



## Vagaries

BY LARRY TAJIRI

### THE GHOST OF SADAKICHI HARTMANN

The ghost of Sadakichi Hartmann walked through a Los Angeles Superior courtroom the other day. The occasion was the filing of a suit charging plagiarism against Gene Fowler, author of a biography of Sadakichi, *Minutes of the Last Meeting* which Viking published last year. The plaintiff, Wistaria Linton of Banning, Calif., one of Hartmann's 13 children, asked \$300,000 damages from Fowler and also announced that a suit for a similar amount would be filed against the New York publishing firm. The plaintiff declared Fowler had made unauthorized use of Hartmann's 160,000-word unpublished autobiography.



Carl Sadakichi Hartmann, born to a German father and a Japanese mother in Nagasaki, Japan, in either 1867 or 1869—he wasn't sure and didn't care—was a stormy petrel of the arts. Today, more than 10 years years after his death in St. Petersburg, Florida, in November, 1954, his ghost has not been stilled. Sadakichi, 6 feet tall but looking taller because of his skeletal frame, walked in giant strides across the literary and artistic stage—linking the Mauve Decade to the present.

Sadakichi once answered letters for Walt Whitman. He toured Europe on several occasions, hobnobbed with Whistler, Verlaine, Mallarme, and met Anatole France and Henrik Ibsen. Back in the United States, his friends were the renowned of all the arts. He worked for Elbert Hubbard in that he was a ghost-writer of some of Hubbard's essays and also the designer of the books which were produced in Hubbard's Roycroft experiment. Hartmann knew Whittier and Emerson, and Amy Lowell once called him the "most mysterious man in American literature."

It would take a hundred newspaper columns to detail all of the facets of Hartmann's remarkable career, he was an art critic, perhaps the most perceptive of his time, and the author of the first definitive work on American art, *History of American Art* (1901), for many years the standard work in its field. He was a playwright, one whose impact was considerable on the theater of his day. He wrote plays on the lives of Christ, Confucius and Buddha. He published several volumes of poetry, including verses in the Japanese "Tanka" form. He was a painter. He painted some 400 canvases in his time. He danced, though not professionally, and many who have known him will never forget his angular, wraith-like form in the dances he performed for friends. He was even a movie actor, though this career was a misadventure.

Hartmann was possessed of a sarcastic wit, and though this endeared him to many, there were others who could not stand Sadakichi's barbs. One, apparently, was Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., who once signed Hartmann for one of the major roles in *The Thief of Bagdad* in early '20s. Hartmann walked out in the middle of the film, necessitating retakes estimated to have cost from \$60,000 to \$250,000. According to Matt Moore, one of the great actors of the silent days, Fairbanks said that Hartmann was drunk and had walked out on the film. Actually, says Moore, Sadakichi was seriously ill—he had a chronic asthmatic condition and a hernia—and was unable to stand the long hours of filming under the hot lights. In fact, Hartmann's weakened condition made it necessary for Fairbanks to get another actor of the same build to stand in for Sadakichi while the lights were being tested. This is said to be the first use of a "stand-in" in Hollywood history. Hartmann's career as a film actor ended when he walked out of *The Thief of Bagdad*. Incidentally, another thin Japanese actor was signed to replace Hartmann. His name was Sojin Kamiyama and he was a featured player for many years afterward in Hollywood. Kamiyama was Hollywood's first Charlie Chan in *The Chinese Parrot*.

The German-Japanese Sadakichi, born in Japan and raised in Europe, was sent alone to the United States by his father, a German coffee merchant, at the age of 13. From that time on until his death at 75 or 77, Sadakichi never had enough money. He was a firm believer in patrons for artists, and subsisted for many years on handouts from the wealthy. He developed a reputation for mooching, for cadging money from all and sundry, which is a major theme of the Fowler portrayal and one which is objected to by those who knew Sadakichi before he was the old man who was forced by circumstance to throw himself on the mercies of Hollywood. There he was befriended by screen stars Matt Moore and Aileen Pringle, and there he became part of a close circle of dying men—artist John Decker, comedian W. C. Fields, and actor John Barrymore. Writer Gene Fowler, who survived, wrote the story of these men in *Minutes of the Last Meeting*.

Sadakichi was ever a controversial figure, whether in literary salons or in such artistic arenas as Greenwich Village, over which he once reigned as King of Bohemia, and San Francisco's art colony which he once ruled with an imperious hand from a mansion on Russian Hill. He was jailed in Boston, on grounds his play "Christ" was obscene. He was jailed in Redwood City, in World War I on suspicion of making a seditious statement. Sadakichi told some high Army brass that he was against all war. Characteristically, Hartmann was speaking his mind with complete sincerity. But his true friends know him as a patriot. He was one of the first persons of Japanese ancestry to be naturalized an American citizen in 1894.

Sadakichi Hartmann was all things to all men. Gertrude Stein said of him, cryptically: "Sadakichi is singular, never plural." He was lionized in a score of cities, escorted out of town—St. Louis, for instance—on other occasions. To Ben Hecht he was a "truculent poseur" and to W. C. Fields he was a "no good bum." But in an America of the Mauve Decade, he had the respect of Whitman, Whittier and Emerson, of great editors and critics.

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Another column on Sadakichi Hartmann will be published in this space next week.

## Del. Farrington appoints Nisei to Military Academy

(Washington) Arthur Shiro Kubo, son of Earl T. Kubo, Honolulu, has been appointed to the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., by Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington, Republican delegate from Hawaii, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League learned last week.

Son of a police detective in the Honolulu crime prevention bureau is currently studying at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

Young Kubo is the principal appointee to the class that begins this fall. His first alternate is a Korean American and his second alternate is an Irish American.

He is the first to be appointed to West Point by Delegate Farrington, and the second Nisei from Hawaii to be appointed to the military academy. The first was named by Mrs. Farrington's late husband who was then the Delegate from Hawaii.

The father was an original volunteer for the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. A member of Service Company, he attained the rank of Master Sergeant in S-1, serving as the so-called Sergeant Major of that famed Nisei unit.

Young Kubo is the fifth Nisei to be appointed to West Point, according to the Washington JACL office. The first was George Shibata, Garland, Utah, named by the late Democratic Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah, who named the first Nisei on the recommendation of the JACL to establish a precedent for the naming of Nisei to the various armed services military schools of the United States.

### 1st Chinese refugee

(Honolulu) Wing Doi Wong, 8, is reported the first Chinese orphan to get a home here under the 1953 Refugee Relief Act, having arrived Mar. 22 and will be adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Ping Sing Woo.

## Canadian lab technician aided in success of Salk polio vaccine mass experiment

BY HENRY MORITSUGU  
Editor, New Canadian (Toronto) Big news for the world last week was the success of field test results at the Univ. of Michigan of an anti-polio vaccine originated by Dr. Jonas E. Salk of the Univ. of Pittsburgh. These tests confirmed hopes for an effective weapon against paralytic polio.

This great triumph was not the achievement solely of the United States, however. Unknown to most Canadians was the fact that the fluid (designated as Medium 199) in which the polio virus was grown, making possible the mass production of the Salk vaccine, was discovered at the Connaught Medical Research Laboratories of the Univ. of Toronto. Connaught produced all the polio virus from which U.S. laboratories made vaccine by the Salk method for the first great test in that country.

Among Connaught research workers and consultants "whose names are known better to U.S. research authorities than they are to the Canadian public" is a Nisei, F. T. Shimada.

At 29 the youngest member of the Connaught research team, laboratory technician Frank Tadao Shimada has been a member of the staff since his graduation with Bachelor of Arts degree from Mc-

## BEN TASHIRO NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT TO BE HAWAII JUDGE

(Washington) Benjamin M. Tashiro, present deputy attorney-general of Hawaii, has been nominated by President Eisenhower to a four-year term as judge of the Fifth Circuit of the circuit courts in the Territory of Hawaii, it was reported last week by the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

If confirmed by the United States Senate, he will be the first Nisei to be appointed a Federal judge.

Democrat Robert K. Murakami served as a circuit judge for more than six months in 1952 under an interim appointment from former President Truman.

Tashiro, a Republican, was nominated by the President on the recommendation of the Justice Department. He is the first person of Japanese ancestry to be nominated for any federal responsibility requiring Senate confirmation, except for officers in the armed forces and the Foreign (Diplomatic) Service, by the present Administration.

He is endorsed by Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington, Republican Delegate of Hawaii, Governor Samuel W. King, Republican Party of the Territory as well as of the county of Kauai, Bar Association of Hawaii, members of the bar of Kauai, Kauai American Legion Post, Kauai Veterans Club, Kauai 442nd Veterans Club, Kauai Disabled American Veterans, Military Intelligence Service Club of Honolulu, Board of Supervisors of the County of Kauai, and the Kukuilono Community Association.

Born in Wahiawa, on the Island of Kauai, 51 years ago, he is married to the former Gladys Yoshie Yamachika and is the father of five daughters.

He attended the Elele Grammar School in Elele, Kauai, and the Territorial Normal and Training school in Honolulu. After teaching at Kalaheo school, Kalaheo, Kauai from 1921 to 1924, he went to the mainland where he attended Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Ia., the University of California at Los Angeles, and Hastings College of Law of the University of California at San Francisco, receiving his law degree from the latter college in 1932.

He began the practice of law at

Lihue, Kauai, in 1932.

From 1939 to 1943, he was Director of Personnel and Classification for the County of Kauai, Second District Magistrate of Lihue from 1950 to 1951, and District Magistrate of Lihue in 1952.

He was appointed Deputy Attorney General of Hawaii on March 4, 1953, a post which he currently occupies awaiting Senate confirmation.

Judge-appointee Tashiro also served in the Territorial Legislature, having been elected as a Representative of the Sixth District and serving in the 1935 regular session. He was chairman of the Rules Committee.

A veteran of World War II, he volunteered for military intelligence, was accepted and enlisted on June 10, 1943, and was honorably discharged with the rank of Master Sergeant on December, 1945. He served as instructor in the the Japanese Language School of Army's Military Intelligence Service at both Camp Savage and Fort Snelling in Minnesota.

Active in civic and fraternal affairs, he is a member of the Bar Association of Hawaii, past director of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce, past post commander and past department commander of the American Legion, past president of the Kukuilono Community Association, past vice-president and director of the Tuberculosis and Health Association, past director of the Kauai Community Chest, and a member of the Kauai Veterans Club and the Parent Teachers Association of Kalaheo School.

In addition, he received a Certificate of Appreciation from President Eisenhower for his services as a member of the Selective Service Board on Kauai from Oct. 30,

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## I&NS to investigate Granada incident

(Denver) A full-fledged investigation has been ordered of the incident reported from Granada, Colo., where some difficulties were encountered by Issei applicants with a naturalization examiner from El Paso, it was reported by Min Yasui, regional director for the Mountain-Plains JACL office.

