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From the Frying Pan

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RECOGNIZING 'ENTERPRISE'

Denver

Today's epistle is about that rare and admirable quality known as enterprise which was demonstrated here this last week by several Nisei whom we'd like to recognize.

The first is a 49-year-old Hawaiian Nisei school teacher named Kiichi Saiki. Saiki had a hankering to see the United States, and he wanted his three sons to take a good first-hand look at the mainland, too. But being a school teacher he didn't have the kind of money it would take to tour the U.S. of A.

So what did he do? He organized a father-and-son act, although none of the Saikis are showpeople. His sons, Gilbert, 18; Owen, 16, and Howard, 15, join with their dad in a judo demonstration. Then Saiki gives a little lecture about the Hawaiian Islands, and the boys play the uke and sing a few songs. Then there's some more judo, with one of the Saikis taking the part of a thug armed with a knife. Of course he's disarmed with the twist of a wrist and judo triumphs again.

Saiki got a year's leave of absence from his job starting last July, and since then the father and three sons have visited 22 states. They hit a town stone cold, visit local school people armed with a sheaf of testimonials and letters of recommendation, and try to get a few bookings. They've been doing fine and hope to visit all 48 states before they go home to what they believe will be the 49th.

That sort of enterprise hasn't been seen in Nisei circles for a long, long time, not since the hungry depression days when fellows like Tom Takagi, Tosuke Yamazaki and Joe Oyama were seeing America first from the side door of railroad boxcars.

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EDITING THE MILE-HI BULLETIN

The second Nisei is of the same vintage as the three named in the paragraph immediately above. His name is Oski Tanigaki and he used to edit an English section for one of the San Francisco Japanese language newspapers in the early thirties, an era that we like to think of as the Golden Age of English sections. Oski long ago drifted away from Nisei journalism to more lucrative fields, but recently he was prevailed upon to edit the Mile-Hi JACL chapter's little monthly publication, the Bulletin.

Many another editor would have been content to get the paper out any old way, just so it got out. Oski saw the job as an opportunity for reporting and serving his community. One of his recent issues carries a penetrating and moving feature story about the plight of Japanese war brides married to Negroes. It was a story which Oski researched and wrote because, as an oldtime reporter, he saw a story and felt the need to tell it. That story was kicking around this community for a long time, but nobody bothered to write it until Oski showed a little enterprise.

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LOCALE FOR JUDO TOURNAMENT

The third Nisei is George Kuramoto, the one man who's nursed along the two-year-old Denver Judo Dojo. This outfit last Sunday held what it hopes was the first of a series of annual invitational judo tournaments. A team from Salt Lake City came over for the meet, competing with three local teams in addition to the host group. About two-thirds of the 175 lads taking part were Caucasians.

When the Deaver group was first planning this tourney, the question of a hall loomed large. They didn't have a lot of money to spend in renting one, and at the same time they wanted a place spacious enough to accommodate plenty of spectators. So where did they finally locate their tournament? They took the matter up with the general and arranged to borrow the huge gymnasium at Lowry Air Force Base. Some 1,500 fans showed up, and judo got a substantial boost locally. That's enterprise, and we're glad to recognize it.

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And so endeth today's lesson.

Editorials

OVERSHADOWING QUESTION

Can the United States avoid war with Red China? By far, this question overshadows other public issues of the day. Recent turn of events force us to believe Communist China is determined to conquer Formosa. If they try, President Eisenhower will have no alternative to unleash our might against them.

To yield any more ground would be pulling the rug from under the most exposed people of free Asia—from Pakistan to Japan.

Our only hope is that Mao understands how determined we are to take a stand and what armaments we will unchain.

BOGART INTERESTED IN 'HOME AGAIN' MOVIE ROLE OF RELOCATION OFFICER

(San Francisco) Humphrey Bogart is interested in portraying the role of Sam Morgan, the relocation officer, in the film version of the James Edmiston novel "Home Again", the author recently revealed before a JACL meeting here. Film rights to the book have been sold to Sam Jaffe, independent Hollywood producer.

A large number of Issei and Nisei actors would be needed, Edmiston added, for the film which is expected to roll "within six months".

DAR GROUP SEEKS ALL CITIZENSHIP EXAM IN ENGLISH

(Washington) A resolution urging Congress to require that all U.S. naturalization examinations be taken in the English language was adopted by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D.C., district, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League was informed last week.

As one of the oldest and largest in national organizations, the DAR district will present the resolution at the 64th National Continental Congress to be here in April.

Charging that since English is the basic language of this nation and since good citizenship requires that all voters, for example, be able to read the ballot which is printed in English, the DAR demanded that the special provision of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 that authorizes aliens over the age of 50 on Dec. 24, 1952 and who have been in the U.S. 20 or more years to take the naturalization examination in other than the English language, be repealed.

This waiver of the English language requirement for this special category of aliens was sponsored by the JACL on the grounds that good citizenship and loyalty are not based solely upon the ability to read and write the English language. JACL proposed this waiver in order to take care of the special situation of the Issei residents who had been denied through all the previous years of American history the privilege of citizenship.

In spite of this waiver, however, the Washington JACL office noted that the great majority of Issei who have taken their naturalization examinations to date have done so in the English language.

"This waiver of the English language was to take care of a special situation that in a few years will no longer exist and this provision will automatically become inoperative after the present group of eligible aliens qualify," the Washington office said.

SEN. MAGNUSON URGES NISEI TO AID IN U.S.-ASIA TIES AT EDC-MDC DINNER

Alien land law repeal bill handed full assembly OK

(Sacramento) The State Assembly last week approved two bills which seek to erase the last vestiges of the alien land laws from the statutes.

One of them, AB 842 to repeal the 1913 law, is incorporated in a general bill to repeal a number of old or inoperative laws. Its companion bill, AB 841, was adopted by the Assembly Friday.

The bill, authored by Assemblyman Edward E. Elliott (D., Los Angeles), seeks to place the repeal proposition on the November ballot as the present law, adopted an initiative measure in 1920, can be rescinded by popular vote only.

The "do pass" recommendation was taken when Elliott and Haruo Ishimaru, JACL representative, testified before the committee and explained that the law was nullified by the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 and by state supreme court decisions in the Fujii and Masaoka case.

(Washington) Senator Magnuson (D., Wash.) Sunday urged the Japanese American Citizens League to use its knowledge of the peoples of the Pacific to create better understanding with the United States.

The Senator spoke at a dinner of JACL representatives from Eastern and Midwest District Councils declaring:

"If you, who are in the JACL can contribute as much to international relations as you have already contributed to eliminating discrimination and injustices in the United States against persons of Japanese ancestry, you will have rendered a great service to our country and to the cause of peace in our time."

Magnuson praised the League's record since World War II in combating prejudice, racial bias and discriminatory laws. He said its action has made Japanese Americans a "welcome people" in all parts of the country.

Reviewing the record of Nisei troops in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, he declared:

"This unprecedented war record proved the loyalty of Americans of Japanese ancestry and made possible many of the legislative and legal gains that are yours today."

Hospitality of San Leandro defended in Eden Township JACL protest to city mayor

(San Leandro) The Eden Township chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League defended the hospitality of San Leandro, despite an "incident of racial discrimination" against a Nisei dentist.

This defense was contained in a letter dated Mar. 19 from the chapter to Mayor Thomas O. Knick. It referred to the incident in which Dr. Larry S. Aikawa was denied a San Leandro home when a telephone threat caused the seller to cancel the deal.

While "we would like to point out to you the basically unAmerican aspects of such discrimination," the letter stated, "we believe that such isolated cases of discrimination, important as they may be, should not carry a distorted picture of the true nature of this friendly and hospitable city of San Leandro."

The letter pointed out, however, that "the cold war in Asia is especially important and crucial today, and by such acts as have been reported in San Leandro we are actually giving ammunition to our enemies which may be purchased at the cost of countless American lives."

The letter, signed by chapter president Kenji Fujii, stated "it is imperative we demonstrate, by practice at home, our national premise of equality to all," and urged the Mayor to use "the powers of

your good office toward rectifying this situation which denies the integrity of Americanism."

Meanwhile, Dr. Aikawa, who lives with his wife and three small children in a two-bedroom apartment at 140-C Singleton Ave., Alameda, said he has had dozens of calls offering homes or best wishes as a result of the publicity.

He said he has not yet found one, however, since he wants it to be convenient to his offices at 633 East 14th St. Dr. Aikawa is a part-time instructor at the Univ. of California dental school.

1,100 flock to WYBL conference

(San Francisco) Sacramento will host the 1956 Western Young Buddhist League convention, delegates to the 13th annual statewide Bussei gathering here decided this past weekend.

According to Yone Satoda, chairman, there were 1,198 registered for the two-day session. Six outstanding Nisei leaders recognized by the National YBA were honored at the conference dinner. They were:

Dr. Kikuo Taira, Fred Nitta, Tad Hirota, Mrs. Michi Nakamoto, Manabu Fukuda and the late Masao Murata.

Kenji Osaki of Orosi and his WYBL cabinet were installed into office. Miyoko Sasaki of Sacramento was crowned "Miss Bussei of 1955". Betty Moriguchi, 19, San Francisco State coed, won the oratorical contest.

Official delegates from the 45 YBA groups also decided to continue sending monthly scholarship funds to three Nisei now studying Buddhism in Japan. Sums of \$10 each were voted for:

Ty Unno of Berkeley, Laverne Sasaki of Sacramento and Art Takemoto of Fresno.

'Jigokumon' awarded two Oscars by movie academy

(Los Angeles) "Jigokumon," Daiei's color movie, was awarded two Oscars Wednesday night for its costume designing and as the best foreign language film of 1954. It was the second time a Japanese production was honored by the Academy.

Samurai sword legend recalled

(Tacoma) A samurai sword that chopped down an aged Tacoma resident, Andrew Stolen, early last week was the same blade that killed the superior officer of confessed slayer Harvey Collins on blood-drenched Iwojima.

It was a terrifying weapon, measuring 33½ inches from its glistening dark handle to its diamond-bright lethal point.

Collins, a Marine corporal, claimed his grisly war trophy in 1945 from the fallen body of his superior officer. The Japanese officer who wielded the sword died in a hail of American bullets.

When Collins first appeared at the Tacoma police station, Of-

ficer Russ Skattum looked at him in shocked silence. He recalled that it was Collins who went through the same campaign with him. One became a police officer, the other ended up a confessed killer.

Skattum's mind flashed back to Iwojima. He recalled how he was carried off the island an injured man, his shoulder twitching with pain as he felt sharpnel still lodged there.

Skattum also recalled he too had a samurai sword in his collection and the legend of samurai swords: you never draw a samurai sword from its scabbard unless it is to draw blood. "Collins drew the blade once too often," Skattum said.

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Tokyo Topics

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MINISTERS OF STATE MUST BE 'CIVILIAN'

Tokyo

Only major change from the "interim" cabinet which took office last December after Prime Minister Hatoyama unseated Shigeru Yoshida was the appointment of Arata Sugihara as director-general of the Defense Board. Hatoyama had former Kichisaburo Nomura in mind as defense chief, but he was overruled on constitutional grounds.



"I have always thought Nomura was the right man for the job," Hatoyama told newsmen when questioned on the possible lineup of cabinet. (Hatoyama was re-elected prime minister in a special session of the Diet Mar. 18 and installed by the Emperor the following afternoon. — Editor). Nomura was considered the only person capable of manning Japan's defenses.

Article 66 reads: "The Cabinet shall consist of the prime minister who shall be its head and other ministers of state, as provided by law. The prime minister and other ministers of state must be civilian.

The cabinet, in the exercise of executive power, shall be collectively responsible to the Diet."

Nomura, now a member of the House of Councillors and a director for Victor Record Co. of Japan, is a retired naval officer, but never regarded as a war-monger and considered by many people as a refined and respected person.

