



## Dual nationality question for Nisei clarified

### Vagaries

BY LARRY TAJIRI

#### THIS IS BOB'S COLUMN

Denver

This is really Bob Okazaki's column. Guess we've known Bob for a long time—though we haven't seen him since one day just before mass evacuation in Los Angeles back in 1942, thirteen years ago. We first met him early in the depression-ridden 1930s when he came down from his home town of Seattle to start the first Nisei-operated daily newspaper in Los Angeles, the New Japanese American News. The venture wasn't long-lived but Bob's tabloid generated considerable excitement in Little Tokyo in those days.



Bob has had about as varied a career as any Nisei. Even before his newspaper venture, he'd been down in Hollywood where he'd started playing bit parts in the movies as far back as 1925. Bob kept taking an occasional role in the movies while he was running the newspaper in the 1930s and later, just before Pearl Harbor, when Hollywood was turning out a spate of anti-Japanese films, mainly about militarism in the Far East. "I was one of the busiest guys in Los Angeles," Bob recalls, "doing Japanese spies, secret agents, army officers

... and other devious and inscrutable Nipponese bits."

We remember being in a New York movie house back in 1941, watching a Clark Gable opus about an American caught in the mesh of Japanese intrigue in the Far East, when a Japanese general strutted past the camera—and there was Bob Okazaki. Bob, incidentally, always disclaimed any artistic or thespian ambitions. "My heart wasn't in it," he says, "I was doing it because I needed the money." Bob's still playing in the movies, though. He'll be seen shortly as a pearl merchant in a 20th Century picture with a Japanese setting, *House of Bamboo*, which stars Shirley Yamaguchi, Robert Ryan and Robert Stack.



#### HOLLYWOOD OF YESTERYEARS

The other day we got a letter from Bob Okazaki. He's married, settled down in Los Angeles and in the wholesale importing business with George Nakaki. But he's still interested in show business and his pitch was to get the word out to the younger Nisei—guess some of them are technically Sansei and Yonsei—about some of the things the Issei and Nisei have done in the entertainment world way back when. But let Bob tell it:

"I suppose the average American thinks of the California Japanese as a farmer, gardener, market man, shop keeper, Skid Row hotel operator, or an Oriental art goods dealer, with a sprinkling of doctors, lawyers, dentists, optometrists and preachers. . . . Even the Nisei themselves read the news this year about the importation of Japanese circus artists by the Ringlings as something new. They little know about Tsuru Aoki or Sessue Hayakawa who used to play leads in Hollywood features. And it was not too long ago when the Takahashi sisters, Helen and Dorothy, from the Maryknoll school, billed with Paul Jew as the Three Mah Jongs, were playing the big vaude circuits, and later Dorothy and Paul teamed in a dance act which appeared on three continents. They were dancing at the Savoy in London in 1939 when the blitz came to Britain.

"I tell these kids about Togo Tanaka's sisters dancing on a Mississippi River showboat and they think I'm nuts. But I remember back when Toshia Mori was a Wampus Baby Star, and farther back when Sojin Kamiyama played one of the Three Wise Men in a Cecil B. DeMille epic. The new Freeway has cut through some of the picturesque portions of the Hollywood of the bygone days, but it just missed the old Hayakawa mansion. It still stands, a silent reminder to a now little-remembered actor who was a top star in Hollywood and the senior Douglass Fairbanks was a member of his supporting cast.

"I could go on and on, telling about vaudeville headliners like Haruko Onuki (who now sells real estate here), Madame Iki, the clever Miyakos, the Kanazawa acrobatic troupe and Fumiko Kawabata, the Los Angeles girl who was on the old Orpheum two-a-day when she was only 17."

Bob says that Hollywood has a number of Japanese back ground pictures in the making, creating something of a boom for players of Japanese ancestry. Bob has an agent, Mary Reeves, who operates the Oriental Casting Service and handles many of the Japanese Americans in entertainment. If there's a boom, Bob will be in the middle of it.

As we said, this is really Bob Okazaki's column. He may insist that his heart isn't in it, but personally we prefer to believe that down deep he's fascinated—as most of us are—by the world of lights and shadows, of greasepaint and klieglights.



Seiji Horiuchi, Brighton (Colo.) Jr. Chamber of Commerce president, and Mile-Hi JACL vice-president, was elected state vice-president of District 6, Colorado JCC.

### Nisei Coloradan wins state Jr. C. of C. high post

(Brighton, Colo.) The local junior chamber of commerce, headed by Seiji Horiuchi, president, absent from the state convention for 12 years, claimed top recognition at the 1955 state JC convention in Grand Junction by winning the state's "most outstanding chapter" award and coping five of 10 awards in its division and two individual awards.

Horiuchi, who is also 3rd vice-president of the Mile-Hi JACL, was unanimously elected state vice-president of his district. He also won the Ken Phillips Award for the "most outstanding" chairman in phases of JC work and received a certificate of merit for his accomplishments as state agricultural chairman, a position to which he was appointed last February after resignation of the original appointee.

The Brighton JCs competed with other chapters in towns of less than 10,000 winning various awards. They have two legs on the state membership traveling trophy, winning this year with a 129 per cent increase.

The winning agricultural and project of the year entries by Brighton will be entered in national competition.

Harry Sakata, Mile-Hi JACL president, attended the state JC convention as Horiuchi's campaign manager for the state office.

### Nisei posts co-sponsor May 29 Memorial service

(San Francisco) Commander Robert Smith of the American Legion Eight District will be the main speaker at the Nisei Memorial Day services, May 29, being sponsored by the Townsend Harris legionnaires and Golden Gate Nisei Memorial VFW Post at the main bandstand of the Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno. Frank Dobashi is chairman.

### Issei couple killed

(Watsonville) A local berry farming couple, Mr. and Mrs. Masaki Takamune, died in an automobile accident late Friday last week. Highway patrol officers reported a car was following the Takamune car, driven by their son, Roy, and tried to pass. Forced to cut back, the second car collided with the Takamune car. Roy suffered major injuries in the crash.