A special investigating officer has been assigned from the Denver office under orders by District Director Marcus T. Neeley. He will interview the actual applicants, witnesses and interpreters in order to ascertain the facts. Depending upon facts found, the I&NS assured the JACL, which has been alerted to the problem, that proper remedial steps would be taken.

It was hoped that the entire incident was due to misunderstanding, due to the technical questions involved in naturalization examinations. Both oral and written assurances from the naturalization office have been received here stating that the matter would be carried through to a successful conclusion.

### Absentee ballots counted in close L.A. elections

(Los Angeles) The City Council canvass of votes this week after a count of absentee ballots has not affected the situation in the 10th Council District where Councilman Charles Navarro was apparently re-elected over four other opponents by a narrow 65 vote majority.

Thomas was bestowed the JACL Distinguished Service Award for his defense of the Nisei a decade ago in Hood River, Ore.

### Family of ten

(Honolulu) Dr. K. Shoji cares for a family of 10, but he takes it all in stride. As assistant plant physiologist at the Univ. of Hawaii Experiment Station, he nurses 10 cherry trees for the 442nd Club here. He grew them from seeds sent to the club, gifts of the mayor of Tokyo.



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## From the Frying Pan

BY BILL HOSOKAWA

## JAPANESE LITERATURE INTRODUCED

Denver

America's current enthusiasm for things Japanese has taken many forms. Movies like *Rashomon* and *Jigokumon*, for instance. Japanese vases and screens, paintings and prints. The adoption of Japanese architectural ideas in our contemporary houses. Japanese furniture design, chinaware, cameras, songs (if *Tokyo Boogie* can be considered music) and even war brides. But Japanese literature never quite made the grade of American favor, largely because of a virtually insurmountable language barrier.



Comes now a leading American publisher, Alfred A. Knopf, with an announcement that his firm is about to introduce a contemporary Japanese novel to the English-speaking world. The book is *Some Prefer Nettles* by Junichiro Tanizaki who is said to be the most outstanding active Japanese writer. The novel was first published in the Japanese in 1928, and the

translation is by Edward Seidensticker, a longtime student of Japanese literature.

All this information is carried in a brochure reaching my desk recently. Tanizaki, the brochure says, was born in Tokyo in 1886, and he studied Japanese literature at Tokyo Imperial university. Until 1923, the year of the great earthquake, his work showed a marked western influence, especially that of Poe, Baudelaire and Oscar Wilde, in the form of a morbid obsession with cruelty, sexual aberration, and the mysterious "demonic" forces of nature that fascinated Poe.

After the earthquake Tanizaki moved to gentle and cultured Kyoto where he became absorbed in the Japanese past. In a now famous essay entitled *In Praise of Shadows*, Tanizaki summed up what he feels Japan has lost by becoming modern. This has been his constant theme since 1923, and is pursued in *Some Prefer Nettles*.



## TANIZAKI THEORY ON CULTURE

It is Tanizaki's theory that the deep, heavy roof of the Japanese architecture clamps on a lid to keep it out. "The quality, that we call beauty," he wrote in his essay, "must always grow from the realities of life, and our ancestors, forced to live in dark rooms, presently came to discover beauty in shadows, ultimately to guide shadows toward beauty's end. And so it has come to be that the beauty of a Japanese room depends on a variation of shadows, heavy shadows against light shadows—it has nothing else . . . For a woman who lived in the dark, it was enough if she had a faint, white face—a full body was unnecessary. I suppose it is hard for those who praise the fleshly beauty we see under today's bright lights to imagine the ghostly beauty of these older women. . ."

"I would call back at least for literature this world of shadows we are losing. In the mansion called literature I would have the eaves deep and the walls dark, I would push back into the shadows the things that come forward too clearly, I would strip away the useless decoration. I do not ask that this be done everywhere, but perhaps we may be allowed at least one mansion where we can turn off the electric lights and see how it is without them."

Knopf's brochure adds that Tanizaki in *Some Prefer Nettles* tries turning out the electric lights that glare on an unhappy marriage to see how it is without them. The story illustrates the survival of traditional Japanese values in an uneasy modern atmosphere. Essentially the novel is about a modern bourgeois who escapes from his empty domestic life into the arms of a beautiful Eurasian, meanwhile tacitly permitting his wife a lover. His wife's father is an old-fashioned gentleman with elegant tastes and a young mistress. He understands instinctively that his daughter's marriage has failed because the couple have cut themselves off from the traditional sources of aesthetic and emotional satisfaction. He tries to remedy this by drawing them back to the classical arts. Knopf's brochure continues:

"One soon perceives beneath the quiet, shadowed surface of the story a terrific and absorbing conflict between the debilitating indecision of the husband and the scheming of the old man. The way the scheme develops, and what happens as a result, will open new vistas of experience to American readers."

All of which sounds most fascinating to this writer who must confess to a long and unsatisfied curiosity about contemporary Japanese literature.

## Minority Week

The New York state legislature voted to outlaw race discrimination in all housing, whether for rent or for sale, financed by the Federal Housing Administration. The law will go into effect July 1. Both House and Senate passed the measure without debate and Gov. Harriman was expected to sign the bill into law. The measure would apply to apartment owners who build, purchase or remodel after July 1, forbidding discrimination in selection of tenants on racial or religious grounds if the property is covered by FHA-insured mortgage. It was noted by the Attorney General's office that 893 rental units of the 82,846 built in New York City between 1946 and 1952 with FHA-insured mortgages were rented to Negroes.



Although House of Representatives rules prohibit the taking of photographs during committee and subcommittee hearings, Congressman Francis E. Walter (sitting at right) temporarily recessed his subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization hearing in private bills in order that this picture might be taken during the joint EDC-MDC JACL Convention. Congressman Walter is explaining a

private bill to Rep. DeWitt S. Hyde of Montana (left) and Rep. Ruth Thompson of Michigan. JACL National board members listening are Abe Hagiwara, MDC chairman; George Inagaki, National JACL president; Mas Satow, National JACL director; Shig Wakamatsu, National 1000 Club chairman, and Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative.

## TOKYO TOPICS

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

## Cherry Tree Project

Tokyo

A thousand flowering cherry trees are going to be planted by Filipino Boy Scouts at the summer capital of the Philippines—Baguio. The trees are the gift of the Boy Scouts of Japan to perpetuate memories and friendships formed last year when a contingent of Japanese Scouts were guests at the first Filipino scouting jamboree.

With the cherry trees was a monetary donation to Philippine President Magsaysay's "Liberty Well" campaign, which has gathered international attention as a most humane project. While campaigning for the presidency, he found that many parts of the Philippines were without decent drinking water as its sources were often germ-infested wells.

His "Liberty Well" campaign was immediately launched to give every Filipino in every corner of the archipelago decent drinking water. Material and monetary assistance from all parts of the world followed.

Thus, it was natural for the Boy Scouts of Japan to perpetuate the new bond of fraternity with a contribution to the Liberty Well fund with a shipment of cherry trees, which was transported free of charge by the Everett Steamship Co., from Yokohama to Manila.



When the Boy Scouts of Tokyo decided to send 1,000 cherry trees to Salt Lake City some years ago, the saplings were found infested and destroyed upon entry at Seattle. Nevertheless, the gesture was perpetuated when American-grown cherry trees replaced the confiscated lot through the kind assistance of Japanese residents in the United States.

The latest adventure to send cherry trees to the Philippines was equally skittish as similar agricultural regulations prevail in the Philippines. If the cherry trees grow in Baguio, they will be the first Japanese trees to flower there.



Filipino-Japanese relationships go back some 400 years. Father Francisco Xavier had introduced Christianity in Japan and when the persecution of converts started, Japanese Christians migrated to the Philippines, then known as Luzon.

Many of them became professors at Santo Tomas University, the oldest institution of higher learning in the Orient. Many of the descendants became very famous in the Philippines and there were many strong ties between

the Filipinos and Japanese before the Pacific war, which ruined it all.

Even today, the general Filipino hatred toward the Japanese is unimaginable. The misconduct of the Japanese military has exacted a terrible toll. When Japan lost southeast Asia, she lost all but deep anti-Japanese hatred. Yet, the Philippines and Japan are pillars of democracy in the Far East. Closer cooperation between the two countries is as imperative as maintaining cordial relationships between Japan and the United States.

There are many in Japan who strongly feel that improving sentiments between the Philippines

and Japan can preserve the peace in this part of the world. Unfortunately, some Japanese leaders fail to see this point. It is most fundamental to join hands among the free nations in the Orient.

How important Japan and the Philippines are might be appreciated by the aggressive and open manner the Communists are trying to win these two nations into their sphere.

The strategy of stalling around, holding things up because you don't want to play, has won a lot of basketball games, not to mention a number of diplomatic conferences for the Russians.

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## Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

### 'BIG FIVE' PLANTATION THINKING

Honolulu  
Practically lost in the back pages of the local dailies last week was a news item announcing that Masaji Marumoto had been elected director on the board of the Ewa Plantation Co. He was identified as a Honolulu attorney and a past president of the Bar Association of Hawaii.



If he had been called the first Nisei ever to serve on the board of a "Big Five" plantation, the story would have brought out the significant meaning of his election.

The suggestion that a Nisei might be elected to such a post would have been laughed at only a few years ago. The Nisei community would have thought it very improbable that the Big Five would permit such a development to take place. And the Big Five gave scant encouragement for the Nisei to believe otherwise.

It points up the changing climate of thinking that is now going on among at least some of the industrial leaders of Hawaii.

For a long time, and still yet, the "Big Five" label was anathema to a lot of people, particularly those who sided with the "have-nots." The term denoted a separate class of rich "haoles" (white folks) who controlled the economic life of the islands.

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### HOW NISEI CONSIDERED THE 'BIG 5'

The Nisei considered the "Big Five" aloof and unyielding in its sweeping domination of nearly all facets of big industry and big business in Hawaii. The term ordinarily applies to plantations. But over the years, the Big Five had extended itself to other economic activities, such as shipping, wholesaling and pineapples.

The industrial and commercial life of the islands began to change with the coming of new Mainland influences. During World War II, labor leaders from the West Coast organized plantation workers on a mass scale. To cope with this overnight unionization, the Big Five imported Mainland experts to handle labor relations. Gradually, more and more Mainland managerial talent was brought in as the industrial problems of a new employer-employee relationship became more complex.

Meanwhile, Mainland capital flowed into Hawaii in ever-increasing dimensions. Department stores, hotels, and a wide assortment of competing and non-competing enterprises were financed by new investments from outside the Territory.

In the midst of such fast-shifting developments on the economic front, the political pot boiled over. The Territorial legislature went Democratic last fall, the first time that party has controlled the Senate and the House in 54 years.

The Big Five, which fared well till now, could no longer be assured of a sympathetic audience in the Legislature. Quite the contrary, they have found the Democrats ready to impose some rather harsh laws on business generally.