The term civilian is translated into Japanese as *bunmin*. The Socialists, Communists and other anti-Hatoyama forces contended ex-Admiral Nomura was not a civilian in the original sense. Even though Japan has no army or navy today or professional military men, the term *civilian* becomes a serious issue as far as national security is concerned. Yet no ordinary politician is one to handle the delicate affair of Japan's defenses or rearmament.

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OPPOSITION FROM ARMY CLIQUE

One newspaper editorial thought "the opposition of the 'army' clique plus the fear that Admiral Nomura's appointment would look like an endorsement of war caused his name to be withdrawn from the list of prospective cabinet ministers."

The "opposition of the 'army' clique" refers to the severe protest from ex-Col. Masanobu Tsuji, a fantastic character who was responsible for killing many prisoners of war in southeast Asia. Named a war criminal, he miraculously escaped Occupation authorities and when Japan regained its sovereignty, he reappeared in his home district and made terrific speeches to be elected to the House of Representatives.

When Nomura's name was mentioned as a possible candidate for director-general of the Defense Board, Tsuji protested in behalf of the "army". Always regarded as a selfish and dangerous army officer during wartime, Tsuji became a "hero of heroes" because he was able to escape arrest during the Occupation.

Such is Japanese politics today. Good, capable men can be ruined by constitutional misinterpretations. It appears Nomura's name was withdrawn by design. Hatoyama had contended a man with a military career could be regarded as a civilian so long as he was not currently in active service.

Prime Minister Hatoyama has already given up any hope of proposing changes to the Japanese Constitution. He has to wait. His opposition is too strong for him to do any vitally important work.

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ANOTHER CONSTITUTIONAL DIFFICULTY

Another difficulty in the constitution is in connection with Japan's youth movement. Article 89 reads: "No public money or other property shall be expended or appropriated for the use, benefit or maintenance of any religious institution or association, or for any charitable, educational and benevolent enterprises not under the control of public authority." The original intent of this article was to remove state-support from Japanese temples and shrines.

But it has prevented the Japan Boy Scouts from seeking aid from any public official or institution. It is "unconstitutional" for a troop to even seek assistance from a local office. Japan is a strange country—since it requires some official sanction to assure some degree of success and the Japanese people won't support a worthwhile movement unless there is a government approval.

Minority Week

The suit against Levitt and Sons, charging the home-building organization with racial discrimination in its sales, has been dismissed by U.S. District Judge William H. Kirkpatrick of Philadelphia. The NAACP had charged six Negro couples were denied the right to buy homes in Levittown, Bucks County. The judge said his court lacked jurisdiction but added that it did not affect their right to sue in a state court.

Residents of Greater Cleveland now have at their finger tips a complete guide to the businesses, clubs, churches and organizations of the city's 46 nationality groups. The "All Nationalities" Directory lists some 2,000 organizations and is the product of 25 years' research by Romanian-born Theodore Andrica, nationalities editor of the *Cleveland Press*.

San Francisco adoption group endorsed by Tokyo American Joint Committee

(San Francisco) The local Committee for the Adoption of Japanese Children has received a letter endorsing its project from a similar group in Tokyo, the American Joint Committee for Assisting Japanese American Orphans.

The local group was recently organized to act as a clearing house of information to interested couples, but does not arrange for specific cases of adoption.

CAPSULES

Roland Tatsuguchi, who made a population study of Denver Japanese, is enroute home in Hawaii for a short visit before commencing studies for the Buddhist priesthood in Kyoto. He was awarded a master's degree in sociology at Kansas University.

George K. Shimabukuro, 24, Honolulu singer making good as a professional singer in Tokyo returned home for an indefinite stay. Under contract to Nippon Columbia, he made nine records since September, 1952.

George Togasaki, president of the Nippon Times, will be among representatives of the Near East and Orient making the Town Hall seven-weeks tour of the United States this spring. The 21-city tour started last week and winds up in Washington, D.C., on May 1 when he will speak on "Japan's Role in Asia".

Sei Kami, Richmond-El Cerrito JACLer, won a 1955 Cadillac in a monthly Berkeley service station drawing recently. "The only thing that bothers Sei is the fact that he must pay approximately a 'grand' in taxes," commented the chapter newsletter.

Miss Evelyn Suyehiro has moved to Brownville, Texas, in order to accept a position with Mercy Hospital. Miss Suyehiro was active in the Mile-Hi JACL, and has kept her membership even though she has moved to Texas.

Tokuya Kako, San Francisco importer, was elected 1955 president of the Northern California Japanese Chamber of Commerce. Nisei attorney Victor Abe is second vice-president.

Florence Uyeda, former Army nurse and now medical student at Denver University, will visit her folks in San Francisco during the spring vacation. Miss Uyeda expects to enroll as a medical student next fall at Colorado University Medical School.

George S. Miyake of Atwater was named one of 11 directors of the California Freestone Peach Association, which reported its membership handles 20,000 tons of Elberta freestone peaches.

The Rev. Newton Ishiura of Honolulu Honja Hongwanji, and formerly of Fresno, Calif., offered Buddhist prayers in English Mar. 16 in the Hawaiian House of Representatives for the first time in territorial legislature history.

Sixty-six young farmers from Japan arrived by Japan Air Lines this week to continue in the fourth annual study of American farm methods in California. The international project was started by the then-Gov. Warren.

Sessue Hayakawa, veteran Hollywood actor who played in many villain roles before the war, turned down an offer to play the part of a villainous Red Chinese officer in "Left Hand of God". He arrived in Hollywood with Shirley Yamaguchi from Tokyo after finishing work on "House of Bamboo", a technicolor film with Japanese background.

Japanese actress Mitsuko Kikumura, now married to Ken Fukunaga, Salt Lake Nisei, announced she will retire from the screen as soon as she completes her current Hollywood movie, "The Gentle Wolfhound," now shooting in Japan.

SIGN-UP TODAY FOR 1955 JACL MEMBERSHIP



George Y. Kuniyoshi (extreme left), Pacific Citizen board member, sits at the lunch counter of his new Fuji Rexall Pharmacy in Tokyo. Largest American-type pharmacy in Japan, the store is located on the main floor of the new Sangyo Keizai Newspaper building in downtown Marunouchi district. Among dignitaries present at the Mar. 15 opening were Prime Minister Hatoyama, Foreign Minister Shigemitsu and Tokyo Metropolitan Governor Yasui. Kuniyoshi is also proprietor of two Rexall drug stores in Los Angeles. —Cut courtesy: Shin Nichi Bei

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Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

BEAUTY ANGLE IN PROMOTIONS



Honolulu For a long time advertising men and publicists have appreciated the power of feminine beauty in their trade. A beautiful face and figure have an eye-catching appeal that's hard for almost anyone (especially the men) to resist. If female pulchritude fits into the promotional scheme, fine and dandy. But even if it doesn't, in a normal situation, an expert publicist will find a way to call attention to the product or project he's boosting by injecting the "beauty angle" into the advertising.

Well, never let it be said that the Honolulu Japanese Junior Chamber of Commerce is slow to learn and practice the art of advertising feminine beauty for a good cause. In this instance, it's the third annual Cherry Blossom Festival.

NISEI STEWARDESSES ABOARD PAN-AM

But before launching on a description of this year's Festival, which will be bigger and probably better than ever, a note of appreciation should go to Pan American World Airways for employing, for the first time, Nisei girls to serve as stewardesses.

PanAm this month selected five Honolulu Nisei girls to begin training in the Pacific-Alaskan division headquarters in San Francisco-Honolulu-Tokyo run for PanAm.

In the airlines tradition, the girls have one asset in common—beauty of face and figure. Here's a case of putting to effective use, not only beauty but the proper type of beauty for the benefit of the airline passengers and, of course, for the trade promotion of the airline itself.

Since many of PanAm's passengers are Nisei and Issei traveling to and from Japan, it was certainly good business sense to select Nisei girls as stewardesses for those flights.

It's also a method of developing favorable community relations with the Japanese people here and in Japan, by demonstrating not only that PanAm has no racial discrimination against the Japanese but quite the contrary, considers them a valuable partner in business.

Interviewing teams are at present seeking Nisei girls in the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas who might want to become PanAm stewardesses. More girls are to be chosen from Hawaii later.

The five Hawaii girls who have just started training are May Satsuki Hayashi, 20, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Riusaku Hayashi; Louise Yoshiko Otani, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Otani; Katherine Sumiko Shiroma, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kama Shiroma; Jane Setsuko Toda, 22, and Cynthia Kinuko Tsujiuchi, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kamezo Tsujiuchi.

Four have had airline experience with other airlines.

THIRD ANNUAL CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

As this writer was saying, before he was delightfully sidetracked by the prospect of having comely Nisei girls wait on him on his next trip to Japan, the third annual Cherry Blossom Festival in Honolulu should be better than ever.

The Honolulu Japanese Jaycees are becoming more experienced in staging this extravaganza, which opened officially on Wednesday, March 30, with the selection of the Cherry Blossom Queen and her court.

Forty three candidates competed for the first prize of an expense-paid trip to Japan and a month's vacation, plus many other valuable prizes. The girls, as in the past, charmed the public with their petite beauty and friendly rivalry.

A giant fireworks show was held April 1, and the coronation ball for the Queen on April 2. A Japanese Culture Show will be held April 4-6.

The top attraction this year is the Takarazuka Revue—entertainers from Japan who will perform their internationally-known acts for the first time in Hawaii.

Twenty six performers and assistants will stage twice-nightly shows from April 8 through 17. An entirely new show is to be given the second week.

NAME CLAIMANTS DUE AWARDS OVER \$2,500 PAYMENT

(Washington) Names of 44 claimants, whose awards in excess of \$2,500 are included in the second Supplemental Deficiency Appropriations bill, were disclosed by the House Appropriations Committee last week.

Payments totaling \$244,455.64 are proposed in the House-approved measure that includes \$1,068,267 for claims awarded through the regular adjudicative processes. Successful claimants are:

Katherine M. Otsubo	\$13,494.97
Shungi George Kashiwagi	11,700.29
Sawayo Mukai	6,030.50
Kileen Tamaki	4,158.43
Takeo Tsuji	4,512.18
Haruo Imura	4,337.88
Yukichi Sakai	4,566.58
Miyu Goto	7,518.00
Miss Shizuko Oto	5,510.98
Hide Sakai	4,566.58
Gentoku Sakiyama	8,618.00
Tsuru Takazawa	3,667.20
Katsuyo Nakata	8,863.00
Joe Katayama	3,004.01
Chikatoshi Kawahara	3,319.80
George Yokoyama	2,725.25
Kanshiro Sato	3,671.50
Masato Nitta	4,462.80
Tom and Sueko Kimura	23,679.50
Toshiyuki Iwasaka	3,773.76
Takeshi T. Kubota	3,342.56
Torao George Ichikawa	7,078.67
Seikichi Joe Miyachi	8,764.00
George Sonoda	2,532.65
Tsunee Nakamura	4,430.42
Akira Hojo	5,616.50
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Seichi Sugino	6,746.85
Mack Yanagawa	2,757.72
Masaichi Oda	7,587.00
Yashichiro Funatake	5,511.83
Henry Y. Weston	7,690.00
Ichiro Mayeda	4,092.50
Chiyoko Koyamatsu	6,848.30
Noriyoshi Omokawa	4,749.70
Kazuo H. Murakami	9,746.15
Ginzo Itoye	3,845.60
Shiro Abe	4,636.33
George Nakanishi	8,231.00
Jack Hisao Tanabe	3,734.03

These awards are for losses on real and personal property claimed under the JACL sponsored evacuation claims legislation. The deficiency bill, which includes payment for the above awards, has passed the House of Representative and has been sent to the Senate. The next consideration of the measure will be by a subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Koto composer to play

(New York) Shinichi Yuize, who has composed a *Concerto for Koto with Orchestra* at the request of Leopold Stokowski, will be heard on the Japan Night program sponsored by the Japanese American Association of New York at Manhattan Center Apr. 21.