(Washington) Nisei with dual nationality residing in this country are not in danger of losing their United States citizenship on Dec. 24, 1955, because of a dual nationality status over which they have no control, Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, declared in answer to many inquiries.

Apparently much of the confusion stems from newspaper accounts in this country that United States Ambassador John Allison in Tokyo recently warned all Nisei with dual nationality in Japan to check their citizenship status in the light of a special section of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 providing for the divestiture of nationality of dual nationals, Masaoka said.

No Nisei in the United States or its territories is affected by this special section, he announced, following discussions on this highly complicated and technical subject with professional staff members of the House Judiciary subcommittee on Immigration and Nationality and officials of the Nationality section of the Passport office of the Department of State.

Section 350 of the Immigration and Nationality Act provides that "a person who acquired at birth the nationality of the United States and of a foreign state and who has voluntarily sought or claimed benefits of the nationality of any foreign state shall lose his United States nationality by hereafter having continuous residence for three years in the foreign state of which he is a national by birth at any time after attaining the age of 21 years unless he shall:

"1. prior to expiration of such three-year period, take an oath of allegiance to the United States before a United States diplomatic or consular officer in a manner prescribed by the Sec. of State; and

"2. have his residence outside of the United States solely for such specifically defined purposes as being in the employment of the United States government (or in the armed forces); as living abroad temporarily to principally represent a bona fide American educational, scientific, philanthropic, commercial, financial, or business

organization, or an American religious organization, or an international agency in which the United States participates; as being a bona fide student; or, if a veteran of any war in which this country has participated in certain designated work."

Masaoka was informed that the State Department has sent out detailed instructions on the application of these dual nationality provision to all American consulates abroad. It was suggested that all of those in this country who have family members, relatives, and friends in Japan who might be affected by these provisions to write and urge them to consult their nearest United States Consulate immediately to protect their United States citizenship. Dec. 24, is the three-year deadline, he warned.

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### Sacramento, Fresno I&NS offices to remain open

(Washington) The Sacramento and Fresno field offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service will continue their operations indefinitely, the Washington JACL office reported this week.

Earlier this year, both of these offices were to have been closed under reorganization plans announced by Commissioner Swing as part of an economy and decentralization program. JACL chapters in Sacramento and San Joaquin valley then urged these offices be allowed to continue because of the Issei naturalization program.

Upon hearing of the reorganization plans, Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.) chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Nationality, conducted a number of executive (closed) hearings with officials of the service.

Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, was one of several non-administrative witnesses who expressed concern over the closing of many field offices and the decentralization policies of the service to the Walter subcommittee.

Following the Congressional inquiry into the Immigration and Naturalization Service reorganization program, additional conferences with Commissioner Swing and the Washington JACL representative were held on the matter of closing some of the West Coast I&NS field offices.

The service now, however, has determined that the Sacramento and Fresno field offices would remain in operation, although a final problem of possible staff reduction has not been resolved.

### JACL TO PARTICIPATE IN ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY MAY 30 RITES

(Washington) The Japanese American Citizens League will join more than 50 other patriotic civic and veteran groups in the annual Memorial Day services at Arlington National Cemetery, it was announced by Ira Shimazaki, chairman of the National JACL Arlington Cemetery Committee.

Following a tradition of the past seven years, a National JACL wreath will be laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier by Ruth Kuroishi, D.C. JACL president, at services led by President Eisenhower.

After formal services at the Amphitheater, members of the D.C. chapter will visit each of the 20 Nisei World War II soldier dead buried at Arlington.

### Family of four escapes injury in Salt Lake vandal bombing of automobile

(Salt Lake City) The Sugawara family narrowly escaped injury last week when hit-and-run bombers blasted the family car and shattered windows in their home at 920 Gale St.

The blast was one of three explosions which rocked the west side shortly before 10:30 p.m., Wednesday. The bombers, believed to be juvenile vandals, wrecked an automobile and a pick-up truck after setting off a decoy explosion to draw police attention.

Narrowly escaping injury were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sugawara

and their daughters Lillian, 11, and Mary, 6. The Sugawaras were sitting in their living room watching television when the blast occurred.

The explosion was believed caused by some type of homemade bomb hung on the gas tank filler cap of the car. The blast ripped off left rear fender, damaged all the glass on the car and ripped through the trunk. The force of the explosion also blew in the window of the front bedroom window and the glass transom above the front door.



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## From the Frying Pan

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## WATER IN THE ROCKIES

Denver

It rained the other day in Denver. In fact it rained steadily for 36 hours, and before it quit nearly two inches of precipitation had leaked out of the sky. Now, this is hardly more than a good shower up in Seattle and Portland, but two inches was more moisture than we've had in any one storm in four years. The rain came down with a pleasant pitter-patter, the air was soft with humidity, and it certainly made for good sleeping.



Since we've been caught in a drouth cycle, all of us have been made aware of the necessity for conserving water. And so perhaps it was not surprising during the rain when our Christie, the youngest, seeing puddles in the street and rivulets in the gutters, was moved to remark: "God sure is wasting water, isn't He?"

What goes as waste here, fortunately, becomes irrigation water for Nisei and Issei farmers at places like Brighton, Fort Lupton, Platteville and Greeley along the Platte river, and as far away as Sedgwick where Kish Otsuka farms, and Hershey, Neb., where George and Fred Kuroki, and a handful of other Nisei need water for their potato and sugar beet crops.

Where we grew up in the Pacific Northwest, about the only worry we had with water was to get it dumped in the ocean as quickly as possible. Here in the continental heartland, water is life.

## BOOK REVIEW: SOME PREFER NETTLES

I gather from Budd Fukui's review of the translated Japanese novel, *Homecoming* by Jiro Osaragi, in last week's P.C., that he was somewhat less than impressed. I was disappointed, if anything, in another translation, *Some Prefer Nettles*, by Junichiro Tanizaki. No doubt these writers are masters of the novel in Japan, but at least in Tanizaki's case the translation falls short of popular American expectations.