It did not take much crystal-ball gazing for the planners in the Big Five corporations to realize that these vast and rapid changes on the political and industrial fronts would have an inevitable impact upon their economic interests.

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### A 'CHIP-ON-THE-SHOULDER' ATTITUDE

As a matter of fact, soon after World War II, a limited search began for Nisei talent that could be utilized on the managerial team of one agency. The results, while not all favorable, have pointed to the readiness of some Big Five executives to recognize the Nisei as having something worthwhile to contribute in this "new look" in personnel policies. To win community acceptance of these policies, it was thought necessary to "live down" the past and to try to wipe out the image of the Big Five exploiting the laborers.

It is an encouraging sign, therefore, when a Big Five plantation will place a Nisei on its board of directors.

Some Nisei may scoff at this action, regarding it as a belated attempt to win friends and influence the Nisei. That is, of course, the short-sighted view. The chip-on-the-shoulder attitude, whether in politics, business or social relationships, reflects an inferiority complex. It's time to grow out of such mental straight-jackets.



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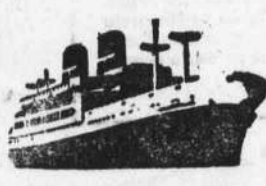
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## Outstanding WW2 Issei war hero sworn in as naturalized citizen at D.C. ceremony

(Washington) One of the outstanding war heroes of WW2, the Rev. Andrew Yoshinobu Kuroda, 44, was sworn in as a naturalized citizen at recent ceremonies held in the Federal District Court Building here.

His exploits with the Office of Strategic Services were so important that even today, more than a decade after he performed them, they remain as classified information.

Rev. Kuroda, 44, was born in Yokosuka, Japan. He first entered the United States through the port of New York as a student in 1934. He received his degree as Bachelor of Theology from the Auburn Theological Seminary, Auburn, New York three years later. In the following year, 1938, he was awarded his Master's degree in Sacred Theology from the Biblical Seminary in New York City.

He married the former Julia Noda of Livingston, Calif., in the fall of 1939, returning to Japan the next spring.

He re-entered this country as a Methodist minister through the port of Seattle in August, 1940. His first assignment was at the Wapato Methodist church, Wapato, Washington, followed by an assignment at the Japanese Community church of Salem, Oregon.

He, his wife and his first born son, Francis, were evacuated to Tule Lake Relocation Center and then to the Granada War Relocation Center. They were then relocated to Broomfield, Colorado. A second son, Shubert, was born in Brighton, Colorado.

He accepted an assignment at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and taught in the Army Japanese Language School at the University of Michigan for more than a year.

Then he was called by the Office of Strategic Services and served on overseas assignment that won him personal commendations from the then Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson and the director of the Office of Strategic Services, Gen. "Wild Bill" Donovan. Had he served in the regular armed forces during this same period, he would have been eligible for naturalization on the basis of his great services to the country of his adoption.

After the surrender, he became a member of the United States Strategic Bombing Survey that visited Japan to study war's devastation there.

Since April, 1946, though an

alien, he has been employed by the Library of Congress under a special waiver of regulations. At present, he is the principal cataloguer of the Japanese Section, Orientalia Division, Library of Congress.

He continues to serve the ministry, however, as the assistant pastor of the Grace Reformed church and is in charge of the Japanese Christian Fellowship there.

Five so-called Japanese "soldier brides," all married to non-Nisei Americans, were naturalized at the same time that Rev. Kuroda received his citizenship.

Two weeks earlier, Mrs. Yoshi Hirose, 65, was naturalized in nearby Upper Marlboro, Md. A native of Yamanashi-ken Japan, she arrived in the United States through the port of San Francisco in 1915. Her husband, Shimpei, died in 1937.

Mrs. Hirose studied for her naturalization in West Los Angeles, while visiting her daughter, Mrs. Kay Hankawa. She received her certificate on the completion of her course in 1953. When she returned to Washington to live with her son Jack, she had to re-establish her residency in Maryland before qualifying for naturalization.

Jack, her eldest son, is one of the charter members of the Washington, D.C. Chapter, having served as chairman of the organizing committee. He served as Board Delegate of the chapter in 1951. A veteran of World War II, he served as the first chairman of the National JACL Arlington Cemetery Committee. It was during his chairmanship that the traditional wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on Memorial and Armistice, now Veterans, Days was inaugurated, as were the annual Nisei Memorial Day services. The ceremonies for the first Nisei war dead to be interred in Arlington also took place under his leadership. He is one of three partners in the Art Designers Studio, the largest commercial art studio in the nation's capital.

Another son, Toro, is also a member of the local JACL chapter. A printer by profession, he is the president of the local Nisei bowling league. One of the original veterans of the 442nd, he was a member of the Anti-Tank company of that Combat Team.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR

P.C. SUBSCRIPTION

## Ike nominates—

[ From Front Page ]

1951 to March 24, 1953.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, declared that the President should be commended for nominating such an outstanding attorney for a federal judgeship.

"Though Ben Tashiro is an American of Japanese ancestry, without doubt he is the best qualified of all possible candidates by background and training for the high responsibility to which he has been named. That the President nominated him is a demonstration that in the United States race and ancestry do not foreclose political and judicial appointments if the individual qualifies as a person. This nomination should be hailed in Japan and the Far East as another example of America's goodwill towards those of Asian ancestry and should be a powerful answer to those who question the readiness of Hawaii to be a full-fledged state," Masaoka said.

The Washington representative announced that the JACL endorses the nomination wholeheartedly and will be prepared to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee when Ben Tashiro's nomination is before them in a public hearing to determine his qualifications in the near future.

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### Chicago Corner

BY SMOKY SAKURADA

#### BROYLES BILL DELAYED BY HOUSE

Chicago

● Final action on the Broyles bills has been delayed by a committee of the Illinois House. The two bills, passed by the Senate, would require all public employees to take non-Communist loyalty oaths. A Chicago Sun-Times survey last revealed that between 200 and 400 professors at state-supported colleges and universities in Illinois would look for new jobs if the Broyles bill became law. . . . Some professors would sign the oaths with objections as a "concession to foolishness," declared Francis W. Palmer, Eastern Illinois State College chapter president of the American Association of University Professors. Others resent the implication that "they must prove their loyalty by taking an oath," remarked Ross Stagner, AAUP president at the Uni. of Illinois. . . . The Chicago Bar Association is also on record in opposition to the revised bills as a serious threat to the basic concept of civil liberties. . . . FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover has maintained that deeper the Communists are driven underground, the harder it is for the FBI to cope with their threat. The great expansion of the Communist underground apparatus has been attributed to a variety of factors, including "the enactment of additional anti-Communist legislation by Congress and by some of our states."

● First and second graders of the private and parochial schools in Chicago will be given the Salk anti-polio vaccine from Apr. 25, public school students from May 2, according to Dr. Herman Bundesen, Board of Health president.

● The Chicago Buddhist Church Boy Scout Troop 515 and its Explorers 2515 are sponsoring a Japanese movie benefit on Sunday, May 8, 7 p.m., at the church hall, 5487 S. Dorchester.

#### CHICAGO PERSONALITIES

● The Rev. Jitsuo Morikawa, pastor at the First Baptist Church, visited Bacone College in Oklahoma last week end.

● Shoji Osato, long time Chicago resident, died Apr. 11 after a long illness. He is survived by daughter Sono, well-known Broadway actress and ballet dancer, and son, Capt. Timothy, instructor at West Point Military Academy.

### Alameda chapter to fete new citizens

(Alameda) The Alameda chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League will honor 44 newly naturalized citizens of Japanese ancestry at a recognition banquet on Sunday, April 24, 6 p.m., at Renard's, 2431 Central Ave. Yasuharu Koike, chapter president, will be toastmaster.

The 44 honored guests include the following:

Honji Abe, Hisano Akagi, Matsuyo Akamatsu, Iwakichi Haratani, Tei Haratani, Haruki Hayashi, Jutaro Higake, Misuye Hirai, Hisayo Imura, Natsuno Inouye, Akiyo Isono, Sadaichiro Isono, Shuichi Kadonaga, Hisayo Kanda, Tsuruno Kikuchi, Riso Koike, Shigeno Koike, Toshio Kumagai, Asano Kuwana, Yoso Miyawaki, Tama Mukoyama, Ataru Nakano, Yukuse Nakano, Iku Nakaso, Hisao Nakata, Ichi Okamoto, Akino Ozeki, Kamo Shiota, Keiji Shiota, Keiichi Sugiyama, Ineko Takano, Yasutaro Takano, Risaburo Take-da, Mitsutaro Tsurumoto, Sugino Ushijima, Taru Yagyu, Tsurutaro Yagyu, Tataro Yamamoto, Yoshiko Yamanaka, Natsu Yamasaki, Furu Yamashita, Shige Yamashita, Mitsue Yoshino and Teruko Yoshino.

Heading the committee in charge of the banquet will be Harue Maeyama. Other members of the committee include:

Kay Hattori and Aiko Yamamoto, invitations; Haruko Yamashita, finance; Yasuharu Koike, arrangements; Haruo Imura, program and publicity.

#### Benefit house tour

(San Francisco) A tour of Nisei homes down the peninsula for the benefit of the San Francisco JACL Auxiliary has been planned May 22. As to the homes, they will be announced at a later date. On the committee are:

Thelma Takata, Daisy Uyeda, Vi Nakano, tickets; Chiz Satow, transp.

### JEWELL OMURA TO HEAD DETROIT JACL CHAPTER

(Detroit) Jewell Omura was elected 1955 president of the Detroit JACL and will be assisted by: Rose Leong, v.p.; George Suzuki, treas.; Eiko Takemoto, rec. sec.; Elyse Miyao, cor. sec.; Joan Kimoto, hist.; and Carl Nomura, soc. chmn.

The new cabinet prepared the annual Children's Easter party at International Institute. On the committee were:

Kazumi Mita, chmn.; Norman Hinatsu, Taku Yamamoto, Ben Akagi, Geo. Ishimaru, Mariko Matsura Janice Ouchi, Dorothy Okamoto; Betty Takei, Mitzie Kinoshita, reception; Louis Furukawa, judo; Yo Kasai, songfest.

### Kuida president of Gardena chapter

(Gardena) Frank T. Kuida was named 1955 president of the Gardena Valley JACL at a meeting last week at the home of Yo Minami, past chapter board president. Other officers are:

Ray Fujimoto, 1st v.p.; Paul Koga, 2nd v.p.; John Fujita, treas.; Aki Tsukahara, sec.; Joe Yamamoto, memb.; Ryo Komae, award comm. chmn.; and Mas Fukai, ath.

### Japan wants more U.S. music teachers—Noro

(Salt Lake City) American music is having a profound effect in helping "Americanize" Japan, but the Japanese would like a few more samples of better music and music teachers, opined Shinjiro Noro, Asahi Press music editor, now travelling through the United States as guest of the State Department.