38-year-old court obstacle dismissed as Berkeley Issei gardener naturalized

(Oakland) A grey-haired 70-year-old Japanese gardener has wiped out a 38-year-old court obstacle to his wish to become an American citizen "before I die."

Shinichi Yagi, 2539 Fulton St., Berkeley, left the Alameda County courthouse Mar. 23 smiling and saying in Japanese, "I'm for this country. I love this country."

Superior Judge Chris B. Fox

IN HONOR OF

Janet Fukuda, who reigned as Miss National JACL of 1954 at Los Angeles, was elected president of the Associated Women Students at the Univ. of Southern California last week. Currently, AWS vice-president, she will attend the International AWS Convention at the Univ. of Kansas, Apr. 6-10.

Katashi Oita, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Oita, 411 Watson St., Watsonville, Calif., received his Ph.D. degree in organic chemistry at winter quarter graduation exercises at Iowa State College.

Dr. Roy Teranishi is among chemists engaged in sugar beet research at the Western Regional Research Laboratory in Albany, Calif. Department of Agriculture recently installed \$45,000 worth of equipment, the first of its kind to be designed in this country.

Five Nisei candidates for California state license as dentists and one dental hygienist were announced in San Francisco as follows:

Dentists—Royce Y. Fujimoto, Letterman Army Hospital; Katsumi Izumi, Monterey; Kay K. Kashibara, San Francisco; Masato Morimoto, San Diego; Wallace T. Urata, San Francisco; dental hygienist—Fumiko I. Saito, Seattle.

Masaru Jinbo, 4042 Monroe St., Los Angeles, who works by day negotiating contracts for the Army in Japan, is the leading student in the Univ. of California's Far East Command educational program. At night, he studies psychology, sociology, anthropology, physics and other subjects. Having finished an equivalent of two year's college work, U.C. extension officials sent Jinbo a letter of congratulation for the high quantity and quality of his studies.

had just restored the civil rights whose loss barred Yagi from citizenship.

In 1917 Yagi pleaded guilty to larceny involving bank notes and securities drawn on Japanese banks in yen and was placed on probation for 10 years.

Recently, when he made application for naturalization as an American citizen under the McCarran Act, it was learned he had not been cleared of the penalties of his probation.

Back in court after all the years, Yagi last week again saw the man who had been prosecutor as a young deputy district attorney. Now he is presiding as Superior Judge Charles Wade Snook.

Because of his previous handling of Yagi's case, Judge Snook disqualified himself.

So the slight Japanese appeared before Judge Fox. He was accompanied by his life-long friend, the Rev. Lester Suzuki, pastor of the Berkeley Methodist United Church, who acted as his interpreter.

Yagi, in this country since 1906, tried to say in English what Judge Fox' action meant to him, but his radiant smile conveyed his meaning as his interpreter did his words.

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BY HARRY HONDA

CHERRY BLOSSOMS — TOUCH OF SPRING

This past week, news columns bore a touch of spring. Pink clouds of cherry blossoms were reported in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, at Los Angeles' Griffith Park, and in other western communities . . . The cherry trees along Arakawa River, one of the scenic spots of Tokyo, starting popping blossoms five days ahead of schedule, the traditional day being April 1 . . . But ol' man winter still breathed east of the Rockies. No word has been received of the cherry blossoms along the Potomac River in Washington, D.C. . . . Be that as it may, the season of cherry blossoms pleasantly reminds the peoples of the United States and Japan of their close link of friendship.

Each cherry blossom season recalls the heart-warming tale of some 40 years ago when the late Yukio Ozaki, then mayor of Tokyo, presented 3,000 cherry saplings to the United States as a token of Japanese amity . . . These saplings were cut from the trees along Arakawa River . . . But what we didn't know is told in the Mar. 15 issue of "Newsletter from Japan", published by the San Francisco Consulate General's office . . . During the war years, the parent cherry trees of the saplings that flourished in Washington went unattended, unfertilized and suffered from blight. When the war ended, not a single tree retained even vestige of its former glory . . . At one time, the Arakawa embankment numbered approximately 3,000 cherry trees, boasting no less than 70 varieties . . . A few years after the war, Tokyo residents called for a move to restore the cherry blossoms on the Arakawa to their former glory. Feelers were put out to obtain grafts from the matured cherry trees along the Potomac . . . The U.S. government readily consented and in March, 1952, a total of 40 grants—five each of eight varieties—arrived through the courtesy of Capital Park in Washington, D.C., and the Northwest Orient Airlines . . . These grafts matured with great care and attention. They were grafted to 100 seedlings, which now have grown to a height of 13 feet, capable of bearing blossoms . . . Last November, they were replanted on the Arakawa embankment. While Ozaki, who first bound Japan and the United States together in friendship with cherry trees, died last year at the age of 96 without seeing the descendants of the Potomac cherry trees on the Arakawa, his gesture of some 40 years ago has been returned in kind.

We do know the cherry (*sakura*) is the pride of Japan; hence, called the "Land of Cherry Blossoms" . . . Old and young, rich and poor will spend days for cherry-viewing. Issei residents in America grow nostalgic in April and yearning for a day of *hana-mi* or cherry blossom viewing . . . The *sakura* has been the inspiration and theme of thousands of poems in Japan . . . Among the blossoming varieties the first trees to flower are the single white and pink, then the double blossoms. The trees do not bear fruit. The single mission of the tree is to be beautiful.

Chicago Corner

BY SMOKY SAKURADA

DOG GIVES POLICE HARD TIME

Chicago
● Rex, a German shepherd dog, is indeed faithful to the Chicago Transit Authority. He spent several hours one morning last week at the Armitage and Sheffield L station, acting as if he'd appreciate a ride on a train. Police were called. They tried to coax Rex into a squad car, but he protested vigorously. They went for a wagon, but when they returned, the dog had disappeared . . . A little later Rex was discovered comfortably settled in the rear of a bus. The driver called police, who removed Rex—this time successfully. Still later Rex's master, William Masamitsu, 37, of 1132 N. Clark, claimed Rex at the Sheffield Ave. police station. What the authorities didn't know about Rex is probably found in Masamitsu's explanation: Rex responds well to Japanese words, but his knowledge of the English language is shaky.

● Alice Mayeda, local pianist who recently returned from studies in Paris, will be presented in recital at the Art Institute Fullerton Hall, Apr. 30, co-sponsored by the Chicago JACL and Japanese American Service Committee.

● U.S. Jury Commissioner Harry D. Crooks is interested in Nisei volunteer for federal jury service. Parties interested may write him at 5967 W. 65th St., Chicago 38.

● Chicago voters are reminded to vote on Tuesday, Apr. 5.

● The Chicago Nisei Athletic Association annual invitational basketball tournament, Apr. 9-10, is being supported by the Japanese American Service Committee, Nisei American Legion, Olivet Institute and Chicago JACL. Chicagoans are urged to support this affair as proceeds go toward the CNAA basketball and softball program. (Details are found on sports page).

● The Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, recipient of the National JACL "Nisei of the Biennium" award and pastor of the First Baptist Church, was appointed by Gov. William G. Stratton as a member of the Illinois Commission on Human Relations. The state agency was established to improve inter-group relations through educative methods; to study and make reports and recommendations to the Governor and other state agencies on the status of relations among racial and religious groups

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CHAPTER MEMOS

Downtown L.A. JACL: Officer Stanley Uno of the Los Angeles Police Department was the luncheon speaker yesterday at San Kwo Low. He was to speak on "Nisei in Crime", relating experiences during his eight years with the department and comment on the more than 100 arrests of Nisei committing crime. As a part-time writer, Uno has written up several cases for presentation on the Jack Webb "Dragnet" television show.

Fowler JACL: Martin Braun, professor of horticulture at Fresno State College, was to be guest speaker last night at the chapter meeting at Fowler Buddhist Church. His topic was "Outlook on Fruits and Several New Varieties".

San Jose JACL: New members were in heavy attendance at the potluck dinner in their honor at the Japanese Methodist Church. Kei Ishikawa and her committee arranged for all the food that turned an informal affair into a full-size dinner . . . Through a special arrangement, the chapter has reopened for further application and membership in the Blue Cross hospitalization plan, heretofore closed. Dr. Robert Okamoto, 205 E. Jackson St., is JACL Blue Cross chairman.

Mile-Hi JACL: Billy Mattocks, finance chairman, said a box lunch social will be held Saturday, Apr. 23. Locale is to be announced . . . Chapter Red Cross volunteers, co-captained by Irv Matsuda and Tak Terasaki, reported \$1,397.50 has been collected for 107.5 per cent of the quota assigned for the 1955 campaign. Over 250 calls in a 16-block area in the 20th-Larimer St. district were made.

Hayward Issei citizens honored by JACL chapter

(Hayward) A dinner honoring a 100 newly naturalized Issei citizens and pioneer residents of this area was sponsored by the Eden Township JACL chapter this week at the Haycock Steak House. S. Kuramoto was chairman.

Among the guests invited were: Rep. and Mrs. George P. Miller; Assemblyman and Mrs. Carlos Bee, Sup. and Mrs. Francis Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tomita, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Santos.

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Nineteen recently naturalized Issei citizens were honored by the Yellowstone JACL chapter at the St. Anthony (Idaho) American Legion Hall. In the picture are (left to right): front row—Mrs. Abe, S. Abe, Mrs. Minami, Mrs. T. Hikida, Mrs. Kamachi, S. Masayoshi Fujimoto (program chmn.), Mrs. Arthur Porter Sr., T. Hikida, Mrs. K. Hosoda, K. Hosoda, Mrs. S. Manabe, Mrs. Sakota (hidden), Mrs. George Camull, Mrs. John Hasley, John Hasley and Harry Hasley.

Yellowstone chapter honors nineteen new Issei citizens at annual banquet

(St. Anthony, Idaho) Nineteen Issei citizens, recently naturalized, were honored by the Yellowstone JACL chapter at the local American Legion Hall Feb. 25. Masayoshi Fujimoto was program chairman.

State Rep. Steve Meikle, principal speaker, impressed the group with the necessity of keeping America "like our forefathers made it" by being active citizens. "We must fulfill our duties and obligations as citizens to this great country, so that as good Americans we can preserve this government of the people, by the people and for the people."

Tommy Miyasaki spoke for the JACL chapter, relating its accomplishments and works. Tateshi Miyasaki congratulated the new citizens in Japanese, while responses were made by K. Hosoda, Mr. and Mrs. Mataka Fujimoto and Frank Manabe.

The chapter 1000 Club chairman Fuji Hikida, chapter membership chairmen Hiroshi Miyasaki and Togo Hikida appealed for support.

The program concluded with a recognition award to Haruo Yamasaki, retiring chapter president. Kiyoshi Sakota, new president, made the presentation. Mayor Keifer of St. Anthony opened with the Pledge of Allegiance; entertainment was furnished by Dr.

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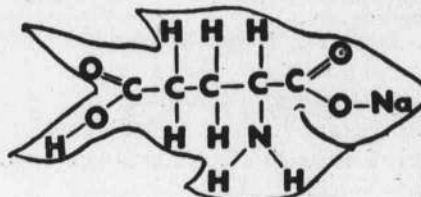
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Scene from the Golden Gate

BY HARUO ISHIMARU

CHERRY BLOSSOM TOUR

San Francisco
By the time this issue of the PC reaches our readers Yoshiko and I will be on our way to Japan via Pan American World Airways. For Yoshiko, it will be the first trip; for me, the second trip after about 36 years. My first trip doesn't count, because I was hardly more than an infant. In fact, I still remember the description on my passport on which I was classified as a male, but referred to as "her". I am happy to report that my sex has been conclusively clarified by the Passport Department this time.

