



Vagaries

BY LARRY TAJIRI

DEPOSED LIQUOR CZAR BONELLI

The name of William G. Bonelli has been identified with racism in California politics for more than two decades. Bonelli, long was a member of the California State Board of Equalization and has been referred to in newspapers as the state's liquor "czar". Finally defeated for reelection last November, Bonelli had retired to his ranch near Kingman, Ariz., where he was arrested in February on California charges of conspiring to violate the state election code and impede the administration of the law.

Bonelli was one of the loudest of the shouters for mass evacuation and mass detention of Japanese Americans at the outset of World War II. In the 1944 senatorial campaign, he based his claim to the Republican nomination on a campaign of anti-Japanese statements which vied in virulence with the hate-mongering blasts of State Senator Jack Tenney, Congressman John Costello, Irene Dockweiler, Justice Craemer and Charles G. Johnson, all of whom called for future exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from the state of California. The nomination was won by Frederick Houser, then lieutenant governor, who lost in the finals to the incumbent, Democrat Sheridan Downey.

The year 1944 witnessed the peak of anti-Japanese political hysteria in California and much of it was concentrated in the senatorial contest. The GOP's Houser skirted the evacuee issue in the primaries but dipped into it in the final campaign when he charged that President Roosevelt and the New Deal were hatching a plot to return nearly 100,000 evacuees of Japanese descent to California. As it now appears, the federal government, prodded by Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes was planning to reopen the west coast area. The political hubbub in California did have the tangible effect of precipitating a decision at the White House level to delay the return of evacuees.

It is believed that FDR was concerned that return of the evacuees would be seized upon as an issue by the Republican in California and might result in the loss of the state by the Democrats. Already in the campaign Ohio's Gov. John W. Bricker, Governor Dewey's running-mate, had toured the state and had advanced a plan for local community option on whether evacuees should be permitted to return. Under Bricker's politically-inspired program, each community would vote whether or not they wanted Japanese Americans to return.

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POLITICAL LESSON OF 1944

There is a political lesson in the fact that of all of the candidates for the Republican and Democratic nominations for U.S. senator from California in 1944, only one man declined to join the anti-Japanese chorus. He was Sheridan Downey, and he was reelected.

William Bonelli, who wanted to enter the U.S. Senate, tried to do it with a racist issue and was rejected by the voters. However, as member of the State Equalization Board for 16 years he remained a powerful figure in state politics. After World War II, he was able to frustrate for a considerable period the return of liquor licenses held by Japanese American evacuees at the time of the evacuation, despite legislation passed to accomplish that effect.

Bonelli started in politics as city councilman in Los Angeles, and was a state assemblyman before being elected to the liquor board. In 1939 Bonelli was indicted in Los Angeles as the alleged beneficiary of a liquor payoff ring, but was acquitted.

Disclosure of corruption in the administration of the liquor board contributed to Bonelli's election defeat in 1954. On Feb. 9, 1955, the San Diego County grand jury charged him in sum with conspiring with ten unindicted persons to obtain illegally money from tavern licensees and applicants, ostensibly as contributions to his 1954 campaign fund. Bonelli was the tenth person indicted in the San Diego investigations. Six of the defendants already have been convicted.

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RACE HATRED AS STEPPING STONE FAILS

Bonelli, like Jack B. Tenney, attempted to use race hatred as a stepping stone to higher political office. Both Bonelli and Tenney, among the last of the Yellow Peril crowd in Golden State politics, finally received their political comeuppance in the 1954 elections. Bonelli lost his liquor board sinecure and Tenney, who prided himself on being the "Little Martin Dies" of California with his endless investigations of the state's Japanese American population, was beaten in the Republican primaries for the state senate seat he had held for some 16 years by a pretty housewife named Mildred Younger. Mrs. Younger, in turn, lost to her Democratic opponent.

Along with Bonelli and Tenney, the GOP voters also rejected in the U.S. senatorial primary the aspirations of Congressman John D. Costello of Hollywood who similarly tried to use the Japanese issue to win the senate nomination. Costello was chairman of the subcommittee of the House Un-American Activities Committee which, in 1943, carried on an extensive and widely-publicized "investigation" of Japanese American relocation, for which the committee was accused of carrying the ball for California interests who opposed the eventual return of the evacuees. Costello's reputation apparently was not enhanced by the investigation. He has not been in politics since suffering defeat in 1944.

There's a lesson for demagogues in the respective fates of Messrs. Bonelli, Tenney and Costello.

DEATH THREAT SNAGS SALE OF SAN LEANDRO HOME TO NISEI; JACL PROTESTS TO MAYOR, ONE-MAN POLL PROVES SATISFYING

(San Leandro) A Nisei dentist who wanted to buy a San Leandro home and the owner who was first willing to sell to him called it quits Wednesday last week because of neighborhood opposition and death threat by telephone.

The dentist, Dr. Satoru Larry Aikawa, 31, a native of Stockton, an army veteran and instructor at the Univ. of California dental school, expressed disappointment. "I'm disappointed in my fellow Americans," he exclaimed.

Dr. Aikawa, living in a small war housing unit in Alameda, with his wife Betty, 29, and family of three sons, Randy 3½, Alan 1½, and Garry, 3 months, wanted a larger house closer to his San Leandro office.

He found the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl H. La Count, 356 Lexington Ave., to his liking and was ready to close the deal for \$15,750. While waiting at the real estate office Sunday to draw up the papers, La Count received a phone call at his home. He said a wo-

man's voice told him: "If you sell to Orientals you will not live to sign the deed."

La Count then asked for more time to think about the deal and then talked with neighbors who opposed the sale. Rather than create friction, La Count decided not to sell to the Nisei.

"Real estate men told me," Dr. Aikawa later said, "that the San Leandro residents want to keep their community for whites."

A television shop owner who would have been living near Dr. Aikawa, had he been able to buy the home on Lexington Ave. took a day-off to conduct a one-man poll the day after he read the story in the local press. James Marden was satisfied with the results.

He rang doorbells to 22 homes on the block to find out what the neighbors really thought. At each house, he asked: "What would you think of having Dr. Aikawa as a

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(San Leandro) The Eden Township JACL chapter members living in the San Leandro area, led by Kenji Fujii, chapter president, called on Mayor Thomas O. Knick, who is a real estate broker, to register protest on the Aikawa housing discrimination case this week.

A special meeting was held last Thursday at the home of Toichi Domoto to assist the Nisei dentist.

The Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council also submitted a strong letter of protest to the mayor. Signed by Jack Noda, chairman, and Haruo Ishimaru, regional director, it said: "Such acts as this one found in San Leandro can only give dangerous ammunition to our enemies in Asia and Europe and eventually may be paid for in countless American lives."

(Haruo Ishimaru's column in this week's PC treats more fully the action the JACL has taken in the case of Dr. Larry Aikawa. —Editor.)

JOINT HOUSE-SENATE STUDY REVEALS IMMIGRATION UNDER WALTER-McCARRAN ACT INCREASING; ADMIT 4,000 JAPANESE

(Washington) A House-Senate Staff task force studying the two-year operation of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 reveals that alien admittances into the United States has increased by 22 per cent in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954.

The report was submitted to the House and Senate Judiciary Committee, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported this week.

Walter M. Besterman, legislative assistant to the House Judiciary Committee, headed the task force, which has just completed a seven-month study of the so-called Walter-McCarran Act. Assisting were:

Richard A. Arens, Senate Judiciary Committee staff member; Mrs. V. T. Benn, chief of research, House Judiciary Committee; William Shattuck, counsel; and Miss Frances Cristy, exec. sec.

The study reports immigration from Japan was 3,777 during the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1954. Of this number, 292 were quota immigrants and 3,485 were non-quota immigrant Japanese admitted for permanent residence to the United States. Under the Law, Japan's annual immigration quota is 185 persons.

Among the nonquota immigrants

from Japan, there were 2,802 wives of American citizens, 105 husbands of American citizens, 285 children of American citizens, 27 ministers and their families and 266 in other classes.

On the basis of race, 4,062 Japanese aliens were admitted for permanent residence during the year ending June 30, 1954. In this group there were 340 quota immigrants and 3,722 nonquota immigrants. On these figures the House-Senate task force reports, "It will be noted the nonquota admissions of aliens of the Filipino, Japanese, and Negro race for exceeded the number of aliens of those races entitled to admissions under quota restrictions. This is believed to be evidence of the flexibility of the act in promoting the keeping together and reuniting of families."

On an over-all basis the study reveals that 208,177 aliens were admitted to the United States for permanent residence, "an increase of 22 per cent over the number admitted the preceding year" based on the Federal fiscal year, which ended June 30, 1954.

The report states, "Quota immigrants numbered 94,098, an increase of 9,923 over fiscal year 1953. A considerable increase is

reflected in nonquota admissions: 114,079 as compared with 86,259 the preceding fiscal year. . . . Mexicans constituted almost half of the immigrant admissions of the natives of Western Hemisphere countries—totaling 37,456, more than double the number for the previous year. In fact, Mexico contributed more immigrants than any other country in 1954; natives of Germany ranked next with 32,935; Canadians followed with 27,055; 19,309 immigrants were natives of Great Britain; and 15,501 were of Italian birth."

Immigrants whose skills are urgently needed in the United States are admitted under the first preference for quota immigration. This group consisted chiefly professional and skilled workers. It included 55 college and university professors, 288 engineers, 138 physicians and surgeons, 41 chemists, 81 tool and diemakers and 67 tailors.

"Nonimmigrants" are aliens who enter the United States on a temporary basis or who are returning resident aliens. These persons are not restricted numerically. In 1954 nonimmigrants reached an all-time high of 566,613. Previous fiscal years were as follows: 1953—484,716; 1952—516,082; 1951—465,106. Chief increases during fiscal 1954 were in tourist traffic which rose 20 per cent and student admissions which increased 88 per cent. On June 30, 1954 there were 33,801 nonimmigrant students in this country.

Japanese nonimmigrants numbered 8,027 during fiscal 1954. This number included 420 Japanese government officials, 2,051 business visitors, 855 tourists, 715 transit Japanese, 209 treaty traders and investors, 507 students, 21 international representatives, 367 temporary workers and trainees, 59 Japanese informational media representatives, 466 exchange Japanese, 2,347 returning resident aliens and 1 in an unidentified group.

Public Law 162, supported by JACL, was approved on July 29, 1953, permitting the entry of 500 orphaned children under 10 years of age, adopted or coming to the United States for adoption.

Additional provision for 4,000 such children was made in the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. Of the 500 available visas under Public Law 162, a total of 329 of these visas were issued to Japanese orphans. This is 60 per cent of the total. Under the Refugee Relief Act during fiscal 1954, only a total of 106 orphans were admitted to this country on a world-wide basis. Again, most of these orphans were from Japan.

