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Vagaries

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VOYAGE OF HIROSHIMA MAIDENS

Denver

Though it certainly was not conceived with any such purpose in mind, the voyage of the 25 Hiroshima Maidens to these United States has developed into an international public relations project of immeasurable benefit to America and Japan.

The Hiroshima Maidens are 25 girls, bomb-scarred victims of the A-bomb, who came together some three years ago, for mutual comfort and compatibility, in the Hiroshima church of the Rev. Kiyoshi Tanimoto. The Rev. Tanimoto is the American-educated minister whose own story of the day the A-bomb fell was told by John Hersey in his vivid documentary, *Hiroshima*. Last week the Air Force flew these 25 girls, accompanied by three Japanese doctors, into the United States and opened the well-springs of goodwill among the American people. The girls are to receive the best of American medical care.

Perhaps the greatest single boost given this worthy undertaking—privately conceived and privately financed—was the coast-to-coast telecast to an audience estimated at more than 15 million on Ralph Edwards' *This Is Your Life* show over NBC on May 11. *This Is Your Life* has a biographical format. It is an entertaining show, though sometimes maudlin, sometimes embarrassing to all concerned. But it has done some fine things, including some months ago the show about a pinewoods minister with a school for Negro children in Mississippi. That show raised some \$500,000 from listeners for that school.

Hewling to *This Is Your Life's* biographical format, the show was the retelling of the life of the Rev. Tanimoto, who was in the United States in connection with the Hiroshima Maidens project. It told of Tanimoto's birth in Shikoku, his father's opposition when he decided to become a Christian, and his "adoption" by Methodist missionary Bertha Starkey when his father cast him out of the family in a row over religious differences. Tanimoto studied in Japan, was ordained and later continued his studies at a small religious college in Georgia. His first call was to a Japanese American church in Hollywood, Calif., and scores of his former Issei and Nisei parishioners (of the Hollywood Independent Church) were in attendance at the telecast.

The Rev. Tanimoto was in Hiroshima on 6 August, 1945, the first time the weapon of atomic fission was used against human beings. He told his story of that day to the nationwide television audience; how he himself escaped serious injury and immediately set out to find out what had happened to his family and his church members. Then Edwards brought on the Rev. Tanimoto's wife and four children who had been waiting in the wings—they had been flown from Hiroshima to Hollywood especially for the telecast.

Edwards and Tanimoto told the story of the 25 Hiroshima Maidens and Edwards launched an appeal for funds for the project. The first contribution came from a man named Robert Lewis who had come from New York to be on the show. Mr. Lewis, it turned out, was captain and co-pilot of the plane which dropped the A-bomb on Hiroshima. He and the Rev. Tanimoto shook hands. Then Edwards announced the show's sponsors, Hazel Bishop lipstick and Prell shampoo, were kicking in with \$500 apiece to help launch the Hiroshima Maidens fund.

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EDITOR TAKES DEEP INTEREST

The voyage of the Hiroshima Maidens last week came about because of the Rev. Tanimoto and Norman Cousins, editor of the *Saturday Review*, who is one of many Americans to take a sincere interest in the spiritual and material rebuilding of Hiroshima. Two years ago in Hiroshima, Cousins met the Hiroshima Maidens at the Rev. Tanimoto's church.

"The Maidens consist of some two dozen young ladies who had been badly scarred or disfigured by the atomic explosion ten years ago, Cousins wrote in the *Saturday Review* of May 14. "Like countless other survivors in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, they had failed to receive adequate care . . . the problem was particularly acute in the case of the Hiroshima Maidens . . . Many of them had been trapped in the same school on Aug. 6, 1945. They were small children at the time; when they came to Mr. Tanimoto in 1952 they were young ladies trying to find a place for themselves in society. Marriage seemed too remote for them to warrant serious thought. Gainful employment was difficult not only because of their appearance but because of their arm and hand burns . . . Under the guidance of Mr. Tanimoto the girls were able to develop interests in the community. Compatible jobs were found for some of them. They learned how to relax together and how to appear in public without feeling self-conscious."

Cousins returned to the United States and started working on the non-governmental citizens' project that would bring these girls to America to receive the best in medical care, particularly in the field of plastic surgery.

Doctors and surgeons volunteered and New York's Mt. Sinai Hospital offered its full facilities plus bed care. Scores of Americans offered their homes to house the girls, and finally the American Air Force offered the girls a free ride from Tokyo to New York. The original quota was for 20 girls, but 43 were in the group which underwent medical tests for eligibility. Twenty-five qualified and the sponsors decided to take them all. Meanwhile, provisions are being made for eventual care for those left behind.

Already the project has created a windfall of goodwill in Japan, and the story of the Hiroshima Maidens, as told in the American press and over TV and radio, has awakened the people of the United States to an awareness of the human factors of an A-bomb explosion. The results in both cases have increased the ratio of man's humanity toward man.



Nori Shiozaki, 19, will be the East Los Angeles JACL queen candidate for the Festival of Friendship, May 22, at Fresno Playground. The East Los Angeles Jr. College co-ed was one of the princesses at the 1954 CINO Convention and Alpha Queen homecoming. The Festival is presented annually by East-side organizations to promote brotherhood.

—Roy Hoshizaki Photo.

Judge Aiso to speak at Gardena banquet honoring citizens

(Gardena) Los Angeles Municipal Court Judge John Aiso will be the principal speaker June 9, 6:30 p.m., when some 150 naturalized Issei citizens of Gardena Valley are honored at a testimonial dinner at the Western Club Cafe, 15516 S. Western Ave.

Frank Kuida, Gardena Valley JACL president, revealed that other guests will include the mayors of Gardena and surrounding cities and other public officials. The public is invited. Tickets at \$3 per plate are available from JACL members.

Paul Shinoda and Paul Koga, co-chairmen, are being assisted by: Yo Minami, ent.; Yoshio Kobata, dec.; Frank Kuida, tickets; Frank Yamauchi, mailing; Aki Tsukahara, place cards; Kay Kamiya, rec.; Tats Kushida, inv.

Paul Shinoda will be master of ceremonies. National JACL President Inagaki will install the new Gardena Valley chapter cabinet.

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS COMMITTEE ORGANIZED IN SENATE; INVITES JACL TO PRESENT ANTI-NISEI INSTANCES

(Washington) A newly created Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights informed the Japanese American Citizens League that it will conduct public hearings on individual cases of discrimination, including such subjects as wiretapping, due process of law and the freedoms of speech, press and assembly.

The purpose of the Congressional inquiry, for which \$50,000 has been appropriated, is to determine whether individual rights guaranteed by the Constitution are being invaded by present trends in American life.

In order to determine whether persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States are still being subjected to racial discrimination of the type under investigation by the subcommittee, the Washington JACL office invites all Nisei who believe that they are victims of racial discrimination to submit documented accounts of their experiences to the office.

While no deadline has been officially announced for receipt of discrimination cases, Nisei should immediately send their cases with documentation and a covering letter to the Washington JACL office, 1737 H st., Northwest; Washington 6, D.C.

The inquiry by the Senate Judiciary subcommittee will be the first of its kind to be conducted by a Congressional group.

Members of the Constitutional

Rights Subcommittee are Chairman Thomas C. Hennings (D., Mo.) and Sen. Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D., Wyo.) and William Langer (R., N.D.)

This same subcommittee, a permanent unit of the Senate Judiciary Committee, in previous years was called the Civil Rights Subcommittee and was generally inactive, without staff or funds. Its title was changed this year to avoid the interpretation that it was concerned solely with matters of racial discrimination.

Chairman Hennings indicated that counsel is being selected and that the scope of the inquiry will be far broader than the mere question of law violations. His remarks were in answer to some critics in the Senate that the courts should determine questions involving invasion of Constitutional rights.

Supporting the \$50,000 appropriation for the subcommittee during Senate debate on the subject, Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Herley M. Kilgore (D., W. Va.) said that in recent years, there have been sweeping changes in our economic and social life, largely resulting from technological advances at home and political trends from abroad. The inquiry, he declared, will seek to measure their impact on the individual's basic Constitutional rights.

More cherry trees presented by Utah Japanese residents to state

(Picture Page 7)

(Salt Lake City) Persons of Japanese ancestry in the state of Utah last week dedicated 18 more flowering cherry trees, which were planted on the westside of the Capitol, adding more beauty and color to grounds which already is graced with other cherry trees.

After greetings from Rupert Hachiya, Salt Lake JACL president, prominent Utahns addressed the huge crowd that gathered to witness the presentation of trees to the State of Utah. Lamont F. Toronto, secretary of state for Utah, accepted the trees.

The Rev. George Hirose of the Japanese Church of Christ offered the prayer of dedication. Some 50 girls, under direction of Yuri Shiba, performed Japanese dances.

The chapter, which sponsored this public relations project, acknowledged contributions from:

Salt Lake Buddhist Church, Japanese Church of Christ, Nichiren Buddhist Church, Seicho No Iye, Ogden Buddhist Church, Hiroshima Kenjin Kai, Kiwa Doshi Kai, Okayama Shinyu Kai, Kyushu Jin Kai, Jordan Doshi Kai, Chuo No Kai, Shizuoka Kenjin Kai, Salt Lake Vegetable Growers Assn., Mount Olympus JACL, Ben Lomond JACL, Salt Lake Nisei Women's Bowling Assn., Salt Lake Nisei Basketball Assn., Salt Lake Bukkyo Sonen Kai, Utah Nippon Wildlife Federation, BSA Troop 4, Utah Nipp, Masuo Namba, and Henry Kasai.

Successful implementation of Refugee Relief program in Japan assured in State Dep't letter received by JACL

(Washington) Gratitude for value to the Refugee Relief Program.

In reply to JACL questions concerning "firmly resettled" and "usual place of abode," which were clarified by recent Federal Regulation changes, the Program manager said "consular officers at all posts have been instructed and are being encouraged repeatedly to give the broadest possible interpretation to the eligibility factors under the law. There are presently no major cause for any slowness in operations in Japan."

Prior to Federal Regulation changes, the Government acknowledged that "well over 50 per cent of the assurances submitted were rejected by the consular officers in Japan for this reason."

As an example of the growing progress of the Program, the letter stated that "more than 75" Japanese refugees will be sailing for the United States by late this month.

While this number is considerably less than that required for full operation of the Program in Japan, it is nevertheless a substantial improvement over previous arrivals of refugees from Japan under this Program, the Washington

The State Department letter, addressed to Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, stated "your efforts and those of the Japanese American Citizens League have been of inestimable assistance in making continual progress in the Refugee Relief Program for refugees in Japan and for their sponsors in this country was expressed by the State Department to the Japanese American Citizens League this week."

The Government also stated that the Refugee Relief Program "will be successfully implemented in Japan."