Tanizaki's tale is set in pre-war Japan. It's a story of decadence, the story of a well-to-do gentleman who is no longer stirred by his wife. She patiently puts up with his indifference until, eventually, she finds herself a lover. This gives our "hero" a perfect reason for seeking a divorce, but he can't quite get up the gumption to go through with it.

Perhaps unconsciously, Tanizaki explains in part the basic cause of Japan's great misadventure in the field of imperialism, and her resulting demise as a world power. For while that nation slipped ever deeper into the morass of totalitarianism, and the saber-rattlers seized the government, Japan's decadent intellectuals as personified in Tanizaki's Kaname, couldn't even make the decisions necessary to put their personal lives in order.

## NEWSPAPERWOMAN'S POLICY

I see by the papers that the Grand Junction *Sentinel's* Katie Kawamura, a superior type of newshen, has won another national award. Katie, who covers a large part of the Gunnison river country southeast of Grand Junction, won a National Women's Press club citation for a series of stories. Katie makes it a policy to be on first-name terms with almost everybody in her extensive beat, and covers everything from murders to football games to church socials.

## EX-HEART MOUNTAIN OFFICER WRITES

Bonnie Mechau, who used to do reports for WRA at Heart Mountain, currently with the Institute of Inter-American Affairs in Brazil, writes that Rio no doubt is one of the most beautiful places in the world. In addition, he says, the white collar class goes to work at 11 a.m., and there seems to be a club in every block along spectacular Copacabana beach, which is just a block from where he lives. Saturdays and Sundays and holidays, which are frequent, the entire town is paraded by men in swimming trunks and women in sketchy bathing suits. Flowering trees, bamboo, mango and papaya are almost within reach of his apartment. A far cry, certainly, from dusty, depressing old Heart Mountain, hey?

## Minority Week

The Louisiana State University segregation case reached the federal courts last week for the seventh time as attorneys for young Alexander P. Tureaud, New Orleans Negro student, would be readmitted to the LSU Agricultural and Mechanical College without further delay. Tureaud was admitted in September, 1953, but expelled two months later because of race.

May 17, the day a U.S. Supreme Court decision banned public school segregation last year, was observed as Freedom Day by the NAACP. In New York, the week was proclaimed as NAACP Week.

## TOKYO TOPICS

## Cherry Blossoms for Baguio

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

(In the April 22 Pacific Citizen, Tamotsu Murayama disclosed the Japanese Boy Scout project of sending 1,000 cherry trees to the summer capital of the Philippines at Baguio. He was present at the April 30 ceremonies when Filipino Boy Scouts planted some in front of Baden-Powell Hall.—Editor.)

Baguio

A simple planting ceremony of Japanese cherry trees here last month by the Filipino Boy Scouts is very significant in view of cir-

cumstances which still bar the conclusion of a treaty of peace between two free nations of the Far East.

The cherry tree planting was widely welcome here. The young trees were the gift of Japanese Boy Scouts who were guests last year at the Filipino Boy Scout national jamboree and who wanted to perpetuate the happy memories of their visit. National and municipal officials were present for the occasion.

Baguio, some 400 miles north of Manila, is situated some 5,000 feet above sea-level where cool

winds prevail and where mountain scenery is lush. The last war ruined much of the buildings and landscape, but Baguio is slowly rebuilding itself. And the cherry trees figure in the beautification plans. Some are to be planted in front of the city hall soon.

When the Boy Scouts of the Philippines drove me up here, they pointed out five different dialects were spoken by natives living between Manila and Baguio. The older folks still use Spanish and English although Tagalog is the national Filipino language.

The college-educated Filipino speaks English with an accent which can be traced to his dialect, and the Filipinos love to talk. They are wonderful orators.

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## Only few Japanese remain in mountain city

Before the war, many Japanese farmed and gardened in Baguio. Today, only Japanese one finds are those married to Filipinos. I met George Komiyama, whose mother is a Filipino, here. He works there is a Filipino, here. He works zenship, and had come to see his mother here.

There are some school teachers, writers and social workers here who are of mixed Filipino-Japanese blood, too.



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## TASHIRO JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT URGED BY JACL BEFORE SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE

(Washington) The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Judicial Nominations last week heard Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, give JACL testimony endorsing the executive nomination of Benjamin M. Tashiro of Hawaii for a federal judgeship.

Tashiro, currently the Assistant Attorney General of the Territory of Hawaii, was nominated last month by President Eisenhower to Judge of the Fifth Circuit Courts, Territory of Hawaii, a four-year post.

The Executive nomination requires Senate confirmation.

JACL testimony endorsing the Nisei nominee was given before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Judicial Nominations, composed of Chairman Price Daniel (D., Tex.) and Senators Olin D. Johnston (D., S.C.) and John Marshall Butler (R., Md.).

This Daniel Subcommittee is the first Senate body to receive a Nisei presidential nomination requiring Senate approval, except for military and administrative (Foreign Service and Post Office) positions.

Testifying on the qualifications of Tashiro, the Washington JACL representative said Tashiro "is without doubt as well qualified as any, and better qualified than most, by training, experience and temperament for the federal responsibility to which he has been designated."

"It was for these reasons that the Attorney General of the United States, after exhaustive investigation, recommended his appointment to the President who, in approving the recommendation, in turn submitted his nomination to the Senate for confirmation as provided in the Federal Constitution."

Detailed testimony was also given on Tashiro's family, educational and occupational background as well as his practical working experience in the judiciary, legislative, administrative government, and military fields. Additional testimony of his community and civic activities and his many personal and organizational endorsements was provided the Subcommittee.

The JACL testimony pointed out that the Japanese ancestry of Tashiro "was not a factor in determining his fitness for this presi-

## MASTERTON ISSEI PENSION BILL PASSES COMMITTEE

(Sacramento) Hope for securing old age assistance for Issei, too old to qualify for naturalization, received a boost with a "do pass" recommendation last Friday from the Assembly Ways and Means Committee on JACL-sponsored AB 2255.