Ex-Senator Cain urges end of defunct organizations on proscribed list

(Washington) Former Senator Harry Cain declared that defunct organizations on the Attorney General's so-called list of proscribed organizations is "defenseless" in a speech before the seventh annual Conference of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House, reported the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

The former Republican senator from Washington State and now a member of the Government's Subversive Activities Control Board urged the Attorney General to administratively "liquidate" the proscribed list. He said "many organizations" on the proscribed list "have been dead for years and in this sense, they are defenseless. Should we go on casting discredit on individuals who belonged to this type of organization many years ago?"

Since the end of World War II, the JACL has consistently urged the Attorney General to drop defunct Japanese organizations from his proscribed list on the grounds that these organizations have been out of existence since 1941 and

that the so-called subversiveness of these former Japanese organizations on the west coast has never been established.

Because of the many injustices which have resulted from the proscribed list of organizations, Cain declared that the eight-year period following the compilation of the list in 1947 is sufficient to judge a citizen's loyalty.

"I am bluntly suggesting that an examination of a person's record over an eight-year period from 1947 to 1955 is sufficient to judge the usefulness and loyalty of that person at this moment and for the future," Cain declared.

The Civil Liberties Clearing House is a council of over 50 organizations interested in preserving civil rights. The JACL is a member of this Clearing House and its Washington representative Mike Masaoka, was the chairman of the group last year.

JACL members who participated in this year's conference are Ruth Kuroishi, Washington, D.C. JACL chapter president, Mrs. Etsu Masaoka, Marcia Hayashi and Saburo Hasegawa.

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MORE AMERICAN KNOW-HOW

Tokyo

A demonstration in American know-how has been initiated here by genial George Kuniyoshi, proprietor of the Fuji Drug in Los Angeles, who has opened a pharmacy within the new Sangyo Keizai building in the heart of Tokyo. The venture is very interesting since Kuniyoshi is associated with Hisakichi Mayeda, Sangyo Keizai (news-paper) publisher, who is reputed as a sharp businessman.



Whatever Kuniyoshi shall innovate here will be carefully noticed since his role is new and different in Tokyo. The San Francisco-educated pharmacist is occupying one of the ideal business spots in Tokyo. Like the super-drug stores in American cities, a wide variety of American-made products

will be displayed.

The Japanese have had keen interest and liking for American products: fountain pens, scotch tape, ball-point pens, washing machines. Even such items as peanut butter, jam, butter, coffee and cocoa—typically American—are part of the daily fare of Japanese urbanites. It is amazing how much of U.S. is around us.

Another successful druggist in Tokyo is Wesley Oyama of Sacramento, with his American Pharmacy in the Nikkatsu International Hotel here. It is but one of his many undertakings. Wesley never dreamed the mammoth success he is enjoying today. He now plans to open stores in Osaka and other cities.

Before the war, Issei businessmen who met with success in America capitalized on their acumen in restaurant, hotel, department store and other types of service businesses in Japan. Even shoes, used clothing and old hats were imported from the States. Eventually, American-educated pioneer Issei engaged in politics, education and high finance.

Since the war, the Nisei have gained status on the Japanese business horizon. While there are no Nisei in Japanese politics, American-educated men like Frank Matsumoto, Susumu Nikaido and Etsujiro Uehara are prominent. The younger generation has still many miles to traverse to match their elders.

NISEI REPUTATION RISING

In the realm of religion, there are many Nisei ministers of the Christian faith, but lately some Nisei are coming up in the field of Buddhism. Men like Norito Ray Nagano of Hawaii, Kiyoshi Yamashita of Hawaii, and Bill Hogen Fujimoto, Dave Iwamoto, LaVerne Sasaki, all of California, have studied Buddhism in Japanese universities and have been ordained in the ministry. Tai Unno is doing post-graduate work at Tokyo University.

Generally, the reputation of Nisei during the Occupation was very poor; but to note some Nisei were serious enough to undertake religious studies is a happy one and among the few exceptions.

ON NISEI IGNORANCE OF LANGUAGE

When the Nisei comes to Japan, it requires a lot of orientation in view of the many excuses he may advance. One aspect is the total Nisei ignorance of Japanese language and customs. The Nisei should have a sufficient knowledge of the language before he attempts any venture here.

Nisei in business soon realized the necessity of knowing adequate Japanese to even conduct daily activities.

A Nisei may be excused for some time for his lack of Japanese language, however, he cannot offer the same excuse always. A Nisei with an interpreter may be permitted if circumstances allow it, but it does not apply to all Nisei.

On the other hand, there are many Caucasians who can speak and write Japanese well. The American School for Japanese Language here in Tokyo has a strenuous course. Its students study diligently. So the imperativeness of knowing the language is obvious.

Personally, I would like to see many Nisei do good in Japan in all the fields. They should speak good Japanese, however. Even the Sansei should be taught. A person of Japanese ancestry should know his background and language is a part of it.

Minority Week

For the first time in history, American Indians themselves have drawn up a long-range program to alleviate the poverty, lack of education and ill-health of the country's 400,000 Indians. Adopted by the National Congress of American Indians at their 11th annual convention, the plan was presented to the 84th Congress on Feb. 21. Embracing nine points to help Indians to help themselves, it includes developing of mineral and timber resources on several Indian reservations, on-the-farm and on-the-job training, more and better schools (61,000 cannot speak English; 59,000 cannot read and write), improving health conditions (infant mortality rate among Navajo and Hopi is 139.4 per 1,000 as compared with 29.0 per 1,000 for whole of U.S.), and government financial help.

Crash costs Nisei airman right leg, but considers himself lucky to be alive

(Washington) The crash of a new B-57 light jet bomber in Beallsville, Md., on Feb. 8 cost 1st Lt. Masaru Dick Ueyehara of Los Angeles his right leg, and yet, the 23-year-old Nisei airman considers himself lucky to be alive.

"They tell me I'm the only person ever to survive a B-57 crash," Ueyehara told the Washington Post reporter last week from his bedside at Bethesda Naval Hospital. The pilot, Capt. William S. Todd, was killed in the crash.

"About five minutes after take-off we got our first indication of trouble," Ueyehara said. "The plane pitched over on its left side and the nose dropped down.

"When we couldn't get the nose of the plane up, I asked Captain Todd if we should leave. He nodded and gave me 'thumbs up' to go.

CAPSULES

The 25th anniversary of the Lodi Buddhist Temple was celebrated by 3,000 persons Mar. 12-13 when a new \$62,000 church was dedicated. Lodi Mayor Fuller delivered a short address at the dedication. Bishop Enryo Shigefuji of San Francisco, head of the Buddhist Churches of America, led in the dedicatory rites.

Aki Nishimura, Ontario (Ore.) High School teacher, was among 6,000 attending the 52nd annual Oregon Education Convention in Portland last week. He was delegate of the Ontario Teachers Association.

Vi Nakano was named one of the official delegates from the San Francisco YWCA to the National Conference to be held next month in New York.

Harry H. Sakata, who was elected president of the Mile-Hi JACL while vacationing in Japan, is recuperating at his Denver home. Upon his return, he was stricken with appendicitis in Los Angeles on Feb. 28, undergoing surgery. Due to complications, he was unable to return home until Mar. 13.

The Saburo Tanakas of Ft. Lupton celebrated their silver wedding anniversary, Mar. 16. They are believed to be the first Colorado-born Nisei to be so honored. They have three children: Roy, 23; Hideo, 20; and Nancy, 14.

Dr. H. James Hara, clinical professor of the diseases of the ear, nose and throat at the College of Medical Evangelists, Los Angeles, left by Northwest Airlines Mar. 15 to attend the 14th Japan Medical Congress at Kyoto Apr. 1-5. The naturalized Issei doctor left with his wife, Dr. Margaret Farr Hara.

Pocatello pioneer dies

(Pocatello) Mrs. Y. Tanabe, 40-year pioneer woman of Pocatello, and who was naturalized last fall, suddenly died Mar. 4 while visiting his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kuroki, North Platte, Neb.

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"We were at about 7,000 feet. I jettisoned the canopy and ejected my seat. I thought I saw Captain Todd follow me. Then I hit the tail of the plane and that's when I lost my leg."

Capt. Todd's body, still strapped in his seat, was found 1500 feet from the plane's wreckage.

"The next thing I remember was coming to for a few minutes in the tree. I could see a Montgomery County sheriff under the tree. Then I must have gone into shock. I don't remember anything else until the fog cleared about eight days later and I was here."

The lieutenant was found dangling in a tree three miles from where the plane crashed.

When informed of the crash, Ueyehara's wife, Teri, flew from Los Angeles, bringing Steven, their only child. Mrs. Ueyehara is staying at 4815 Montgomery lane in Bethesda.

Ueyehara started his Air Force career as an enlisted man in January, 1951.

"They told me I could stay in the Air Force when I get my artificial limb," he said, "but I think I'll try to get into the dental school at the University of Southern California."

Private bill to aid

Okinawan has committee OK

(Denver) U.S. Sens. Eugene D. Millikin and Gordon Allott advised the Mountain-Plains JACL Office that S. 891, a private bill for the relief of Chokichi Iraha, Okinawa-born double amputee at Ex-Patients' Home here, has been reported out favorably by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Iraha lost both hands in an accident while employed by the Army Engineers in Okinawa in 1950. While under Army care, he developed tuberculosis and was sent to the U.S. After four years, he has regained his health and was admitted to Ex-Patients' Home for a year's convalescence and rehabilitation.

\$1 MILLION FOR CLAIMS PAYMENT OKAYED BY HOUSE

(Washington) Funds for payment of evacuation claims awarded during the past and current fiscal years in the amount of \$1,068,267 has been approved by the House of Representatives, Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, reported this week.

Two days earlier, the proposed claims payment measure was included in the Second Supplemental Appropriations Bill for fiscal 1955 and was passed by the House Appropriations Committee.

The deficiency bill has been referred to the Senate Appropriations committee for additional study.

These proposed fund to pay evacuation claims are to be used for the actual payment of claims and not for the Justice Department's administrative expenses incurred in the processing of these claims, explained Masaoka.

Evacuation claims awarded but unpaid in fiscal 1954, which ended June 30, 1954, will be paid \$198,267. The remaining \$870,000 will be used to pay those evacuation claims already awarded and those which are later awarded before this June 30, the end of the current fiscal year. However, if more evacuation claims are awarded this fiscal year than anticipated, then another appropriations bill will be required to pay the last awarded claims.

Both claims compromised under the present \$2,500 compromise ceiling and those awarded through the regular adjudicative processes are included for payment in the million dollar proposed appropriation.

Togo Tanaka's mother dies

(Chicago) Mrs. Katsu Tanaka died Mar. 8 following a long illness. The pre-war Glendale (Calif.) resident was the mother of Togo Tanaka, newspaperman, editor and head of the Chicago Publishing Corp.

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Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

CITY HALL SQUABBLE ENDS

Honolulu
One could almost hear the sigh of relief of Honoluluans when they read the news last week that at long last the squabble at City Hall had ended.

For two and a half months the new Mayor, Neal S. Blaisdell, had fought with the Board of Supervisors over appointments of department heads.