JACL Office said.

The JACL also expressed its hope and concern that additional arrivals of refugees from Japan would be forthcoming as soon as possible because most of the Nisei sponsors and employers who have provided the required assurances have been waiting a year or more for these persons.

Pension for California Issei up for hearing

(Sacramento) The bill (AB 2255) extending California old age assistance to qualifying Issei residents who are non-citizens was scheduled for a hearing today by the Assembly Ways and Means Committee. The bill has a "do pass" from the Social Welfare Committee.

Authored by Assemblyman S. C. Masterson of Richmond, it is co-sponsored by the following assemblymen:

Ralph M. Brown (Modesto), Wallace D. Henderson (Fresno), Allen Miller (San Fernando), Ernest R. Geddes (Claremont), Vernon Kilpatrick (Lynwood), Thomas M. Rees, (Los Angeles), Augustus Hawkins (Los Angeles) and Mrs. Wanda Sankary (San Diego).

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From the Frying Pan

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80,000 MILES FOR DR. WESLEY

Denver

The phone rang a little after 3 p.m. It was Dr. Newton Wesley, the Chicago Nisei plastic contact lens man, calling from Salt Lake City. "My wife and I are on our way home from Portland," he said. "Meet us at the airport about 7:30 and let's have dinner."

So we went out to the airport and pretty soon Newt flew in on the co-pilot's side of the Beech Twin that he uses for getting around the country on business trips. We'd visited with Newt last fall but it was the first time we were seeing Mrs. W. since the evacuation. Naturally there was a lot to talk about, a pleasure we left largely to the ladies.

Newt and I got on to the subject of business, and in the course of that discussion I learned he flies something like 80,000 miles a year to carry the gospel of his contact lenses to optometrists in all parts of the country. At first he used to drive and take the train. Then he rode the airlines as business increased. Last fall he was flying his own Navion single-engine plane. Now he's graduated to the Beech which scoots along faster than a DC-3, still used by many airlines for short hauls.

I can remember when we used to consider the 400-mile round trip from Seattle to Portland and back a major expedition. Wesley's come a long way since then. Now he's planning to open a branch office in New York City and divide the country into territories so that he won't have to be running from one end to the other.

We had to cut our conversation short at 11 p.m. Newt was getting up at 5 a.m. for a 6 a.m. takeoff. He had an appointment in Chicago at noon, he said, and he was in kind of a hurry.

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TIME-FLIES DEPARTMENT

How time does fly note: It seems it was just a couple of years ago that a skinny little kid named Mike Emizawa came to Colorado from Tokyo thanks to the humanitarian instincts and generosity of a Montrose hotel operator named John Souder. Maybe you remember the story. Mike was a Manchuria-born Japanese who was evacuated to Tokyo after the end of World War II. He got a job with the Occupation, so impressed an air force major, James Hacker, that when Hacker returned to the states he told *The Denver Post* about his deserving little Japanese friend who wanted an American education.

Souder read the story, decided it might be a nice thing for international understanding if he could sponsor Mike. So Souder sent Mike the trans-Pacific fare, offered him a home in Montrose, and got him started in high school.

The other day I got a fine printed announcement in the mail. It said: "Montrose High School announces the commencement exercises, Wednesday, May twenty-fifth, Nineteen hundred fifty-five," and there was a calling card with Mike's name on it.

John Souder is gone now, dead of a heart attack he suffered shortly after he over-exerted himself while helping to put out a fire. And Mike is getting his high school diploma. Whatever Mike makes of himself, he'll owe a good part of it to the Souder family. As I was saying, it seems like only yesterday that Mike came to Colorado.

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NISEI IN URANIUM BUSINESS

Last week, while we were writing about uranium, we mentioned that there were some Nisei prospecting for the wonder-ore. Now Larry Tajiri points out that Mas Yano, a Salt Lake City attorney, has been busy in his legal capacity helping many uranium mining companies to become organized. Yano is understood to be an officer in several of the companies.

Then we got to thumbing through a directory of uranium mining companies and found the name of Mike Mizokami, managing partner of Pike Uranium Co., in Blanca, Colo., with properties in Costilla county, Colorado. Just thought you might like to know.

Minority Week

In what is believed to be the first civil rights case of its kind to be filed in Santa Monica, Calif., a municipal court judge last week leveled \$400 damages and court costs against the proprietors of Resthaven Motel for denying admission to four Negroes. The suit was brought under a section of the California Civil Rights Code dealing with places of public accommodation. It was testified that the proprietors said: "We don't accept coloreds", when they appeared at the motel to claim their reservations which had been confirmed by telephone.

The California State Assembly this week voted 48-27 on Assemblyman Rumford's bill to create a state Fair Employment Practice Commission, stronger than the Hawkins bill which passed last week by making employer or union liable to civil penalty up to \$500 for discrimination. It was sent to the Senate where its prospects are dim, but it was the first time in state history that such a bill was approved in the legislature.

TOKYO TOPICS

Japanese - Filipino Problems

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

(Tamotsu Murayama writes from Manila, where he attended the annual Communication of the Grand Masonic Lodge of the Philippines representing the Japanese lodge in Tokyo.—Editor.)

Manila

About this time last year, this writer was in Manila attending the first national jamboree of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines. Even though every visiting Japanese Scout was escorted by two or three Filipino scouts, we were sneered and jeered occasionally. It can now be said that the general Filipino sentiment toward the Japanese has improved considerably.

No one cautions me when I step out anymore. No one says to be careful when riding the cabs. As a matter of fact, the cabbies are showing me the points of interest as we ride along.

Not too long, a Filipino said very little to a Japanese. He only glared with burning hatred in his eyes. Because 10 years ago were committed some of the most heinous atrocities by the Japanese military, which the Japanese are learning for the first time as Filipinos gradually relate what had happened.

Basically, the Filipino has not forgiven the Japanese for the horrible experiences of the past war.

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Japanese approach to Filipino reparations hit

In Japan, it is whispered that Filipino-Japanese reparation talks go unsettled because America is behind the scene. It would be closer to the truth to blame Japan's war-time activities in the Philippines. The Japanese should be so informed.

Filipino sentiment is stern and they find it difficult to excuse Japanese war atrocities. They demand proof of Japanese sincerity in the reparation negotiations. But the Japanese does not understand it since nobody knows what happened in the Philippines.

Japanese politicians and diplomats are making a great mistake in approaching the various Filipino-Japanese problems.

Sunken hulks of the Japanese Imperial Navy still remain in Manila Bay despite numerous talk for salvaging these ships.

One of the greatest mistakes the Japanese government committed was sending Shozo Murata last summer as head of the Japanese Reparation Commission. Murata was the wartime Japanese ambassador to the Philippines, sent there

IN HONOR OF

Harry Hiraoka, long time Fowler resident and peach grower, was elected to head the Fowler Lions club for '55-'56.

Wilson Makabe of Auburn, amputee veteran of the 442nd and Placer County JACL chapter president, has been certified as one of 10 county residents now eligible for appointment to judicial district court posts when vacancies arise in the county.

Nancy Ishizaki, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yazo Ishizaki of Rockford, Ill., was named for the Theta Alpha Delta award at the Univ. of California at Los Angeles recently, which honors the outstanding prospective woman teacher in the field of business education. The award will be conferred in June. The former Sacramentan has accepted a teaching position at a Long Beach (Calif.) high school in the fall.

Mamoru Iiga, doctorate candidate at the Univ. of Utah, is the sole Japanese being selected for Phi Beta Kappa membership this year. Graduating this August, he is majoring in sociology. He is married to the former Mary Matsura of Rexburg, Idaho, whose family are old time JACL supporters. The Iigas have one daughter. Mrs. Iiga's brother, Jack, has served as Yellowstone JACL chapter president.

Yaemon Minami of Guadalupe, Calif., was awarded the Fourth Order of the Sacred Treasury by the Japanese government for promoting friendly relations between Japan and the United States last week. He was also granted an audience with the Japanese Emperor

because of his business ability and was close friend of Premier General Hideki Tojo. Murata's appearance in Manila actually deepened the old wounds of war. Japanese officialdom failed to understand this delicate twitch of psychology.

The former ambassador also went to Red China this year, shaking hands with Communist China. That incident has left the impression here that Murata is nothing but a simple opportunist. Hence, Filipino leaders are saying that if Murata really believes in the betterment of Filipino-Japanese relationships, he must demonstrate himself to be a devotee to the cause instead of flattering the Communists, with whom the Filipinos traditionally disagree.

So, Murata is a great disappointment here. Many got to know him as an excellent "apple polisher," a smooth businessman whose only interest is in making

money. It is very unfortunate that he gave such an impression here. I personally know Murata as a fine gentleman.

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Japanese strip-teaser incident fails to soothe

And another incident which does not improve Filipino-Japanese relations concerned a group of Japanese strip teasers. One of them has been deported already on a charge of indecency. Four others have been charged by the police for indecent exposure. The Manila press played it up.

Burlesque dancers are held in bad taste here. The Japanese government could have sanctioned the visit of a better group of performers — instead, they allowed low-grade burlesque dancers and the incident resulted sadly in a deportation.

Japanese war orphans frolic as Johnson brothers in Wisconsin town

(Chippewa Falls, Wis.) Tsuneo Kitagawa and Masatomo Nishimura like being Peter and Bobby Johnson.

The eight-year-old Japanese boys were started on their way to this west-central Wisconsin city — although they didn't know it — about a year ago when Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Johnson read a dispatch in a Catholic newspaper.

It described how Americans could adopt Japanese children of wartime marriages. The childless Johnsons made arrangements with the National Catholic Committee of Japan to adopt two youngsters.

The boys were flown from their native Yokohama to Minneapolis where the Johnsons picked them up. That was last January.

Since then, the only big problem the Johnsons have had has been in language. The family television set has helped with the boys' English. The boys' adult-sized appetites for any food placed before them has been a cinch. Johnson is a grocer.

Each boy has his own bed in their attic bedroom. Above each is a name plate they printed at Notre Dame school. Peter and Bobby are proud of their furni-

ture, so much so that they like to move it about—usually late at night. The Johnsons have gotten used to that.

Polite? Mrs. Johnson said she has never heard so many "pleases" and "thank yous" before. And always at the right time.

The Johnsons' five acres give the boys plenty of room for recreation and character-building chores. Among the latter is feeding the "chickies."

"Those boys are just bundles of fire and energy," Mrs. Johnson said.

CAPSULES

The Japanese Economic Council Board estimated there will be 1,000,000 unemployed in July and August—a postwar high.

Under sponsorship of Sol Hurok, the Kabuki dance troupe of Tokuhiko Azuma is scheduled to tour 35 American cities beginning in late December.