"This is the first time that a JACL-sponsored old age assistance bill for Issei has ever been approved by the important Ways and Means Committee of the Assembly, which must pass on all bills requiring appropriations," commented Haruo Ishimaru, JACL lobbyist here.

Approval of the bill by the committee assures its passage in the Assembly, but it still faces a fight in the Senate, Ishimaru pointed out.

The bill is authored by S. C. Masterson of Richmond.

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## Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

### NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

This is the time of year when scholarships of all sorts are announced to the happy winners. The glad tidings this year have come to a chosen few among the Nisei youths in Hawaii.

Although the number of the elite group is rather small, still it is growing year by year. More significantly, the educational honors are being conferred by some of the Nation's top schools. This means that the local Nisei are facing stiffer competition, especially where the scholarships are offered on a national scale. Evidently they are meeting the competition quite successfully.

A son of a Japanese gardener in Honolulu was one of the scholarship winners last week. John Mineto Ono, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gunki Ono of 3232 Francis St., Honolulu, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

A senior at Iolani High School, John will leave in September, after summer pineapple cannery work, to enroll as a pre-law student at Harvard.

His parents were born in Japan, his father in Kumamoto, his mother in Fukui prefecture. They came to Honolulu in 1920, met and were married here.

Scholastically and in other class activities, John has been outstanding. He served as class treasurer for three years, was business manager of a student publication, and ranked second in grades.

He also won first place in a recent French competition and is now competing for national honors.

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### FOUR TESTS, AN ESSAY PLUS RECOMMENDATIONS

Another Harvard scholarship winner last week was Wallace Fukunaga, student body president of McKinley High School, the largest in the Territory.

The \$1,000 scholarship will go towards his medical training to become a pediatrician.

To win, he took four all-day tests, wrote a 300-word essay on "What the United Nations Means to Me," and received the recommendations of his teachers.

He has won many other honors for himself and his school. Last year he represented Hawaii in the United Nations' Pilgrimage for Youth at U.N. headquarters in New York, and was McKinley's winner of the Voice of Democracy contest, and represented the school in the Honolulu finals.

Recently he won second place in a local contest on the subject, "Communism—How to Fight It," and placed first in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary essay contest, "What Civil Defense Means to Me."

He is active in many campus groups and functions.

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### U.S. AIRFORCE ACADEMY APPOINTEE

Another Honolulu student, Wilfred Motokane Jr., was chosen as one of three Hawaii youths to enter the first class of the new U.S. Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs. A total of 301 were selected from 6,000 applicants in the national competition.

The academy for the future air cadets begins July 15. Wilfred, 17, is the son of Mrs. Wilfred Motokane, of 1021-17th Ave., Honolulu. His father was killed on Okinawa two days before World War II ended, while serving with the Army's counter-intelligence forces.

Wilfred is a senior at Iolani High School and active in sports.

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### NAT'L HI-Y PRESIDENT

Still another Honolulu youth in the news was Asa Akinaka. He made his mark last year when he was elected national president of the Hi-Y clubs. He was awarded an honorary scholarship of \$50 to the university of his choice.

He applied for and was accepted by Yale University, New Haven, Conn., where he will enroll in September.

Asa left last week for Washington, D.C., to attend the National YMCA Council meeting as a board member representing Hi-Y.

Early in July he will go to Paris to attend the national Hi-Y World Centennial. He will join group of Hi-Y delegates and tour 10 countries in Europe before returning to register at Yale. He will study pre-law.

Asa is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Akinaka of 1503 Houghtailing St., Honolulu. Until recently Akinaka was building superintendent for the City-County of Honolulu.

These scholastic honors have been won by recipients on the basis of their individual merits. They possessed the traits and demonstrated their leadership so capably they stood out among their teen-age contemporaries.

Since there were no racial qualifications involved, the fact of their Japanese extraction was no handicap in competing with youth of other racial descent.

### IN HONOR OF

Tom Shimasaki, director of Lindsay Vegetable Cooperative and longtime JACler, was presented a certificate of recognition by the Lindsay Lions for his activities in civic affairs, including presidencies in the Y's Men's Club, chamber of commerce; chairmanship of Lindsay's county fair exhibits for the past two years, Kiwanis, and active in the scouting program.

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Three students of Roosevelt High School in Los Angeles, Eugene Sekiguchi, Harvard Horiuchi and Allen Masuhara, were named to attend the 1955 California Boys State. (Horiuchi is on the circulation staff of the Pacific Citizen.)

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Ben Terashima of Terashima Studios, Salt Lake City, won two of four possible portrait division awards last week in the Utah State Professional Photographer's annual competition. Prize winning entries are being shown throughout the state.

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Michiko Sanada, 15, West High sophomore, was named one of the "top teenagers" last week by the Salt Lake Tribune. Her ever-present smile and radiant personality which reflect a typically wholesome teenage attitude toward life were cited. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Shintatsu Sanada.

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Togo Tanaka, editor of the American School News (quarterly publication of the American School Chicago), was cited First Place Award for school news editing by the International Council of Industrial Editors at their 1955 national conference at Louisville, Ky., last week. He has been School News editor since its inception in 1949.

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Tsujio Kato, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenji Kato, Oxnard, who will represent the city at the 1955 Boys State at Sacramento, was elected student-body president at Oxnard Union High School.

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Cadet Lt. Col. Howard K. Okamoto was named outstanding cadet at the Univ. of Utah ROTC and presented a gold medal by Brig. Gen. Wallace West, Utah director of selective service.

## Calif. supreme court invalidates bedding plant marketing order

(Los Angeles) The California Supreme Court by order filed Apr. 20 has denied the state's petition for hearing to review decision of the District Court of Appeal in the case of California vs. Asamoto, which involved the question of validity of the original Marketing Order for California Bedding Plants.