The Mayor, the first Republican in that office in 15 years, wanted a new slate of department heads to run the government for Oahu's 300,000 people. But the seven-man Board of Supervisors (all but one are Democrats) would not confirm the mayor's appointments to several big jobs.

For Nisei, the City Hall dispute had more than the usual interest. Four of the Supervisors (who are elected but not full-time paid city officials) are Nisei—Mitsuyuki Kido, Matsuo Takabuki, Richard Kageyama and Mitsuo Fujishige. All are Democrats.

Kageyama sided with the Republican Mayor, the only Supervisor to do so, when the Mayor submitted the names of new department heads on January 3, the day he and the Supervisors were installed in office.

The Supervisors, in refusing to confirm the appointees, behaved in such a brusque manner towards the new Mayor that some unfavorable public reaction developed. The Nisei Supervisors in particular came in for some sharp criticisms.

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NISEI APPOINTEES ISSUE IN DEADLOCK

The deadlock between the Mayor and Supervisors was partially broken several weeks later when the two sides agreed on four department heads.

But the battle continued unabated over the Mayor's insistence on replacing three holdover department heads. Two of them are Nisei—Arthur K. Akinaka, Superintendent of Buildings, and James M. Morita, City Attorney. Akinaka's job pays \$12,600 a year; Morita's \$12,000.

The Democratic supervisors were especially anxious to retain Morita, because of his services under the previous administration of Democratic Mayor John H. Wilson. The City Attorney is considered the top City Hall post. He is the mayor's confidante and No. 1 adviser.

Because the trio would not resign, the new mayor had the issue taken to court, contending that the three men were illegally holding their jobs.

A circuit judge on February 16 ruled in favor of the mayor. He would not go along with the arguments of the trio that there would be serious disruptions in government business if they relinquished their offices.

The trio appealed to the Hawaii Supreme Court. On March 13, the Court decided 2 to 1 against them. The majority opinion stated the three men had no right to hold over. The minority opinion stated the law doesn't prohibit an office holder from extended tenure in office after his official term expired.

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THREE CHOICES CONFIRMED

With the court battle lost, the Supervisors last week came to an agreement with the Mayor. His three choices were confirmed and sworn in.

They were Norman K. Chung as City Attorney; Dr. David I. Katsuki as City Physician, and Yoshio Kunimoto as City Building Superintendent.

Chung, a Chinese-American, was accepted by the Supervisors in place of the Mayor's first choice for City Attorney, Takashi Kitaoka.

Dr. Katsuki and Kunimoto, both Nisei, were the original appointees of the Mayor. For Dr. Katsuki, it was a promotion in the city health department where he has been employed for more than 19 years. At the time of appointment, he was medical officer at the City Emergency Hospital.

Kunimoto, 46 years of age, is a structural engineer who has operated his own business for the past nine years. He is a graduate of the Univ. of Hawaii and later worked as an architectural draftsman in Honolulu firms.

Hawaiian war record, both military and civilian, cited in Engle Report favoring statehood for Hawaii and Alaska

(Washington) As the House Rules Committee considers legislation for Hawaii-Alaska statehood, the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs made public its 126-page report on the subject, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported this week.

The Rules committee is presently considering whether the House should be allowed to debate the legislation and under what conditions.

Congressman Clair Engle, chairman of the House committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, signed the report on behalf of 26 of the 32 members on his committee in favor of statehood for both Hawaii and Alaska. Congressman Craig Hosmer (R., Calif.) dissented from the majority view and urged statehood for Hawaii only.

Five committee members opposed statehood for both Hawaii and Alaska. They are Congressmen Walter Rogers (D., Texas), James A. Haley (D., Fla.), George A. Shuford (D., N.C.), John R. Pillion (R., N.Y.), and J. T. Rutherford (D., Texas).

The majority view expressed by chairman Engle recalls the Hawaii war record saying: "One of the tests of loyalty and patriotism, and perhaps the ultimate test, is willingness to fight and die for one's country. Hawaii has met this test nobly. In the recent Korean conflict, a substantial percentage of soldiers from Hawaii, representative of the variegated racial background of the people of Hawaii, were in the 24th and 25th Divisions in Japan when the outbreak occurred. They were the first divisions committed in Korea. The 24th Division was soon afterward strengthened by the 5th Regimental Combat Team from Hawaii. The percentage of Hawaii's battle casualties in Korea were three times those of the rest of the United States . . .

"The 'distinguished record it (Hawaii) established in World War II,' . . . is written in the pages of American battle history. In World War II, for example, the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Combat Team from Hawaii, composed of Americans of Japanese ancestry, together formed what has been described by Gen. Mark Clark as 'the most decorated unit in the entire military history of the United States.' Its battle honors include 7 Presidential Citations, 3,600 Purple Heart Medals with 500 Oak Leaf Clusters, 15

Soldiers Medals, 17 Legion of Merit Medals, 342 Silver Star Medals, 1 Distinguished Service Medal, and 1 Congressional Medal of Honor.

"Not so widely publicized, however, is the war record of the civilian population of Hawaii. During the entire war, not a single case of sabotage by a Hawaiian civilian was reported, according to J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the FBI."

The Engle Report also points out that the Republican Party Plank and President Eisenhower favor statehood for Hawaii. The Democratic Party Plank and former President Truman also urged statehood measures. The Defense, Interior and State Departments are on record urging enactment of Hawaii statehood legislation.

According to a national Gallup Poll published in February 1955, 78 per cent of the American people favor Hawaii to be admitted as a State, only 12 per cent opposed and 10 per cent had no

opinion. Of the nation's newspapers, 2,750 favored Hawaii as a State while only 52 editors opposed such action.

Our Pacific bastion would be strengthened by admitting Hawaii into the Union, the report concludes. "Pearl Harbor, for all its tragedy, served one grimly useful purpose," the Report said. "It made us aware that our western front was not the coast of California, Oregon and Washington, but a group of islands some 2,000 miles southwestward in the Pacific."

"It is a paradox that the United States should still permit so vital a part of itself to remain in the inferior status of a Territory. We have been striving with all of our might to promote the principle of self-determination and self-government among the peoples of the earth. Are we then to deny to a populous area that is an integral part of the Nation the right of self-government in the full measure to which that community is entitled? . . . The American sector of the Pacific would be, with the admission of Hawaii, an unbroken line of equal States, in full partnership with the rest of the Nation."

IN HONOR OF

Jiro Shimoda, chapter member of Dayton JACL and now of Detroit JACL, was cited as the first Nisei to pass the Michigan certified public accountant examination recently. The ex-Medford (Ore.) Nisei was active in Tule Lake WRA Center's Little Theater group, served two years in the Army, graduated from Univ. of Dayton in business administration and is employed as comptroller for Garrick Photo Supply, Inc., and has served as Detroit chapter vice-president.

Propose licensing system for California gardeners

(Sacramento) Several Japanese gardeners associations are reported to be on record favoring passage of AB 1761, introduced by Thomas Maloney of San Francisco, calling for a five-man board to determine standards for maintenance gardeners and issue a state license at \$25.

The bill will be heard Apr. 6 by the Committee on Government Efficiency and Economy.

A minimum age of 21 will be set with gardeners, according to the proposal, and requiring two years of training, experience or education before becoming eligible for licensing.



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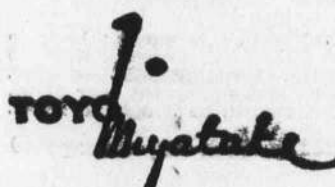
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Chicago Corner

BY SMOKY SAKURADA

Chicago

● The current exhibition of Japanese prints at the Art Institute (ending Apr. 17) is a view of Japan and its people as no newsreel or tourist snapshot can ever reveal. It is Japan as seen through the eyes of her greatest artists. And the skill of these artists has been an inspiration to some of the greatest Western painters of the past century.



Commented the Chicago Daily Sun-Times in its Saturday editorial: "The exhibition is the cream of one of the finest collections in the world, including those in Japan herself. The Art Institute is to be congratulated for being the proud possessor of such masterpieces and enabling us to see them so beautifully displayed."

● The Chicago Buddhist Church and India Association co-sponsor Wesak Day in observance of Gautama Buddha's birth on Saturday, Apr. 2, 7:30 p.m. at Univ. of Chicago's Mendel Hall. First portion will include religious services and lecture, and closes with presentation of Oriental dance and music.

● A special display of 34 black & white and 14 color photographs of Japan taken by the late Werner Bischof are on exhibit at the Art Institute Gallery of Photography.

● College-Agers are sponsoring "March Winds" dance tomorrow night at the McCormick YWCA. Eddie James combo will play . . . The Chicago JACL executive board met last Sunday at Olivet Institute . . . Be sure to vote on Apr. 5 in the Mayor and Aldermanic run-off elections . . . Shig Wakamatsu and Dr. Thomas T. Yatabe co-chaired the meeting last night for the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims.

● Chicago JACLers scheduled to attend the Midwest-Eastern District Council convention this weekend at Washington, D.C. include Shig Wakamatsu, Kumeo Yoshinari, Abe Hagiwara, Harold Gordon . . . Also going to Washington and then vacationing in New York are Dr. Frank Sakamoto, Bill Fujii, Mari Sabusawa, Sumi Shimizu, Betty and Fumiko Iwatsuki, Kay Nishimoto, Kay Fujii, Tomoe Tada, Hana Okamoto, Jean Shimasaki and Fred Nakagawa.

SANTA BARBARA CHAPTER PREPARES FOR FOURTH BIENNIAL PACIFIC SOUTHWEST DISTRICT COUNCIL CONVENTION

(Santa Barbara) "Fiesta by the Sea" will be the theme of the biennial JACL Convention of the Pacific Southwest District Council to be held here on May 14 and 15, it was announced by Tom Hira-shima, convention committee chairman, who is also president of the Santa Barbara Chapter.

A day and a half of activity-crammed program has been assured delegates expected to attend from 18 chapters in the district.

With registration beginning at noon on Saturday, May 14, the first business session is scheduled to begin promptly at 2 p.m., according to PSWDC chairman, Ken

Dyo. A brief concluding business session will be held on Sunday morning from 10 to noon.

Many recreational events are planned for the conventioners including swimming, horseback riding, a Sunday morning fishing derby, sightseeing, boat excursion, a beach outing on Sunday afternoon and a Saturday night ball at the Pavilion hall following the banquet at the Mar Monte hotel, convention headquarters.

The pre-registration and housing reservations are being cleared through the Los Angeles regional office and through convention registration chairman Nao Asakura of Santa Barbara, said chairman Hira-shima assuring chapters that detailed information will be sent this week on the various activities of the convention program. The "package deal" pre-registration for the convention is \$7.50.

Tad Hirota chairman of NC-WNDC 2nd quarterly

(San Francisco) Chairman Jack Noda presided at the NC-WNDC executive board meeting last Sunday at Berkeley in preparation for the second quarterly session scheduled May 15 at Berkeley. The same weekend, the second annual NC-WNDC bowling tournament will be held.