Of course, I must confess that judging from my passport photo it is difficult enough to determine whether I am human or not, let alone male or female.

As far as I am concerned, the most painful part of our trip is parting from "Jackie", formally known as Harumi Jaclyn Ishimaru. Her pediatrician forbade such a hectic tour so Monday morning we saw her off to Seattle to spend her "vacation" with Yoshiko's brother-in-law's family, the Sam Hokaris. Yoshiko's sister, Atsuko, made a quick weekend trip down from Seattle to get Jackie.

Our little mischief maker will have a grand time getting reacquainted with her two little cousins, Timothy and David, and probably won't miss us at all, but Daddy is already unhappy and lonesome even before the day is over.

It is amazing how near Japan seems to be. Neither Yoshiko nor I have made as much preparation for this trip as we seemed to have for our jaunts to Seattle in the last couple of years. Of course, travelling by air limits our luggage somewhat, nevertheless, I haven't even considered the minor problem of packing yet. I'll probably throw my toothbrush and etcetera in a suitcase a couple of hours before departure. Yoshiko, womanlike, is beginning to start a fever of preparation.

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PATIENCE OF TRAVEL AGENTS

Although a trip to Japan seems to be comparatively simple and common today, I was amazed at the amount of work and patience demonstrated by the various travel agency people to insure a successful and pleasant trip.

We are going on the AKI TRAVEL BUREAU'S "Cherry Blossom Tour" which will be the largest tour group to leave from San Francisco at least since the end of the war. There will be almost 60 of us who will visit Japan together during her most delightful season. The person most responsible for the tour is JACL Thousand Clubber, Toshi Kataoka of the Aki Travel Bureau, who had to personally see to the accommodations of each passenger, arrange for passports, visas, vaccinations, and a hundred and one other items.

The tour will make use of the facilities of the American President Lines, Pan American World Airways, and the Japan Air Lines. Boat passengers left on the President Cleveland on March 19 and those of us who are flying will meet them in Tokyo on April 3. Yoji Enomoto of the Japan Travel Bureau carefully made the itinerary and arrangements in Japan which required getting hotel reservations for our huge party, sight-seeing tours, busses, trains, domestic boat trips, entertainment, and guides to accompany us while in Japan.

Marvin Uratsu of the American President Lines and Albert Kosakura of Pan American took us behind the scenes to show us the tremendous effort and coordination which the carriers have to maintain to keep the wheels rolling.

Incidentally, these two Thousand clubbers are among our best JACL leaders; Marvin is the president of the Richmond-El Cerrito JACL Chapter and Albert is the vice-president of the Berkeley Chapter. Albert Kosakura is one of four bilingual experts and has helped me a number of times when I needed an interpreter. (Ironically yet typically, the knowledge of Japanese by the JACL staff members is "taihen not so good desu.")

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STOPOVER IN HAWAII

The itinerary and program of the 17 day tour are exciting in their promise of exquisite pleasures. Almost every day will find us in a different city. Some of the names have a romantic familiarity such as Nikko, Miyajima, Kamakura, Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka, Nara, Kyoto,—while some of the names have an delightfully elusive newness to us who have never really known Japan.

On our way home, we'll stop off briefly in Hawaii for a magical conclusion to our journey. We hope that many of you will be able to make the trip one of these days, at any rate, Yoshiko and I will tell you about the trip when we return.

REFERENCE SHELF OF JACL MATERIAL PLACED ON FOWLER PUBLIC LIBRARY

(Fowler) A reference shelf on the Japanese American Citizens League has been obtained by the Fowler branch of the Fresno Free Library. It was requested from National Headquarters, San Francisco. Available are:

Official minutes of the 1948, 1950, 1952 and 1954 biennial conventions; souvenir programs of the San Francisco and Los Angeles programs of the 1930 (first) bi-annual conventions; official enniel convention; "Case for the Nisei", brief submitted to the U.S. Supreme Court; "They work for Victory", story of Japanese Americans in the war effort; JACL brochure.

Inagaki explains COJAEC to Mile-Hi residents

(Denver) George Inagaki, national JACL president, made his first official visit to Denver last week, meeting local community and JACL officials.

Reporting on the program to expedite remaining evacuation claims through the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims, Inagaki explained the group is composed of claimants themselves who would raise a \$10,000 campaign fund to work on remedial legislation.

Yutaka Terasaki, third national JACL vice-president, and Floyd Koshio, chairman, Mountain-Plains District Council, were named to organize the COJAEC in this region.

George Ohashi of Denver was among the first to pledge \$25 to the Committee and sign up as member.

Toshio Ando, Harry G. Matoba and Min Yasui, who have handled the bulk of claims in the Colorado area reported 310 claims have been compromised and that 60 claims remain with \$550,000 being claimed.

Also attending were:

Harry H. Sakata, Billy Mattocks, Ruby Sakayama, Bill Kuroki, Mile-Hi chapter; Dr. K. K. Miyamoto, Z. Kane-gaye, Harry G. Matoba, S. Komura, Issei representatives; Toshio Ando, Sam Matsumoto, George Ohashi, Ada Mattocks, John Sakayama, Mary Sakata, Yutaka Terasaki, Floyd Koshio, Mae Kuroki and Min Yasui.

Anticipate another 4,000 persons at Placer County JACL picnic April 17

(Penryn) Placer County JACL's seventh annual community picnic, set for Sunday, Apr. 17, at the JACL Recreation Park beckons to one of the best, according to George Itow, Penryn District vice-president and special events committee chairman. Past picnics have attracted well over 4,000 from all over Northern California.

Itow and his able co-chairman Harry Hirakawa, with high hopes and bounding enthusiasm, have been working hard with the various subcommittees in shaping the overall picnic program. Much of the groundwork on general arrangements has been laid out and satisfactory progress has been noted in some departments.

For the first time there will be some big prizes to be given away at the picnic. Heading the list will be a 1955 Chevrolet 2-door sedan, Maytag custom automatic washer and dryer, and Okeefe and Merritt deluxe gas range. The last mentioned prize is being donated by the Central Gas Company of Loomis, a Nisei corporation. In addition there will be scores of other valuable merchandise for the winning participants in various games, races and novelty events.

As in past years one of the colorful events of the day will be the picnic queen contest. There will be four candidates representing four county districts, and the winner will be crowned at a coronation ceremony at the picnic. The queen will be selected by a panel of four judges.

On the night of the picnic there will be an Issei entertainment program at the Penryn Japanese hall. On tap will be a Japanese movie and entertainment featuring top local talents.

For the young people there will be a gala picnic ball on Saturday night, Apr. 16, at the Loomis Memorial hall from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., with popular Rollie Barton and his band furnishing the music. As an added attraction the picnic queen candidates in their regal splendor will be formally presented at the ball.

Admission to the dance will be \$1.50 a couple or stag, with statettes admitted free. There will be

several door prizes and refreshments will be served, it was added.

Chairman of the various committees are as follows:

Harry Kawahata, George Hirakawa, finance; K. Yamasaki, cho-ba; George Nishikawa, tickets; Shig Takahashi, program; Bob Takemoto, events; Togo Yokota, starters and judges; Bunny Nakagawa, queen contest; Marian Imamoto, coronation; Frank Hata, Issei program; Frank Nimura, dance; James Makimoto, grounds; Ken Masuda, concessions.

SITE SELECTED FOR MAY 15 NC-WNDC SESSION HOSTED BY BERKELEY C.I.

(Berkeley) Hotel Claremont will be the locale of the second quarterly session of the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council meeting here May 15, it was announced by Tad Hirota, chairman. Berkeley JACL will be hosts.

The meeting will start at 9 a.m. to allow more time for another chapter workshop. First such affair at the Turlock meeting in February proved successful and delegates have asked for another meeting.

Box lunch will be served at Lake Temescal Park. Dinner-dance will follow at the Hotel after the afternoon session.

The NC-WNDC second annual bowling tournament will be held at Pacific Bowl in Oakland with Mo Katow, Ike and Gene Takei in charge.

So. Alameda County Clers to picnic at Martin Beach

(Centerville) A caravan of cars will leave from Washington Union High School here at 9 a.m. Apr. 2 to spend a day at Martin Beach, five miles south of Half Moon Bay, site of the Southern Alameda County JACL chapter community picnic.

James Sekigahama and Kay Mayeda, co-chairmen of the picnic, are being assisted by:

June Handa Kimi Murakami, games; Chuck Shikano and Setsu Umemoto.

(Omaha) It was announced that 110 members have been signed by the Omaha JACL chapter.

SMOGLITES:

Kids Will Be Kids

One day in the lobby of the Surf-rider Hotel in Honolulu, we met a new little girl of about five or six years of age. She was cute, blonde and wide-eyed, so we immediately asked where she had come from. "Oh, we just came from Guam," she piped with friendly eagerness, then added "but my mama says this hotel costs too much so we're going to move tomorrow." If her mama only knew! And we couldn't help wondering what kind of expression the hotel manager would have had on his face, had he heard her.

Even our own chick at the age of nine was unpredictable in her reactions. During the holidays we decided to celebrate by dining at the Banyan Lanai in the Moana hotel, a sort of appeasement offering since Bambi had been feeling frustrated because we had not let her dine at the Alexander Young dining room while we were at the downtown hotel. How about a fancy five-dollar dinner we asked her or anything her little heart desired: lobster, shish-kebab, capon? No, no, no, she told us, but to the smartly attired Filipino waiter she gave her order of avocado salad and nothing else but.

When we looked unimpressed she said yes but we don't get deluxe in L.A. with such a huge "half an avo, shrimps, olives, hard-boiled eggs, pickles and stuff." And come time to glance discreetly at our bill, she mowed us down by stage-whispering in the verbatim manner of her hard talking brothers, "How much did they SOAK us, Mommie? Seven BUCKS!"

JAL opens Seattle office

(San Francisco) The appointment of Peter Ohtaki, special representative for Japan Air Lines at Los Angeles, to head the new district office in Seattle was recently announced by Yoshito Kojima, vice-president of JAL's American division. Temporary offices will be located at 218 Third Avenue South.

Egad. We wondered if Freckles from Seattle whom we saw sitting at an adjoining table, ever embarrassed his grandpa in a similar manner.

Faces of Melting Pot

Speaking of kids, some of the most fascinating and beautiful faces we have ever seen were those of the Hawaiian mixed blood children. Especially if one got away from the ordinary looking "haole faces" of the tonier beach hotels and went down toward plebian but more interesting Kuhio beach (which was featured in "From Here to Eternity"), there were wonderful faces galore. Every child was worth photographing.

By the surf-board rental place near the Waikiki tavern we saw dusky teen-agers singing and plunking ukeleles, both were tanned to an ebony-bronze shade—which we first mistook to be a coating of sun-tan lotion; until we took a closer look at the extremely attractive girls. Their tan and color were natural. But what fascinated us so much was the fact that one girl was dusky with perfect Caucasian features and her companion the same with perfect "Oriental" (Japanese) features, and both had blonde streaks in their hair in true teenage fashion. They were always singing or laughing in a careless happy way.

That Old Aloha Spirit

On the exclusive strip of the Outrigger Club toward the Royal Hawaiian, one could see dark handsome Hawaiian youth of the first Hawaiian families or of Hawaiian royalty boating around with haole society debs and no one seemed to be conscious of about anybody's color or lack of it.

No place in the world can one find such a carefree holiday mood permeating both malihini (stranger) tourists and native kamaainas (old-timers) alike.

Anyone can hail anyone without being considered a wolf or a flirt. A tourist riding in the back part of a pickup truck will lift his mad Hawaiian "crazy hat" and shout "Aloha" at you so you aloha back to him. A street maintenance worker enroute to his chores may greet you with a sociable "how ya doin', Babe?" if you are on the beach sunning in your shorts. You simply "hi" in return—.