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Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

A POSITIVE WAY OF LIFE

Honolulu
For individuals of so-called minority groups who are ambitious, self-respecting and intelligent, one of the most difficult problems is to achieve a positive, confident way of life. This means cleansing one's mind of old grievances that have no present bearing and moving ahead unfettered by an oversensitive attitude in the midst of people of other races.



Each one, of course, must evolve his own approach to a way of thinking and acting that would make him fit into his own community. It's surprising to find the old manner in which some Nisei in Hawaii have tried to develop their philosophy. I am reminded of one individual, in particular, at the moment.

A middle-aged Hawaii-born businessman, this Nisei had had a difficult period of growing up and adjusting himself in business, politics and social relations. He belonged to a generation of Nisei younger than the average Issei population in the islands, yet quite a bit older than the current crop of Nisei in public life.

"I used to have a serious inferiority complex," this Nisei confessed. "I didn't know how to behave, especially in the presence of haoles (Caucasians). I felt uneasy and unhappy."

"Then I made a trip to Japan. There I saw the wonderful heritage of the Japanese—their culture and history—and I began to feel proud I was a Japanese."

"Ever since that trip, I made up my mind not to let anyone 'look down' at me. I convinced myself I was as good as the next fellow, and usually better, because I was descended from a great race of people."

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REPLACED BY AGGRESSIVENESS

In this Nisei's case, he had transformed a defensive attitude into what might be called a chip-on-the-shoulder aggressiveness that was not doing him too much good. His manners, reflecting his inner conflicts, were often haughty and disdainful.

He thought he had overcome his handicap of an inferiority complex, but in its place he had latched on to a sense of pride based solely on his racial ancestry.

To find pride in one's racial heritage is to appreciate the finer things of the past, and to pay proper respect to one's national origin. How much poorer in tradition and self-respect we would all be if we cast off the racial bonds that tie us, emotionally and aesthetically, to our forefathers and their country, no matter what our present national allegiance might be!

Yet it is a most unrealistic approach to modern-day living if we flaunt our racial sensitivities as our only guide to a happy and healthy relationship with our fellow men.

Far better it is for the individual to strip himself of whatever mental barriers he might have about his racial complex, and adopt a course of thinking based on his own character and achievements.

We respect and admire others for what they are and have done—not for their racial lineage. Americans, of all people, should want to "stand on their own feet" and prove themselves worthy of the respect of others. If any people glorify self-advancement, it is the Americans. That is the very heartbeat of American growth and progress. It built the United States in less than two centuries from a small band of colonies into the greatest nation.

Those Nisei who fret and fume because they have racial "mental blocks" might find it worthwhile to look beyond their hometown corner for inspiration and guidance. This country has brought up to maturity, the immigrants from far corners of the earth, and their descendants. The Nisei, in the larger picture, represent just another element in the amalgamation of races. They have made such fast progress, compared to nearly all other groups, that their impatience can turn out to be their own handicap. For them to behave as though they have been "held down too long" is to mis-read the history of the American people. For them to "talk race" when the way is open for each individual to make of himself what he wants is to be short-sighted.

But the open door to self-advancement is only for those who practice a positive, confident way of life, free of negative, race-conscious detours.

NISEI LOYALTY NOT SUFFICIENT REASON FOR CONGRESSMEN TO REMOVE RACE ISSUE FROM HAWAII STATEHOOD DEBATE

(Washington) Despite undisputed documentation of Nisei loyalty in Hawaii and on the mainland, statehood opponents cited non-white populations in the Island territory as a major obstacle against the combined Hawaii-Alaska bill, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported this week.

The two-day House debate on statehood for Hawaii and Alaska last week, which resulted in a 218 to 170 vote to recommit the Bill back to committee, reflected an understanding of Nisei devotion to the United States but also a strong resentment against racial minorities of Hawaii, according to the JACL office.

Excerpts of the House debate indicate these cross-currents of sentiments about Nisei.

Congressman William A. Dawson (R., Utah.) spoke of the loyalty and acceptance of Nisei in the State of Utah in the first attempt to remove the race issue from the statehood debate. After outlining the history of Japanese evacuation from the West Coast and the heroic record of the 442nd Combat Team, Congressman Dawson declared:

"The tragic relocation order worked to Utah's benefit. For after the war and hysteria were over, many of the Japanese-American, and I hate to use this hyphenated designation, people decided to remain in my State."

"They were welcomed and they are fine residents, hardworking, literate, and loyal. By exemplary conduct, they won admiration of other Utah groups. Our state Legislature finding outmoded laws discriminating against them as a race, reacted by repealing these laws."

"The testimony of Admiral Nimitz, Gen. Herron, the FBI, and other high authorities concerning the 100 percent loyalty of the residents of Hawaii, confirms what we heard from every side during statehood hearings both in Washington and in Hawaii."

Additional praise of Nisei loyalty came from Chairman of the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee Clair Engle (D., Calif.), author of the statehood legislation. His remarks were similar to those of Rep. A. L. Miller (R., Neb.), who, in his concluding statements about the Hawaii war record during World War II and the Korean conflict, declared:

"Not one case of desertion to the Communists by a Hawaiian soldier has been recorded. The percentage of Hawaii's battle casualties in the Korean fighting was three times that of other countries. There is no question about the loyalty of the Hawaiian people."

The loyalty of Nisei was undisputed in the House debate.

Opposition to Hawaii statehood on racial grounds came first from Rep. James C. Davis (D., Ga.), who charged that Hawaiian Nisei engaged in "bloc voting" and that the large percentage of non-Caucasians in the Territory made it unsuitable for statehood. Referring to the general election of Nov. 2, 1954, he said:

"This breakdown and report was compiled by an election inspector in Honolulu, who stated that a check through the ballots disclosed that the Japanese bloc voted."

"This breakdown of the election results in the 1954 general elections shows that of the 15 members of the Hawaiian Senate, seven are of Japanese ancestry, and that of the 30 members of the Hawaiian House of Representatives, 15 are of Japanese ancestry. I would say that the results of the election clearly confirm the statement of the election inspector that the Japanese bloc vote."

"I list here the names of persons of Japanese ancestry in the Hawaii Legislature, as furnished to me, and also the names of other Hawaiian officials of Japanese ancestry. I believe this is conclusive proof of the charge that the Japanese do bloc vote."

He then listed the names of 39 Nisei in elected position in Hawaii. His list included seven Nisei in the Senate, 14 in the House of Representatives, six in the County of Oahu, two in the County of Hawaii, five in the County of Maui, and five in the county of Kauai. He provided no other election data for comparison.

Racial arguments against statehood were also voiced by Rep. O. C. Fisher (D., Texas) who said:

"Another problem in the case of Hawaii is that of assimilation of the people, their customs, traditional background are different with those of the States. Our people will not be free to travel back and forth, nor will the island people travel freely to the United States . . .

"While the 48 States, the Ha-

waiian population is made up primarily of people from outside the United States, and very few — perhaps not 1 per cent — have even visited this country."

"In racial origin, Hawaii's population breaks down thus: Japanese, 40.2 per cent; part-Hawaiian, 16.9 per cent; Caucasian, 15.3 per cent; Filipino, 13.2 per cent; Chinese, 6.8 per cent; Pure Hawaiian, 2.8 per cent; Puerto Rican, 2.3 per cent; Korean, 1.6 per cent; others, .9 per cent."

"Out of the total population of Hawaii, approximately 65,000 are aliens who have not bothered to take out American citizenship papers and therefore owe no allegiance to the United States."

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NISEI AND HIS JOB

(Continued from Last Week)

By HAL NOEL

Chicago

The influence of such organizations as the JACL, various veterans organizations and religious groups upon the local or national scene cannot be denied.

It is still important that these groups continue their work. But the common goal should be to remove the necessity for these groups. The 442nd Regiment acquitted itself in such an outstanding fashion that the Army did not see any necessity for its perpetuation!

Many company applications for employment throughout the country specifically forbid the mentioning of racial or religious organizations under the question "Membership in what organizations?" Let's meet them at least halfway.

The Nisei job seeker must be more objective and analytical than many of his contemporaries. Informal statistics of personal interviews tend to reveal that the most discouraged and frustrated applicants are those who have not accurately evaluated the labor market and, as a result, set their aspirations for above practical possibilities.

Take, for instance, a young graduate electrical engineer interviewed by the writer recently for a Sales Engineering position. He had good appearance, good product knowledge and engineering experience, good car, good enthusiasm, good references, and even aptitude tests which showed a good sales profile. He was not told that there were no sales engineering positions available for Nisei.

He was informed by the writer that among the top 200 organizations in his field, not one listed a Japanese name on the sales engineering staffs.

If he had been prepared to buck these odds, he would not have been so disappointed—or indignant. These same companies list many Nisei at the levels of project engineer, development engineer, design engineer, standards engineer etc. The employers, in this case, were not willing to bet that their customers were as unprejudiced as they themselves were.

Personnel is another difficult field. While at least half a dozen companies in Chicago employ Nisei in responsible Personnel and Labor Relations functions, over 6,000 companies do not!

Accountants, estimators, shipping and receiving, production control, some purchasing, engineering, chemists, hospitals, artists, copywriting are jobs and fields in which Nisei now work:

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GRADUATE ENGINEERS IN LEAST TROUBLE

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Chemists, biologists and those in related professions find it a little more difficult.

Business administration graduates find jobs, but at lower salary levels.

Artists' opportunities are fair.

Liberal Arts graduates meet competition head-on because of the highly specialized nature of industry today.

For high school graduates again, you find the greatest amount of acceptance in the trades and crafts. Some additional training opens up the field for draftsmen, laboratory technicians, and other technical workers.

Top clerical positions generally have limitations. Assembly, inspection, material handling, and other non-skilled operations offer opportunities for supervisory spots, but very few administrative possibilities.

Teaching at all levels is very encouraging as is Civil Service. However, there should be one warning; except for those in highly technical lines industry takes a very dim view of those formerly in the employ of the government, so that the value of these jobs as experience or "trade-in" is comparatively low.

Happily, we can all point to at least one of our Nisei friends and say, "There is an example of what you have not been saying."

The writer himself knows of several Nisei who hold down responsible positions in industry at salaries ranging from \$8,000 to \$14,000 a year.

