Americans of Japanese ancestry. The action was accelerated by a letter written to Admiral Chester Nimitz, commander of the Pacific fleet, by a JACL official. Since then, Nisei have served with distinction in the Navy, particularly in the Korean war, and a number of them were aboard the Mid-