Should you pass the outdoor restaurant part of the Waikiki tavern overlooking the beach, a native Hawaiian man sitting with his party of friends at a table, will greet you with a cheery wave as if he had known you a whole lifetime. And the women-folk at his table instead of disapproving or manifesting jealousy, will smile complacently as if amused at his over-exuberant spirits. At first Bambi used to admonish, "But Mommie, you don't know him," but soon she too learned to return an aloha every time someone smiled at her.

One afternoon when we accompanied our friend Addie You to the wholesale market, a kamaaina lady who appeared to be part Japanese, Filipino, and Hawaiian, learned that we were newly arrived malihinis and presented us with a whole dozen bananas. Bambi was delighted since bananas were not only her favorite fruits but the generous stall-owner had given her two different varieties.

On another occasion when we were dining with our cousin Waikio at a Chinese restaurant, a Chinese-Japanese friend of his, upon hearing that we were Island visitors from the Mainland, paid for our complete dinner; even though he was not with our party but simply had met us (by chance) while passing our table. This kind gentleman waved our thanks away and walked smilingly out the door. It was a gracious gesture typical of the most gracious people in the world.

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BY TATS KUSHIDA

LONG BEACH CHAPTER MARCHES ON

Los Angeles
It was a nice gesture of the committee in charge of the recent JACL keg tourney in Long Beach to invite the numerous committeemen and others who helped in planning and running the event to a first grade dinner last Saturday at a Gardena Chinameshi emporium. The cornucopia was loaded. What we couldn't finish, we took home, which is a fine Chinameshi custom.

Easy Fujimoto, whose chapter has nearly 250 members to date including many bowlers, has mapped out an activity-crammed calendar for the balance of '55, including an Issei recognitions banquet, joint meetings with other chapters, and several community projects. He even envisions a chapter bulletin soon, which is going some.

LILY-WHITE POLICE RECORD?

Six police officers whose outstanding investigation work resulted in the arrest and confession of three suspects implicated in the murder of Hikoichi Hamamura, a Peruvian Issei refugee who operated a hotel in Ellay's skidrow, were commended and thanked last Tuesday night at a dinner in their honor. The JACL, Japanese C. of C. and the J. Hotel-Apt. Ass'n sponsored the affair with Sab Kido mastering the toast.

We used to think national director Mas Satow was the only JACLer who could do fancy art letterwork on scrolls and 1000 Club certificates but on this occasion, we turned to Southwest L.A.'s comely Hiroko Kawanami who prepared the six citations on parchment in a very professional manner.

Which brings us to another police-related item: Nisei in crime. Officer Stanley Uno who comes from a fine family of JACLers, is now in his eighth year of service, the only Nisei officer with the Los Angeles Police Department. At the Downtown L.A. chapter yesterday, Stan, a plainclothesman, related what we thought were some fascinating experiences in the life of a "copper."

But what really threw us were the cold figures of more than 100 Japanese arrests in which he has participated, half of them being for felonious crimes with some twenty convictions resulting from them. Not to mention arrests in which he wasn't directly involved. The crimes range from robbery and embezzlement to forgery and murder.

This doesn't paint a pretty picture about the crime rate among AJA's. It's still low statistically in relation to other groups but it will come as a rude awakening to those who gave Nansei a lily-white record in crime and delinquency.

Let's get back to strapping Stan, a big guy by any standard who is also a real gentleman. A family man, he has two youngsters. Stanley, Jr., 4, and Ricki Hana, 3. His wife is the former Helene Yoshimoto and fishing is his fourth love. Stan's kid brother Edison is a past president of the East L.A. chapter and is married to the daughter of past national prexy Saburo Kido, publisher of the Shin Nichi Bei. Another brother, Bob, former editor of the weekly, Crossroads, was a big cog with the Arizona JACL last year. A third male sibling, Ernest, is first vice president of the Ventura County JACL. Sister Hana was secretary of the Pacific Southwest District Council and the Southeast L.A. chapter.

APRIL ENGAGEMENTS

Tomorrow we journey to San Diego to meet with our chapter there.

The 11th will see us in Guadalupe where an Issei recognitions banquet is being staged at the Commercial Hotel by the Santa Maria Valley chapter piloted by Harry Miyake.

We'll attend a similar function scheduled by the Hollywood JACL on the 17th.

BY BUS TO SANTA BARBARA

Operation Fukubiki is the fund raising project for the PSWDC convention on sked for May 14-15 in Santa Barbara. A blonde is the top prize, a hi-fi radio-phone console, that is. Says Pomeroy Ajima of the Southwest L.A. JACL in charge of his chapter's convention promotion, "We hope to have a hundred delegates at Santa Barbara and we're even chartering a Greyhound Bus to get 'em there." Which will be one-fourth or more of the membership!

Los Angeles cagers win state NAU basketball crown

(San Francisco) Nisei basketball in California closed down for the '54-'55 season with a tingling 47-46 overtime victory by the Southern California NAU champions over their hosts, the Northern California NAU titlists, last Sunday at Booker T. Washington gym.

The Lords-Local 399 had fancied themselves with a 77-66 win over the San Jose Zebras the previous evening at San Jose, where Kaz Shinzato, first Nisei all-city cager in Los Angeles, paced the way with 32 points.

Shinzato was unable to shine in the North-South playoff Sunday until the five-minute overtime period after the regulation game ended at 41-41. With 30 seconds remaining, he drove to the right of the key and tanked a two-pointer to close the S.F. Proto lead to one point. The Protos still appeared to be the victors as they tossed the ball in and started to stall. With eight seconds left, Shinzato made a sensational steal of the ball, lofted it to Yoneo Inouye who raced downcourt for a difficult left-handed hook shot to swish the nets. With five seconds left, the Protos tried desperately to get off a shot, but the final whistle blew—the Lords-Local 399 ahead 47-46.

Eiichi Morimoto and Tosh Suto paced the Protos with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Kengoro Yamamoto was high for the state champions with 14 points.

NCAA featherweight titlist to defend crown at Pocatello

(Honolulu) Seiji Naya, 1954 NCAA featherweight boxing champion, left here Mar. 27 to fight in the Pocatello, Idaho, championship bouts of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Naya, a Univ. of Hawaii sophomore, is the adopted son of Earl Finch, formerly of Hattiesburg, Miss., where he gained renown as a friend of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. Finch is now a Honolulu resident and businessman.

The other Honolulu boxers, Cyril Okamoto and Thomas Shimabukuro, and their coach Herbert Minn went with Naya to Pocatello.

Nat'l Oriental handicap keg tourney Apr. 16-17 at San Francisco set

(San Francisco) Entries are being accepted until Apr. 12 for the first National Oriental handicap bowling championships on Apr. 16-17 at Downtown Bowl by the "300" Publishing Co., 277 Eddy St. The tournament is divided into an upper and lower division as follows:

Upper Division—team, 800 and over; doubles, 320 and over; singles, 160 and over. Lower Division—team, 799 and under; doubles, 319 and under; singles, 159 and under.

Averages will be the highest known current averages as of Mar. 15 or Blue Book average of 1953-54, whichever is higher, and all entrants must be in good standing with their local Nisei, Chinese or Oriental bowling club. Averages must be approved by respective city association, Nisei or Chinese club secretaries.

Handicaps will be based on 2/3 from 200 per bowler in the upper division; 2/3 from 160 for the lower division. Entry fee is \$5 per person per event with \$2.70 going to the prize fund. Team entries are being limited to 100 per division.

Ike Takel, Dick Arimoto, Hi Akagi, Bill McGowan, Frank Hee, Gish Endo, H. P. Lee Larry Mar and Hank Tom.

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SPORTSCOPE

Norman Tamanaha, 48-year-old veteran long distance runner and Hawaiian AAU marathon winner for the fourth time this year, will compete in the Boston Marathon in late April.

Gil Inaba of Washington State College lost an upset decision Mar. 18 in the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate boxing tournament in Sacramento as he was eliminated by Pete Godinez of Cal-Poly. Godinez outpointed Inaba in the 139-lb. semis. The Nisei was PCI 132-lb. champion last year. Hal Machigashira of Idaho State lost in the 156-lb. semis.

Shig Imura won a trophy for posting a 1764 high scratch all-events score in the Sacramento Bowling Association city tournament just concluded. Even Toyama rolled an 1882 (hcp) for second all-events.

The Northern California Nisei Golf tournament will be held Apr. 16-17 at the Pebble Beach and Del Monte courses. Monterey Peninsula Nisei Golf Club, 153 Webster St., Monterey, is hosting. Entries, including \$15 fee, are due Apr. 1. Maximum handicap is 24, according to Goro Yamamoto, rules chairman. The association has 13 clubs with 327 registered members.

A tough Reedley Manjiettes dealt a 39-26 defeat over the visiting Lucky Doks, Southern California WAA champions, last Sunday. Michi Nishimoto and Gloria Lee plunked 20 and 17 points each to dominate the intersectional game.

Neishi Brothers Nursery were 13 pins shy of 1000, rolling a 987, last week in the East Bay Nisei Classics at Berkeley. The squad finished with 2717 series.

Hisao Sakaguchi was among the winning Coach School 4-man relay team setting a new Portland city school swim record of 1m-44.4s. at 160-yds. last week. Because no time was posted the first time, the quartet had to swim again to gain their blue ribbons.

Katsuichi Mori, 25, Japan's best diver at the 1952 Olympics, plans to enter Stanford University, according to Don Crandall of San Francisco, who is acting as sponsor and became acquainted with the Nippon University graduate while in charge of Meiji Pool for the U.S. Army.

Nisei jockey Taniguchi winds up apprenticeship

(Albany, Calif.) Jockey George Taniguchi ended his apprenticeship Mar. 19 and no longer has the five-pound allowance. He culminated his first year with 279 winners.

Big news last week was the triumph of Noir with Taniguchi aboard in Saturday's Berkeley Handicap, finishing a neck ahead of a Kentucky Derby hopeful, Blue Ruler. It paid \$90.30.

Placer JACL baseball schedule announced

(Loomis) The first-half schedule of the Placer-Nevada League was released as follows: (Only Placer JACL games are listed).

Apr. 24—Nevada City Lumberjacks at Auburn; May 1—Roseville Merchants at Roseville; May 8—Grass Valley Braves at Grass Valley; May 15—Lincoln Pottery at Auburn; May 22—Colfax Fireballs at Auburn; May 29—Auburn Cubs at Auburn; June 5—Placerville Bartletts at Auburn; June 12—Open Date.

Oyakawa wins 4th straight title in NCAA swim finals

(Oxford, O.) Ohio State, defending champion, won its ninth NCAA swimming title this past weekend, setting an American 300-yd. medley relay record and scoring eight firsts in the Miami University pool.

The most extravagant touch by the Buckeyes was saved for the final event of the meet—the medley relay negotiated in 2m.42.2s., which shatters all existing records. Yoshi Oyakawa backstroked the opening 100-yd. leg in 56s., followed by Al Wiggins with a 54.4s. in his 100-yd. breaststroke stint, and Ed Kawachika's 51.8s anchor lap in the 100-yd. freestyle.

Oyakawa and Ford Konno were double winners. Oyakawa won both the 100-yd. and 200-yd. backstroke events in 58s. and 2m.7.7s., respectively. Oyakawa became the first man in NCAA history to win the same event (the 220-yd. backstroke) four straight years.

Konno won his third NCAA 1,500-meter race in 18m.16.1s. and the 440-yd. freestyle in 4m.31.1s. Jack Wardrop of Michigan prevented Konno from taking his triple in the 220-yd. freestyle, winning in 2m.4.2s. Konno was second.

Dick Tanabe of Indiana was fifth in the 150-yd. individual medley.

Chicago basketball invitational set

(Chicago) The Minneapolis Stars will replace the Hawaiian Nisei All-Stars, who are unable to make the Chicago Nisei Athletic Association invitational basketball tournament, Apr. 9-10, at Oliver Gym.