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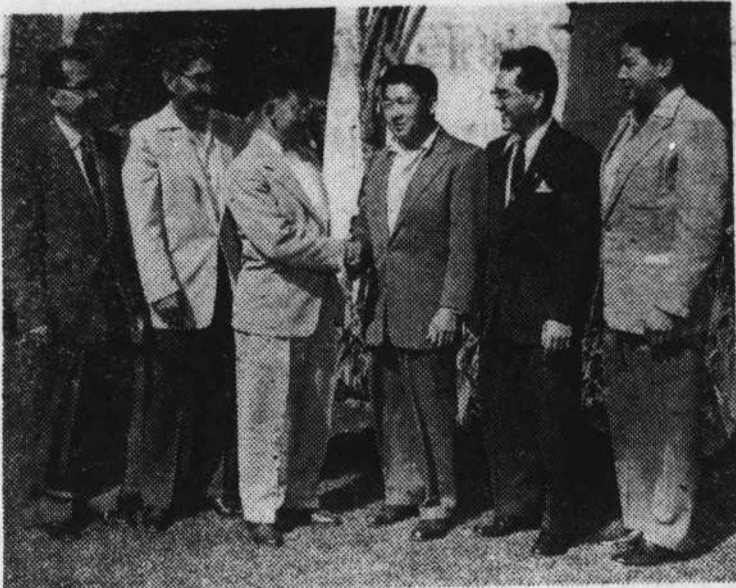
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National JACL officers and staff members present at the Santa Barbara convention of the Pacific Southwest District Council watch the past district chairman Ken Dyo (third from left) congratulate new chairman David Yokozeki. In the photo are (left to right) Masao Satow, national director; Kenji Tashiro, national 2nd v.p.; Dyo; Yokozeki; Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national treas.; and Tats Kushida, regional director.

—Vincet J. Mandese Photo.

Yokozeki elected PSWDC chairman; over 250 meet in Santa Barbara

(Santa Barbara) Over 250 delegates from the 18 chapters of the Pacific Southwest District Council attended the "Fiesta by the Sea" fourth biennial convention here last weekend, according to Tom Hirashima, convention chairman.

Attorney David Yokozeki, president of the Downtown Los Angeles JACL, was elected PSWDC chairman, succeeding Ken Dyo of Pasadena. Also named to the cabinet were:

Elmer Uchida (West Los Angeles), 1st v.-chmn.; Ken Uyesugi (Orange County), 2nd v.-chmn.; George Kodama (San Diego), 3rd v.-chmn.; Tom T. Ito (Pasadena), treas.; Kimi Matsuda (Southwest L.A.), sec. Wilbur Sato (East L.A.), hist.; Mas Inoshita (Ariz.), Ken Amamoto (Venice-Culver), Mas Narita (Long Beach), Art Ito (Hollywood), Tek Nishimoto (Coachella), dels.-at-lrg.

Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL treasurer, installed the new cabinet at the convention banquet held Saturday night at Mar Monte Hotel before 280 persons, including 40 naturalized Issei citizens and Mayor John Rickard of Santa Barbara. Dr. Elmer Noble, dean of sciences and letters at the U.C. Santa Barbara College, was banquet speaker.

Masao Satow, national JACL director, awarded the JACL Sapphire Pin, symbolic of long and loyal service, to Frank F. Chuman, Dr. Nishikawa and Ken Dyo. David Yamada, student body president of Santa Barbara High School, was honored with a special chapter recognition scroll.

Shige Yano, Japan-born soprano studying here, charmed the audience with three selections, accompanied at the piano by Suzie Tamura. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ota of Santa Barbara entertained with tango numbers during the convention.

Report Chicago CL reaches 800 memb.

(Chicago) A house-to-house membership canvass is underway and the Chicago JACL reports 800 members signed with a 1,000 mark as the goal, according to Bill Fujii, membership chairman. Geo. Teraoka, who heads the Issei division, is meeting with great success, it was added.

West Los Angeles Clers plan May-June attractions

(West Los Angeles) Late spring and summer activities for the West Los Angeles JACL were announced this week by Steve Yagi, chapter president.

Teen-agers will dance tonight at the Japanese Institute on Corinth Avenue from 7 till 10. Circle 3 and Ladies' Guild are serving refreshments.

The annual community picnic will be held June 5 at Ladera Park. And the biennial community carnival will be held June 25-26 at the Japanese Institute. Hobi Fujii, chairman, is being assisted by:

Elmer Uchida, gen. arr.; Sho Komai, fin.; Richard Jeniye, prizes. Organizations seeking to participate are expected to see Fujii.

Gardena Valley carnival

(Gardena) The Gardena Valley Japanese Community Center carnival will be held June 25-26 with organizations in the area invited to participate in the two-day activity.

Long Beach Issei citizens to be feted by Harbor JACLers

(Long Beach) Municipal Judge Martin de Vries will be principal speaker at the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL recognition banquet this Sunday honoring newly naturalized Issei citizens, it was announced by Easy Fujimoto, chapter president-banquet chairman.

Up to a 100 Issei have been invited. Special recognition awards will be made to Frank T. Ishii, Fred Ikeguchi and Momota Okura for their long efforts aiding the community.

George Nakamura, past chapter president, will be toastmaster and entertainment of the evening will be offered by:

Akira Endo, violinist; Fukuji Higashi, vocalist; Junko Komai and Shigeko Furuta, dancers.

Dinner, prepared by Mrs. Helene Tanigawa and Fujinkai members, will be served from 7 p.m. at the Harbor Community Hall, 1766 Seabright Ave. Assisting Fujimoto on the committee are:

Fred Ikeguchi, guests; George Nakamura, program; George Mio, ent.; Takako Uragami, Kay Matsumoto, hostesses; Smokey Iwasaki, dec.; Haj Fukumoto, George Iseri, gen. arr.; Frances Ishii, tickets; Tomizo and Sue Joe, pub.

seeing kept boosters and delegates busy during the two days.

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BY HARUO ISHIMARU

BOUQUET TO BERKELEY CHAPTER

San Francisco
For this week, I will bypass my running account of the "Cherry Blossom Tour" and throw a huge bouquet to the Berkeley JACL Chapter for their excellent job in promoting the second quarterly District Council meeting at the Hotel Claremont in Berkeley last Sunday. Thanks go especially to Ben Fukutome, hardworking chapter president, and to Tad Hirota, the very efficient and popular general chairman.

Committee members who assisted in putting on the meeting were: public relations and program, Allan Asakawa, George Yasukochi, Dr. Eiichi Tsuchida; general arrangements, Frank Yamasaki, Bill Fujita, Osaky Kono;



guests and reception, Al Kosakura, Masuji ji Fujii, Mas Yonemura; banquet, Y. B. Mamiya, Sho Sato, Tosh Nakano; luncheon, Bess Yasukochi, Hisa Hirota, Beadie Kono; registration, Kathleen Date, Nobu Uratsu, Kiku Shimazaki; finance, Tad Nakamura, Mich Nakajima, Paul Yamamoto; bowling tournament, Mo Kato, Ike Takei, Gene Takei; dance and entertainment, Richard Yamashiro, Dane Kato, Don Itow; public address system, Jack Imada; gate prizes, Toke Ariyoshi, Hiro Kuwada, Tom Nakagawa; advisors, Haruo Ishimaru, Jack Noda, Ben Fukutome.

Because of the tremendous response to the program workshop held at the last District Council meeting at Turlock, it was decided to devote more time to a similar project at the Berkeley meeting. Consequently, the business session started at 10 a.m. instead of the usual 1 p.m.

Items on the business agenda moved along rapidly and efficiently under the expert gavel-wielding of Council Chairman Jack Noda. Treasurer Yasuo Abiko's report indicated not only a healthy financial condition but JACL memberships totalling 3699 among the chapters in the District Council which is almost half the national total of 8133 to date.

John Enomoto, George Nishita, Tom Miyana, and Bill Matsumoto reported respectively on the Cal-Neva JACL Credit Union, District Council recognitions committee, 1000 Club and District Council bowling. A Washington legislative report from Mike Masaoka was read by Dr. Yoshiye Togasaki. Yours truly gave a California legislative report and also, with Mas Yonemura, made a special pitch to support the California Federation for Civic Unity.

The Salinas Valley chapter successfully made a bid to host the third quarterly meeting and golf tournament to be held tentatively on Aug. 7.

The host chapter had arranged for a box luncheon at Lake Temescal, a beautiful site which reminded me of some of the parks in Japan.

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PROGRAM WORKSHOP DAY'S HIGHLIGHT

The Program Workshop in the afternoon, under the general chairmanship of Jerry Enomoto, San Francisco Chapter prexy, was the highlight of the day. Alice Shigezumi, former editor of the San Francisco Chapter's bulletin; Yas Abiko, English Editor of the San Francisco Nichi Bei Times, and Howard Imazeki of the San Francisco Hokubei Mainichi, gave useful advice on the mechanics, problems, benefits, etc. of chapter bulletins and news release procedures. Yours truly presented information regarding public relations in the area of specific problems, continuing program, and the underlying philosophy of public relations for Japanese Americans. Hiroshi Yamamoto, supervisor of Personnel Training for Pan American World Airways, talked on the cultivation of leadership.

Following a coffee break, delegates were divided into five discussion groups:

"Publicity," with Jim Kimoto as moderator and Yas Abiko and Howard Imazeki as resource persons; "hospitality" with Tom Mitsuyoshi as moderator and Fred Hoshiyama and Viola Nakano as resource; "cultivation of leadership" with George Yasukochi as moderator and Hiroshi Yamamoto as resource person; "public relations" with Frank Oda as moderator and Marvin Uratsu and yours truly as resource; and "programing" with Heizo Oshima as moderator and John Enomoto and Kenji Fujii as resource. The groups met after the discussion period for summarization and evaluation by the moderators.

Dinner was held in the Salem Room of the Claremont with George Yasukochi ably performing as toastmaster. Among the special guests were Byron Rumford, State Assemblyman from Berkeley, the fighting author of the FEP bill which is showing remarkable progress in Sacramento; Consul Tomohiko Kambara of the Japanese Consulate General; William C. Morrissey assistant to the General Passenger Manager, and Marvin Uratsu, district agent, Japanese Traffic, both of American President Lines which had generously contributed the beautiful folders for the dinner program.

Albert S. Kosakura, manager of the Japanese Division of Pan American World Airways was also present with two charming PanAm Nisei stewardesses, Doreen Yamanaka and Eunice Kubota. Japan Air Lines was represented by its public relations man, Dan Nakatsu.

With all the travel companies so well represented plus the fact that I served as speaker, talking on my recent trip and experiences in Japan, actually it seemed that I was reliving parts of the tour.

"Nisei Talent Parade" featured numbers by five budding Nisei and Sansei artists introduced by emcee Tad Hirota: Maxine Furuike, baton twirler; Kathy Osaki, dancer; Primrose Kaheaku, hula dancer; George Minami, Jr., tap dancer, and Toshiko Yoshida, singer.

Approximately 200 JACLers and guests attended the dinner. Dancing followed during which trophies and prizes were presented to winners in the two-day District Council bowling tournament which had started the previous Saturday.