Ben Fukutomi, host chapter president, announced Tad Hirota will be conference chairman. Mo Katow, Ike Takei and Gene Takei will chair the bowling tournament.

Parlier 20th anniversary banquet deemed success

(Parlier) The 20th Anniversary banquet of the Parlier JACL was proclaimed a success with over 130 persons in attendance. Twenty-eight new citizens were introduced and honored.

Saburo Kido, principal speaker, urged Issei and Nisei that "we now have gained equality and our future should be to earn confidence of the people and to take greater participation in community affairs."

Banquet highlight was the surprise award presented to James Kozuki and Kaz Komoto, two outstanding leaders whose efforts to the chapter has served as an inspiration.

Greetings were extended by: Mayor E. E. Lashmett, chapter president Ronald Ota; Harry Kubo, dinner co-chmn. and m.c.

CHAPTER MEMOS

Alameda JACL: Tentative plans to honor some 45 Issei citizens of the area Apr. 24 will be discussed at the Apr. 1 general meeting at Buena Vista Methodist Church. Yas Koike, chapter president, also reports 112 members signed up for 1955, which beats last year's mark of 90. The campaign has not closed.

Pocatello JACL: An Issei Appreciation Night will be held in early April with the chapter auxiliary group, the Pocatello JACLins, assisting. Miki Mori will be chairman. Sansei children are to provide entertainment.

Parlier JACL: Kengo Osuni and Noboru Doi were in charge of the annual community picnic held last Sunday.

Sequoia JACL: It was ping-pong and bridge tournament night last week at the Palo Alto Buddhist Temple. Hid Kashima and Hiy Honda were in charge.

East Los Angeles JACL: Tam Kurose, Sam Furuta and Jim Hagiashi, Nancy Takamatsu are captains of two membership teams, which have gone into high gear in recent weeks. Hosting the recent chapter clinic and PSWDC quarterly temporarily put the drive at a standstill . . . As a follow-up to Tak Shindo's talk on Latin American rhythms at this week's general meeting, the chapter will have a mambo session Mar. 26, 8 p.m. at the International Institute.

(Los Angeles) Representatives of various service organizations and community agencies will be presented in panel at the East Los Angeles JACL - sponsored "Meet Your Community" night program Mar. 31, 8 p.m. at the Eastside Jewish Community Center, 2311 Michigan Ave. Wilbur Sato will be moderator.

Sitting on the panel are: James J. Rodriguez, Community Service Organization; David Yokoyuki, JACL; Gilbert Anaya, United Steel Workers' Union; Plutarco Garcia, Board of Education Office No. 3 candidate; Mrs. Tsuya Hori, International Institute; and Mark Keats, Eastside Jewish Community Center.

Richmond-El Cerrito JACL: In order to reach the greatest number of members and to assure continuity, balance and variety, the chapter program committee has mapped out the following tentative program:

April-Japanese movie; May-Mother's Day potluck dinner; June-annual picnic; July-guest speaker; August-vocational guidance for new graduated students; September-beach picnic; October-fishing derby; November-bid for district quarterly session; December-children's party.

San Diego JACL: Hedi Takeshita was named chief cook for the Apr. 2 potluck dinner at the Japanese Congregational Church hall. Assisting are Miye Hara, Chit Imoto and Mits Yoshioka. Tats Kushida, regional director, will be special guest.

NAACP leader dies

(New York) Walter White, 64, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, died Mar. 21. His lifelong fight for Negro rights was climaxed last year when the Supreme Court banned segregation in public schools.

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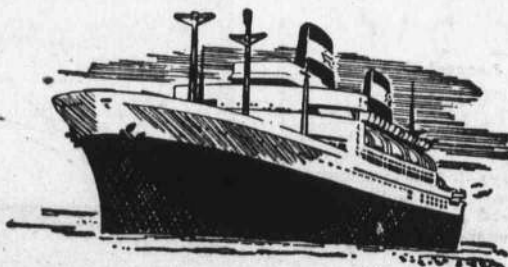
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BY HARRY HONDA

TO PHOENIX AND POINTS SOUTH

After four weeks of "juvenile delinquency" under this column masthead (plus a number of encouraging remarks and letters concerning this problem from readers), it takes a week-end trip to Arizona to inject a new theme . . . At the invitation of Louis Kado, Venice-Culver JACLer who is expected to continue his engineering with AiResearch at Phoenix when the local plant moves, we spent luxurious three days away from Los Angeles . . . It has been two years since our last sojourn (PSWDC convention of 1952) and what we didn't see then, we managed this week . . . One of the beauties of attending conventions is fellowship and the Arizona JACL spared no horses to shower visitors with hospitality-plus. But it takes a second trip to see the countryside.



The saguaro cactus (tall green giants which best typifies the Arizona horizon) can be seen most anywhere, but not in the concentration of some 15,000 to 20,000 cacti per square mile in Tucson Mountain Park . . . Nearby are two other attractions: the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and "Old Tucson", an old movie set now maintained by the Jr. Chamber. Historical San Xavier del Bac Mission makes an inspiring visit . . . Phoenix was gay with its rodeo world championships. The people all wore something Western—was even tempted to buy a gaucho tie to join the spirit but since the weekend was spent some 100 miles further south, we abstained . . . And Arizona is not as sandy and covered with cactus as we learned in school. Cultivated fields are the greenest we have ever seen. A couple of generations hence, thanks to irrigation, your grandchildren will find desert and cactus only as national parks or monuments . . . In fact, the worse stretch of desert we encountered was the Colorado Desert between Yuma and El Centro. Drifting sand dunes, no vegetation but with the All-American Canal.

Equally adventurous was our scheme of not eating at the same place twice. We nearly ate at the Univ. of Arizona student cafeteria since it was noon . . . At least, I felt young-looking enough to join them. A trip with three fellows makes you feel that way . . . Such is the magic of a leisurely trek some 500 miles away from home.

Scene from the Golden Gate

BY HARUO ISHIMARU

HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

Once again the ugly head of discrimination raised its head in Northern California. Dr. Larry Satoru Aikawa, Nisei dentist and ex-GI, was arranging for the purchase of a home from Earl H. La Count when the latter decided to refuse to sell stating that he had received a death threat if he sold to an Oriental.

The Eden Township JACL Chapter called a special meeting of officers to discuss the problem at the home of Toichi Domoto in Hayward. Attending the meeting were Dr. and Mrs. Larry Aikawa, Kenji Fujii, Shig Niede, Sam Kuramoto, Harry Kurotori, Toichi Domoto, Tom Kitayama, Haruko Nomura, Sho Yoshida, Dr. Keichi Shimizu, Tets Sakai and Haruo Ishimaru, regional director.

Dr. Aikawa reported his experiences in the last three months in attempting to purchase a home in the San Leandro area. He stated that even before this incident he had run into discrimination although not as open as this.

"There seems to be a conspiracy by real estate agents to force the Oriental to remain in the slums and less desirable areas of the city," Dr. Aikawa observed.

I reported on the methods used in other areas in which similar discrimination has been found and recommended positive action by the local chapter in protesting the discrimination. It should be realized that there is more at stake than the home of one Nisei. It is imperative that the members of the JACL strike a blow at discrimination regardless of where and to whom it is aimed. The primary concern of our organization is equality for everyone.

Kenji Fujii, chapter president, announced that a delegation will call on the mayor and other city officials to protest discrimination and its effect on all persons.

The district council sent a letter of protest to the Mayor under the signature of chairman, Jack Noda, and myself, which pointed out "Even more important than the purchase of a home by one Nisei is the potential significance involved in this sordid evidence of discrimination. America is engaged in a supreme contest in Asia on which may hinge the fate of the free world. It is imperative that Americans at home demonstrate to the world that democracy is not a philosophical concept, but a way of living.

"Such acts as this one found in San Leandro can only give dangerous ammunition to our enemies in Asia and Europe and eventually may be paid for in countless American lives."

ALL IS QUIET, BUT . . .

At the present all seems fairly quiet on the San Leandro front. In fact, Dr. Aikawa and our Eden Township JACL chapter members report that the protest from other groups against this incident of discrimination has been most heartening for the Japanese Americans and evidence indicates that San Leandro in general is very receptive to the Nisei.

However, this particular case portrays the necessity for continued vigilance by the JACL. Anti-Japanese prejudice is not dead in many areas. It is only dormant and can swiftly and terribly be brought back to life.

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CLOVIS GROUP SEEKS JACL CHARTER AS TENTH CHAPTER IN CENTRAL CAL

(Clovis) A new JACL chapter is being formed in Clovis following action taken at a recent meeting of the Clovis Kyo-wa kai.

Members of the group present at this meeting unanimously voted to organize a JACL unit.

Jim Miyamoto was elected to head a committee for a membership campaign.

A new chapter in Clovis would increase the number of units in the Central California JACL District to 10 and nationally to 88 chapters.

HOWARD SAKURA TO HEAD SEATTLE JACL CHAPTER

(SEATTLE) Howard Sakura, prominent in local church and club affairs, was elected president of the Seattle JACL, succeeding George S. Kashiwagi. Installation will be held Apr. 15 at the Chamber of Commerce with Hiram Akita as chairman of the dinner-dance affair.

Other officers are:

Kelly Yamada, James Matsuoaka, Mitsuji Noji, v.p.; Min Yamaguchi, treas.; Marie Yamamoto, rec. sec.; Aiko Matsuda, cor. sec.; George Kashiwagi, del.; Dr. S. Fukuda, Henry Miyake, Ted Sakahara, Toru Sakahara, William Mimbue, Kazie Yokoyama, Frank Hattori, Tad Yamaguchi, bd. of gov.

The installation dinner will also honor some 300 newly-naturalized Issei citizens.

San Francisco CL auxiliary hosts 50 at luncheon

(San Francisco) Spring blossoms splashed the lush colorful table decorations for the spaghetti luncheon staged Mar. 13 by the San Francisco JACL Auxiliary at Booker T. Washington social hall. Over 50 members and friends attended.

Honored guests included:

Mmes. Sye Noguchi, Pasadena; June Morimoto, Sacramento; Dorothy Ono, Pat Shimizu, Sebastopol; Anne Ohki, Mary Hamamoto, San Rosa; Clara Miyano and Jean Miyano, Petaluma.

Mrs. Fumi Hoshiyama and Mrs. Yo Hironaka, luncheon co-chairmen, were assisted by:

Mrs. Amey Aizawa, Mrs. Joyce Enomoto, Daisy Uyeda, Sumi Utsumi, Sawaye Fukumori, Mary Hamamoto and Vi Nakano.



'1000' CLUB NOTES

(San Francisco) Memberships and renewals in the 1000 Club received at National Headquarters during the month of February, 1955, are as follows:

SEVENTH YEAR

Dr. George Y. Hiura, Chicago; Joe Kobata, Gardena.

SIXTH YEAR

Noboru Honda, Chicago; Sho Iino, Los Angeles; Joe Matsunami, Sacramento.