SIGN-UP TODAY FOR 1955 JACL MEMBERSHIP

### PSWDC convention highlights named

(Santa Barbara) Pre-registration deadline for the Pacific Southwest JACL District Council convention here, May 14-15, has been extended to May 5, it was announced by Tom Hirashima, convention chairman.

Other convention features include a volley ball tournament among chapter "pick up" teams during the recreation period at the Sunday outing. In keeping with the convention theme, "Fiesta by the Sea," delicious Mexican food will be served for luncheon.

The music of Sandy Sandoval and his High-Hatters has been contracted for the sports formal Convention ball on Saturday evening. The popular orchestra has performed for many local social functions. Ken Ota will be emcee.

#### CHAPTER MEMOS

San Francisco JACL: The Speedway Meadows in Golden Gate Park has been secured for the fourth annual Japanese community picnic June 12. The affair is jointly sponsored by the Japanese chamber of commerce, Nichi-Bai Kai and JACL.

Salt Lake JACL: Japanese organizations in Utah have been contacted to participate in the cherry tree project, which will see 18 trees planted in the State Capitol grounds soon. Donations from clubs and individuals are being received by the chapter, c/o 1068 S.W. Temple, Salt Lake City 4.

Placer County JACL: Heavy rain postponed the Placer County JACL picnic scheduled last Sunday to May 8 at the JACL Ball Park in Penryn.

Albuquerque JACL: With co-chairmen James Sakato and Lt. Donald Dowler in charge, the chapter will hold a Family Fun Night at the Rancho School auditorium on Saturday, Apr. 23, 8 p.m. Cake auction will be among the evening features.

Southwest L.A. JACL: Kiddies in the southwest and uptown Los Angeles areas scammed for special colored eggs at the Easter Egg hunt, Apr. 10, on the southeast section of Exposition Park near Santa Barbara Ave. and Figueroa St. Bob Yamazaki and Tom Shimazaki were co-chairmen. The chapter acknowledges gifts from the following Seinan area markets: Enbun, Boy's Ralph's, Safeway, Gilbert's Kondo's, and George's.

### Albuquerque CL to welcome new citizens as members

(Albuquerque) Five new Issei citizens who are scheduled to be naturalized in Santa Fe on Apr. 25 are to be honored by the Albuquerque JACL at a potluck dinner May 7 at the Rancho School hall.

The chapter is also presenting 1955 memberships to other Issei who were naturalized last November. Mike Yonemoto, chapter president, named Mrs. Ruth Hashimoto to be in charge. The citizens-to-be include:

Mr. and Mrs. M. Saeda, Mr. and Mrs. M. Yamamoto and Mrs. D. Matsubara.

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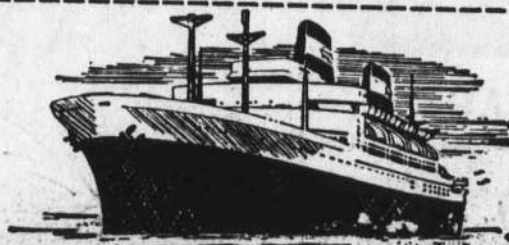
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## Dateline Northwest

BY BUDD FUKUI

### MEET MR. SAKURA

Seattle

Seattle JACL chapter's new chief executive, Howard "Chip" Sakura, is the second former member of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team to take over the group's reins. The first was Harry I. Takagi, the able legal expert who now is with Veterans Administration in Minneapolis and also is a leader in JACL doings there.



Howard is one of four Sakura brothers who volunteered for military service in 1942. He trained at Camp Shelby, Miss., and served in the 442nd until '45, just like the script in the movie "Go for Broke!" said so.

Today, Howard is a first-class citizen. He serves the community well, being member of the Lions Club, first vice-chairman of "Operation Crossroads" (a Jackson St. area project), chairman of the board at the Japanese Baptist Church, and chaplain for the Nisei Veterans Committee.

And in between those hectic hours, he is a real estate man associated with James Matsuo of International Realty and is a family man to the Missus (formerly Alice Funai of Bothell) and their three children—Frederick Scott, 12; Samuel Charles, 8, and Sarah Joyce, 6.

Howard's only previous executive experience in the JACL was in '39 or '40—he forgets which year—when he was chairman of the Eatonville Committee of the Puyallup Valley Citizens League. That's what the man said.

But a quick glance at his other activities shows that he is definitely on the ball. And JACL members in Seattle are confident he will do all right. We believe he will, too.

**PURELY PERSONAL PIFFLES:** . . . from the college ranks, there are always a few outstanding Nisei: two, to our knowledge, are Kenji Yoshinaka, an engineer major and a Phi Beta Kappa, and Kaun Onodera, lawyer-to-be whose education was delayed almost ten years because of his service to our country during World War II . . . unfortunate scheduling: the Seattle JACL and the Nisei Veterans Committee's installation affairs were set Friday and Saturday respectively, giving no breathing spell to those who wanted to attend both . . . Bill Nishimura, NVC member and JACL supporter, this week was elected an officer of the Seattle Junior Chamber of Commerce . . . suggestions for JACL soap box topics: are there more "free rides" than members in the JACL? and aren't racial discrimination charges often invented in the mind? . . .

## The Mailbox

### LADY AGREES WITH MR. MURAYAMA

Editor: I am one who agrees with Tamotsu Murayama's "Tokyo Topics" of April 8. However bitter it may be to us, what he writes is true. I can remember when I went to Japan in 1933 the Nisei were not accepted. Why? Let me state one example.

One day my father was walking to the station to catch his tram to go to work. There was a club house nearby where some Nisei students were staying. Several boys were walking the same walk and were very loudly commenting at the way a certain person was dressed. The subject happened to be walking the same walk and was minding his own business and doing no harm. The English speaking voices were so loud that my father heard what they were saying as well as understood. Perhaps others were walking too, who understood English. How would you have felt if you happened to be the subject? It certainly didn't add to our credit.

Take the group of people who supposedly went to Japan to study Japanese. They were admitted to various schools and the teachers were especially careful in grading, and as interpreters, aided in calling in the ministers of the state and giving them the "business" and probably did a very good job in telling them who was "boss," not only by interpretations, but in their attitude and manner in saying it.

I have always felt that the Nisei have a tremendous role to play in bringing peace between the Orient and the Western World. Our past is as Mr. Murayama has written, whether we wish to acknowledge it or not. Instead of getting angry and provoked about it, why don't we do something to better our own reputation? It is not too late to do so, and it cannot be accomplished by the "I'll show you" or "I'll teach you" attitude.

HELEN Y. FUKUSHIMA, St. Paul, Minn.

### SETTING RECORD STRAIGHT

Editor: In your column "Very Truly Yours" dated Friday, Apr. 8, 1955 in the Pacific Citizen, you mention a Charles Fullert (who once lived in Amache WRA camp). I am not disputing the point he once lived in the Amache camp but would like to point out (if memory serves me correct) that he also resided in the Gila River Relocation Center. (Camp 2, Block 36-8-A). I remember him as I was his neighbor who lived in 36-9-A, in fact I can still recall the times I used to borrow the many detective magazines he used to have. Just thought I'd set the record straight.

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## IN HONOR OF

Janet Y. Nagata of Paia, Maui, was recognized as the outstanding 1955 senior graduating from the Colorado State business education department. She plans to remain in Greeley to work for her master's degree.

Joe Amano, son of Mrs. M. Amano, Helper, Utah, was cited as one of four outstanding medical students at the Univ. of Utah and handed \$100 to be applied toward school expenses by Auxiliaries of the Utah State Medical Association and Salt Lake County Medical Association. He will intern at Minneapolis General Hospital.

It is safe to give digitalis, a powerful heart stimulant, to pregnant women, according to a report presented by Dr. George Okita of the Univ. of Chicago pharmacology department to the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics meeting in San Francisco last week.

Absence of a growth-controlling factor in the heart of the human cell was tentatively indicated as possible contributor to cancer, according to Dr. Ryojun Kinoshita, Japanese scientist at the City of Hope, who read his paper before 4,000 laboratory scientists meeting in San Francisco last week.

## CAPSULES

Japanese photographs of the imperial family, a group of pictures taken by the Crown Prince and a section by famous Japanese American photographers will be exhibited in 15 major American cities following a two-weeks showing in New York soon by the Photographic Society of America.

Expected to come off the press before 1957, "Encyclopedia Japonica" is being published under direction of the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO. The project was first taken up by the Society for International Cultural Relations in 1941 but was shelved with the outbreak of war.

Five West Coast Japanese American artists have been invited to send exhibits to the San Paulo international exhibition this summer. They include Ruth Akawa, San Francisco; Emiko Nakano, Richmond; Sueo Serisawa, Los Angeles; Kenjiro Nomura and George Tsutakawa of the Pacific Northwest.

The San Francisco Japanese Presbyterian Church of Christ, which completed a \$40,000 renovation on their chapel building at Post and Octavia in 1953, will build a two-story education building in the rear of the church. A private garage now occupying part of this area will be torn down. Fred Hoshiyama is chairman of the fund raising committee.

"Wonders of the World," third Cinerama film being made, will include scenes of Japan, it was indicated by the arrival in Tokyo last week of a production crew.

### San Francisco CL auxiliary events held

(San Francisco) Over 35 San Francisco JACL Auxiliary members heard Norman Black, local decorator, speak on interior decorations at the Booker T. Washington social hall recently. Program chairman Sawae Fukumori was assisted by:

Florence Higa, Miyuki Aoyama, Setsuko Asano, Tess Hideshima, Reiko Moriuchi, Margie Shigezumi.

And 13 Auxiliary members visited the Laguna Honda Home for the Aged last Sunday under service chairman Mrs. Amey Aizawa. The 18 Issei members at the Home received cash gifts from the Japan Relief Society as well as Auxiliary's contributions of Japanese food, magazine and clothing.

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## Rented house damages in excess of normal wear & tear allowed as evacuation claim

(Washington) Damages to rented property in excess of "normal wear and tear" are compensable items, the Dept. of Justice reported in a precedent decision on evacuation claims to the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League this week.

The Government decision was rendered on a claim in the amount of \$2,072.50 and involved the loss of "fair rental" on a dwelling house, recovery of fees paid to an agent, recovery of money paid for repairs and loss through abandonment of an automobile battery. The Department of Justice, through its regular adjudication procedure, determined that certain repairs for excess property damage and the loss of the automobile battery were compensable and awarded \$1,222.50 under the precedent ruling.

The basis of excess property damage was considered "exactly as if the house had been left unoccupied and as if the injuries had been inflicted by vandals." A finding was also made that the claimant "was worse off for having secured a tenant to occupy his property during his absence than he probably would have been if he had permitted the property to stand vacant." Because the claimant had acted with reasonable care to protect his property, there was no intention on the part of the "Congress to penalize him for the exercise" of such action.