REEDLEY JACL TO HONOR ISSEI CITIZENS TOMORROW

BY TAK NAITO

(Reedley) Final preparations have been completed by the Reedley JACL for the banquet May 23, 6:30 p.m., honoring recently naturalized Issei citizens at the Reedley College cafeteria. Dr. Akira Tajiri will be toastmaster.

A detail from the local American Legion Post 35, commanded by Walter Grawan, will post the colors. Judge Phillip Conley of the Fresno County superior court will be keynote speaker. Special guests include:

Mayor M. S. Gaede of Reedley; J. S. Hemmer, F. Campbell, I&NS; Bertha Starkey, Methodist missionary; Bill Hansen, adult school principal; Paul Goodwin, Reedley Union High School principal; Ed Tejerian, C. of C.; Eagan Hofer, radio station KRDU; James Fairweather, Reedley Exponent.

Ben Nakagawa will respond on behalf of the new citizens. Entertainment prepared by Tom Sasaki will follow.

CHAPTER MEMOS

Hollywood JACL: A chapter bulletin has been started this month with Dick Zumwinkle as its editor.

East Los Angeles JACL: Top notch chapter talent has been lined up for the chapter membership dinner-dance, May 21, at Swally's Restaurant, according to Mio Fujita and John Watanabe. They include dancer Amy Iwanabe, singer Frank Sugai (formerly of Oregon), mambo exhibitionists Tessie Garcia and Kaz Fujita, instrumentalists Tetsu Bessho; Japanese dancer Mickey Gotanda and the Hi-Fettes of Mio Fujita, Janet Okimoto, Ruby Koyama, Jean Sato, Mas Kakiba, John Watanabe and guided by Ritz Kawakami.

Mile-Hi JACL: Tak Terasaki, chairman of the "Jigokumon" movie benefit, reported final returns have been compiled and that the treasury netted \$269.50. Assisting in the sales were:

Tak Terasaki, Nancy Miyagishima, Betty Suzuki, Bob Maruyama, Ruby Arai, Willie Mikuni, Joe Arikai, Peggy Mikuni, Carl Amano, Betty Mikuni (314 tickets); Sam Matsumoto, Rosalie Tokunaga, Amy Miura, Bill Motoyama, Mitui Noguchi, Mrs. Al Sweet, Fumi Yabe (109 tickets); Irvin Matsuda, Chiyoko and Robert Horiuchi, Roy Mayeda, Pacific Mercantile, Kobun-Sha, Bill Kuroki, Min Yasui, Oski Taniwaki, Marie Mizoue, Ruby Sakayama, Mandarin, True Yasui, Floyd Koshio, Ben Miyahara, Tosh Ando, Fred Katagiri, Nomaka Barber Shop, Harry Matoba, James Kanemoto, Frank Uyemura, Jim Imatani, Kay Sakaguchi, Sets Ioka, Frances Sand, Truda Hirokawa, Harry Sakata, Mrs. Dorothy Uchida and George Ohashi (486 tickets).

Philadelphia JACL: Did you know that gum troubles cause more tooth loss than decay? The chapter will hear Dr. James Dannenberg, instructor at the Univ. of Pennsylvania dental school, answer this question and present other interesting facts about teeth at the International Institute June 3, 8 p.m. Sim Endo will be program chairman.

To swear in 82 Issei

(Los Angeles) Another group of 82 Issei petitioners will be sworn in as citizens June 16, 2 p.m., in the courtroom of Federal Judge Harry C. Westover, the JACL Regional Office here was informed. Gongoro Nakamura will act as interpreter.

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SUPREME COURT RULES AGAIN ON CEMETERY REFUSING BURIAL SERVICE

(Washington) In an unusual action, the United States Supreme Court dismissed a suit for damages against an Iowa cemetery for refusing to bury an American Indian. The 5-3 decision of the high court last week reaffirmed its previous decision of last November on the same case.

The court, in effect, "dismissed" a case that it had decided last year, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

Cemetery discrimination has long been a vital problem to persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States because in many sections of the country cemeteries are restricted to burial of Caucasians.

The JACL participated in the original appeal of the burial bias suit before the Supreme Court last November by joining in an amicus curiae brief.

The case involved a suit for damages by Mrs. Evelyn Rice, widow of a Korean war hero, against a Sioux City, Ia., cemetery that refused burial to her husband because he was an American Indian.

Burial services for Sergeant Rice were held at the Sioux City gravesite in 1952 and friends and relatives departed, leaving the coffin above the open grave. Before the coffin could be lowered, the widow was notified that Sergeant Rice could not be buried there because a clause in the sales contract restricted burial privileges to Caucasians only.

Sergeant Rice was later buried in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors on orders from President Truman.

Mrs. Rice brought suit against the Iowa cemetery for \$180,000 damages on three counts, claiming humiliation, mental suffering and breach of contract. She contended that the restrictive clause in the burial contract violated the guarantee of the 14th Amendment of equal protection of the laws.

Amending her complaint later, Mrs. Rice charged that the restrictive clause in the cemetery contract violated the United Nations Charter with respect to Sec. III on human and fundamental freedoms "without distinction as to race, language or religion."

The Iowa courts held that the

United Nations Charter was irrelevant and ruled against her.

The subsequent appeal, supported by the JACL brief on the 14th Amendment arguments, to the U.S. Supreme Court, resulted in a 4-4 split decision, upholding the lower court.

The first case in which the international organization's charter was cited in a majority decision was in the Fujii Alien Land Law case, where a California appeals court held that the State's Alien Land Law was in violation of the U.N. Charter.

On the second appeal to the Supreme Court, Associate Justice Felix Frankfurter rejected the United Nations Charter claim for both the majority and minority views in issue of cemetery bias.

In dismissing the Indian widow's suit against the cemetery last week, Justice Frankfurter, in writing the majority opinion, declared that the original appeal of the case last year for review by the Supreme Court had been "improvidently granted" because Iowa now has a state law prohibiting racial discrimination by cemeteries. He was joined by Associate Justices Stanley F. Reed, Harold H. Burton, Tom C. Clark and Sherman Minton.

Chief Justice Earl Warren and Associate Justices William O. Douglas and Hugo L. Black dissented in the decision. Their view, stated by Justice Black, declared: "We granted review because serious questions were raised concerning a denial of the equal protection of the law guaranteed under the 14th Amendment. Those questions remain undecided."

"The Court dismisses the case because the Iowa Legislature has provided that every person in Iowa except one who has already filed a suit can prosecute claims like this. Apparently this law leaves everyone in Iowa to vindicate this kind of right except the petitioner (Mrs. Rice)."

MOVIE PRODUCER TO SPEAK TO DOWNTOWN L.A. JACL

(Los Angeles) Motion picture producer Saul Elkins will be guest speaker at the Downtown Los Angeles JACL Chapter luncheon May 26, noon, at San Kwo Low.

The former Warner Brothers producer, now independent, will speak on the life of Wil Adams, British captain of a Dutch ship which was wrecked on the coast of Japan in the 16th century and who later became consultant to Tokugawa Iyeyasu.

Adam's life and the part he played in Japanese history has been subject of Elkin's study for a movie possibility.

Arrangement was made through Marvin Segal, Beverly Hills attorney and 1000 Clubber. David Yokozeki, chapter president, will also present Frank Chuman, JACL legal counsel, with the JACL Sapphire Pin in a brief ceremony.

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BY TATS KUSHIDA

FIESTA CIRCA DEL MAR

"Saludos y bienvenido, amigos del JACL" were the first words to greet us from the neat little program booklet of the PSWDC's 4th biennial confab here last weekend. It means something like "Hi, seeyell friends, glad you're here." We're pretty familiar with certain choice Spanish words but this legitimate stuff gives us a bad time. Combining one of our pet expressions with Nihongo, we give you a choice of iho or waruiho.



The Spanish influence in SB is seen everywhere — food, architecture, street names, food, a mission, fiestas and siestas, food, even Mayor Jno. Rickard whose ancestors governed Calif. 100 B.Y.P. (before yellow peril). The mayor, incid, gave a terrific speech at the banquet, gist of which was his being proud to be an American with JACLers.

We toss a Dos Pueblos nursery orchid to convention boss Tom Hirashima who emceed the calory spread. He performed like an alumnus of a toastmasters club. The prime rib ontray left nothing to be desired since everyone tells us they were standard-sized servings. Even orator Roy Nishikawa, who speecched the JACL Story and inducted neo-chairman Dave Yokozeki & Co., and who usually doesn't eat much before spieling, ate—and spieled in top form to the well populated banquet room (overflow surviving in adjacent room—total 280 plates.)

JACL hereabouts seems to be getting a transfusion of younger people, judging from the youthful appearance of the crowd at the ball which was held, as was the afternoon bize-shun—and this is a twist—in the pavilion hall of the Native Sons of the Golden West, the outfit that once branded 'all JAs as personae non grata in Calif. A few oldtimers who refuse to fade way were much in evidence. We took our hourly adrenalin pill and braved a few steps much to a partner's sorrow. She needed a new pair of shoes anyway. Southwest Ellay's cutie Janet Yamada, copped the prize as convention queen, being selected by an impromptu, sober, sagacious, saliva-dripping but de-fanged committee.

The Sunday beach outing's 3 pm barBQ'd cackler served as breakfast for most delegates since there was no ayem meeting. Ken Dyo having wound up the biz effish on Sataftnoon. SWLA, which had the biggest delegation, dominated the outing, too, comprising a noisy third of the 300 plus on hand, and giving with some nifty entertainment.

The biz meeting clockworked thru several reports, conducted an election which reverted to goodnatured politicking like in JACL yore days, reduced the district's per capita assessment from two bits to a dime, and other such, details of which please refer esbee story on page 4 and/or send for minutes around November.

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An outstanding feature was the perfect weather. Sunny and balmy, clear and fast. Our smog-coated lungs found trouble getting used to pure oxygen. Kinda missed the eye-irritation, though. This year's might be considered a simplified convention, even for a district council, being on a far less pretentious scale than the "Fun in the Sun" Arizona husking bee of May 1-3, 1953. No 1000 Club shindig, no frills. Yet, everyone was happy and rarín to go, which they did. So it can work, as it will for the '56 national biennial.

To give you the other wheels and cogs responsible for the success of this one, they are: Banquet, Lillian Nakaji; Beach outing, Ikey Kakimoto, Harumi Yamada and John Suzuki; Booklet, Frank Mori and Harold Lee; Dance, Ken Ota and Mary Kanetomo; drawing, Tad Kanetomo; Finance, Mike Hide; Fishing and boating, Caesar Uyesaka; Hospitality, Isabel Tanaka and Yo Mori; Housing, Fumi Inouye and Hannah Katayama; P.A. system, Kenji Morihisa and Willia Iwamoto; Registration, Nao Asakura and Tomoko Yamada; Sightseeing, Akira Yamada and Aki Endo; Signs, Tom Fukumura and Tokio Yoneda; Table decorations, Bud Asakura. Omedejo.