FIFTH YEAR

Tom Kida, Lemon Grove, Calif.; Tomo T. Kosobayashi, Minneapolis.

FOURTH YEAR

Charley Hirai, Idaho Falls; William M. Marutani, Philadelphia; Fred Takagi, Seattle; Henry Taketa, Sacramento; Dr. H. Tom Tamaki, Collegeville, Pa.

THIRD YEAR

Oscar Fujii, Reno; Ginji Mizutani, Sacramento; George S. Muto, San Diego.

SECOND YEAR

Dr. Minoru Amimoto, Chicago; Sim Endo, Philadelphia; Toko Fujii, Sacramento; Dr. Susumu Hasegawa, Chicago; Dr. Carl Hirota, San Francisco; Dr. Mitsuo Hirata, William Ishida, Philadelphia; Hiroji Kariya, Palo Alto; Nobu Kobayashi, Philadelphia; Roy S. Kobayashi, Santa Ana; Dr. George Kodama, San Diego; Mike M. Kudo, Chicago; Bill Matsumoto, Sacramento; Katsuro Murakami, Sacramento; Dr. Mitsuo R. Nakata, Portland; George T. Okita, Chicago; Leo Owashi, San Diego; Wataru Tsugawa, Sacramento; Shio Uyetake, Troutdale, Ore.; James K. Kida, Portland; Kenji Nakane, Chicago.

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Moto Asakawa, San Diego; George K. Baba, Fred K. Dobana, Stockton; Richard Ejima, San Diego; Akio Hayashi, Sacramento; Paul Hoshi, San Diego; Miss Dixie Hunt, San Francisco; Sam M. Itaya, Stockton; Yasushi Ito, Sacramento; Toyse Kato, Ogden; Henry T. Kusama, Stockton; Min Miya, Ogden; Tom Mukai, Spring Valley, Calif.; Dr. Jiro Muramoto, Sacramento; Hiomi Nakamura, La Jolla; Roy Nakatani, Ogden; Dr. Leo Nakayama, Baltimore; Kanji Nishijima, Sacramento; Kaoru Okamura, Redwood City; Joseph Omachi, Stockton; Coffee H. Oshima, Peter Osuga, Mamoru Sakuma, Dr. Alwin Sato, Sacramento; Miss Yukie Shinoda, Stockton; Noboru Shirai, Dr. Henry Sugiyama, Dr. George Takahashi, Sacramento; Howard Takahashi, Spring Valley, Calif.; Miss Roxanna C. Takehara, Lemon Grove, Calif.; Mrs. Florence Uba, Major, Katsumi Uba, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.; Dr. Peter Umekubo, San Diego; James M. Yamate, Chula Vista; Lester Koe Yoshida, Merced; George Tambara, Sacramento.

Masaoka to speak at Detroit JACL testimonial to honor Issei citizens

A testimonial to honor Issei citizens will be sponsored by the Detroit JACL on Sunday, May 15, at the International Institute. The key address will be made by Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, who has accepted the invitation to speak in spite of his heavy schedule, chairman Ben Ouchi disclosed.

Gov. G. Mennen Williams, U.S. Sens. Charles E. Potter and Patrick V. McNamara have been invited as well as city officials and dignitaries. Issei citizens will attend as guests.

Assisting Ouchi are:

Kennth Miyoshi, asst.; Peter Fujioka, Setsu Fujioka, Mary Fukuda, Louis Furukawa, Al Hatate, Lloyd Joichi, Paul Joichi, Wally Kagawa Roy Kaneiko, Kiyoshi Mano, Art Matsumura, Joe Matsushita, John Miyagawa, Kay Miyaya, Kay Nakahara Aiko Nakatni, Jewell Omur, Tosh Shimoura and Minoru Togasaki.

The month of March has been designated membership month

So. Alameda County CL honors new citizens

(Pleasanton) Recently naturalized Issei citizens of Southern Alameda County were honored by the JACL chapter here Mar. 5 at the Fairgrounds cafeteria. Haruo Ishimaru, JACL regional director, and Brooke McKinnon, citizenship class instructor, were guest speakers.

Citizens honored were:

Hirokichi Asakawa, Shigeru Baba, Ima Doi, Toshiro Doi, Hamano Fudena, Haruto Hamamoto, Matsue Handa, Taiju Kato, Koyuki Kato, Haruo Kawaguchi, Teruo Watanabe, Kazuo Morimoto, Motonoshin Motozaki, Jiniichi Nakamura, Suga Nakamura, Ichizo Shikano, Masaye Takamura, Masaharu Takizawa, Masaharu Umemoto, Tayemon Yamanaka, Sanosuke Yamauchi, Yukichi Yamauchi, Yoshimatsu Matsumoto, Masu Kitayama, Asako Mayeda and Umeo Mayeda.

Kiyo Kitayama and Kiyoshi Kato were co-chairmen of the event, assisted by:

Mrs. Grace Handa, entertainment; Kaz Shikano, m.c.; Chuck Shikano, reserv.; Hiskao Mizota, foods; Setsu Umemoto, pub.

Dentist injured

(Denver) Dr. K. K. Miyamoto, pioneer leader of Denver, was injured about the head and right hand when his automobile overturned several times while motor-ing Mar. 13 to Cheyenne.

with Paul Nakamura and Friday Yoshida as membership chairman. Door-to-door calls are being made by 20 teams in hopes of topping previous records.

The Mar. 6 potluck dinner was successful with 100 in attendance. President Sadao Kimoto and 1955 cabinet members were introduced. Minoru Togasaki and Kenneth Miyoshi spoke briefly on "Why the JACL?" as membership talks by Dr. Ted Kokubo and Paul Nakamura launched the 1955 campaign.

Youngsters were shunted to another room and shown movies by Art Matsumura and Wilson Yamauchi during the meeting. Chiyo Togasaki and Kay Takata were co-chairmen of the dinner. Yoshio Kasai was emcee.

Stockton JACL honors new citizens, cabinet

(Stockton) Stockton JACL honored 146 local area Issei new citizens at the Mar. 13 installation dinner at Bruno and Len's. Among the 200 in attendance were:

Mayor and Mrs. Dean DeCarli of Stockton; Chief of Police and Mrs. Jack O'Keefe; Sheriff and Mrs. Carlos Souza; Judge Bill Dozier; Dr. and Mrs. David Greene, director of adult education; Dr. and Mrs. Nolan Pulliam, Stockton School District supt.; Dr. and Mrs. Harold Jacoby, College of Pacific; Mrs. Marie De Carli, instructor in adult education; Mr. and Mrs. S. Hayashino, Issei Kai pres.; James Okamoto, Mr. and Mrs. Shokichi Ishimaru, Mr. and Mrs. K. Ohashi, Issei Kai.

Judge Dozier installed the new cabinet members headed by Henry Kusama. Haruo Ishimaru, regional director, of San Francisco praised the Issei for their contribution to the community and their recent achievement of citizenship in the principal address. Hanji Inouye responded for the Issei.

Kats Nagai was toastmaster; Mrs. Alice Tsunekawa and Mrs. Jack Matsumoto were in charge of the dinner. George Baba was presented the past-president's pin.

3000 rabbits tagged

(Livingston) Some 400 hunters covered 24 square miles of farmland here on Rabbit Drive Sunday and slaughtered an estimated 3,000 rabbits. The hunt was co-sponsored by four local civic groups including the Livingston-Merced JACL chapter.

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BY TATS KUSHIDA

'FIESTA BY THE SEA' MAY 14-15

It's a rare occasion when we take a rain check on a steak dinner, but when we do, we make sure it's used, but quick. Which was the case when Ikey Kakimoto, former prexy of the Santa Barbara chapter gave us postponement rights to a T-bone slab. So last Friday, when we Greyhounded to SB to talk over plans of the forthcoming PSWDC convention which this chapter is hosting on May 14-15, we cashed in along with a superb tamale pie and avocado salad whipped up by his missus. The gods of Mt. Olympus couldn't have fared better.



Tom Hirashima, the dokushin titular head of both chapter and confab, is getting things into shape as per story on the convention elsewhere in this issue. It's called, "Fiesta by the Sea."

SOME SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Other meeting and speaking engagements occupied most of the past week, two of them being neighborhood night gatherings of the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims held at the Seinan area's Centenary Methodist Church and at the eastside's Tenrikyo.

On a panel for the National Conference of Christians and Jews, we addressed a group of some 60 student and graduate nurses of St. Vincent's College of Nursing on the 16th.

On Monday last, we spoke before the Orange County Conference of Community Relations apprising this coordinating agency about JACL activities, Stephen Cap Tamura, OC's Deputy County Counsel, and George Kanno, OC JACL president standing by to fill in gaps. Afterwards, Cap's wife fed the three of us some cosmic (out of this world) beew sand's which replenished our depleted caloric hoard.

BOOK SELLING LIKE HOT CAKES

"Home Again" is going like hotcakes as well it should. The 30 autographed copies author Jim Edmiston left with us earlier this month are sold out. When he dropped in Monday, we asked him to leave another 60. Come and get 'em while they last. It's a best seller up in Frisco and should be soon around Ellay.

Like insurance and doctors, books are best sold by word of mouth, that is, from a satisfied purchaser to a friend. So buy a copy and tell others about this great documentary type novel. Or order your copy by mail from headquarters for only three bucks. (Doubleday lists it as \$4 at bookstores.) Incidentally, it makes a wonderful gift to Hakujin friends. We hope to report soon what motion picture prospects are for "Home Again" but meanwhile, get it and read it for sure.

SCHOOL BOND PROPOSITIONS

Partisan politics is taboo to staff members, JACL policy says. But, on ballot propositions we feel less restricted, especially as we speak as columnist rather than regional director in this case. There are three bond issues coming up for the April 5 elections in L.A., which if passed will bring this town's school facilities up to where it should be in the light of terrifically increased school enrollment. Both our youngsters have been attending half-day sessions because of classroom shortage and the same goes for 34,000 other kids. A yes vote on Propositions 1, 2 and 3 will resolve this problem.

ONE FINAL THOUGHT ON FOOD

Since we began today on a reference to a gustatory subject, we so conclude by quoting from a message pinned to our pillow when we got home late from one of our night meetings. But to provide some background, may we recite an elementary theory, that it is impossible to sleep with a gnawing, growling and empty stomach, the best and only relief being to fill the excruciating void with digestible and palatable matter, which remedy being our nightly bedside practice. More often than not the gastronomic cache is left hidden beneath our bed.

On with our teenager's revealing missive: "Dear Dad: While dusting under your bed I came across some various edible goods. Since this place seemed most inadequate for such articles I have placed them in your top dresser drawer.—Pamie". Thoughtful daughter.