Upon return of the claimant's parents from the relocation center, they found that the house was in a "deplorable condition . . . The yard had been used for the keeping chickens and rabbits and the house as a children's boarding house. The plaster of many of the rooms was broken, the wallpaper soiled, torn and scratched, and the window screen had holes in them. In December 1947 claimant paid for painting the outside of the outside of the house \$165 . . . In March 1948 he paid \$450 for general inside repairs . . . replanted the lawn and shrubbery at the expense of \$150."

On these items the precedent decision "after making allowance for ordinary wear and tear," allowed "as a fair compensation" for the \$450 paid for the general inside repairs . . . and the expense of \$150 for replanting the lawn and shrubbery because such expenses "were extraordinary and, hence, for the foregoing reasons, serve as measures of compensable

damage for the most part."

During the claimant's absence, "children or dogs" had pushed earth against the bottom and sides of the house causing the infestation of termites. The claimant paid \$715 for ridding the house of the termites.

On this expenditure, the Justice Department ruled that "the \$715 . . . was an extraordinary expense compensable as a loss . . . Since no evidence was introduced which would support a finding as to the amount of any damage caused by the termites, the allowance must be confined to the actually expended in order to eliminate the infestations as a potential source of damage which, if it had been permitted to occur, would have been a reasonable and natural consequence of claimant's exclusion. It is immaterial that such damage would have occurred after the period of claimant's exclusion had ended."

The remaining compensable item in the claim was an allowance of \$7.50 as a reasonable value for the abandonment of the automobile battery.

The loss of "fair and reasonable rents on the claimant's house" from those actually received were found not compensable under an early Justice Department ruling on the same subject, the precedent decision stated. Similarly, ordinary repairs of \$405.11, insurance, taxes, agent's fees and other expenditures attributed by the Government to the normal usage and upkeep of the homes were found noncompensable.

### Okinawa to send 400 workers to Bolivia

(Honolulu) Two gentlemen from Okinawa passed through here recently on their way to Bolivia to work out migration problems. Dr. Junsuki Teruya and Yasukuni Yamakawa of the Ryukyu civil government explained that Okinawa has a population problem aggravated by the U.S. Army taking over seven percent of the island for military bases.

So the Army and Foreign Operations Administration worked out a migration program with Okinawan and Bolivian governments. Last year, a select group of 400 Okinawans, chosen from 4,000 applicants, was sent to Bolivia to set up an agricultural colony. Another 400 leaves this year.

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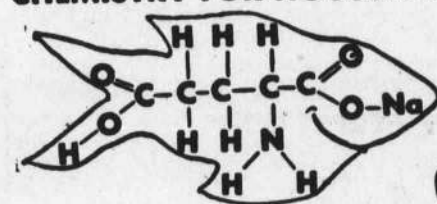
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## The Sou'Wester

BY TATS KUSHIDA

### DISTAFF

When in the course of human events it becomes timely to give credit to the frail sisterhood within JACL, we do so gladly, knowing that the gals do their fair share to keep the outfit humming.

A case in point is one of the few members of the lovely gender who serve as chapter mainspring. In this instance, pretty Mlle. Miwako Yamamoto, Hollywood prez.

We think Miwa is a girl of remarkable talents. An ultra-ultra bi-linguist who did a stint at Fort Snelling and postwar Japan as a young WAC, she is now a top girl Friday for the internal affairs section of the establishment made famous by Dragnet's Friday, the LAPD.

As chief exec of one of JACL's newest chapters (class of '52) Miwa quarterbacked an Issei testimonial dinner last Sunday that was alagazam. Nearly 200 folks were on hand including some ninety new citizens who were being testimonialized.

The ham entree and trimmings were rustled up by a task force of two dozen CLer greaseballs. Result: a real meal deal. Said gang also wrestled pots, silver and brooms to put the H. J. Community Center back in shape for gakuen classes.

A large American flag with stand was presented by her ribs on behalf of the chapter to the HJCC, responding for which was Kenneth Tatsuhikozaemon Sato, the center's past board chairman and prosperous headmaster of the Sato Insurance Agency (U.S. Life Insurance Co.) who later invited a half dozen of the cleaner-uppers including past chapter prexies, Arthurs Ito and Endo, to a spot of tea, 86 proof, at the Imperial Gardens which, by the way, is Ellay's latest sukiyaki palace. Located on Wilshire Blvd., I. G. is skippered by genial George Furuta, former mayor of Denver's Ginza, Larimer Street, and is fast becoming a favorite eatery for connoisseurs of good food and pretty jochu.

Backtracking, Miwa gave a cool spiel first in budahead, then in eigo. Judge John Aiso also did justice to both lingoes while Frankie Boy von Schumann stuck to English although he's no slouch in Nihongo. Our good Issei columnist friend of the Rafu Shimpō (local daily vernacular rag), Dojun Ochi, elocuted for the naturalized group.

Miki Moriawaki, who instructs the local citizenship class, ceremonized the program with dispatch and decorum (as do all alumni of Kushida's student boarding menagerie in pre-war Berkeley). An hour's variety entertainment led off by songstress Marlene Fujita accompanied by Sue Takimoto Joe wound up the successful evening.

The Hollywood JACL has grown to more than 100 members under Miwa's enterprising know-how. Other activities are slated for soon. She is a member of a club called the Tra- viennes as are other well known lasses such as Sue Joe, ELA CLer Ritsuko Kawakami, Nisei week queen Terry Hokoda Tamaru and Club Service Bureau shavetails Terry Kuwada and Dorothy Kikuchi Uno.

Chided for not requesting our usual encore helping, we explained that we had just come from a cocktail shindig thrown by Consul Gen. Shinsaku Hogen, himself an abstainer, for our visiting cousin, George K. Togasaki, at which function we had automatically gorged on hors d'oeuvres. Our lobster-tanned appearance for the Issei dinner was easily alibied—no smog that day, hence stronger sun.

George K. is a member of the eleven-man Asian Mission here under auspices (a word frequently misspelled by Cockneys) of the U.S. State Department, representing non-Communist nations of the Near, Middle and Far East. He otherwise triples as top brass of the Nippon Times, board chairman of Internat'l Christian Univ., and shogun of the Tokyo Rotary Club. A crony of Saburo Kido during Barbary Coast days, GKT is one of JACL's founders and was banquet speaker at the 12th biennial in Frisco in '52. Since he's modest and we're not, we'll brag for him.

### MISS L. A. KNEE

The Downtown LA chapter continues its march for 1000 "Club members with Frank "Costello" Suzukida and Dave Sidecough (Yokozeki) sharing the reins and getting good support from bizpro locals. The So. Calif. Flower Growers, Inc. has again contributed generously to the district's fund raising quota, a whopping \$500. Thanks, guys.

At Harry Miyake's invite, we'll talk JACL with interested CLers in Santa Maria tomorrow night which is actually yesterday on account of this is writ by hand on Wednesday, we being of sound body and mind. We look forward as well to the meeting postmortem which is so refreshing calory-wise. Like the refresher course we took with Doc Tad Imoto and his missus, Chiz, at the glassed-in sky-room of the Cortez Hotel following the chapter pot-luck meeting in San Diego on April 2.

Wish we could reproduce a pic we saw in the *Albuquerque Tribune* of April 8. Ada Jane Hashimoto, favorite daughter of local CL p-p Ruth H., is shown with two other coed candidates in newsprint dresses vying for the title of Paper Doll of 1955 in a Greek-letter journalism contest's annual newsprint ball. A classy lassie with a chassis.

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## JAPANESE MARATHON ACE WINS BOSTON RUN IN RECORD TIME

(Boston) Japan has won the Boston Athletic Association marathon for the third time as Hideo Hamamura, 26, whose powerful kick in the final 10-miles of the 26-mile 385-yd. classic course closed up a 300 yard gap and opened another 250 yard gap at the tape, established a new mark last Tuesday in 2h.18m.22s.

The Yamaguchi civil servant, who finished sixth in the 1953 run here, broke Keizo Yamada's mark by 29 seconds. His teammates, Yoshitaka Uchikawa and Sadaaki Tanabe, finished seventh and eighth, respectively, in times of 2h.22m.40s. and 2h.26m.8s.

Norman Tamanaha, veteran Hawaiian runner, was 15th in the time of 2h.38m.30s. A record entry of 200 was listed including Bok Suk Shim, Korean student at Brigham Young University, and Kiyoto Takaoka of the Royal Canadian Navy.

## FRANK YOSHIOKA NABS N.C. LOW GROSS CUP

(Monterey) Frank Yoshioka of San Jose's Garden City club shot an 81-79—160 to cop low gross honors in the 36-hole Northern California Nisei Golf Tournament. Kelly Komaru of Golden Gate was three strokes behind.

The Saturday round was over the Del Monte course and Sunday over a more difficult Pebble Beach layout. The same locale was picked for the 1956 tournament with San Mateo Peninsula Fairways club as sponsors. The flight champions:

Championship—Frank Shimada (SJ)

## Taniguchi to ride for New England stables

(New York) Nisei jockey George Taniguchi sustained a broken collar bone in a workout accident Thursday morning at Jamaica. He is not expected to appear on the tracks for several weeks.

(Albany, Calif.) Nisei jockey George Taniguchi, who rode 287 winners as an apprentice this past year, is scheduled to make his first Eastern appearance this weekend at Jamaica under the colors of Maine Chance Farm. The purchase of his contract with Lawrence Kidd was announced here Monday.

## SPORTSCOPE

Harry Kikuta's 703 netted the Nisei kegger \$150 in the L.A. Examiner classic last week. It also stands as the class B sweepstakes record.

Three new records were set in the Central California Bowling League one night last week. Frank's Service furnished all highs in a 1040 game and 2783 series and a 268 high game by Frank Matsuo-oka.

Coffee's Strawberry Distributors, national JACL bowling tournament champions, will be honored at a dinner by the Sacramento NBA tonight. Only ranked 34th among the teams entered in the 1955 meet at Long Beach, the squad even surprised their most optimistic supporters by taking the team title in the Nisei scratch classic.

The San Francisco Saints will definitely return to Salt Lake City in 1956 to defend their Nisei Invitational title, if invited, according to Coach Percy Chu who corrected earlier statements to the contrary. Because of the warm welcome given his team, the Chinese cagers will be ready to return with a more powerful squad.

Tom Sano, shotput and discus winner at last year's San Francisco JACL Nisei Olympics, of Fresno J.C. tossed the disc 139 ft.-6 in. to win in a four-way meet last week.

Denver's Kiyu Hiraoka who bowls for Granada Fish hit 180-235-168—583 for one of the highest mainland Nisei women's series recently.

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## Bowling awards given to both high and low scratch keglers at San Mateo

(San Mateo) Here is one bowling tournament which recognizes both ends of the final results — awards to both high and low scorers.

(Awards will be presented at the San Mateo JACL chapter meeting Apr. 26, 8 p.m., at the Sturge Presbyterian Church.)