The District Court of Appeal had held the Bedding Plant Order invalid, as violative of the due process clause of both the Federal and State Constitutions, on the ground that the marketing of bedding plants was not affected with a public interest, and therefore, that such marketing was not subject to regulation under the police power of the State. The refusal to review by the California Supreme Court renders the decision of the District Court of Appeal final and conclusive.

The Bedding Plant Order was first issued by the Director of Agriculture in 1951, imposing regulation upon the marketing of bedding plants by growers or producers for resale, and in connection therewith a supplementary Assessment Order and Minimum Price Order were also issued. The Assessment Order required monthly reports by growers of sales of bedding plants, and imposed a two per cent assessment on gross sales; the Minimum Price Order established a schedule of prices below which bedding plants could not be sold. Penalties were imposed for failure to comply.

Robert A. Asamoto, proprietor of Bellevue Nursery, located at 14021 Cerise Ave. in Hawthorne, had refused to comply with the Bedding Plant Order on the ground that it was unconstitutional, and an action was instituted by the State of California against him to collect penalties and compel compliance. Asamoto defended the action through his attorneys, Chuman, McKibbin & Yokozeki, receiving a favorable decision from Judge William J. Palmer of the Superior Court, and on appeal by the State, a unanimous decision in his favor by the District Court of Appeal. Denial of the Petition for Hearing filed by the State in Supreme Court, therefore, concludes the matter favorably to Mr. Asamoto.

David McKibbin and David T. Yokozeki, counsel for Mr. Asamoto, stated that the Bedding Plant Order was later amended in 1954, which amended order was not specifically under review on this appeal, and that there are presently pending actions which had been instituted by the State under the amended order against bedding plant growers, including another against Asamoto, on the alleged ground that such growers were not observing the amended order. However, it was pointed out that the amendment related only to minimum prices and that otherwise the amended order and the original order remained the same.

As the decision of the District Court of Appeal was not based upon the minimum price features of the original order, but rather on the broad ground that the marketing of bedding plants was not affected with a public interest, it would appear that the decision would be equally as applicable to the amended marketing order, and therefore, that under the present ruling of the district court, the amended order would also be declared invalid and unenforceable.



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## Chicago Corner

BY SMOKY SAKURADA

(This is the final installment on the job-opportunities series from a Chicago Nisei personnel counselor.—Editor.)

### PROSPECTS AS ENGINEERS

BY HAL NOEL

A Nisei is no different from anyone else when it comes to earning a good living for himself and his family. Closely tied in with the factor of the prestige of his vocation and profession is the factor of income.

Since there is some indication today that the Nisei can make good in the engineering field, some figures as to what earnings can probably be expected by young people entering this field may be of interest and value to parents and friends who are guiding Nisei and Sansei towards certain educational goals, and add to incentives for those now contemplating a college curriculum.

My job is personnel placement. The following information is a summary of some of the things I have found in my work with employers and applicants, with special emphasis on the technical and engineering fields in which most of my work is carried on. It is reasonable to expect that these figures may rise or fall depending on the status of the economy and natural laws of supply and demand in the labor market.

It may be of interest to note that some of this information was given to me without the knowledge that I am myself Nisei, since much of my work is done over the phone.

Here are some job outlines and salary ranges for college and engineering graduates, with no actual job experience.

**MECHANICAL ENGINEERING:** The starting salary in this field averages from \$350 to \$433 a month and covers:

a) Production Engineering, consisting mainly of estimating flow of material, planning and scheduling, line supervision, processing (tooling, jigs, fixtures), possibly some design of production machinery;

b) Design Engineering, which is concerned with detailing, checking, machine design, product design, also project engineering in cases where the job holder is responsible from the conception of a product or machine and for carrying it through the model shop and pilot run, at which time the project is considered complete and is turned over to production;

c) Plant Engineering, including layout of buildings, re-design of present buildings, electrical layout, power plant, construction, millwork, machine installation and maintenance, also complete plant maintenance;

d) Research and Development Engineering;

e) Fringe areas in Administrative Engineering, Sales Engineering are not too encouraging for Nisei.

**ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING:** Starting salaries here are from \$350 to \$450 a month and cover roughly the same areas as Mechanical Engineering, with more emphasis on design, research and development.

Communications or Electronics Options are in greater demand than Power Options. Advanced degrees are helpful in this field.

**CIVIL ENGINEERING:** Salaries are from \$325 to \$433 a month. Construction companies offer design or field supervision opportunities. Job stability, however, fluctuates with weather conditions in the smaller companies. City and State Highway Department work also often fluctuates seasonally.

Board work with consulting firms offers fair relative stability and above average salaries, but there are fewer opportunities at the upper levels.

Architectural opportunities are fewer, but more stable. Chain stores (Walgreens, Standard Oil, many insurance companies) are now doing some of their own store and office design and there is good acceptance for Nisei in this area.

**INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING:** Salaries range from \$325 to \$433 to start. The work includes time studies, plant turnover, methods, production control, cost studies, stock and inventory control, material flow. Nisei can expect average acceptance.

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### NON-ENGINEERING FIELDS

**PHYSICS-CHEMISTRY:** Starting salaries are lower in this field, from about \$300 to \$375 and advance degrees are helpful. The most rewarding areas are Research and Development. Progress is slower than in other fields but there is good stability. Food lines are not as remunerative as pharmaceutical, industrial or household chemical lines. It is relatively difficult to get into administrative work in this field.

**MATHEMATICS:** Salaries begin at \$275 to \$375 and advance degrees are definitely helpful. Actuarial work is not too plentiful, while Market Research and other statistical work is relatively low paying. It is possible to get into Statistical Quality Control if training is supplemented with some engineering.

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION:** \$275 to \$350 a month are average starting salaries here. The opportunities are in accounting, small office management, payroll, production control, purchasing and clerical phases of production. Merchandising opportunities are also good at all levels except direct retailer phases. This is the most flexible among the non-technical degrees. Opportunities for Nisei in these areas are fair, but the competition is tough.