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RUTH OKAWA, 18 MAE SHIMIZU, 17 KIKU MITSUNAGA, 17 NATSUYE SHIBA, 23 EDNA MASUDA, 14
One of these girls will reign as queen of the 20th annual Salt Lake Nisei Invitational Basketball Tournament Mar. 31-Apr. 2. The other four will serve as attendants, according to Mrs. Jean Ujifusa, queen contest chairman. Ruth, born in San Jose, is a senior at Granite High School; Mae and Kiku, both native Utahns, are seniors at West High School; Natsuye, a native Utahn, is a registered nurse at the LDC Hospital; and Edna, also of Utah, is a freshman at the Univ. of Utah majoring in education. —Twilite Photos

SIX TEAMS TANGLE-MAR. 31-APR. 2 FOR SALT LAKE NISEI INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL TITLE; S.F. SAINTS DEFENDERS

(Salt Lake City) Power-laden quintets will vie for the 20th annual Salt Lake Nisei Invitational Basketball Tournament championship next week-end, Mar. 31-Apr. 2 at the East Riverside Stake gym, 347 W. 1st North.

Upward to 600 fans are expected by the tournament committee, headed by Dr. Shig Masukawa, to witness the San Francisco Chinese Saints defend its title for the fourth consecutive year.

Coach Percy Chu of the Saints reports Cliff Wong, Hanson Quock and Earl Gee have rejoined the hamps; since this trio were first-stringers before their departure to military service, a stronger team will appear on the floor.

Given the best chances to upset the champs are the two all-star teams from both the Northern California and Southern California NAU "AA" leagues. Tosh Sano, voted 1954's "most inspirational" player in the SLC Invitational, will be a key figure in the Northern Cal aggregation. Kaz Shinzato, Roosevelt High's first-string all-city guard, will be the man to watch on the Southland squad.

From the Pacific Northwest comes the Main Bowl Savoys, returning this year with new talent. A consistent powerhouse in their bailiwick, the Savoys anticipate to scare top contenders this year.

From the otherside of the Rockies will be the largest contingent ever to represent Denver—14 girls and 15 men. If Stanley Nishimoto's fractured wrist is playable, he capable youth should make a strong bid for individual honors.

Local Utah fans will pin their hopes on the SLC Young Bud-

dhists, champs of the local Nisei league, and the scrappy Davis Comets which finished third in the 1954 Invitational. Neither teams are figuring to offer much contention, but such were the predictions last year when Salt Lake lost to the Saints in the last minute of play and Davis surged into the semis.

Since the Hawaii Nisei has had to cancel their tournament berth, the Rexburg (Idaho) Ramblers were secured. Four players from Hawaii have been added to the roster to bolster their team. Coach Peterson has pointed out its re-

cent 12-pt. victory over Ricks College JVs.

Pre-tournament activities begin with the coronation of the tournament queen Mar. 30 at Murray B. Allen Blind Center.

The Apr. 1 feature at East Riverside Stake gym will be the girls game, the first time in tournament history, between Salt Lake and Denver. Following the Saturday championship game, 36 trophies and awards will be presented at the Victory Dance.

The tournament committee asks that the no-smoking rule be observed at the gym.

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Calif. Nisei cage championship tilt Sunday in S.F.

(San Francisco) The state Nisei Athletic Union basketball championship will be decided this Sunday here at Booker T. Washington court between the Lords, So. Calif. NAU "AA" champions, and the Protos, No. Calif. NAU titlists.

Southland will be defending the title it won last year when the Nisei Trading and Shin Nichi Bei fives defeated the Protos, 1954 champions, in Los Angeles.

The Lords, this year's Southern California champions, will be coming up with a star-studded squad headed by Kaz Shinzato and Kengoro Yamamoto.

Against this formidable aggregation, Coach Babe Utsumi of the Protos will be banking on his first string of Bill Hirose, Eichi Morimoto, Mutt Matsumoto, Shiro Horita and Tosh Suto.

Toronto cagers accept Chicago tournament bid

(Chicago) Toronto Mustangs, probably boasting the tallest Nisei basketball team on the American continent, has accepted the Chicago Nisei Athletic Association bid to play in their Apr. 9-10 Invitational Tournament here at the Olivet Institute. The three Miyasaki boys on the squad stand over six feet—Herbie is 6 feet 2, Roy and Ken are 6 feet 4.

SPORTSCOPE

Mas Satow rolled a 266 game and 612 series in the East Bay Nisei Bowling Association "Classic" to lead this past week.

O'Hara Trophy rolled an 838 team game last week, the best in San Francisco Nisei Women's League season. Norma Sugiyama led with 508 series.

Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

NISEI GIRL SITS AS CITY MAYOR

We had a Japanese American high school girl as mayor of Los Angeles last Tuesday. The occasion was "Girls Day in Government," in observance of the annual Girls Week, Mar. 20 to 26.



City chief was Toshi Matsuhara, 17-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yori-shige Matsuhara of 2221 Inez St., who served a day following an informal breakfast in the City Hall cafeteria with Mayor Norris Poulson. He warned her beforehand "there are many knotty problems on my desk, today."

"Mistress Mayor" is a senior at Roosevelt High School; holds the office of student body vice-presidency. She plans on a teaching career.

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CAMPAGNING FOR THOMAS

Our friend, Roger Johnson, who successfully managed campaigns of Councilman Roybal in 1949; and Supervisor John Johnson Ford, for re-election, in 1954, is grooming another candidate for City Council job for the 10th District.

The aspirant is George L. Thomas, winner of the JACL's meritorious service award at last year's 13th Biennial National JACL convention held in Los Angeles. He was cited for his outstanding contribution to the welfare of persons of Japanese ancestry during and after World War II.

Thomas has shared with the Issei and Nisei west coast returnees their darkest days of the resettlement period.

When race baiters in Hood River Valley, Oregon, rubbed off the 15 Japanese American names from the American Legion's honor roll plaque in 1945, one of the strongest protests demanding restoration was Thomas.

We recall that the Oregon post was soon threatened with expulsion from the national body if it did not put back the names.

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CHARTER AMENDMENT NO. 1

The mayor, city attorney, city controller and city councilman will be in line for a raise if Charter Amendment No. 1 on the April 5 ballot is passed. The last pay raise given the city fathers came in July of 1945. This was the only hike in 10 years.

That's the gist of the campaign pitch by supporters who point out that members of the City Council are, in effect, the board of management of a multi-million dollar corporation in the third largest city in the nation, getting \$600 per month salary.

Pay hikes have become more a necessity to any worker, bent on making a living in today's inflationary standards, and city officials are no exceptions.

What is the proposed advancement in salary? They run for the mayor from \$18,000 to \$25,000; for city attorney from \$15,000 to \$22,500; the city controller from \$12,000 to \$18,000; and members of the City Council from \$7,200 to \$12,000.

The New York mayor gets \$40,000; Chicago's city chief, \$25,000; and so do mayors in Philadelphia and Detroit. We can name some top comedians on television who make that much in a single show, just grinning.

A Decade Ago

March 24, 1945

California sheriffs told to maintain order; Attorney General Kenny hits economic opposition to return of evacuees to West Coast.

War Department announces 17,600 Japanese Americans now serving in U.S. Army.

Secretary Ickes urges Nisei to settle in East; letter to Senator reveals policy discouraging return.

Oregon House beats move to force out resolution urging Congress to exclude evacuees from West Coast.

Camden (N.J.) AFL Local suspends member for anti-Nisei talk.

National American Legion leadership condemns anti-Nisei activity; Hood River's stand cited in resolution, affirm debt of honor owed servicemen of Japanese ancestry.

Issei parents of Sgt. Kazuo Otani (of Fresno) receive DSC awarded to him posthumously by U.S. Army at impressive ceremonies at Gila River WRA Center.

Nisei trainees win Camp Blanding (Fla.) cage title.

First Nisei girl returns to Redlands, Calif., to attend university.

Canadian government tells evacuees to settle outside of British Columbia province.

Report from Pacific identifies Nisei soldiers participating in Marine landing on Iwojima.

Chicago doctor receives 400 letters backing stand of Nisei; case closed. Doctor who quit staff when Nisei girl refused admittance rejoins as understanding reached.

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VITAL STATISTICS

Births

PORTLAND

SASAKI—Feb. 18, boy Dave to Sam K. Sakakis.

SEATTLE

ABE—Feb. 6, boy David Patrick to Patrick Abes.
EGASHIRA—Feb. 28, girl to David Egashiras.
FURUTA—Mar. 2, girl to Terumasa Furutas.
KIMURA—Mar. 4, girl to Del Kimuras.
MIZUMARI—Mar. 3, girl to George Mizumaris.
OKADA—Feb. 6, girl Catherine Joy to Yoshitaka Okadas.
SHIMIZU—Jan. 26, a girl Linda Kay to the Jerry Shimizus. Fife.

SALT LAKE CITY

AKIYAMAS—Feb. 15, girl to Rentaro Akiyamas.
MOCHIZUKI—Feb. 9, girl to Isamu Mochizukis.

DENVER

AOKI—Feb. 11, boy to Fred Aokis.
FUKUHARA—Feb. 21, twin girls Christine, Cynthia to Larry Fukuhas (Amy Hayashi).
MATSUDA—Feb. 23, boy to Sam Matsudas, Wellington.
MAYEDA—Feb. 3, boy Gregory Kenji to Dr. Bob Mayedas.
NAKAZONO—Boy to H. Nakazonos.
OKAMURA—Feb. 24, boy to Morris Okamuras (Dixie Ota).
TAMURA—Feb. 21, boy Douglas Tadashi to Frank Tamuras (Miyoko Yamasaki).

DETROIT

KASAI—Feb. 12, girl to Yoshio Kasais.
OKUBO—Feb. 28, girl Ann Marie to James K. Okubos.
OTSUKI—Feb. 1, girl to William Otsukis.
SHIMODA—Mar. 7, girl Debra Louise to Jiro Shimodas (Tomiko Margaret Mikasa).
SHINNO—Feb. 12, boy Allston Don to Edward K. Shinnos.
SUGIMOTO—Feb. 8, boy David Hideo to Roy Sugimotos (Katherine Shimoura), Royal Oak.

CLEVELAND

IKEDA—Feb. 12, boy Alan Kiyoshi to Fred Ikedas (Julia Sakai).
KUMAGAI—Mar. 7, girl Nancy Ann to Joey Kumagais (Margaret Hori-kawa).
NAKAO—Mar. 3, girl Cynthia Kathleen to Tom Nakaos (Alice Taketa).
OSHIMA—Feb. 17, boy John Raymond to William Oshimas (Helen Ackerly).
TOYOTA—Mar. 2, girl Debra Lynn to Tosh Toyotas (Dorothy Totsubo).
YOKOTA—Feb. 6, girl Gerry to George Yokotas (Ruby Bell).

NEW YORK

KANAZAWA—Mar. 3, boy Mark to Tooru Kanazawas.

Engagements

AKASHI-TAKESHTA — Sumako to Kenji, both of San Francisco, Feb. 27.
IMAMOTO-NODA — Grace, Alameda, to Grant, Livingston.
KAKU-YAMAMOTO — Betty, Seattle, to Ben, White Center, Wash.
KAWAKAMI-KINOSHITA — Unis, Denver, to George, Albuquerque, Feb. 21.
MAYEDA-NAAGIWARA — Kaoru to Hikaru, both of New York.
MIYASAKI-MAYEDA — Julie to Fred, both of Seattle.
TAZOE-FUJIMOTO — Masako, Los Angeles, to George, Riverside, Mar. 16.
TOKUNAGA-FUJIOKA — Rose to Raita, both of Selma, Feb. 18.