George Korenaga rolled a 638 in the San Mateo-Sequoia JACL handicap bowling tournament recently to win the Carlyles Jewellers Perpetual trophy. Shig Takahashi won high scratch series with a 601; Jive Asai the low scratch series with 279.

Lorry Inouye monopolized the women's events by taking the singles with a 701, a second in all-events with 1296 and both high scratch game and series with a 217 and 585. Ev Nagayama hit the low scratch series at 292.

Carl Uyemura paired with Ter-

ry Yokoyama to win the men's doubles at 1270. Uyemura also copped high scratch game honors at 262. Rich Namba won all-events with 1827.

Sayo Togami won the women's all-events with 1302, including a 654 in the singles and a 648 in the mixed doubles. Kitty Uchida and Joe Yamaguma copped mixed doubles at 1215.

George Sakamoto and Kurt Ota of San Mateo co-chaired the tournament.

## SEQUOIA NURSERY SHOOTS 3090 IN KEG TOURNEY

(San Francisco) Sequoia Nursery, three-time National JACL tournament winners, captured the class A team championship last weekend in the first National Oriental Bowling Tournament here at Downtown Bowl. The team total was 3090; individual scoring:

Dick Ikeda 578; Gish Endo 562; Tad Sako 627; Tats Nagase 514 and Fuzzy Shimada 695.

### Other winners include:

"A"—singles: Henry Ng (Sac'to) 599-64-662; doubles: Terry Sentachi-Yon Takahashi (SE) 1290. "B"—team: John Kiser Co. (Cupertino) 2682; singles: James Chan (SF) 567-16-583; doubles: Jerry Enomoto-Teiji Okuda (SF) 1103. Mixed Doubles—Fuzzy Shimada-Norma Sugiyama 1272.

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## Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

### TEN YEARS OF RESETTLEMENT

Los Angeles  
One day last week we reminded ourselves that it's been almost 10 years since we left a relocation center by having dinner with Herbert L. Walker, who is now with the California Dept. of Employment in the East Los Angeles office.

Walker, who towers over the 6-foot mark, was with the Reports Office of the War Relocation Authority at 12th and Broadway back in 1945 when persons of Japanese ancestry were returning to the coast to resume life where it "had ended with Pearl Harbor" in 1942.

We were one of the staff workers there, "heralding" the comeback trail of Issei and Nisei, and giving out with good public relations. One of our tasks was to comb the daily papers to see if any unfavorable incidents had occurred in the lives of returnees.

Walker and several other WRA officials took up the work of clearing any misunderstanding where some unpleasantness might have happened and then bring about a successful conclusion by publicizing the positive angle on the incident.

As we recall, those were dreary days for many of us. But 10 years do make a difference.

"Here we are sitting at the best table of the Statler—and without the impatient glares of the waitresses," we remarked sourly, bringing back the time when even drinking a coke at the corner drug store was an ordeal for the more sensitive.

"Say, this is 1955, Mori," Walker returns with an almost same tone of sarcasm, although with less sting. Only a Nisei would understand the plight of the 1945 era.

Our meetings to solve the "affairs of the world" are always interesting. This time we discussed Ike's golf scores, the 30-hour week, and future prospects for better jobs for the minority.

One of the biggest advancements made by the State Dept. of Employment in improving better human relations dealing with racial minority groups is the elimination of "race" designation in all types of applications.

This, Walker pointed out, is progress especially in the West Coast where discrimination in various forms ran rampant during the war years. "Coupled with the trend toward Fair Employment practices in the State," we added, "Job opportunities should be plentiful for all."

On this, Walker related where a skeptic factory employer hired a Nisei on a trial basis and came up for more because of their efficiency.

We are wondering what the next 10 years would bring. Maybe we are moving too fast to even predict. At least we should be getting better Ike golf scores after 1956, we agreed, if not a 30-hour week.

### OFFERED FIVE YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS

Constance Kamii, niece of Municipal Court Judge John F. Aiso, was being showered with five different scholarships or fellowships for postgraduate study last week.

The senior at Pomona College at Claremont will accept a Barbour Scholarship from the Univ. of Michigan, specializing in sociology. Other offers came from the Univ. of Chicago, Vanderbilt, Brown and Bryn Mawr.

This award will provide tuition and \$900 for the first year and may be renewed.

Miss Kamii, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yoshio Kamii, was born in Geneva and lived in Japan from 1939 to 1949. She attended Shirayuri Girls School in Tokyo. She was graduated from Hollywood High School in 1951 and attended Los Angeles City College, 1951-53, before enrolling at Pomona.

She won a Junior College Transfer scholarship and the McAlister grant to attend Pomona. She has been particularly to Pomona's Gamma chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, highest undergraduate honor society.

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## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

#### LOS ANGELES

FRIZZELL—Mar. 12, girl Yvonne B. to William Frizzells (Miyako Uchiumi), San Pedro.  
HANEMOTO—Mar. 21, girl Gale Misumi to Frank Hanemotos (Marie Tanaka).  
INOMURA—Mar. 11, girl Misa to Mitsuo Inomuras (Sawa Shimizu).  
KAINO—Feb. 16, boy Wayne Takashi to Masataka Kainos (Sunao Tsutusi).  
KAMIYA—Feb. 15, boy Ronald Shin-kazu to Yoshio Kamiyas (Yemi Kikugawa).  
MASAMITSU—Feb. 16, boy Joe D. to James Masamitsus (Haru Yonaki).  
MASUKAWA—Feb. 20, boy Roy Noboru to Tamaso Matsukawas (Toma-kazu Yoshikawa), Pacific Palisades.  
MIZUKI—Feb. 20, boy Mark Masayoshi to Yoshiaki Mizukis (Nancy Hayashida).  
NAKAGAWA—Feb. 19, boy Mark Masaru to Roy Nakagawas (Shizuko Yamada).  
NAKAMURA—Feb. 17, boy David Isamu to Isamu Nakamuras (Teruko Sakamoto).  
OMORI—Mar. 9, girl to Dr. Thomas T. Omoris, (Shiku Sameshima), Altadena.  
OZAWA—Feb. 16, boy Dean Y. to John Ozawas (Mary Toyosaki).  
PITCHER—Mar. 15, boy to Kenneth Pitchers (Helen Akahoshi).  
SAKAMOTO—Mar. 12, boy Gerald C. to James Sakamotos (Anne Takano), Altadena.  
SAITO—Mar. 6, boy James Tomio to Tadashi Saitos (Tomiko Hagihara).  
SAKUDA—Feb. 20, girl Jean Kimiko to Noboru Sakudas (Kimiye Shinsako).  
SHIBA—Mar. 18, girl Sharon Noriko to Joseph Shibas (Misayo Sakurada).  
SOGA—Mar. 6, girl Patsy Reiko to Takizo Sogas (Toshiye Ishioka).  
T-DeANTONIO—Mar. 18, girl Mercedes to Thomas Takahashi-deAntonios (Ernestine Detige).  
TAMURA—Mar. 16, boy Leonard J. to Masahiko Tamuras (Fumi Yoshida).  
TANGE—Feb. 22, girl Lisa A. to Fumitoshi Tanges (Alice Taira).  
TANOUYE—Mar. 7, boy David R. to Vincent Tanouyes (Keiko Arakaki).  
TERAKAWA—Mar. 4, boy Ronald N. to Masao Terakawas (Masako Tsunoshima).  
WATANUKI—Feb. 18, boy Wayne Takashi to Thomas Watanukis (Sumiye Hayashi).  
ZORIKI—Feb. 18, girl Donna A. to Tommy Zorikis (Sumi Watanabe).

#### VISALIA

YANASE—Jan. 6, boy to John D. Yanases, Tulare.

#### FRESNO

KATO—Jan. 24, boy to Masaji Katos.  
YAMAMOTO—Mar. 21, girl to Koso Yamamotos.

#### SAN JOSE

KITAYAMA—Mar. 14, boy Dennis Kiyoshi to Tom Kitayamas, Niles.  
MACHIDA—Mar. 31, girl Joyce Kazuye to James Machidas.  
ONISHI—Mar. 30, girl Carol Sumiko to Masumi Onishis, Cupertino.  
UYEDA—Jan. 29, boy Steven Craig to Toshio Uyedas, Campbell.

#### MODESTO

KUMIMOTO—Feb. 27, boy Bryon Dean to Ben Kumimotos, Cortez.  
MASUDA—Jan. 25, girl Agnes to Kaoru Masudas, Cortez.

#### WATSONVILLE

SASANO—Mar. 23, girl to Katsukazu Sasanos (Yoshiko Nojima).

#### STOCKTON

DOBANA—Mar. 24, girl to Masaru Dobanas.  
NATSUHARA—Mar. 12, boy to Yasu-kichi Natsuharas.  
NISHIDA—Mar. 25, girl to Fumio Nishidas.  
TOKUNAGA—Mar. 27, boy to Frank H. Tokunagas.

#### REDWOOD CITY

KAWAKITA—Feb. 3, boy to Yoneo Kawakitas, San Mateo.

#### SAN FRANCISCO

MIZUIRI—Mar. 10, girl to Masami K. Mizuiris.  
SEKINO—Mar. 25, girl to Isamu Sekinos.  
TANAKA—Mar. 29, girl to Clarence S. Tanakas.  
TAMURA—Mar. 27, girl to Minoru Tamuras.

#### OAKLAND

MORI—Jan. 26, girl to Richard Y. Moris.  
NAUMOTO—Feb. 6, boy to Saburo Naumotos.

TSURUMOTO—Mar. 2, boy to Ray R. Tsurumotos, Hayward.

#### BERKELEY

ADACHI—Apr. 3, boy to Toshitatsu Adachis, El Cerrito.  
KAWASAKI—Feb. 22, boy to Sumio Kawasakis.

MASAKO—Apr. 3, girl to Mitsuo Masakos.

TANAKA—Feb. 27, boy to Gus K. Tanakas.

YAMAUCHI—Mar. 6, girl to Paul K. Yamauchis.

#### SACRAMENTO

DAIRIKI—Feb. 17, girl to Sadao Dairikis.  
HIUGA—Jan. 25, boy to Kunio Hiugas.

KONO—Jan. 28, boy to Harold J. Konos.

MATSUMOTO—Mar. 30, boy to Bob Matsumotos, Walnut Grove.

NAGAO—Mar. 5, boy to Tetsuo Nagaos, Isleton.

NAKAHARA—Mar. 27, girl to Fumio Nakaharas, Walnut Grove.

NISHIO—Feb. 28, girl to Mitsuru Nishios.

SAKAKIHARA—Mar. 2, boy to Harry Sakakiharas, Del Paso Heights.

YAYESAKI—Mar. 25, boy to Masao Yayesakis.

#### SEATTLE

ARAMAKI—Apr. 6, boy to Akira Aramakis, Bellevue.

HOSHIWARA—Apr. 4, boy to Isao Hoshiwaras.