**LIBERAL ARTS, SOCIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY, ECONOMICS, POLITICAL SCIENCE, etc.:** \$260 to \$325 is average for a beginner's salary. General clerical, and factory clerical overlap somewhat with Business Administration. Generally, industry feels that Liberal Arts graduates are not sure of what they want,—nor have they accurately evaluated what industry wants.

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### ASPECTS ON PERSONALITY

On the whole, the present labor market calls for fairly specific types of people. Nisei must possess work histories that show much stability. Companies check into reference more carefully than ever. Appearance and poise are doubly important for Nisei. Most important of all is the ability to get along with people.

—This means being able to take it, yes.

—But it is just as important to know how to dish it out properly.

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Portion of the head table at the Detroit JACL testimonial for Issei citizens include (left to right) Sadao Kimoto, chapter president; Mrs. Miyoko O'Neill, 1st v.p.; Mike Masaoka; Yasuichi Teshima; Chief Federal Judge Arthur F. Lederle and his wife.  
—Tom Hashimoto photo.

## 73 DETROIT ISSEI CITIZENS FETED BY CHAPTER; LATE MR. KOKUBO CITED

BY KAY MIYAYA

(Detroit) Seventy-three new Issei citizens were honored by the Detroit JACL at its May 15 testimonial dinner at International Institute. Chief Federal Judge Arthur F. Lederle, guest speaker, regarded the occasion as "symbolic of a new day in America where we no longer penalize people for belonging to a particular race."

Yasuichi Teshima responded for the new citizens. Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative, then discussed the McCarran-Walter Act which made this occasion possible.

Special recognition was paid to the late Taizo Kokubo, organizer and teacher of naturalization classes and himself a new citizen. National JACL Certificate of Appreciation in his name was presented to his son, Dr. Ted Kokubo, by Masaoka. The last such award went to Hershey Miyamura, Medal of Honor winner.

Other special guests included: Judge and Mrs. Theodore Bohn; Councilman and Mrs. Eugene Van Antwerp; Mrs. Beulah Whitby, Commission on Community Relations, ass't dir.; Florence Cassidy, Council of Social Agencies; James Anderson, Detroit News; Oren T. Moore, Mrs. Alice Sickels, Mrs. Fern Gunkel, Jeanette Tennant, Dr. Walter Baum, International Institute.

The program opened with Boy Scouts, under direction of Charles Yata, leading in the Pledge of Allegiance and Yoshio Kasai, accompanied by Marie Konishi, singing the National Anthem. The Rev. M. Mochizuki of Dearborn First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.

Chapter president Sadao Kimoto extended greetings. Mrs. Miyoko O'Neill, first vice-president, then introduced the new citizens and presented gifts of appreciation to the instructors.

Mrs. Terry Yamasaki rendered Chopin's Scherzo in C-sharp minor. Mrs. Machiko Bracey danced the "Sakura". Dr. Kokubo was emcee of the event which drew nearly 250.

Ben Ouchi and Kenneth Miyoshi, dinner co-chairmen, were assisted by:

### Detroit picnic set

(Detroit) The ninth annual Japanese community picnic here will be held Sunday, June 12, at the Middle Rouge Park. Art Matsumura is chairman.

Peter Fujioka, Setsu Fujoka, Mary Fukuda, Louis Furukawa, Al Hatate, Lloyd Joichi, Paul Joichi, Wally Kagawa, Roy Kaneko, Sud Kimoto, Ki-yoshi Mano, Art Matsumura, Joe Matsushita, John Miyagawa, Kay Miyaya, Kay Nakahara, Jewel Omura, Miyoko O'Neill, Toshi Shimoura and Min To-gasaki.

Judge Lederle appeared with new citizens and spoke for WWJ-TV newsreel cameras while Mr. and Mrs. James T. Shimoura said a few words.

Masaoka was honored by the Detroit JACL cabinet at luncheon at the home of Dr. and Mrs. James T. Mimura. The host was one of the first Ben Frank Masaoka Scholarship winners. A reception in honor of the Washington JACL representative was held in the evening after the dinner at the Shimoura residence.

### S.F. Auxiliary tour

#### modern Peninsula home

(San Francisco) Fifty members, husbands and friends of the San Francisco JACL Auxiliary were enchanted by the house and garden tour down the Peninsula last Sunday, when they visited the contemporary home of the Frank Furuchis at Los Altos.

Mr. and Mrs. Hi Inouye of Redwood City welcomed the visitors. Daisy Uyeda and Vi Nakano were co-chairmen of the house tour. Special guests included:

Mrs. Kow Kaneko, Pasadena; Mrs. Lois Morimoto, Turlock; and Mrs. June Morimoto, Sacramento.

## Judgeship—

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"His confirmation will be another example that in the democratic framework of government and life, unlike that of the communists, the individual himself is all important and that even the most lowly may aspire to the highest offices in the land."

In conclusion, the JACL representative said "the confirmation of Benjamin M. Tashiro to be the Judge of the Fifth Circuit in the Territory of Hawaii will be in the public interest of the Territory of Hawaii and of the United States of America; therefore, the Japanese American Citizens League proudly urges early confirmation of his appointment as in the great American tradition which has made and kept us the world leader of free men."

## CHAPTER MEMOS

**D.C. JACL:** The Richard F. Boyces home in Alexandria, Va., will be the site of the chapter outing June 5, starting at 3 p.m., according to Myke Kosobayashi, chairman.

**Salinas Valley JACL:** Planning committee for the third quarterly session of the NCWDC, tentatively set for Aug. 7, met this week. James Tanda, chapter president, reported. The district council golf tournament will be held at the same time. Monterey Peninsula chapter walked off with the honors at the first meeting last year.

**Chicago JACL:** June graduates will be honored at a dance June 18 at the McCormick YWCA. Parents of graduates are also being invited to attend. So that the social committee can send personal invitations to high school, college and university graduates, those knowing names and addresses of graduates are asked to notify the Midwest JACL Office.