Marriage Licenses Issued

KONNO-FUGIKAWA — Yoshiro, Oakland, and Amy, San Francisco.
KATAYAMA-KUSUKA — John Y., 23; Joyce T., 18, both of Seattle.
MURAKAMI-NAKASE — Sunao, 30, Watsonville; Sumiye, 26, Santa Maria.
NAKAMURA-BEPPU — Ronald, 21; Lois C., 18, both of Salt Lake.
TANAGI-HIDAKA — George, 30; Pat-sy S., 26, both of Seattle.

Weddings

DOI-TOCHIHARA — Feb. 26, George and Katherine, both of Brighton, Colo.
ECHIGOSHIMA-HASEGAWA — Feb. 12, Ray Hajime and Ellen, both of Seattle.

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FUKUI-TAKAHASHI — Mar. 5, Mitsuo, Welby; Daisy Sumiko, Ft. Lupton, Colo.
IKEDA-MANA — Mar. 5, Seirin and Marion, both of Santa Maria.
IMADA-KAMIMOTO — Mar. 5, Ben, Ontario, Ore.; Mariko, Fresno.
KISHABA-SADANAGA — Feb. 27, Thomas T. and Kay, both of San Francisco.
MATSUDA-NISHIMURA — John Y., San Martin, and Ellen M., Morgan Hill.
NAKATANI-OBASHI — Dec. 26, Yasuo, Detroit, and Sumi, Chicago.
NITTA-IWAMURO — Feb. 12, Masato and Fukuye Frances, both of Watsonville.
OTSUKI-TANAKA — Dec. 21, Seiki, Scottsbluff, Neb., and Haruno, Denver.
TOKUNAGA-MIYAKE — Mar. 5, Tosh and Elaine, both of Seattle.
UGAI-NAKADA — Feb. 19, Norman, North Platte; Alice, Scottsbluff, at Chicago.
YOSHIDA-MAYEDA — Mar. 5, Chris, Madera, and June, Fresno.
YOSHINO-HIRAI — Mar. 6, Jack, Watsonville; Fujiko, San Francisco

Deaths

ANZAI, Mrs. Tama, 64; Seattle, Feb. 15, survived by husband Tomekichi sons Susumu Harry, Tsugio Thomas, daughters Mrs. Michiko Sanada, Mrs. Yaeko J. Morisaka, Mrs. Naoko Tanaka, Teruko May.
FUJITO, Yone, 70; San Diego, Feb. 20, survived by sons George, William (Chula Vista), James (Weiser Idaho), Julius (USAF), and daughter Mrs. May Alford (Los Angeles).
HIKIKI, Saichi, 70; Los Angeles, Mar. 7, survived by wife, son George, daughters Mrs. Hatsuye Baba Mrs. Sawako Aoki Mrs. June S. Isobe.
HINAGA Hikotaro, 81; San Jose, Feb. 27, survived by sons Russell, Chick (Los Angeles), George (San Mateo), three daughters Mrs. Mary Horio, Mrs. Alice Taketa, Mrs. Bernice Yoshioka, and 22 grandchildren and a great grandchild.
HIRAKI, Roger, 6 mon.; La Junta, Colo., Mar. 4, survived by parents Jim and Judy, and brother.
ISHIDA, Kamen, 54; Los Angeles, Mar. 3, survived by husband Morizo sons Masao, Yoshio, daughters Mrs. Himeko N. Nishida and Mrs. Sachiko Matsuda.
ITO, Manzo, 83; Seattle, Feb. 5, survived by wife, sons Joji, Kenji Henry and daughter Mrs. Yone Matsuo.
IWATA, Shichizo, 65; Stockton, Feb. 6, survived by wife, son Arthur, daughters Fumi and Toshiko (Berkeley).
KAGEYAMA, Taka, 65; Monterey, Mar. 2, survived by husband Saichiro, four sons Tami, Masao, Gichi, Aisaku and daughter Mrs. Gary Tanaka.
KAGOHARA, Yeizi; Pueblo, Colo., Mar. 3.
KATAYAMA, Mrs. Takeno; Oroquieta, Feb. 1, survived by husband Tomoji, three sons Yo, Sho, Mike, daughter Mrs. Fumiko Niino.
KURODA, Tomoye; San Francisco, Feb. 14, survived by husband Yoshio, son Yoshio, daughters Rose, Mrs. Jane Aiko Kinoshita, Mrs. Terumi Ozawa.
MATOBA, Mrs. Shizu, 60; Watsonville, Mar. 15, survived by husband Naoya, sons Hideo (Richmond), Takeo (Sanger), Yutaka, Shiro, George, Sakae (Denver) daughter Mrs. Michi Tani-no (Denver).
MINAMI, Kuni, 70; Guadalupe, Mar. 6, survived by husband Yaemon, sons Yataro, Yoshimatsu Isamu, Mitsugu, daughter Mrs. Toshiko Iriyama, and 14 grandchildren.
MORI Caroline T., 4; Seattle, Feb. 5, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Hideo.
NOZAWA, Tomoyuki, 73; San Francisco, Feb. 17, survived by wife Chiyoko, daughters Mrs. Tomoye Takahashi, Mrs. Martha Tsuchida.
OKUDA, Kinjiro, 79; Salt Lake City, Feb. 26, survived by wife, three sons Bob K., Haruo (Chicago) Buddy (Pasadena), daughter Takako (New

York) and five grandchildren.
ONO, Masukichi, 74; Selma, Mar. 1, survived by son Ben Takeo and daughter Mrs. Sue Kokubun (Los Angeles).
SHIROYAMA, Josaku; Denver, Feb. 19.
SUHARA, Michiko, 40; Seattle, Feb. 23, survived by mother and two brothers Kenji, Fujio.
TANABE, Mrs. Tomiko, 61; Pocatello, Mar. 3, survived by sons Dr. Tsuneo (State College, Pa.), Dr. Tetsuro (Torrance), daughters Mrs. Sanayo Yamaguchi, Mrs. May T. Shiozawa, Mrs. Shigo Kuroki (North Platte), and eight grandchildren.
TASHIRO, George, 40; Crowley, Colo., (funeral) Mar. 5, survived by wife Asano, son Douglas and daughter Sharon.
TASHIRO, Manji; San Jose, Feb. 16, survived by wife Haya, daughters Shizue and Mrs. Misuye Shimoto.
TSUNODA, Zenzaburo, 72; Stockton, Feb. 16.
YAHIRO, James S., 52; Watsonville, Feb. 8, survived by wife, sons David, William James Jr., Michael, Shiro, daughter Connie Stricklen, four brothers George (San Diego), John (Chicago), Kay and Tom (Hawthorne, Calif.) and sister Mrs. M. Oba (Fullerton).
YAMADA, Asano, 54; Los Angeles, Mar. 5, survived by husband Toshizumi, sons David M., Tamaki, daughters Tsuyako Mrs. Shizuko Nakagawa, Mrs. Hisaye Tsujimoto.
YAMADA Mrs. Yei, 73; Scottsbluff, Neb., Mar. 4, survived by husband Seikichi, sons Kay, George (Mexico City), Ryoza (Japan), daughters Mrs. Fred Ikeya (Scottsbluff), Mrs. Tom Ikuta (North Hollywood, Calif.), and Mrs. K. Matsumoto (Japan).
YAMASHIRO, Hanako, 40; Gardena, Mar. 3, survived by husband Tsuneji, son Ken, daughter Emi brothers William and John T. Sakayama and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hichiro Sakayama.
YODA, Buzaemon, 65; Seattle, Feb. 25, survived by wife, sons Tetsuya, Shuji daughters Michiko Takako.

SOCIAL NOTES

Sacramento: The Parkview Presbyterian Women's Guild, recently organized with Mrs. Dorothy Fujimoto as president, will hold a benefit dinner Apr. 3 at the Parkview Presbyterian Church. Funds go to the project long started for the housing of the church minister.

(San Diego) The Buddhist Church here has taken over sponsorship of the benefit bazaar, previously managed by the YBA, and set for Sunday, May 15. Louis Fujii, general chairman, will be assisted by Takeyoshi Ohara, Masami Honda and Zenbei Iwashita.

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Editorials

'DON'T SELL TO ORIENTALS'

An anonymous telephone call threatening death to the real estate broker if he sold a house to Orientals seemed effective in the case of Dr. Larry Aikawa in San Leandro last week. The Nisei dentist couldn't buy the house he nearly had.

That the conscience of the community was irritated and Dr. Aikawa found a host of new friends who protested this form of discrimination is indicative of the growing maturity of California citizens.

A survey of the neighborhood by one depressed citizen who read the story in the morning paper brought out the fact that most of them would welcome a Japanese American family.

But very sinister was the method employed in the latest incident—an anonymous telephone call.

Southern California schools were being emptied by the dozens (to the glee of students) when anonymous telephone calls to the local police warned a bomb would go off at a certain hour while classes were being held. After umpteen times, one principal got brave and didn't dismiss classes; the papers so reported and it put a stop to the wave of pranksters tipping authorities about a bomb that wasn't there.

True, it is difficult to pin down anonymous threats. But it may be a pattern the race-baiters will use to attain their ends. Battling an unseen foe can prove to be more frustrating. The only consolation is that we have friends who can help.

From the Frying Pan

BY BILL HOSOKAWA

SNOW TIRE FIASCO

Denver
This is the first winter I've ever had both a car worthy of being equipped with snow tires, and enough credit to put on a pair. We put them on last December. They worked just fine the few times it did snow, biting into the drifts and enabling the car to run almost as if the pavement were dry.

But snow tires are an abomination in dry weather and it's dry most of the time in Denver. They're noisy. They ride rough so that the car develops all manner of rattles and squeaks, or at least it seems that the tires are at fault.

Last week, with spring in the air, and weary of driving with snow tires, I pulled in at George Kuramoto's service station and asked him to put the factory equipment U.S. Royals back on.

"You kidding?" George asked. I denied it.

"You're foolish," George said. "This is the middle of March. It's going to snow some more."

"Sure," I said, "it's going to snow and it better snow a lot or else we're not going to have any lawns this summer. But it's spring now. If it snows, it won't stay on the ground for more than a day. I want to take off the snow tires."

"Okay," he said. "Your car."

He looked as if he wanted to say, "don't blame me," but he was being polite.

So George and Tom took off the snow treads and put on the summer tires, and the car acted like a boy who's shed his long underwear and galoshes after a long winter. Most of the squeaks and rattles disappeared, and it made like it wanted to get out on the highway and kick up its heels. It was fine.

Well, you've probably guessed the end of the story by now. Sunday morning, when I got up anticipating a nice drive in the hills, there was an inch of snow on the ground and more of it was coming down faster than it had all winter. The snow continued all day, acting like it was going to keep snowing until Memorial Day.