KIYOHARA—Apr. 4, boy to Edward Kiyoharas.

KOSAKA—Apr. 5, boy to Edward Kosakas.

### JAL to extend Honolulu stopover by three hours

(San Francisco) Change in Japan Air Lines' westbound schedules effective Apr. 24 includes a three-hour stopover in Honolulu, permitting through-passengers to visit Waikiki for a swim before taking off for Tokyo or Hongkong.

JAL Pacific Couriers will depart here Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 11:59 p.m. (PDT), arriving in Honolulu at 6:10 a.m. Leaving Honolulu at 9:10 a.m., the Couriers land at Haneda Airport Tokyo, at 10:20 p.m.

KOSUGI—Apr. 5, girl to Shigeji Konomi—Apr. 4, boy to Jack Nomis.  
SUMI—Mar. 31, boy to Tadashi Sumis.

TAKI—Apr. 6, boy to Kiyoshi Takis.

#### SPOKANE

KIRIHARA—Jan. 16, girl Jean Marie to Tosh Kiriharas.

#### DENVER

KAMIBAYASHI—Mar. 10, girl to Frank Kamibayashis (Ruth Hiyama).

### Engagements

HAYASHI-INAHARA — Miyo, Spokane, to Pete, Hillsboro, Ore.

HIKIDA-OTANI — Julie to Ray of Seattle, Jan. 30.

INAMI-WATANABE — Mabel Y., Madera, to Mitsuo H., Coalinga, Apr. 2.

KUROKAWA-SHOJI — Jane, Dinuba, to James, Livingston, Feb. 19.

OMORI-IBE — Shirley, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, to Gerald, Iowa City.

SASAI-KIMURA — Sally Setsuko, Los Angeles, to William T., San Francisco, Apr. 10.

SASAKI-YAMAGUCHI — Miya, Reedley, to George, Arroyo Grande, Mar. 28.

SUNADA-TANI — Midori S., North Fresno, to Yukio, Clovis.

### Marriage Licenses Issued

AOCHI-KONISHI — Hiroji, Hayward; Fusako Joan, Oakland.

FUKAMI-MURANO — Junzo, Mitsuko of San Francisco.

KOZAIKU-MIYAMOTO — Robert N., Sumiko of Auburn.

NAKAGAWA-NAKASHIMA — Akira, Shizuko of Fresno.

SANCHEZ-NAKATANI — Jessie and Yoshiko of Vacaville.

SHIGEHARA-OGASAWARA — Teruo, 26; Sumi, 32, of Seattle.

SHIMAZU-SENO — Satoru Glen, Sacramento; Mary, Florin.

TAMURA-SHIRAI — Frank N., Yumiko of Sacramento.

YOKOMIZO-HONDA — Edward Masamichi, Oakland; Doris, Campbell.

### Weddings

KUBO-YAMAMOTO — Apr. 3, Harry and Sadako, both of Parlier.

MATOKA-KODAMA — Apr. 3, Hideomi, Los Angeles; Alice, Biola.

SUGASAWA-OKAWA — Jan. 30, Sakai and Jo Ann of Seattle.

TOGAMI-MITARAI — Feb. 5, Frank T. Madrone; Rose S., Santa Clara.

TAKAHASHI-KONDO — Feb. 27, Michio and Fumi of Berkeley.

### Deaths

ARAKAWA, Joe I., 77: Los Angeles, Apr. 3, survived by wife Saga, son Katsumi daughters Mrs. Alice Masako Yamada Mrs. Kiyoko Gibu (Chicago).

CHIKUMA, Janet Sachiko, 7: Ft. Lupton Colo., Feb. 17, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry.

GOYA Nobu, 81: Los Angeles, Apr. 9, survived by son Tachio, daughter Mrs. Mutsuko Kwan.

HAYASHI, Mrs. Kin, 70: Oakland, Mar. 13, survived by husband Hirokichi, sons Taro, Jiro, daughter Mrs. Midori Inouye.

KAJIOKA, Hachizo, 77: Cortez, Feb. 11, survived by wife Riu, sons Nobuhiro Fred Harry, daughters Mrs. Lillian Hatsuye Takeuchi Mrs. Dorothy Tsugie Manabe, brothers Otokichi Kajiooka and Chiukichi Date.

KIMURA, Hachizo, 76: Los Angeles (formerly of Sacramento), Apr. 10, survived by wife Noshi, son Clarence, daughter Mrs. Eiko Mikuni.

KUMAGAI, Jishiro, 92: Salt Lake City, Apr. 4, survived by daughters Mrs. Koto Tanaka, Mrs. Tsugio Kobayashi (San Gabriel Calif.), six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren.

KUMAI, Tama, 75: Los Angeles, Apr. 2, survived by husband Takanosuke, son Hiroshi daughters Toshiko Kauru Kay and Mrs. Toki Nitta; brother Takashi Uchida (Oakland).

MAMIYA, Kiichi: San Francisco, Mar. 26, survived by son Kazuichi, daughters Kazuye and Fumiko.

MATSUDA, Ichitaro, 78: Los Angeles (formerly of Mt. View), Apr. 9, survived by wife Tatsu, daughter Mrs. Fusako Nakabayashi.

NINOMIYA, Montaro, 72: Seattle, Apr. 5.

SAKAMOTO, Teruji, 79: Parlier, Mar. 8.

## Issei leader of Detroit dies at 70

BY KAY MIYAYA

(Detroit) Taizo Kokubo, pioneer resident here since 1914, died Apr. 5 at the age of 70. An outstanding community leader, he was a leading JACL supporter since the organization of the local chapter in 1946.

In recognition of his services to the Detroit chapter, he was awarded a JACL Plaque of Meritorious Service on Apr. 3. After passage of the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act, he organized and began teaching naturalization classes on his own initiative until it outgrew his home facilities. The class was then taken under sponsorship of the chapter in February, 1953, and he continued to teach.

Many a relocatee will recall with warm remembrance how he opened his heart and home as a gathering place for newcomers to this city.

He was a graduate of the Wilson Business College of Washington and held a degree in optometry from the Northern Illinois College of Optometry. Since arriving in Seattle in 1900 he dealt in many fields prior to becoming established in wholesale importing.

Simple rites were held at the Harris Funeral Home, Apr. 9, the Rev. Sadaichi Kuzuhara of Chicago officiating. Interment was at Evergreen Cemetery. He is survived by his only son, Dr. Ted K. Kokubo, 2nd vice-president of the Detroit JACL Chapter.

## DECADE AGO

April 21, 1945

Italian partisan aid Nisei troops in Carrara capture... 442nd men advance on Italian front against heavy opposition from Germans.

Army officials investigate San Jose fire (property of T. Okida).

Open trial of four men in Auburn (Doi's) farm fire, three charged with arson and attempted dynamiting.

Oldest Japanese language school in Hawaii officially dissolved, real estate and funds turned over to Hawaiian Veterans Memorial fund.

Tenny "Little Dies" committee of California legislature urges relocation centers be kept open for war's duration.

California Legion executives uphold action of official in censuring Hollywood post; controversy precipitated by action of WW2 veterans post accepting Nisei for membership and condemning Hood River post.

Salinas judge (Henry Jorgensen) backs rights of Nisei group, right of evacuees to return stressed.

Anti-evacuee leaders to meet in Sacramento to organize statewide campaign on Nisei.

Alonzo Stagg asks fair play for Nisei.

Haruo Ishimaru graduates from Yankton (S.D.) College in 30 months, shortest time in history of institution.

Buffalo County (Nebr.) situation settled by WRA officials, economic rivalry said to be cause of circulation of petition discouraging migration of Japanese Americans into Platte River valley.

## SOCIAL NOTES

(Denver) Leonard Ring and Betty Conradi were winners of the first 1955 open pair duplicate bridge championships of the Mile-Hi JACL Bridge Club held on Apr. 16 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. T. K. Kobayashi, according to True Yasui, chairman. Sam Matsumoto-Rosalie Tokunaga and Dick-Ethel Yanase were runners-up.

### Southland music recital

(Los Angeles) Two Southland Nisei artists, concert pianist Nobuko Suto Fujimoto and mezzo-soprano Marlene Fujita, will be presented in recital by the Nisei Music Guild, May 7, at the Union Church hall. It is the third of the Guild's concert series, according to Ayako Matsumoto, Guild president.

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Editorials

SERIOUS GAME OF 'FACE-SAVING'

Red China was obviously hysterical in charging "sabotage" when an Indian airliner carrying a group of Communists to the Afro-Asian Conference in Indonesia crashed. Neither Red China nor India expects any one of intelligence to believe these charges. It was a matter of face-saving.

"Face" in the Orient is of prime importance. It can be best described simply by the word "prestige" than by any long definition. An Oriental wants to deal only with people with prestige; dealing with a person who has lost "face" means losing "face" to the same degree himself. Which is why Red China is trying desperately to cause the United States to lose face in Asia. The United States would virtually become a joke and not worthy of being dealt with, if we did did. That is why it is so important to us that the United States does not lose face.

When the Indian airliner crashed, India lost face because their best plane and best crew was used to man the plane. Red China lost face because so much propaganda was attached to it—that they were brothers to the Indians. And the combination failed by accident.

JACL CREDIT UNIONS

One of the banking maneuvers which JACLers might note from time to time is the volume of money a bank has available to lend. The Federal Reserve System has and can cut down the supply of money—thus forcing interest rates up and making credit harder to get.

The cost of borrowing money in our land is now at the highest level since the "tight money" period began in the spring of 1953. It appears the price of a loan will go higher before it goes lower. The meaning here is obvious. If you're on the borrowing side, shop around for your credit. One of the opportunities open to JACLers is the National JACL Credit Union as well as other regional and local JACL credit unions.

Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

NEW CYCLE ON THE COME: ON WHALES

In a couple of months, thanks to a movie entitled *Moby Dick*, we venture to predict the lore of whaling will be revitalized . . . And a dear friend who somehow missed reading Herman Melville's epic saga of the sea has begun plowing through this Yankee prose of 1850 vintage. Which prompted me to read R. B. Robertson's *Of Whales and Men*, a 1950 version of the whaling industry, spun with humor and fascination. I suspect I'll next engage in the new Southland sport of "whale watching" to round out this bout with a *Moby Dick* cycle . . . It is said when people tell fish stories, no one will believe them. Hence, whale stories would be even more discredited because of the sizes involved.

Probably the oldest "whale" story comes from the Book of Jonah: ". . . and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights". This legend of Jonah and the whale has been finally clarified by Biblical scholars, who explain "in a great fish" was, and still is, Aramaic slang for being in a perplexing dilemma, or "in a pretty fix" as we might say. The Lord ordered Jonah, an illiterate peasant, to go and preach in the great, wicked city of Nineveh. Jonah was overwhelmed by the prospect and for three days was "in a great fish" or "in a pretty fix" . . . There is no specific mention in the Bible of a whale swallowing Jonah. It does say: "the Lord has prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah".