Tournament officials said the Toronto Mustangs, Chicago Nisei (CNA 1955 champions) and the Midwest Chinese Americans will compete in the two-day series, resumed after an absence of four years.

The first round opens Saturday, Apr. 9, 7 p.m., and the Sunday games at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$1.50 reserved; \$1 general admission, with proceeds going to the CNA basketball and softball program. A tournament dance follows on Sunday.

Tokyo Giants tour of South America nightmarish, Wally Yonamine reveals

(Honolulu) The Tokyo Giants spring training this year was a nightmarish experience, according to Wally Yonamine, Honolulu member of the Giants.

"The trip was the worst in all my experiences as a ball player. The hotels we went to were not up to par—didn't even have hot water. The food was bad. At times we didn't eat at all," Yonamine said.

The 30-game tour suffered wholesale cancellation. Many players lost weight.

Coachella Valley keglers

(Indio) Trophy winners in the recently concluded JACL Produce Bowling League were honored by the Coachella Valley JACL at the installation - awards dinner Mar. 12. They include:

Team—Shapiro Co. (Jack Izu, Toru Kitahara, Yomer Okumura); High Series—George Shibata 653 (scr); Kus Nagata 661 (hcp); High Game—Sam Musashi 244 (scr); Charles Shibata 253 (hcp); High Season Average—Ray Ishimatsu 173; Most Improved—Paul Shibata.

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BY HENRY MORI

SOUTHLAND ISSEI GO TRAVELING

Some of us who have not had the opportunity to see the likes of Washington, D.C., had to sit back enviously and send off approximately 46 newly naturalized Southland Issei who left late last week for the Nation's Capitol on a two-week tour of historic sites and cities.



The group, under sponsorship of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, was headed by Choyei Kondo, guide, and Gongoro Nakamura, party spokesman.

Among familiar names in the educational tour were Mr. and Mrs. Masami Sasaki, Mr. and Mrs. Sadagoro Hoshizaki, Dr. and Mrs. Paul K. Ito, Mrs. Saku Shirakawa, Matsunosuke Oi, Koroku Hashimoto, Los Angeles; and Mr. and Mrs. Seikichi Aihara, Garden Grove. All are ardent supporters of the JACL program.

In Washington, they will have attended the meetings of the joint Eastern-Midwest District Council, Mar. 25-29. The visitors will cover other cities; namely Philadelphia, New York City, Boston, Niagara Falls, Detroit and Chicago before returning here.

Our new citizens are quite travel-conscious nowadays. It isn't far and in between that we hear them hopping from here to Japan on short "home" visits. Their rights gained through naturalization has inspired many others to take similar steps.

PREPARATION FOR NISEI WEEK

The 15th annual Nisei Week Festival—the seventh postwar event—is getting off to an early start. The August celebration has been assured of sponsorship on three events by the Japanese American Optimist Club and the Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion. They include the coronation ball, the queen contest and the carnival with the legionnaires to run the last named event.

Kiyo Yamato, a familiar name in the affairs of Nisei Week from before the war, will act as general chairman on the aforementioned programs. Because of the usual financial setbacks involved in the sponsorship of a Nisei Week event, most contributing organizations were lukewarm this year to a share-the-profit-and-loss policy drawn up by the Li'l Tokio Merchants Association.

Anyway, it all started in 1935 and tradition apparently won't permit businessmen to forego the extravaganza despite the work and money needed to run the show.

CANCER PREVENTION POSTER

A state-wide poster contest on cancer prevention was won by a Dorsey High School student, Eiji Sakabe. His work was entered first in the Los Angeles regional competition, where he won himself a television set.

He swept the state contest when his work was adjudged the best among other regional entries.

For his achievement he was flown to Sacramento last week with his mother, Mrs. Konea Sakabe of 3515½ Wellington Road, to be greeted personally by Gov. J. Goodwin Knight.

There he received his State Award from the top executive on behalf of the American Cancer Society. Sakabe, as is obvious through his grand work, wants to become a commercial artist.

A Decade Ago

Mar 31, 1945

Madera night-riders fire into home of Nisei war veteran (Minoru Ohashi); five shots fired, one bullet narrowly misses Ohashi.

Vandals smash store window in San Jose . . . Piece of lead pipe hurled through front window of Gardena home occupied by two Nisei.

Nisei soldier saves U.S. Army command post in Philippines, ability of GI to intercept enemy orders aid in victory on Camotes Islands, 7th Division executive officer reveals.

Oregon passes anti-alien land ownership bill, will prevent Issei from working farms owned by children.

Vandals desecrate graves of 18 in (Mountain View Cemetery) Fresno; attempt to hack way into mausoleum; believed to be work of adults.

Spanish government quits as go-between for Japan.

Escheat proceedings filed against Kitahara family (in Poston) for four parcels of land in Central California . . . Judge orders new trial in Oregon case; evacuee (Masayuki Fujimoto) seeks to regain control of farm property.

Olympia (Wash.) high school students favor return of Nisei pupils.

Carey McWilliams believes evacuation hastened assimilation of Nisei, Chicago JACLers told.

Mrs. Mark Clark visit Granada WRA Camp.

DSC awarded posthumously to mother of hero (T/Sgt. Ted Tanoue) at Rowher WRA Camp.

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VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

HANAMI—Feb. 19, a boy Wayne B. to Thomas Hanamis (Reiko Tsuchiyama).

HASHIMOTO—Feb. 22, girl Sherie A. to Hiroyuki Hashimoto (Edna Ito).

HIRABAYASHI—Jan. 31, boy Ross A. to Kaz Hirabayashi (Sakaye Yugu-chi).

HONJIO—Feb. 5, boy Ronald Kiuchi to Tadashi Honjios (Miyoko Horikiri).

IZUMI—Feb. 9, girl JoAnne to the Pete Izumis (Florence Sano).

KARIYA—Feb. 2, boy Steven Hinoru to Minoru Kariyas (Yoneko Inatomi).

KATO—Feb. 17, boy Norman Toshio to Jack Katos (Shizu Iwahashi).

KAWASE—Feb. 15, girl Ann Michiko to Masaru Kawases (Chiyeo Hoshizaki).

MAYEDA—Feb. 16, girl Karne Fuji to Toshimichi Mayedas (Toshiko Minami).

MITSUMORI—Feb. 26, boy to John Mitsumoris, Pasadena.

NISHI—Feb. 6, girl Lorraine to Hideo Nishis (Frances Nishioka).

ONAGA—Feb. 6, boy Lawrence R. to Yoshinori Onagas (Millcent Sano).

SHIMIZU—Feb. 15, boy Jeffrey L. to Noboru Shimizus (Teruko Okamoto).

SUZUKI—Feb. 14, boy Philip S. to Frank Suzukis (Sadako Ige).

YOSHIDA—Jan. 21, boy Ted Hiroshi to Masayuki Yoshidas (Yukiko Kuwada).

SAN DIEGO

IWASHITA—Feb. 4, boy to the Charles Iwashitas.

NAGATA—Feb. 9, girl to the Mitsuru Nagatas.

SHIMAZU—Feb. 5, boy to the Haruto Shimazus.

TANAKA—Feb. 8, twin boys to Masashi Tanakas.

ARIZONA

FUJII—Mar. 1, boy to Hideo Fujilis, Phoenix.

BAKERSFIELD

NAGATANI—Mar. 7, boy to Roy Nagatanis, Delano.

VISALIA

KURUMAJI—Mar. 3, boy to Ted Kurumajis, Dinuba.

FRESNO

HANEMOTO—Mar. 5, girl to Haruichi Hanemotos, Reedley.

HATAKEYAMA—Dec. 26, girl to Yoneo J. Hatakeyamas.

NOBUHIRO—Feb. 17, boy to Ben Nobuhiro, Parlier.

SANWO—Mar. 6, boy to Sumi Sanwos, Reedley.

SAN JOSE

HIGASHI—Feb. 21, boy Paul Haruo to Mike Higashis.

HISATOMI—Mar. 7, boy to Toyo Hisatomis, Campbell.

HISATOMI—Mar. 11, girl Mindy Midori to Setsuo Hisatomis, Cupertino.

KANAYA—Feb. 25, boy Douglas K. to Toshio Kanayas.

KARIYA—Mar. 16, boy to Hiroji Kariyas, East Palo Alto.

KAWAMURA—Feb. 25, girl Nadine R. to Katsuji Kawamuras.

KAWATA—Mar. 6, girl Carolyn F. to Ted N. Kawatas.

KITAHARA—Feb. 11, girl Kathleen Ann to Arthur T. Kitaharas.

MASUDA—Feb. 11, boy Douglas Roy to Roy Masudas, Gilroy.

NODA—Feb. 21, boy Alan Yoshio to George Nodas.

SHIMIZU—Feb. 25, boy to Esau Shimizus, Campbell.

TANI—Feb. 11, boy Dennis Aki to Tom Tanis, Sunol.

UYENO—Feb. 24, girl Sharon to Ray Uyenos, Gilroy.

YAMAGUCHI—Mar. 15, boy to the James S. Yamaguchis, Santa Clara.

YAMAICHI—Feb. 25, girl Lois Yuki to Masaru Yamaichis.

YONEMOTO—Mar. 16, girl Vickie Yukiko to Jim N. Yonemotos.

STOCKTON

SASAKI—Feb. 28, boy to Ray Sasaki, Acampo.

SAN FRANCISCO

ASHIZAWA—Feb. 15, girl to Roy Y. Ashizawas.

HAYASHI—Mar. 18, boy to Shigeo Hayashis (Motoko Kawashima).

KAMADA—Mar. 1, girl to James I. Kamadas.

MISUMI—Feb. 25, boy to Jiro Misumis.

NAKAMOTO—Feb. 16, girl to Richard M. Nakamotos.

OAKLAND

BABA—Mar. 10, girl to the Shoshiro P. Babas.

BERKELEY

NAKASHIMA—Mar. 10, girl to Stephen Nakashimas.

NAKATANI—Mar. 9, girl to William Nakatanis.

OKANO—Boy Steve Yasuaki to Bill K. Okanos.

SASAKI—Feb. 23, boy Glenn Craig to Ichiro Sasaki.

SEKI—Mar. 7, boy to Sam Sekis.

URATSU—Mar. 14, boy David Tetsuro to Marvin Uratus, Richmond.

SANTA ROSA

NISHIKAWA—Mar. 5, girl to Hiroshi Nishikawas, Liberty Farms.

SACRAMENTO

AKIYAMA—Feb. 15, girl to George Akiyamas.

FUJIWARA—Feb. 13, girl to Bernard K. Fujiwaras.

FUKUI—Mar. 5, boy to Jimmie Fukuis.

FUKUSHIMA—Feb. 17, boy to Akira Fukushima, West Sacramento.

FUNAKOSHI—Feb. 27, boy to Tadashi Funakoshis.

ISHII—Mar. 6, boy to Pames K. Ishiis.

KIHARA—Feb. 21, girl to Shigeyoshi Kiharas.

MATSUOKA—Jan. 7, girl to Toshio Matsuokas, Walnut Grove.

MIYAHARA—Jan. 11, boy to Ted Miyaharas.

MIYASAKI—Mar. 20, girl to Ray Miyasakis, Walnut Creek.

MORI—Jan. 14, girl to Ray Moris.

NAKAYAMA—Feb. 26, girl to Frank M. Nakayamas.

SAKATANI—Feb. 21, girl to Mike Sakatanis.

YUKI—Mar. 1, boy to Tadashi Yukis.

MARYSVILLE

OTAGURO—Mar. 8, boy to Kayo Otaguros.

COLUSA

OKIKAWA—Mar. 8, boy to Keyome Okikawas.

OROVILLE

MARUBASHI—Mar. 5, girl to Frank Marubashis, Gridley.

OREGON

MIGAKI—Mar. 13, girl Barbara A. to George Migakis, Portland.