We didn't even bother to take the car out of the garage.

THIS BUSINESS OF GUESSING

The snow tire fiasco gave my roommate an opportunity to remind me, quite forcibly, what a lousy guesser I am and to be completely frank, she's quite right. Not only is my guessing lousy, but my luck is of similar quality.

I always pick the wrong line regardless of whether it's at the bank or the postoffice. At the supermarket, I case each of the checkers, and try to pick the shortest queue. But invariably, it happens that the fellow in front of me is buying enough groceries to provision a Cub Scout weekend expedition, and my roommate makes rude remarks about how it takes me a whole hour to bring home a loaf of bread.

During our infrequent literary and political discussions at Carl Iwasaki's place, I can be absolutely sure that Yosh Ito has only a low straight to my flush. It usually turns out that Yosh isn't holding a straight at all, but a well concealed full house which as every bridge player knows is bad medicine when seen from the other side of the table.

I've bought enough raffle tickets to paper our basement, but I can't ever remember winning anything. Only time I recall getting something for nothing was the year I was graduated from high school. Never mind which year, it was a long time ago. There used to be a jeweler in Seattle, name of W. Nakamura. I guess he's still in business. He had a big clock in his window, and the name of all known Seattle Nisei high school graduates were tacked up around the clock face. A wrist watch was to be presented to the fellow (or girl) whose name was closest to the minute hand when it stopped.

The hand stopped closest to my name. I didn't even know that I was entered in the contest, but W. Nakamura tracked me down and gave me a watch anyway. It was a fine little timepiece and I liked it very much. Three weeks later, though, I was wearing it when I tipped over in a canoe. The watch was never much good after that experience.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER:

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Statehood for Hawaii

Washington

As this is written, the all-powerful Rules Committee is considering whether to allow the House of Representatives to consider the combined Hawaii - Alaska statehood bill as reported by the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, and, if the answer is in the affirmative, under what procedural restrictions as to amendments, length of debate, etc.

By the time this is read, the House may have acted upon this measure and it may be in the Senate for its concurrence.

This particular item has to do with the 126 page report of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs recommending favorable action on the so-called "package deal" which ties statehood for the only two remaining federal territories into a single legislative bill.

Attesting to the importance attached to the legislation, the chairman himself, Rep. Clair Engle, (D., Calif.), signed the report on behalf of the 25-member Committee. Five members filed minority or opposing views, while one (Rep. Clair Hosmer, R., Calif.) objected only to statehood for Alaska.

The bill contains two enabling acts, Title I relating to Hawaii and Title II relating to Alaska.

The report lists the various reasons for statehood and concludes the section with the following summary paragraph:

"Any concept of permanent inferiority for the residents of any American Territory who have qualified for statehood by every historic and economic standard, and the vast majority of whom fervently desire it, is foreign to the American ideal. On the basis of principles established 167 years ago, our people heretofore always have recognized the right of an incorporated Territory to receive statehood so soon as it demonstrates conclusively that it can meet the requirements of statehood. Hawaii, with its large, thoroughly American population, its economic development, the splendid war record of its people in fighting and dying for American ideals in Europe and Asia, and the desire of its people for statehood, fits perfectly into the historic pattern under which our Nation has grown great."

The Committee report then undertakes to answer the main arguments of those who oppose Hawaii's aspirations at this time, explains the background of the legislative history for statehood, describes the people of Hawaii, and summarizes some basic facts regarding the Territory.

The conclusion points out that "a greater amount of information regarding Hawaii was available to the committee than has been the case in the admission of any other Territory. Every effort was made to go into all of the issues thoroughly, and to give objective, impartial consideration to all of the objections presented."

"As a result, the committee is convinced that—

"(1) The admission of Hawaii into the Union as a State is in the best interests of the Nation and the Territory.

"(2) The Territory meets all the traditional requirements for statehood.

"(3) In the current clash of political and economic ideologies in the battle for the minds of men, the admission of Hawaii as a State would be a practical demonstration that the United States practices what it preaches in the way of 'government of the people, by the people, and for the people.'"

Segregation Even In Death

Word has come to us that the Court of Appeal of California ruled that it is not a violation of the state public accommodations statute for a cemetery to restrict its mausoleum for use by white families and to refuse burial there to a Negro.

Rejecting a suit for damages based upon the refusal of the Mountain View Cemetery of Oakland to entomb the body of a Negro in a restricted mausoleum when the dead man's wife sued the cemetery for \$50,000 damages on the theory that its actions violated the state public accommoda-

tions statute which prohibits discrimination in restaurants, theaters, barber shops, and "other places of public accommodations", the three-judge appellate court relied upon recent court decisions in Illinois and Iowa that a cemetery was "not a place of public accommodation". The opinion was signed by President Judge John T. Nourse.

A concurring opinion by Justice Herbert C. Kaufman said that the California statute applies "only . . . to living citizens".

In another concurring opinion, Justice Maurice T. Dooling declared:

"I cannot resist a word of protest. I cannot believe that a man's mortal remains will disintegrate any less peaceably because of the close proximity of the body of a member of another race, and in that inevitable disintegration I am sure that the pigmentation of the skin cannot long endure. It strikes me that the carrying of racial discrimination into the burial grounds is a particularly stupid form of human arrogance and intolerance. If life does not do so, the universal fellowship of death should teach humility. The good people who insist in the racial segregation of what is mortal in man may be shocked to learn, when their own lives end, that God has reserved no racially exclusive portion for them in the hereafter."

To this eloquent comment, we can only add our "Amen".



Sam Ishikawa Is Back

We are happy to report that after two years in Japan, Sam Ishikawa is now back with us, this time in the capacity of bureau manager of the Jiji Press in New York City.

Jiji Press is a Japanese news service comparable to our United Press and specializes in economic and financial news.

Although he wanted to stop over to visit his many friends in Hawaii and on the west coast en route to his new assignment, his agency sent him to New York via Europe in order that he might survey economic conditions there in preparation for his bureau managership.

Sam skyhopped from Tokyo to Manila, to Hong Kong, to Bangkok, to Calcutta, to Bombay, to Cairo, to Istanbul, to Athens, to Rome, to Munich, to Vienna, to Berlin, to Frankfurt, to Amsterdam, to Paris, to London, and to New York. His was a trip that most of us only dream about.

An economics major at Harvard University, Sam first came to the general notice when he worked on Japan Relief for the American Friends Service Committee (Quak-

San Leandro home-

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neighbor?"

Of the 18 families home, 14 had "no personal objections," two would make "no comment" and one said she was "neutral". One house was vacant, no one was home at the other three.

"There was one man who expressed any objections," Marden reported, "and he didn't seem to feel very strongly about it. A lot of people said they thought the whole thing was a shame and one lady said she'd just moved from a district where there were Orientals and they were the finest neighbors she ever had. If people would get together and discuss these situations before anything was done, I don't think things like this would happen."

Margaret Fowler, executive secretary of the Southern Alameda County Real Estate board denied charges that brokers would be "kicked off" the board for helping Orientals buy homes in some areas.

In the meantime, the Aikawas have been receiving many telephone calls offering sympathy or leads on homes.

ers) immediately after World War II.

He then joined JACL's national staff, first as a regional director and then as a general troubleshooter for the national organization. Prior to his departure for Japan almost two years ago, he was the national associate director of JACL.

We join with his many friends in wishing him well in his new opportunity.

George Togasaki and Town Hall

Dr. George Kiyoshi Togasaki, one of the founders of the national JACL movement in the early '30s and guest speaker at the National JACL Convention in San Francisco in 1952, has come to the United States on another goodwill mission to promote better Japanese-American relations.

Now one of the best known Nisei in Japan, president of the influential English language *Nippon Times*, chairman of the board of International Christian University, president of the Tokyo Rotary, and master of his Masonic Lodge, among his present activities, he is one of 14 representatives of Far East and Near East countries invited by Town Hall and the Foreign Policy Association to participate in a seven-weeks coast to coast tour of this country to discuss on a "people to people" basis the problems of the Orient.

Dr. Togasaki is Japan's representative. Other countries participating in this unprecedented effort to interest Americans on the "grass roots" level with Asian affairs are Afghanistan, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Thailand, and Turkey.

Featuring forum and panel type discussions, rather than formal speeches, the Town Hall Asia Mission will begin in New York City and visit Princeton, Philadelphia, Chicago, Minneapolis, Yankton (South Dakota), Omaha, Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Atlanta, and Washington, D.C.

In his untiring efforts to promote better understanding between the United States and Japan, Dr. Togasaki has the best wishes of his many friends and fellow JACLers who see in his activities a contribution that they themselves wish to make to the land of their birth.

CALENDAR

Mar. 25 (Friday)
D.C.—Pre-EDC MDC convention reception Japanese Embassy, Washington.

Mar. 26-27
San Mateo-Sequoia—Bowling Tournament, San Mateo Bowl, 7 p.m. (Sat.)
1 p.m. (Sun.)
Sonoma County—Benefit movie Memorial Hall Sebastopol.

Mar. 26-29
EDC-MDC — Joint convention, Hotel Washington, Washington, D.C.

Mar. 26 (Saturday)
East Los Angeles—Mambo Session, International Institute, 8 p.m.
Southwest L.A.—Japanese Cooking class, Centenary Methodist Church, 1:30 p.m. Mrs. Yoshiko Sakurai, inst.

Mar. 28 (Monday)
Hollywood—Special Meeting for Naturalized Issei, Hollywood Gakuen, 8 p.m.

Apr. 1 (Friday)
Alameda—General Meeting, Buena Vista Methodist Church, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia — Meeting, International Institute, 645-15th St., 8 p.m. "Legal Clinic".

Apr. 2 (Saturday)
San Diego—Potluck Dinner, Japanese Congregational Church, 7 p.m.
Chicago—Box Lunch Social, Monroe YWCA, 59 E. Monroe, 7 p.m.

Apr. 3 (Sunday)
Marysville—Community Picnic, Spring Valley Rd. opp. Sperbeck Ranch, N. of State Hwy 20.
Gilroy—Community Picnic, Uvas Dam.

Apr. 8 (Friday)
Chicago—Meeting, Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan 8 p.m. Film: Edw. Murrow's "Dr. Oppenheimer Interview".

Apr. 14 (Thursday)
East Los Angeles — General Meeting, Soto-Michigan Center, 8 p.m.

Apr. 15 (Friday)
Seattle — Installation dinner-dance, Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

Apr. 16 (Saturday)
Placer County — Pre-Picnic dance, Loomis Veterans Memorial Hall.

Apr. 17 (Sunday)
Placer County — JACL picnic, Penny JACL ball park.

Apr. 21 (Thursday)
Southwest L.A. — Pre-PSWDC Convention mixer, Centenary Methodist Church, 8 p.m.

Apr. 24 (Sunday)
Reedley—Community Picnic, Alameda—Issei Citizens' Dinner (tentative).