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(Los Angeles) The fourth annual Nisei Relays, sponsored by the Los Angeles JACL Coordinating Council, will be held on Sunday, June 26, at Rancho Cienega Stadium, it was announced by Relays Chairman Bob Watanabe.

The Relays committee, which first met at the JACL Office two weeks ago, is composed of:

Arnold Hagiwara, track; Aki Nishiyama, Joe Yamashita, res.; Snaky Okuma, fin.; Ken Miura, booklet art; Blanche Shiosaki, booklet program; Tats Kushida, clean-up; Dr. Toru Iura, field ann.

Personnel from the JACL chapters will also provide assistance.

SPORTSCOPE

Hotsu Kanazawa of Palo Alto High broke the 120-lb. Peninsula Athletic League mark in the 120 lows at 14s in the league finals at Stanford University last week.

Vic Takeshita of San Francisco's Washington High broke the class C 660-yd. record in the All-City prelims with his 1m.28.7s. The old mark was 1m.30.5s.

Reedley High's Tom Hara tossed the shotput 53 ft.-1 in. to win the Sequoia League B division title and was four inches short of winning the discus event at 127 ft.-11½ in.

Willie Yahiro, one of the many Hawaiian Nisei playing for Coalinga Jr. College nine, hurled a no hit-no run game last week, pinning a 5-0 defeat over College of Sequoia, last year's Central California JC champions.

Flyweight Heiji Shimabukuro of Honolulu scored a first round TKO over James Anderson of St. Louis last week in Kansas City to win the 112-lb. crown of the 67th National AAU boxing championships. He also won the Inter-service 112-lb. title Apr. 22 at Oakland.

World flyweight champion Pascal Perez of Argentina will fight former champion Yoshio Shirai on May 30 in Tokyo. Shirai said he would try his best to break the jinx of regaining a once-lost title. The Japanese boasts a record of not being defeated twice by the same person.

Fuzzy Shimada of San Francisco finished the Downtown Invitational League season with a 200.67 average. He posted a 662-series in the final week of play.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

SHOPPING CENTER AT GARDENA

Los Angeles
Taul Watanabe, the financial wizard from Gardena, has announced the construction of a new \$300,000 shopping center in that city which is expected to be completed within a year.

The huge "U"-shaped building to cover 3.5 acres at the corner of 153rd and Western Ave. will include 25 units for various types of businesses: grocery stores, drug and fountain, novelty shops, photo studio, beauty shop, bakery, and cleaning establishment. One side of the wing will have two stories for insurance salesmen, real estate brokers and professional men.

Watanabe, 35, who gave up his law practice in Denver nearly 10 years ago to get into investments, said the shopping center is the beginning of another ambition two years hence. That dream will be the building of a six-story hotel in the heart of Li'l Tokio. He has declined to reveal the site for his \$435,000 edifice but indicated it will be located near First and San Pedro Sts. The hotel will have 100 rooms and a parking space to accommodate 100 cars. Plans here are scheduled for the early part of 1957.

His Gardena project will be handled by the newly organized Home State Investment Co., whose officers are yet to be named.

Watanabe noted that visitors from Japan today average more than 75 per day. He estimated they spend approximately half a million dollars annually at the three largest Los Angeles hotels, the Biltmore, the Ambassador and the new Statler.

HOTEL FACILITIES IN LI'L TOKIO

What Li'l Tokio has lacked is a good first-class hotel. Watanabe believes he can solve the situation by erecting one. We are very curious as to the location of his new hotel.

Li'l Tokio lost a four-story Olympic Hotel with its 106 rooms when the Civic Center project took out the northwest section of First and San Pedro Sts. The Olympic was built in 1925 at the cost of \$175,000 and sold for \$195,000 to the city in 1948.

Gardena Mayor Adams Bolton last Friday appointed Taul to its city planning commission and automatically becomes a member of the National Planning Congress. He also is active in the Lions and chamber of commerce.

VETERAN GROUPS ELECT OFFICERS

Commodore Perry Post 525 of the American Legion elected Soichi Fukui as commander to serve the 1955-56 term. The Sasei Legionnaire served with ATIS in the last war in the Philippines and in Tokyo. He served as finance officer for the Perry Post since 1951.

In Gardena, the Fourth District Nisei Memorial Post 1961 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars named Dr. Norman Kobayashi as its commander, succeeding Ken Nakaoka. The VFW chartered in August of 1953, will host the 1957 all-Nisei state convention in their city.

The group will be represented in Sacramento when the Dept. of Calif. VFW encampment is held June 22-26.

Dateline Northwest

BY BUDD FUKUI

BOOK REVIEW: 'HOMECOMING'

(Homecoming by Jiro Osaragi: Knopf, \$3.75)

Before World War II, the average American knew of the Japanese loosely in terms of buck teeth, sukiyaki, thick eye glasses, and "so sorry!"

In "Homecoming," Jiro Osaragi, one of Japan's greatest novelists, slides open the panel door to give us a better glimpse of the Japanese mind. His writing is the first postwar Japanese novel to be translated into English and published here.

Osaragi's book treads softly on Japanese views regarding social, political and economic values through a story focused on Kyogo Moriya, a former Japanese navy man who was forced into exile before World War II by a scandal.

Moriya, a wanderer, is caught in Singapore when war breaks out, and he is the one to watch in this novel which, as far as novels go, is short.

The story itself is simple enough: Moriya's brief affair with an attractive Japanese woman, Saeko Takano, who betrays him; his overwhelming desire to catch the spiritual strength of a beaten Japan; his aimless strolls around ancient Kyoto, much of which war had spared; his unexpected meeting with his grown-up daughter whose mother had remarried during his long absence, and his final revenge on Mrs. Takano.

In telling the story, author Osaragi repeatedly arouses the reader by touching on Japan's awesome beauty. One can almost smell the pinkish-white cherry blossoms, the sweet magnolias and the green cedars. All these indescribable things—the Japanese cultivated them because, as the author puts it, they are materially poor—contribute to poignant scenes in the plot.

Imperfections, particularly in the matter of spirit and mood, must be expected in any translated work. And "Homecoming" is no exception, however well Brewster Horwitz has accomplished the extremely difficult task of translating a language so strange to our native tongue and Western culture.

Keeping in mind that "Homecoming" is a translation from Japanese to English, the reader would do well to read this book slowly—as if it were poetry. If he gains some insight into the inner feelings of the Japanese, who are human beings, too, then the author has succeeded in his purpose.

"Homecoming," to be sure, falls short of the high mark of the American novel, and it certainly is not likely to cause any stampedes in libraries or bookstores. But it should be worth the time for those who sincerely wish to understand thoughts which tumble out of a defeated nation.

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Planting cherry trees donated by the Japanese of Utah to the State of Utah May 8 on the westside of the state capitol are Mrs. Maurea Terashima (left), Salt Lake JACL historian; Yuri Shiba, SLC Jr. Division publicity chairman; and Shig Kanegae, SLC Jr. Division president. Eighteen trees were planted in all.

—Terashima Photo.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

KASAMA—Apr. 18, boy Richard to Frank Kasamas (Mary Daito).
MARUYA—Apr. 23, boy Gordon to Soto Maruyas (Fumiko Yamamoto).
MATSUMOTO—Apr. 20, girl April A. to Asato Matsumotos (Masako Fukuda).
NAKAMURA—Apr. 21, boy Robert Masaru to Katsumi Nakamuras (Fumiko Yamashita).
ROBERT—Apr. 19, boy Curtis F. to Forrest Roberts (Frances Ohashi).
SADAKANE—Apr. 14, girl Cathleen G. to Nozomu Sadakanes (Joyce Fuji-no).
TSUKADA—Apr. 20, girl Reiko Grace to Masao Tsukadas (Kayoko Mizoguchi).
YAMAMOTO—Apr. 20, girl Bambi Haruko to Lloyd Yamamotos (Milly Ohashi).
YANO—May 5, girl Esther Naomi to Kiyoshi Yanos (Hiroko Nakagawa).
YONEMOTO—Apr. 17, girl Kimiko Diane to Hidezo Yonemotos (Sumiye Nagasawa).
YOSHIMURA—Apr. 20, boy Dean to Harold Yoshimuras (Masako Konii).

FRESNO

KIMURA—Apr. 20, boy to Woodley Hajime Kimuras, Kingsburg.

YUBA CITY

SHIMIZU—Apr. 27, girl to Kazu Shimizu.

SEATTLE

IDETA—May 5, girl to Henry Idetas.
KUMASAKA—Apr. 11, boy to George Kumasakas.

YOSHINAKA—May 4, girl to Kazuo Yoshinakas.

NEBRASKA

HARANO—Girl to Robert Haranos, North Platte.
KAKUDA—Apr. 14, girl to Frank Kakedas, Mitchell.
MORIOKA—Girl to Ted Moriokas, Gering.

Weddings

AOYAMA-SUGI—May 1, Harold, Linden; Aiko, Stockton.
FUJII-YAMASHIRO—May 22, George and Emiko of Sacramento.
FUKUSHIMA-OSATO—Harry, Dinuba; Mary, Reedley.
HANASHIRO-OSAKI—Apr. 30, Key and Matsue of Fresno.
HASHIMOTO-NAKAHARA—May 7, Bob Kenji, Cupertino; Rose Tomoko, San Francisco.
HIRANO-MATAGA—May 7, Sadao and Kimiko of Fresno.
KOTANI-MORISHITA—May 15, Ben and Shizuko of Sacramento.
MATSUMOTO-OKAZAKI—May 1, Sao, Santa Clara; Lucy Toshiye, San Jose.
OCHI-INOUE—May 8, Shigeru, Chicago; Virginia Takako, Stockton, at Los Angeles.
SHIMAMOTO-SADAHIRO—May 4, Yoshiharu, Sedgwick; Betty Toshiye, Ft. Lupton, at Denver.
SUZUKI-YAMAGUCHI—May 7, Richard Kiyoshi and Elsie Sachiko of Los Angeles.
YAMASAKI-KUROSAWA—May 8, Ichiro and Keiko of San Francisco.
YOKOMIZO-KIDO—May 22, Shichiro and Reiko of Oakland.