MORISHITA—Mar. 11, girl to Haruo Morshitas, Ontario.

NAITO—Mar. 3, boy Steven L. to William S. Naitos, Portland.

TSUDA—Mar. 15, boy to Chester Tsudas, Ontario.

SEATTLE

GOJO—Mar. 12, boy to George Gojios.

KOURA—Mar. 14, boy to Kenso Kouras.

SUHARA—Mar. 17, boy to Fujio Suharas.

TAKEMOTO—Mar. 20, girl to Victor Takemotos.

WATANABE—Mar. 14, boy to Masao Watanabes.

YAMAMOTO—Mar. 20, boy to Kiyoo Yamamotos.

SALT LAKE CITY

AOYAGI—Mar. 17, girl to Jack Aoyagis.

DENVER

MARUMOTO—Boy to Tad Marumotos.

TEXAS

YAMAGATA—Feb. 27, boy Glenn to Tom Yamagatas (Joan Motozaki), El Paso.

Engagements

HAYAKAWA-KUNITSUGU — Ida to Yoshi, both of Los Angeles.

HONMA-KUNITAKE — Ethel to Roy Shigeo, both of San Francisco, Mar. 20.

INADOMI-TERAGAWA — Iris R. to Robert T., both of Los Angeles, Mar. 6.

MURAKAMI-KAWACHI — Kazzie to Mits, both of Seattle, Mar. 6.

OHARA-TANAKA — Chitose, Long Beach, to Russ, San Pedro, Feb. 27.

YASUTAKE-MATSUOKA — Fran to Hero, both of Seattle, Mar. 13.

Marriage Licenses Issued

ASAKAWA-MURAHASHI — Walter, Troutdale; Carol K., Gresham, Ore.

HIDESHIMA-SHIBA — Tadashi, 23, Orem; Alyce Yaeko, 22, Salt Lake.

KAMIMOTO-TAMURA — Kay K., San Juan Bautista; Yoshiko, San Francisco.

MAYEMURA-YAGO — Shigeo and Su-yeiko, both of Denver.

NISHI-KUNITAKE — John Saburo, Clarksburg; Mary Yoshiko, Sacramento.

SPINELLI-YOKOTA — Ralph and Setsuko D., both of Fresno.

Weddings

ANDO-NISHIMURA — Mar. 19, Tadashi, San Jose, and Dora Shizuko, Sanger.

BUNGO-INN — Mar. 26, Saburo and Peggy Hisako, both of Reedley.

FUKUMOTO-UCHIMURA — Mar. 5, Don M., North Hollywood, and Ruth R., Fallbrook.

FUKUSHIMA-OSATO — Mar. 26, Harry, Dinuba, and Mary S., Reedley.

HIRAMI-KUSUMOTO — Mar. 20, Tetsuo and Hideko V., both of Los Angeles.

HONDA-MURATA — Mar. 12, Jack Y., Fallbrook, and Sada, Los Angeles.

KONISHI-SASAKI — Mar. 5, Ray, Wapato; and Akiye, Orting, Wash.

KOTOW-NAKAGAWA — Mar. 20, Tom Y., West Los Angeles, and Hisae, Venice.

MATODA-KODAMA — Apr. 3, Hideomi, Los Angeles, and Alice Fumiko, Biola.

MIYAKE-HATA — Mar. 20, Jack K., West Los Angeles, and Masako, Los Angeles.

NISHI-KUNITAKE — Mar. 19, John S., Clarksburg, and Mary Y., Perkins.

NISHIMURA-CHORIKI — Mar. 20, Edward H. and Mabel, both of Los Angeles.

NISHINA-KIKUMOTO — Mar. 12, Tad-ao, Fowler, and Fusae, Los Angeles.

NISHIYAMA-ISHIKAWA — Mar. 6, Swiss S., Chula Vista, and Celia Takako, Los Angeles.

ODA-WADA — Mar. 20, Edward N., North Hollywood, and Hanayo, Los Angeles.

SAKURAI-TOYA — Mar. 6, William, Sun Valley, and Yuki, West Los Angeles.

SAKODA-ONISHI — Mar. 5, Shigeo, Lodi; Asako, Acampo.

SANTO-SATO — Chester T., San Jose; Alice Sumiko, Campbell.

TAKEUCHI-KUMASHIRO — Mar. 12, Kenneth, Fresno, and Pearl Del Rey.

TSUDAMA-KAMIYAMA — Apr. 2, Minoru and Hiroko, both of Fresno.

YAMADA-SAKATA — Mar. 5, Shoji, Kingsburg, and Miki, Santa Monica.

Deaths

ADACHI, Shigeiro, 64: Los Angeles, Mar. 19, survived by wife Iu, sons Oamu, John S. Harry H. daughter Mrs. Masako Sugiyama.

CHIBA, Yasukichi, 69: Seattle, Mar. 8, survived by wife Shizu, son Bain and two grandchildren.

ETO, Koto: Oxnard, Mar. 9, survived by sons Tadashi, Matayoshi, Shiro, daughters Mrs. Yoshiko Tanaka and Mrs. Mitsuko Tsuhara.

FUJIE, Masaetsu, 79: Seattle, Mar. 15, survived by wife Masa, sons Masao, Ben Richard (Chicago), daughter Mrs. Janet Tanaka, brother Tsunezo Tokuda and five grandchildren.

FUKUMOTO, Eizo, 80: San Jose, Mar. 9, survived by son George H., daughters Mrs. Dorothy K. Fujino, Mrs. Suzy Masumoto, Mrs. H. R. Takata.

HASHII, Keishi, 61: Los Angeles, Mar. 20, survived by wife Toshiko, daughters Mrs. Frances S. Kino and Mrs. Janice H. Kamada.

HASHIMOTO, Ben T., 38: Seattle, Mar. 16, survived by parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hashitaro.

IMAMURA, Minato, 52: Santa Ana, Mar. 18, survived by husband Tokiyoshi, son Toru, daughters Mrs. Kay Horiuchi, Mrs. Betty M. Honbo.

ISHIDA, Mrs. Yayel, 65: Seattle, Mar. 13, survived by husband Yosakichi, six daughters Jean, Mrs. Yoshiko Hattori (Japan), Mrs. Taeko Ishida (Clawson, Mich.), Mrs. Hikeko Motoki, Mrs. Nobuko Sugai, Mrs. Hisako Nagaro (all of Chicago), two grandchildren.

KAWAHARA, Masao, 85: Gardena, Mar. 19, survived by wife Takeno, son Jiro, daughter-in-law Mrs. Tei Kawahara and nine grandchildren, Daniel, Denby, Dwight, Delano, Eleanor, Grace Imura Lindy, Harvard, Eleanor and Mrs. Evelyn Chikahisa.

KAWASAKI, Yasuke, 73: Seattle, Mar. 10.

KAMEMOTO, Kameju, 73: Seattle, Mar. 15.

KOSHI, Philip T., 70: Denver, Mar. 9, survived by wife Matsu, six sons John, George (Tokyo), Paul (San Antonio), James (Honolulu), Peter (Kansas City), Sam; four daughters Mrs. Ruth Inouye (Sedgwick), Michi, Mrs. Lily Collicott, and Mrs. Yuki Wakabayashi.

MIYAMA, Akira, 67: Detroit (formerly of Terminal Island, Calif.) Mar. 8, survived by wife Chiyo, son Albert, daughters June, Frances, Edna, Rose and two grandsons.

MORIKAWA, Jean, 4: Chicago, Mar. 3, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank.

NAKAGAWA, Kumakichi, 86: Lehi, Utah, Mar. 11, survived by sons Fred, Heijiro, daughters Mrs. Ohiko Nishimoto, Kimiko (Long Beach), 33 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

NAKAMURA, Teruye, 56: San Pedro, Mar. 18, survived by husband Mino-suke.

NOZAWA, Ichi, 73: West Los Angeles, Mar. 20, survived by sons Minoru, Tsutomu and daughter Mrs. Kameko Kamigaki.

NUNOTANI, George: Portland, Mar. 9, survived by daughters Mrs. Tomi Saito, Mrs. Emi Saito, and 10 grandchildren.

OGINO, Richard L., 32: South Weber, Utah (formerly of Stockton), Mar. 7, survived by mother, five brothers Tom, Charles (Chicago), Cpl. Shig (USMC), Cpl. Jack (USA), Mitch (Ogden).

OYA Tokusaburo, 78: Los Angeles, Mar. 11, survived by wife Sugiye, sons Jun, Susumu and Ken.

SUGURO, Mine: Portland, Feb. 23.

TANAKA, Motosuke, 66: Salt Lake City, Mar. 12, survived by two brothers.

TAIRA, Mrs. Shizu: Washington, D.C., Mar. 22, survived by husband Kakukichi, son Calvin, daughters Betty and Mrs. Emi Shima.

TAKATA, Maggie: Denver, Mar. 9, survived by husband R.

UYENO, Tom Kenichi, 38: Los Angeles, Mar. 15, survived by wife Sato-ko, mother Tome, brothers Kenji and Kenso.

UYESAKO, Naoichiro: Long Beach, Mar. 16, survived by son Ichiro.

YOKOOJI, Infant Daughter: Denver, Mar. 10, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank.

YOSHIDA Haruko, 24: Watsonville, Feb. 27 (accident near Winnemucca, Nev.), survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Watani Yoshida, sisters Natsuko, Asako, Yoshie, brothers Robert, Shioichi and Pvt. Tom (Korea).

YOSHITOMI, Mrs. Ito, 65: Salt Lake City, Mar. 17, survived by daughter Mrs. Betty Yamaguchi, brother Fred Nakadoi.

Berkeley chapel dedication rites scheduled Apr. 3

(Berkeley) Dedication services for the Frank Herron Smith chapel of the Berkeley Methodist Church, 1710 Carleton St., will be held this Sunday, Apr. 3, 3 p.m. with the Rev. Lester Suzuki as chairman.

Bishop Donald H. Tippett of the San Francisco Area of the Methodist Church will preside. Nine ministers will be participating as

SOCIAL NOTES

(Denver) The annual Mile-Hi JACL Bridge Club spring Open-Pairs tournament will be held Apr. 16, 8 p.m., at the T. K. Kobayashi residence, 455 Forest St., according to True Yasui, club chairman.

Other standards may wither and pass, but the man who smokes good cigars is still looked up to in the community.

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Vagaries
BY LARRY TAJIRI

SHARED BY THOUSANDS OF OTHERS

Denver
The predicament of Dr. Satoru Larry Aikawa, 31-year old dentist of Stockton, Calif., who found himself the center of controversy when he sought to buy a home in a neighborhood of his choice, is one which thousands of other Americans of minority group origin have shared. Housing restrictions are the last stand of the bigot in the United States.

Each denial of democracy doesn't make the papers, like the Aikawa incident did, or the celebrated case of the Sing Sheng family which was forced to abandon a home in South San Francisco because of neighborhood antagonisms. In this latter case Earl Warren, then governor of California, did a brave thing when he condemned the attitude of Sing Sheng's neighbors. Housing prejudice exists in California, as it does almost everywhere else, but Earl Warren, now Chief Justice of the United States, made it clear it did not have the sanction of the state.

Patterns of segregated housing are changing in California, though the shift may be almost imperceptible to the impatient. And it is because of the change for the better that incidents arise. A housing bigot will go to absurd lengths, like the telephoned death threat to the man who was going to sell his San Leandro home to Dr. Aikawa. Such threats have been made before and, in some cases, have proved effective. The average man who is trying to sell his house doesn't want to become the center of controversy.

For every case which gets into the newspapers, there are hundreds which do not, but in which the denial of democracy is every bit as final. Degrees of discrimination probably range along a scale somewhat equivalent to the "color visibility" of the minority group involved. In some eastern communities housing restrictions have been invoked against persons of the Jewish religion, and against people of Armenian, Italian, Greek and other southern European and Near Eastern ancestry. In the Deep South the bar is mainly against the Negro, while in the western United States the Oriental, the American Indian and the Mexican American are often victimized by restrictive housing covenants.