**Eden Township JACL:** The "Summer Frolic" dance tonight at Sunset Grammar School, Hayward, culminates the 12-week dancing class sponsored by the chapter. Yosh Ono of San Lorenzo, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yamaguma of San Mateo were instructors. Tom Hatakeda is frolic chairman.

**Southwest Los Angeles JACL:** A limited group of 40 chapter members will tour the Los Angeles International Airport on Friday, June 17, according to Haj Inouye, vice-president in charge of program. If more sign up, another evening will be announced.

**Parlier JACL:** Donations were acknowledged from the following newly naturalized citizens:

Tsuyoshi Nakashima, Torazo Tsuji, Suyematsu Arifuku, Kazuo Yotari, Hisato Hachiya, Mrs. Yoshi Masuda.

**Sequoia JACL:** Attorney Peter Nakahara is the guest speaker at the general meeting tonight at the Palo Alto Buddhist Church, it was announced by Hiroji Kariya, president.

### PARLIER CHAPTER CAR

#### WINS IN ROUND-UP FETE

(Parlier) Parlier JACL's decorated car in the Parlier Round-Up parade recently placed third in its division. Ken Sunamoto was in charge, assisted by George Tsuji, George Kubo and Nob Ebisuda.

The chapter and its Auxiliary will also participate in the Parlier YBA Fun Night, May 29; Byrd Kumataka and Tak Kimoto appointed to serve.

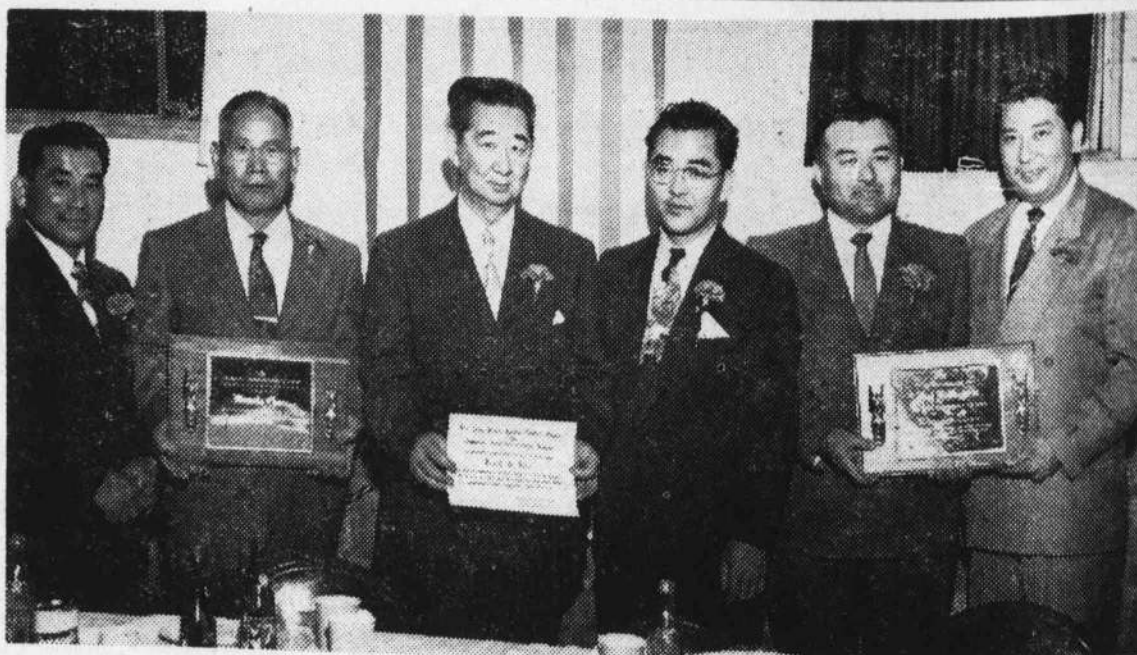
At the last meeting, John Lyons introduced members of the Parlier Unified School Board up for reelection. The chapter also named Kaz Kimoto in charge of the project to place "Home Again" and "Prejudice" in the community and high school libraries.

Other chapter activities for the month include the Pismo Beach outing last Sunday with James Kozuki as general chairman, assisted by:

Ralph Kimoto, Sho Tsuboi, Ronald Ota, Gerald Ogata, Kaz Kimoto and Clark Miyakawa.

### Sierra Nisei VFW

(Fresno) Seiji Fujimura, a local pharmacist, was installed as commander of the Sierra Nisei VFW Post 8499 recently.



The Long Beach-Harbor District JACL recognized its leaders at a dinner honoring 75 Issei citizens last Sunday. In the picture are (left to right) Easy Fujimoto, chapter president; Momota Okura, holding a service plaque from the community; Frank

Ishii, holding a scroll indicating JACL life membership in the chapter; Dr. Roy Nishikawa, national JACL treasurer; Fred Ikeguchi, holding plaque for services to the chapter; and Tats Kushiida, PSW regional director.  
—Shin Nishi Bei Photo



Scene from the Golden Gate

BY HARUO ISHIMARU

CHERRY BLOSSOM TOUR (Part 3)

San Francisco

On the third day of our Japan visit, having spent the first two in Tokyo, we journeyed to Nikko to visit the famous Toshogu Shrine. We were amazed at the number of tour groups there, mostly from Japan and mostly students. A Japan Travel Guide informed us that sometimes as many as 20,000 persons visited the shrine in one day. To enter the shrine we had to take off our shoes, the first of many times we went through this process.



A delicious lunch was served us at the Nikko Palace Hotel, with fresh broiled trout as the *piece de resistance*. Trout is *meibutsu*, or special attraction where food is concerned, of Nikko.

In the afternoon we traveled by motor coach to see the beautiful Kegon Falls and Lake Chuzenji. About five miles of the trip was over winding roads on a steep mountain over which the bus literally doubled back innumerable times. The road was none too wide; we passed several buses, practically scraping each other, making the return trip. We held our breath each time the driver made the hairpin—and I mean hairpin—turn, coming to the conclusion that Japanese bus drivers had to be good to be able to drive on such roads.