Deaths

ARAKAWA, Tsurutaro, 84; Reedley, May 8, survived by wife Tona, sons Keiyu, Masuo (Hawaii), and three grandchildren.
FUJII, Kame, 51; Sacramento, May 5, survived by husband Kosaburo, daughters Kimiko, Sumiko, Michiko, Yoshiko, Mrs. Chiyeiko Yagi and Mrs. Kikuyo Kato.
FURUMOTO, Otohiko, 68; Los Angeles, May 6, survived by sons Togo Sadahiko, Jack Taro, daughters Mrs. Nelli I. Yamamoto and Mrs. Rose S. Uno.
HAYAKAWA, Kiyo; Oakland, Apr. 29.
HORIGUCHI, Kazuma, 25; Sanger, Apr. 21 (funeral).
IMAI, Ryokichi; Portland, Apr. 8.
IRITANI, Frank Saichi, 70; Denver, Apr. 16, survived by wife Chitose, sons Frank, Wally, Roy, Dan and daughter Mrs. Donald Kawano.
ISHIKAWA, Mrs. Tsuta; Sacramento, May 7, survived by husband Sam, six children by former marriage, Keiichi, Yasuhiro, Tamiji Aiko, Yoshiko and Akiko Kitagawa.
ITO, Kazuo, 32; Forestville, Calif., May 4, survived by grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Hichijiro, parents Mr. and Mrs. Yoshimatsu, brother Teruo, Minoru and Isamu.
KAMEGAWA, Alice, 24; Los Angeles, May 9, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Sakaichi, brother Michael.
KATO, Katsuchi, 74; Seattle, May 2.
KOBORI, Kenzo; Sanger, Apr. 24, sur-

vived by wife Konami, son Yutaka, four grandchildren.
MAKISHIMA, Hatsuichi, 50; Berkeley, May 5, survived by Masuye, sons Jun, Yoji, Kei daughter Yumiko.
MATSUMOTO, Toraka; Sacramento, May 9, survived by husband Bunkichi, sons Hichizo, Susumu, Masao.
MIYOSHI, Nami, 80; Norwalk, May 10, survived by sons Yosaku, Haruo, Glenn and Masaru.
NAKANO, Hanaye, 63; Berkeley, Apr. 29, survived by husband Hisahashi, sons Masaki, Toshiyuki, Hideo, Sumio Isamu, daughter Mrs. Kiyoko Oku, Mrs. Miyoko Minamijima.
NAKASHIMA, Natsuo, 53; Marysville, Apr. 27, survived by husband Manto, son Yoshio and daughter Mrs. Louise Nishikawa, Mrs. Fujiye Kozaiaku and Mrs. Mizuye Narimatsu.
NAKAYAMA, Hatusaburo, 73; Berkeley, Apr. 22, survived by wife Chise, sons Hisao, Hideo, John, grandson and sister Mrs. Yoshino Okajima (Sanger).
NOMI, Shiozo, 59; Sunnyvale, Apr. 24, survived by wife Ito.
OHTA, Toyoyu, 72; Torrance, May 5, survived by wife Kikuye, son Hiro-ye, daughters Mrs. Sumiya Yokota, Mrs. Tokiye Fujimoto.
OKADA, Yutaka, 74; San Lorenzo, May 1, survived by wife Masa, sons Toshiharu, Kinji, daughter Kazuko, Mrs. Misao Kakimoto and four grandchildren.
OKUNO, Naozo, 66; San Francisco, Apr. 22, survived by wife Ikuko.
TAMAKI, Umekichi; Santa Maria, Apr. 22, survived by wife Kayo, sons Makoto, Tsutomu, and daughter Mrs. Shizuyo Morikawa.
TANIGUCHI, Mrs. Kaname; Fresno, Apr. 22, survived by husband Taro-bei, son Toshio and daughter Mrs. Kimiye Nishina.
TSUCHIYAMA, Giichi, 56; Long Beach, May 4, survived by wife Kimiko, sons Hideo, Teruo, Shigeo, daughters Fumiko Mrs. Aiko Takeshita, Mrs. Mieko Ishimine.
WATANABE, Tomono; Auburn, Apr. 23, survived by husband Bunzo, son Taro, daughter Haruko.

NEW CITIZENS

(Sacramento) Some 80 Japanese were granted U.S. citizenship in two ceremonies Apr. 5 and 6 in the second largest class of 215 new citizens in the history of the Sacramento office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Federal Judge Sherrill Halbert presided Tuesday and was joined by Judge John R. Ross the next day.

New Issei citizens include:

(Sacramento)—George Jirozo Yamatani, Yoshito Ota, Yasukichi Yasumura, Jimmie Tanihana, George Masuo Nishimura, Andrew Kunio Funakoshi, Uta Seto, James Katsuzo Shibata, Miyako Yamashita, Ike Yasuichi Ikemoto, Tsugino Oji, Matsukichi Enkoji, Noriichi Mura.
Suwa Mizutani, Ayame Soriki, Setsu Kunisaki, Yoshiye Yokota, Miji Nishimura, Tsutaye Okamura, Iki Tsukiji, George Yojiro Konishi.
Riye and Nobutsumi Yamagawa, Yakue Shinoda, Haruye Nomura, Hanae Namba, Kikuko and Henry Shigeki Kuroko, Kinu Sato, Sueno Sanjo, Shige Hashimoto, Harry Kuichi Masaki, Magojiro Uyeda, Takuzo Shingu, Uko Furuie.
Bill Goichi Kotani, Nami Mizutani, Suzaburo Sato, Henry Hiroichi Iehiko, Chiyo Ishimoto, Matsuo Kotani, Mori-kichi Shimizu, Tanichi Tamaoka, Matsue Yokoi, Tsuneo Yoshikawa, Takakichi Hori, Oyuchi Kikumoto, Makoto Shin Shimazu and Yoshiko Drayton.
Elk Grove—Shihei Inouye.
Davis—Matsu Ryugo.
Courtland—Henry Masanosuke and Shizue Inouye.
Carmichael—Fukuichi Miura.
Nicolaus—Tamotsu Tsutsui and Toyokichi Morita.
West Sacramento—Ichiro Masuhara.
Yuba City—Harry Yuichi Heya and Fumi Komatsubara.
Rio Linda—Shoko Takazawa Simon.
Walnut Grove—Shizuko Ota, Shizu Goto, Suemi Shimasaki, George Sakuzo Shimasaki, Yasu Kawamura, Shotarou Ueno, Chiyoiko Furuta, Torakichi Tawamura, Seikaku and Sadako Mizutani, Yoshio and Yoshie Hirakawa, Hajime Maeda, Shiroichi Furuta, Hiroko Arimoto, Shimaie and Shiyoo Arimoto, Kumao Miyagawa and Yei-ichi Tanaka.

DECADE AGO

May 19, 1945

Disclose Nisei 522nd Field Artillery fought in Germany, took active part in Seventh Army drive inside Reich; accompanied U.S. divisions crossing the Rhine.

Fresno police chief blames "hoodlums" for recent violence, windows broken in two more homes after Sakamoto shooting incident.

Univ. of Missouri fires Nisei instructor Teru Hayashi in academic row; backed student interracial education committee.

Churchill hails Nisei combat team for Italy victories.

Ickes blasts terror raids on coast evacuees, says hoodlums seek economic beachhead on properties of Japanese American.

Federal judge's ruling upsets Ogden City's policy of denying business licenses to Nisei.

Weiser (Idaho) American Legion post refuses to rent hall to anti-Nisei promoters.

Open hostel for evacuees in Boston.

Vandals break into San Jose Buddhist Church.

Judge Aiso to address Memorial Day services

(Los Angeles) Judge John Aiso of the Los Angeles Municipal Court will give the principal address at the Memorial Day services May 30, 11 a.m., sponsored by the Nisei Veterans Coordinating Council at the Evergreen Cemetery. Hideo Okanishi is emcee; Minoru Kasuyama, program chairman.

The public was asked to place a minimum amount of flowers on the military gravesites until the completion of the service. Decorated graves will be cleared, but flowers would be returned, the NVCC stated.

Summer tour alternate

(Berkeley) Carol Miyakawa of Sacramento, junior student majoring in child development at the Univ. of California, was chosen as alternate for this summer's Project Pakistan - India - Ceylon. Eight students have been selected to go on this unique educational experiment.

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Editorials

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

In previous years, the Senate Judiciary Committee included a "civil rights subcommittee", which was generally inactive without staff or funds. Its title was changed this year to "constitutional rights subcommittee" to avoid interpretation that it was solely concerned with matters of racial discrimination. And now it's in business. The inquiry concerns invasion of individual rights guaranteed by the Constitution by present trends in American life.

Now that the scope of its inquiry has been admittedly expanded, it is hoped that questions concerning racial discrimination are not forgotten or avoided.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Most groups saying the Pledge of Allegiance today pause before and after "under God" which was recently added to the Pledge by Congress. They say: "... one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." A few say "one Nation under God" as one phrase.

But a copy of the official Pledge from the White House shows no comma after "nation"—hence, no pause. Which means all masters of ceremonies at future functions and JACLers should note this well.

'DAVY CROCKETT WAS A SOUTHWESTER'

By the time this appears, the Southwest Los Angeles JACL chapter may have signed its 500th member this year. Its enthusiasm was wholesomely noted at the Santa Barbara convention of the Pacific Southwest District when plastic pins imprinted with "Davy Crockett was a Southwester" were being worn by its delegation. Some members even resurrected their old Kefauver Days 'coon caps, stylish today among the young tots.

This brand of ingenious and timely programming (like their forthcoming Neki Hokey Hop) may draw the envy of other chapters. We ascribe their secret to "new blood". Other chapters already know it and have tested it successfully.

With vacation season coming and Nisei of school age available to engage in projects, there seems to be little excuse to shave chapter activities to a negligible account in the summer. It appears to be an ideal period to inject "new blood".

Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

FIESTA BY THE SEA CONVENTION

Business meetings are usually conducted in drab surroundings. Ash trays never seem to be big enough. The seats get hard. The room gets stuffy; and if you had a long day at the office, the agenda can become soporific. . . . Maybe this is in the realm of the *Sou'Wester* but where he was situated in the glassed-in veranda of the Cabrillo Pavilion (site of the PSWDC business meeting last week), he missed seeing sunbathers below on the beach, the tiny splashes of surf, or the hungry pelican hurling into the waves. . . . I sat next to the window where, had the *Sou'Wester* sat, he would have delighted us with even finer detail of the view commanded from this vantage point. . . . It was the first time I felt that the atmosphere of a business meeting would win attention over the agenda. There was that cloudless blue sky, an even brighter blue Pacific and off-shore islands to beautify the horizon. . . . The wonders of Nature far surpass any fantastic-looking wallpaper or murals in most business meeting rooms.

One of the discoveries of this convention was the candid nonchalance of toastmaster Tom Hirashima at the banquet. . . . If the banquet schedule lagged, blame the diners who chuckled a bit longer than necessary. Assuming the role of toastmaster for the first time in his life (so he said), he carried on as if he were an old hand at the game. He was full of anecdotes. . . . He told the banquet: "Muchas, muchas gracias. If you wonder why I added that extra *muchas*, it's because I got a lot of Spanish in me." . . . Tom tripled himself as convention chairman, toastmaster and chief host, being the chapter president. Indeed, he was the find of the convention. And he has been in JACL for a long time.