NO LONGER SANCTIONED BY LAW

A decade and more ago a Nisei seeking to buy a house in what would be called a "white" neighborhoods—and in this Caucasian country, most houses for sale are in "white" districts—had no recourse when he was turned down, either by the homeowner or by a real estate agent. Often the sellers had no recourse themselves, since a restrictive housing covenant on the property, a part of the deed, may have barred sale of the home to an Oriental or to other persons of non-Caucasian ancestry.

But in 1948, in a celebrated case in which the National JACL was a participant, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racially restrictive housing covenants were enforceable in the courts. Such covenants still are written into many deeds, in an effort sometimes to intimidate homeowners, but they do not have the force of law. Today, except in the cases of some of the large tract homes whose builders and sellers are willing to use every subterfuge to contravene democratic practices, a Nisei or a member of any minority group can buy a home of his choice if he is willing to fight for it, and will not be frightened off by controversy.

Since the Supreme Court's 1948 decision, housing prejudice no longer is sanctioned by law.

In recent years, the Federal Housing Administration will not issue a government loan on housing if a racially restrictive covenant is written into the deed covering the property. The present FHA administrator, Albert M. Cole, has been forthright in his declarations of principle regarding discrimination in housing. He announced last fall that FHA will refuse federal aid to cities which "default on their obligations to minority citizens." Cole said federal grants under slum clearance and urban redevelopment sections of the new housing act would not be forthcoming unless communities provide for "progressive improvement and expansion of minority housing opportunities." Cole emphasized that FHA will give "active support and guidance" to the elimination of racial lines in public housing projects.

Of course, a federal municipally-owned housing project for low-income families is one thing, and buying a house in a shiny new residential suburb is another. But even in the latter area, the barriers are coming down. There has been housing prejudice in Denver—although there probably is less residential bigotry in Denver than in most other western cities.

Even in San Leandro, Calif., where a bigot's death threat on the telephone helped stop the sale of a house to Dr. Aikawa, a man named James Marsden, owner of a television shop, took time off to conduct a one-man survey in the neighborhood in which the Nisei wanted to buy. The *Pacific Citizen* report last week said Marsden rang the doorbell at 22 homes, found 18 families in. Fourteen said they had "no personal objections", three declined comment. One man objected, Marsden reported, "but he didn't seem to feel very strongly about it."

RIGHT TO LIVE IN HOME OF OWN CHOICE

It is important to all Americans of minority group ancestry that their right to live in homes of their own choosing be upheld. More communities could do with a group like the Palo Alto, Calif., Fair Play Council which recognizes the importance of democracy in housing. The council is helping in the development of the Lawrence Tract in Palo Alto, a subdivision without restrictive covenants, and council members check rental and sale units in the Palo Alto area to make sure they are available to all. The Palo Alto group has been instrumental in the formation of the Coordinating Council for Peninsula Housing, "an instrument for the furtherance of democratic living patterns on the San Francisco peninsula."

In the years since the end of World War II, the housing boom has resulted in the building of huge residential areas in the suburbs of nearly every city in these United States. Most of these communities, some as big as the 100,000-population Lakewood near Los Angeles or the two Levittowns (Long Island and Pennsylvania) have been built and maintained on an all-white basis. Its residents live in mono-racial islands in a multi-racial America.

It is when minority group Americans seek to buy on one of these "all-white" residential islands that bigotry flames. It is to be hoped that Dr. Aikawa buys his home in San Leandro. It's a nice community with wonderful climate. It will be good for him and good for the neighborhood.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER:

Congressional Record

Washington
This Newsletter's recent comment that in the first two months of activity this 84th Democratic Congress was threatening to outdo the famous "Do Nothing" GOP 80th Congress in futility brought a rejoinder from a congressional reader. It was pointed out that in the first two months since this Congress convened eight public bills had become law, including the two "significant" ones pointed out by this writer, the so-called Formosa Resolution and the Pay Raise for Congress and the Judiciary.

This was compared to the five that the GOP 83rd Congress had compiled in their first session's initial two months, and to the 12 recorded in the first two months of their second session last year. The records fashioned by the 80th could not be found readily so it was guessed that between five and ten public laws were enacted in the first two month of its two sessions.

So, my congressional friend reminded me, the speed with which this Congress is working is about par for the course. What really counts, he emphasized, is not how one starts but how one finishes.

And, on this score, he promised that the Democrats would really chalk up a record to be proud of before the 1956 presidential campaign.

Be that as it may, Congress' record to date has not been outstanding. And, with the traditional Easter recess and the Jefferson-Jackson Day lull coming up right away, Congress will really have to get down to brass tacks if it hopes to write any kind of legislative record this session.

The Republicans have just about completed their annual Lincoln Day speeches which have lasted well over a month. Now, it is the Democrats' turn to extol the virtues of their party while celebrating the twin birthdays of their historic founders.

And, while they are doing it, by mutual consent and reciprocal courtesy, no important, controversial matters can be brought up for debate and a vote.

Who said that politics wasn't a gentlemen's game!

Divided Leadership in U.S., Japan

As far as trying to work with his legislature is concerned, Prime Minister Ichiro Hatoyama of Japan must find himself in pretty much the same situation as President Dwight D. Eisenhower of the United States.

Here in this country, the President is the Chief Executive but the Congress is in the hands of his political opponents, the Democrats.

In Japan, the Prime Minister was elected by the House of Representatives to head the new government but his opponents were elected to the key legislative posts of Speaker and Vice-Speaker.

Premier Hatoyama's Democratic Party controls less than an absolute majority—only 185 seats—in the 467 member House of Representatives, or Lower House. Accordingly, he needs the votes of the equally conservative Liberal Party to run his government.

But in the elections for the Speaker and the Vice-Speaker, the Liberals joined with the Right Socialists to elect a Liberal Speaker and a Right Socialist Vice-Speaker.

As in the United States Congress, the Speaker is one of the most influential lawmakers because of his control over committees and legislation to be considered by the chamber. Strictly from the legislative viewpoint, the Speaker may be designated as the single most powerful member.

In the American system, congressmen themselves initiate and write the laws, although the President may, and does, send his legislative ideas to the Congress for its consideration.

In the parliamentary system, practically all of the bills—major as well as minor—are drafted by the government and submitted to the Diet (Upper and Lower Houses) for approval. If the Lower

House or House of Representatives, which is the more important branch of the Parliament, fails to approve a major legislative proposal, it indicates a lack of confidence in that particular government, which then resigns. Then, either an election is held to determine a new government or a majority of the members of the House of Representatives vote to have a Prime Minister a member in whom they have "confidence" to lead the government.

Prime Minister Hatoyama is reported to have remarked after his first parliamentary setbacks in the naming of the Speaker and the Vice-Speaker, "If the Diet should proceed in this way, curious things might happen".

And yet, according to observers of the Tokyo scene, the opposition Liberal Party merely used the same technique that Premier Hatoyama had used against them only last December to out the six year government of Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida. This time, the Liberals joined with the Right and Left Socialists to elect their own man. Last December, it was the Democrats who joined with these same Socialists to force the then Prime Minister Yoshida to resign.

The political situation as it is developing in Japan does not portend a strong, stable government of any duration, which is most unfortunate because at this critical juncture in her history Japan needs stability and strength. The conservative Liberals can join with the Socialists and can topple the present government at any time. Such a threat is not conducive to aggressive, militant leadership.

Nevertheless, one of the more significant pronouncements of Prime Minister Hatoyama was that he would send a special envoy to Washington in the near future to try to reconcile all outstanding differences, if any, between the two great Pacific nations.

That he intends to adhere to his campaign promises to work in close cooperation with the United States is seen in his key cabinet selection, that of retaining Mamoru Shigemitsu as Foreign Minister.

Another Million for Investigations

Following the trend of recent Congresses, this one too appears to be more interested in investigations than in legislation, if such can be said of our legislative branch.

On the Senate side alone, more than two million dollars now are earmarked for investigations. More than half that amount was recently voted by the Senate for investigations ranging from subversive activities to anti-trust laws, from juvenile delinquency to the nation's outmoded highway system.

Supreme Court to hear segregation case Apr. 11

(Washington) The Supreme Court announced that arguments in the school segregation cases will be heard beginning Monday, Apr. 11. Arguments will be on how to put into effect the court's historic decision that race segregation in public schools is unconstitutional.

With Senate confirmation of Judge John Marshall Harlan to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Robert Jackson, the court will have a full bench of nine members to hear the arguments.

Pioneer druggist dies

(Seattle) Yasukichi Chiba, 69, who founded the Nippon Golf Clubb in 1930 and which existed until evacuation, died Mar. 8 at his home. The Issei was a pharmacy graduate from the Univ. of Washington in 1917, operated the Main Drug Co., which was established by his father. He and his wife were among the first group of Japanese to be naturalized in June, 1953.

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Most of the probes authorized by the recent million dollar appropriation will be undertaken by subcommittees of the Judiciary Committee. They received \$904,600 out of the total of \$1,104,600 voted by the senators.

The Internal Security Subcommittee received \$260,000; the anti-trust subcommittee \$250,000; the juvenile delinquency subcommittee \$150,000; the Trading with the Enemy subcommittee \$58,000; refugee and migrations subcommittee \$35,000; federal prisons subcommittee \$13,500; immigration and naturalization subcommittee \$102,000; and narcotics subcommittee \$30,000. All are subcommittees of the Judiciary Committee, chairmanned by Sen. Harley M. Kilgore, (D., W. Va.).

The "housing" investigation was allocated \$100,000 and another \$100,000 was appropriated to study the nation's highways problems, including the President's \$101-billion highway program.

Previously, the Senate had voted sizable sums for investigations of the stock market, for further inquiries into Communist infiltration, and for scrutiny of the radio and television industries.

It is expected that additional funds will be requested to investigate the government's security program, the farm program, the labor program, and many other programs which the Democrats in Congress feel are "necessary and proper".

There is no question that legitimate probes can result in constructive corrective legislation. But too often investigations are prostituted for political purposes. And this criticism applies equally to the Democrats and the Republicans.

It is hoped, nevertheless, that the nonpolitical, nonpartisan findings of some of these investigations can be translated into remedial legislation for the national good. It would seem that if only a few good laws for the betterment of our way of life are enacted out of all these investigations, the rest of the probes, even for purely political fishing expeditions, are justified. But, it seems to be out of proportion!

Oregonian killed in 3-way auto accident

(Ontario, Ore.) Raymond A. Hashitani, 38, died in a three-car accident on Highway 30 about 10 miles north of here Mar. 24. His car hit the rear of an oncoming truck and then struck an oncoming truck-trailer almost head-on.

The JACler was a graduate of Oregon State College and employed as an agricultural economist by the OPS in Washington, D.C.

CALENDAR

Apr. 2 (Saturday)
So. Alameda County—Community picnic, Martin Beach.
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, NE of State Hwy 20.
Gilroy—Community Picnic, Uvas Dam.

Apr. 6 (Wednesday)
Marysville—Executive meeting, JACL Office, 7:30 p.m.

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

Apr. 10 (Sunday)
Southwest L.A.—Easter Egg Hunt, Southeast section, Exposition Park, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Apr. 13 (Wednesday)
San Francisco—Auxiliary meeting, Booker T. Washington Social Hall, 7:30 p.m., "Fashion for Your Homes, Norman Black of Sloan's, spkr.

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)
San Francisco—Auxiliary visitation, Laguna Honda Home for Aged.
Placer County — JACL picnic, Penryn JACL ball park.

Apr. 20 (Wednesday)
Marysville—General meeting, JACL Office, 7:30 p.m.

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

Apr. 23 (Saturday)
Mile-Hi—Box lunch social.

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