And we all know a whale is no fish, but an animal which happens to look like a fish because of its aquatic habits. As warm-blooded mammals they bring forth their young calves alive and suckle them with milk like domestic animals. (Robertson reports whale's milk looks, smells and tastes like cow's milk.) . . . Another common belief is their spouting of water. Whale experts explain that a whale exhales the used air when rising to the surface of the water from five to forty-five minute intervals. Naturally, the air is moist and warm and since this act usually occurs in cold climate, the expelled air looks like water. Sometimes the whale starts this process before the blowholes are clear of water and this action gives the illusion of spouting water.

Another phase of American history which hardly gets notice even at the college level concerns the whalers of the 19th Century . . . Like the Chinese, the Japanese wanted little traffic with the Occidentals. The Dutch were the only ones allowed to trade through the single port of Nagasaki between 1620 and 1854, when Commodore Perry negotiated the first Japan-U.S. treaty . . . European powers and the U.S. made repeated but unavailing attempts to persuade Japan to open its doors in the early 1800s. The problem assumed new importance in the 1850s as shipwrecked mariners, chiefly from American's large North Pacific whaling fleet sailing out of San Francisco, were being treated by the Japanese as felons . . . And because of expanding San Francisco-Shanghai trade, the requirements of steam navigation begged the establishment of coaling stations in Japan . . . The famous Perry pact signed in March 31, 1854, has been described as little more than a convention for shipwrecked sailors; but it did prepare ground for the commercial treaty negotiated by Townsend Harris, the first American consul general.

Yes, *Moby Dick* will stir new avenues of thought . . . Probably all of our PC columnists can add to the tales of whales in some fashion about the time the movie catches the imagination and romance of the audience.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER:

School Segregation Cases

Washington

Almost 11 months after its historic decision declaring unconstitutional racial segregation in public schools, the Supreme Court of the United States last week heard four days of oral argument suggesting alternatives in effecting complete racial integration in the educational field.

When the nation's highest tribunal on May 17, 1954, unanimously voided the "separate but equal" doctrine which had provided legal sanction for segregation since 1896, the justices themselves recognized that more than a simple constitutional question of law was involved.

They foresaw the tremendous social, economic, and political implications in attempting to implement their legal opinion.

Accordingly, in their wisdom, the justices invited the litigating parties to suggest the "when" and the "how" of integration.

Last week, the tribunal heard from the five parties in the action—Kansas, Delaware, the District of Columbia, South Carolina, and Virginia—and six so-called "friends of the court", Florida, North Carolina, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Maryland, and Texas. The General of the United States appeared on behalf of the Government, for the national interest was certainly involved.

Our understanding is that this is the first time that the Supreme Court has been forced to determine the exact manner in which a major decision of a legal finding in terms of actual operation.

In this difficult task, the justices cannot rely on law books alone; they must weigh the emotion-packed, explosive human issues involved in the customs and traditions of a large segment of our nation and the constitutional rights of all of our citizens.

Southern states argue against immediate rule

Counsel for the southern states argued against "immediate" integration, warning of possible violence in that eventuality. They urged that the states themselves be allowed to work out their own problems.

Though a few hinted that their respective states might not obey any Court order setting an early deadline, others suggested that such alternatives as abolishing public schools and establishing private schools would be attempted.

Several suggested that their Legislatures might refuse to appropriate funds for an integrated school program.

The spokesman for Virginia pointed out that since it took the Supreme Court itself 60 years to decide that racial segregation was unconstitutional it was only appropriate that his state be given a reasonable time to adjust itself to the new legal situation.

Attorneys for the Negroes called for "forthwith" integration, and in any case not later than September, 1956.

The brief stated that "we recognize the problems confronting the Court are of primary magnitude. But the evil to which the Court's decree must be directed is no transitory wrong. It is of the essence of the social structure of our Nation . . . The right asserted here is not the only one at stake. The fate of other great constitutional freedoms, whether secured by the Fourteenth Amendment or by other provisions, is inevitably bound up in the decision to be made in these cases."

Thurgood Marshall, brilliant counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, leader in the long struggle against segregation, demanded that the Court's "statement on time (for completing integration in the public schools) should be just as forthright as it was on constitutionality . . . This Court cannot take a middle ground between two positions on the enforcement of a constitutional right. The argument has never before been advanced that the Court should postpone constitutional rights . . . The enforcement of constitutional rights should be uniform through the country and should not mean one thing in one state and another

thing in another state. That is not the way our constitution is applied . . . Those who seek delay are seeking to utilize the product of their own wrong-doing as justification for continuing malfeasance."

The Solicitor General, himself a Jew, proposed a "moderate", middle course. "The Government," he said, "rejects both extremes."

He suggested that states and local communities receive a reasonable time to integrate their public school systems, "but not delay for the sake of delay, . . . not discretion for the sake of frustration."

The Solicitor General explained that he regarded the five cases before the Court as "class suits" which would determine procedure for some 17 states which practice some degree of race segregation in their schools.

Millions of pupils and millions of dollars worth of buildings and equipment are affected, he said.

There are teaching and administrative organizations that must be readjusted, physical problems to be met, financial problems, and "indeed emotional problems", the chief law officer of the United States declared.

He proposed that the High Court remand the cases to the district courts with guiding instructions but no definite time limit. The lower courts, he said, should have it made plain that time should be permitted to formulate programs but not for the purpose of emasculating the Supreme Court's decision.

"Attitudes must be considered, but they should not control. Progress towards integration should not be delayed unduly because of the attitude of one area. A constitutional right ought not depend upon a public opinion poll," he asserted.

Justices face problem more complex than at first

The arguments ended with the impression prevalent that the nine justices faced a more complex problem in devising enforcement procedures than they did in settling the constitutional issue.

According to one commentator, the Court has three basic problems to resolve in developing its orders to implement its original decision against racial segregation. These are (1) the next move, (2) the type and extent of the decrees to be issued, and (3) the time limits to be set, if any, for the completion of integration.

School crisis for Japanese Americans recalled

Persons of Japanese ancestry have a real stake in the final verdict of the Supreme Court, for it was not so long ago that segregated schools for Orientals was an issue.

Indeed, JACL participated as a "friend of the court" in the momentous legal battles that led up to the historic decision of May 17, 1954.

And, it was not until June 16, 1947, that California repealed its 60 year old law authorizing separate schools for "Orientals". Significantly, Earl Warren, then Governor of the State and now Chief Justice of the United States, signed that bill into law.

Nisei volunteers with the 442nd Regimental Combat Team training at Camp Shelby, Miss., in 1943-4, who had children of school age living in the area recall that because of that State's segregation laws a special system of providing tutors for their children had to be provided by the Army.

And Nisei residing in the Walnut Grove region of California must remember that up until the time of evacuation in 1942 a separate school was maintained for them.

As a matter of fact, Sacramento County, California, at one time had four areas in which separate schools for "Japanese children" were maintained. They were in Florin, Isleton, Courtland, and Walnut Grove.

Best known of all these "Japanese" school segregation cases,

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however, is that of the so-called San Francisco School Board where one year after its great earthquake the school board ordered all Oriental students to attend a segregated school in Chinatown.

Issei parents refused to send their children to the segregated institution and for almost a year thereafter the Nisei school children were on a kind of enforced vacation.

This developed into an international crisis in which President Theodore Roosevelt intervened by sending his Secretary of Commerce and Labor, V. H. Metcalf (a Californian), to San Francisco.

Mayor Schmitz was later summoned to the White House and after his return to the Bay Area this effort to segregate "Japanese" school children ended with a reversal of the board order.

Discussions of the floor of Congress in 1906 on this "incident" clearly demonstrates that at that time the "Japanese problem" on the west coast was intimately connected with the "Negro question" of the Deep South.

All this points up that the long, hard fight against racial segregation in the public schools is the common cause of all in this country, including us Nisei who so often now are prone to overlook the experiences of our group in the recent past.

If by law it develops that no Negro, simply because of his race, can be segregated in the public schools, it follows then that even in the most bigoted of times we persons of Japanese ancestry also cannot be segregated in the public schools.

The victory of the Negro, so well deserved and so long delayed, becomes our victory too.

Hiroshima A-Bomb survivor enlists in U.S. Army

(San Francisco) A Japanese youth who saw and survived without injury the atomic blast at Hiroshima, Kinnosuke Mikami, 19, enlisted in the U.S. Army earlier this month. Now an American citizen, he said he joined because he believes "every American citizen should have military training."

Cathay Post commander

(Denver) Jack Ishida was named as commander of the Cathay Post 185 of the American Legion.

CALENDAR

Apr. 22 (Friday)  
Seattle—Installation dinner-dance, C. of C. Bldg. (Postponed from Apr. 15).  
Chicago — Southside Redevelopment meeting, Buddhist Church, 5487 S. Dorchester, 8 p.m.

Apr. 23 (Saturday)  
Albuquerque—Family Fun Night, Rancho School auditorium, 8 p.m.  
Mil-Hi—Box lunch social.

Apr. 24 (Sunday)  
Cortez—Community picnic.  
Reedley—Community Picnic.  
PNWDC—Quarterly session, Portland JACL hosts.  
Alameda—Issei Citizens dinner, Renard's, 2431 Central Ave., 6 p.m.

Apr. 26 (Tuesday)  
San Mateo—Meeting: Sturge Presbyterian Church, 8 p.m. Bowling awards.  
Hollywood—10-week Dance Class starts, Hollywood Community Center, 8:30 p.m. Sati Ohashi, instructor.

Apr. 27 (Wednesday)  
Southwest L.A. — Pre-PSWDC Convention mixer, Centenary Methodist Church, 8 p.m.

Apr. 29 (Friday)  
San Francisco—Issei meeting (details to be announced).

Apr. 30 (Saturday)  
East Los Angeles—Skating party, Montebello Roller-drome, 7:30 p.m.

May 7 (Saturday)  
Albuquerque—Potluck dinner, Rancho School.

May 8 (Sunday)  
Placer County—JACL Community Picnic, JACL ball ground, Penryn.

May 14-15  
PSWDC — District convention, Mar Monte Hotel, Santa Barbara.

May 15 (Sunday)  
NC-WNDC — Quarterly session, Hotel Claremont, Berkeley.  
Richmond—El Cerrito — Mothers' Day potluck dinner.  
Detroit—Issei Testimonial Dinner, International Institute; Mike Masaoka, spkr.

May 21 (Saturday)  
East Los Angeles—Dinner-dance.  
East Los Angeles—Dinner-dance, Swally's Restaurant, 8 p.m.  
San Francisco—Meeting.

May 22 (Sunday)  
San Francisco—Peninsula Home tour (Auxiliary benefit).  
East Los Angeles—Festival of Friendship, Fresno Playground.

May 25 (Wednesday)  
East Los Angeles—Meeting, Soto-Michigan Center, 8 p.m. Convention reports.