I don't know how many aspire to sing the lead role in Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*, but the engaging young miss from Japan sang "Un Bel Di" at the convention banquet completely captivating the hall with her magnificent control of voice and charming personality. Miss Shige Yano is a student of the Music Academy of the West and hopes to study in Europe before returning to Japan. She would make a beautiful Cho-Cho San, I told friends sitting next to me at the table. . . . Dr. Elmer Noble's subject—"Standing Room Only"—dealt with the problem of population and food, and I wondered how effective it was after the Mar Monte Hotel chefs had served a generous dinner featuring prime rib. Theme of the principal speaker's address gnawed at the position two-thirds of the people in the world are starving. . . . One point, however, we shall pass is: "the less biological illiteracy in government, the better it will be for future children".

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER:

Autopsy on Hawaiian Statehood

Washington

Statehood prospects for the deserv-ing Territory of Hawaii were officially interred for this session by a vote of 218 to 170 in the House of Representatives early Tuesday evening, May 10.

The "murder" itself preceded the funeral by a day, it being committed Monday afternoon in the broad daylight of May 9, when 322 members of the House crushed 66 colleagues to accept the "closed" procedure by the Rules Committee for the consideration of the legislative package combining the statehood aspirations of both Hawaii and Alaska.

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'Compromise' ruled out

Acceptance of the "no amendments from the floor" rule killed the combination bill for all practical purposes, because "compromise" amendments that might have snatched life from death were foreclosed even before the nominal debate on the bill started.

Possible amendments that might have turned the tide included the following:

- (1) to divide the measure in order that each Territory could be voted up or down on its merits,
- (2) to reserve the northern half of Alaska as a military reservation, thereby presumably winning presidential endorsement of the combination bill, and
- (3) to reduce to one the two representatives authorized in the legislation for Hawaii.

When the "closed" rule was adopted, there remained only a single parliamentary maneuver that might have won the day.

That was for one of the statehood advocates to gain recognition to move to recommit the bill to the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee with instructions to re-submit the measure with one of the three amendments described earlier.

Even this "last chance" maneuver was doomed to failure, though, for it was up to the Speaker, Sam Rayburn of Texas who is bitterly opposed to statehood for both Hawaii and Alaska, to recognize the congressman who would make the motion to recommit.

Although it cannot be proved, there remains a suspicion that many who within themselves opposed statehood but could not afford to declare themselves publicly, voted for the "closed" rule, knowing its consequences, and then against recommitment, allowing them to report for the record that they were for statehood.

Almost three times as many congressmen voted against recommitment as did against the "closed" rule.

Many of them could excuse or explain their vote for the death knell "closed" rule by alleging that they simply voted to uphold the recommendations of the Rules Committee, which is the orderly and appropriate practice of congressional courtesy.

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Statehood debate

The seven hour debate on May 10 sounded almost like a repetition of previous debates on statehood for Hawaii and Alaska. Many of the same members who spoke for or against statehood in previous congresses repeated the same arguments and the same charges. Only the principal antagonists were different.

Instead of the veteran Democrats from the Deep South who sparked former opposition to statehood hopes, the legislative battle for the record was led by sophomore John R. Pillion, (R., N.Y.), serving his second term in the House.

Although all the historic and passionate appeals of the past debates were repeated over and over again, Empire Stater Pillion concentrated on two themes—statehood for these two Territories would give them "disproportionate" power in the Senate of the United States and "would deliver the Hawaiian state to the Communist Party on a silver platter".

This "disproportionate" power argument is an interesting one, though obviously a fraud in terms of history and accepted practice. This clear appeal to passion



argues that Hawaii and Alaska with 1/242 of the Nation's population would control 1/25 of the Senate voting power.

Carrying on for her beloved husband, Mrs. Joseph R. Farington, Republican Delegate from Hawaii, battled the "stacked deck" and logically refuted charges of Communist infiltration, as well as joining in the recapitulation of the documented case for statehood for Hawaii.

But, throughout the debate, the specter of defeat hung like a pall over the participants.

The leadership of both parties were arrayed against the combination measure. Speaker of the House Rayburn was unalterably opposed to statehood for both Territories. Minority Leader Joe Martin of Pennsylvania was for Hawaii but against Alaska, and rather than accepting both preferred neither.

This attitude, incidentally, on the part of many accounted for the majority rolled up for recommitment.

Strangely enough, though it was generally conceded that the case for Alaska was weaker than that for Hawaii, the major thrusts were aimed at our Island Territory, and not at our Northern Outpost. And the man most named in all the debate was Harry Bridges, president of the International Longshoremen Workers Union, an alleged Communist leader of a designated Communist-dominated union.

Republican Pillion was recognized by Democrat Rayburn to move to recommit the combination bill to the legislative committee that had reported it last March 3. The move to recommit was a tactical one which sidetracked a straight "yes" or "no" vote on the statehood issue.

Thus, a Republican teamed with a Democrat to officiate at the funeral of the statehood aspirations of traditionally Republican and Democratic territories, represented respectively by a Republican and a Democrat as nonvoting delegates to the Congress.

The majority to recommit was 218 to 170, with the 48 vote margin perhaps symbolic of the present 48 states in the federal union.

It was a bipartisan defeat for statehood hopes. One hundred thirteen Republicans voted to recommit along with 105 Democrats, as against 63 Republicans and 107 Democrats who voted against pigeonholing the legislation in committee.

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Plans to revive issue

Though dismayed by the House defeat, the indefatigable crusaders for Hawaiian Statehood, led by their indomitable Delegate, are already planning to revive the issue this session.

The House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee will be asked to report out two separate bills, one for Hawaii and one for Alaska. Then, utilizing a seldom-invoked special rule of the House

Hollywood film studio using Fujinon lens

(Los Angeles) Paramount has acquired the Japanese Fujinon lens, which permits shooting under any conditions with a minimum of light, and will use it for street locations on "The Kiss-Off," which Michael Curtiz is producing and directing.

Lens will be used in conjunction with the new superfast, supersharp Tri-X film. Outdoor and indoor filming on actual Los Angeles sites will require only one or two small sealed-beam lights, instead of studio light equipment pulling from 2,000 to 5,000 watts as such lensing has needed in the past.

CCYBA ball-carnival

(Fresno) The 10th annual coronation ball and carnival of the Central California YBA will be held July 2-3. The ball will be held at Marigold Ballroom on Saturday, the carnival at the Fresno Buddhist Church the following day.

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granting statehood matters privileged status, they hope to bypass the Rules Committee which most surely would pigeonhole the bills if given the opportunity.

On the Senate side, though they know that the Subcommittee leadership is discouraged by the House vote, plans are underway to urge this Subcommittee on Territories of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee to report out separate bills for these two remaining American Territories.

The dilemma seems to be that the House will not approve a package deal containing both Hawaii and Alaska, while the Senate will not consider the Territories separately.

The House passed bills for Hawaiian Statehood in 1947, 1949, and 1953 and a bill for Alaskan Statehood in 1950. The Senate adopted a Hawaii-Alaska combination last year. Neither chamber has shown any disposition to compromise with the other.

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President's position

The President's position is now more unclear than ever, although he has recently expressed his belief that the two Territories should be considered in separate legislation. He is on record favoring Hawaii and opposing Alaska, although a compromise of reserving the northern half as a military reservation might make even Alaska acceptable to him.

Not merit, but sheer politics of the shabbiest sort, coupled with bigotry, passion, and half-truths, conspired to defeat Statehood aspirations for the deserving people of Hawaii. But the day cannot be long delayed when this Territory will be welcomed as an equal in the sisterhood of states to which she has contributed so much in blood and treasure.

Mortar Board honor

(Los Angeles) Janet Fukuda, who reigned as Miss National JACL last September, was among 15 co-eds at the Univ. of Southern California to be awarded the highest Mortar Board honors for leadership, character and service this week.

CALENDAR

May 20 (Friday)
So. Alameda County—Meeting, Warm Springs School. Editor Stuart Nixon, spkr.

May 21 (Saturday)
West Los Angeles—Teen-Age dance, Gakuen Hall, 7-10 p.m.
East Los Angeles—Dinner-dance, Swallow's Restaurant, 7 p.m.
San Francisco—Meeting, Experimental films, American Friends Service Center, 1830 Sutter St., 8 p.m.

May 22 (Sunday)
Stockton—Community picnic, Mickle's Grove.
Reedley—Issei Citizen banquet, Reedley College cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
Long Beach—Harbor Dist.—Issei-Nisei Recognition banquet, L.B. Community Hall, 1760 Seabright, 7 p.m.
San Francisco—Peninsula Home tour (Auxiliary benefit).
East Los Angeles—Festival of Friendship, Fresno Playground.

May 25 (Wednesday)
Southwest Los Angeles—Meeting, Centenary Methodist Church, 8 p.m.; Author James Edmiston, spkr.
San Diego—Issei Testimonial banquet, Miyako Cafe, 7:30 p.m.
East Los Angeles—Meeting, Soto-Michigan Center, 8 p.m. Convention reports.

May 26 (Thursday)
Downtown L.A.—Luncheon meeting, San Kwo Low, 12 noon; Saul Elkins, spkr. "Life of Fabulous Wil Adams".

May 28 (Saturday)
Southwest Los Angeles—Cooking class, Centenary Methodist Church, 1:30 p.m.; Hayao Shishino, instr.

May 29 (Sunday)
Sacramento—Community picnic, Elk Grove.

June 3 (Friday)
Philadelphia — Meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.; Dr. James Dannenberg, spkr., "What Do You Know About Dentistry?"

June 5 (Sunday)
West Los Angeles—Community picnic, Ladera Park.
San Francisco—JACL Olympics, Kezar Stadium.

June 9 (Thursday)
Gardena Valley—Issei Testimonial dinner, Western Club, 15516 S. Western Ave.; Judge John Aiso, spkr.
East Los Angeles—"Marriage Clinic", Soto-Michigan Center, 8 p.m.

June 11 (Saturday)
Chicago—1000 Club Whing-Ding, North Park Hotel, 7:30 p.m.
San Francisco—Summer International dance, Surf Club, 9 p.m. Jim Blas orch.

June 19, (Sunday)
Twin Cities—Community picnic, Weber Parkway.

June 25-26
West Los Angeles—Community Carnival, Japanese Institute.

June 25 (Saturday)
Cincinnati—Community picnic.

June 26 (Sunday)
Los Angeles—Nisei Relays, Rancho Conega Stadium.
San Francisco — Community picnic, Golden Gate Park Speedway Meadows.