Lake Chuzenji is one of the large beautiful bodies of water in Japan, reminding me somewhat of Lake Tahoe.

A few of us more daring souls took a ride up to another peak in a sort of basket suspended in the air. Instead of joining the others in the bus for the return trip to Nikko down the winding road, we took a cable car which turned out less wearing on the nerves though the descent was quite steep.

That evening our accommodations were at the Kinugawa Onsen Hotel, a well-known hot springs resort. The hotel was a beautiful Japanese *yadoya* (inn), and our room overlooked a view of a river rushing by. As we were getting settled in our rooms, hot towels for our face and hands were brought in small individual baskets followed by steaming cups of tea and *mochi-gashi*. This was a custom of which we heartily approved.

Most of us took advantage of the huge hot springs bath which was a luxurious affair, the "tub" itself measuring approximately 12 by 20 feet. Some of the younger bathers were swimming across it. Although Japanese hotels have private baths for the more bashful, it is not unusual for men and women to share the same huge bath and while I was enjoying my ablutions, one young woman came in with her husband.



GEISHA TEACHING DANCE STEPS

Later that evening after dinner we were entertained by three geisha in their colorful kimonos and lacquered hair dress. Not only did they perform classical Japanese dances but they taught us a couple of the more modern group dances, the *tankobushi* and the *yakyuken*. The first is a simple "ondo" danced in a circle, and the latter is a dancing game performed by two persons pantomiming a baseball game. *Yakyu* part of the name means baseball.

When we returned to our room for the night, it had been transformed into a bedroom with thick futons, kept in the closet during the day, laid over the *tatami* on the floor, three of them serving as a mattress and two as covers. The pillow reminded me of a huge flat bean bag. Surprisingly, we found it easy to sleep in this unaccustomed manner and did not suffer backaches or other pains as might have been expected.

The next morning we had our first (and last) Japanese-style breakfast including the customary *miso-shiru*. We decided that three Japanese meals a day was just a little more than we could take. Thereafter we stuck to "pan (bread)-shoku" for breakfast. This usually consisted of fruit, eggs cooked sunnyside up, bacon or thin slices of ham, buttered toast and coffee which was quite good although we were sure it was instant coffee. Before leaving Kinugawa we walked through its "main drag" and some of our tour members tried their hand at *pachinko*, at present the gambling rage all over Japan. It seemed to me to be a poor man's version of a pinball machine. The name is very apt because you can hear the little steel balls "pachink-ing" in the machines as they are played.

On the return trip to Tokyo via electric train we enjoyed an unusual lunch served in light wooden boxes, two to a person, one containing rice balls and the other pieces of meat, fish, etc. cooked in various ways. Everyone had his own little pot of tea, the cover to which also served as a cup.

Time permitted only a hurried tour of a small part of the Canon Camera plant when we finally returned to Tokyo. The company officials were hosts at a sumptuous dinner that evening at the Chinzan-so.



GLIMPSE OF YOKOHAMA

Our only sight of Yokohama, the main seaport of Japan was a glimpse as we stopped the next morning at the Yokohama Pier for the benefit of those who wanted to check their ocean baggage. Yokohama was an hour's bus ride from Tokyo.

Then we proceeded on to Kamakura to view the Hachiman Shrine and the huge bronze Daibutsu. Kamakura is one of the major shrines for Buddhists from all over the world, and here again there were literally hordes of tourists and pilgrims.

We continued on our way to Enoshima, one of many delightful seaside resorts, where we paused briefly, long enough for my first taste of sazae, a shellfish resembling a whelk. A number of little stands sold this delicacy. As I observed it, they would take the meat out of the shell, chop it up, return it to the shell, flavored with shoyu and other seasonings, and stew it.

Our bus wound up that evening at the Yoshi-ike in Hakone Yumoto, having taken us through the Hakone National Park en route.



Newly elected officers of the Seattle chapter JACL, sworn in by Mas Satow, national JACL director. Marie Yamamoto (face hidden), Aiko Matsuda, Mitsuji Noji, Toru Sakahara, Frank Hattori, Min are (left to right) Kelly Yamada, Bill Mambu, Ted Yamakuchi, James Matsuoka, Howard Sakura Sakahara, Tad Yamaguchi, Kazuko Yokoyama, (pres.), and George S. Kashiwagi.

—Elmer Ogawa Photo

Seattle CL membership campaign started; second Tuesdays of month set for meetings

BY CHERYL YOSHIHARA

(Seattle) The Seattle JACL chapter membership drive was off to a fine start at the May 10 general meeting.

No sooner had James Matsuoka, membership chairman, announced the drive, team captains wasted no time recruiting members for their teams. The contest ends June 10 with the losing teams picking up the dinner tab to honor the winning team and individual signing the most members. Team captains include:

Frank Hattori, Tom Iwata, Paul Kashiwagi, George Kashiwagi, Oliver Kinomoto, Nishi Kumagai, Ted Sakahara, Fred Takagi, Kelly Yamada and Kay Yamaguchi.

Issei not contacted by membership solicitors are urged to forward their dues in person or by mail to:

Kashiwagi's Seattle Tailors, 615 Jackson; North Coast Importing Co., 515 Maynard; International Realty Co., 659-A Jackson.

Helping to prepare the membership cards were:

Violet Arase, Lillian Baum, Amy Hattukano, Aiko Matsuda, Meriko Segimoto, Grace Uchimura, Marie Yamamoto and Kazzie Yokoyama.

In 1954, when the chapter honored some 300 naturalized Issei with memberships, the \$2 national fees were forwarded to Headquarters to be used for the evacuation claims program, it was recalled.

Dual status—

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ed. "So many Nisei lost their citizenship during and after World War II because they were unaware of the many ways in which they could lose United States nationality and discovered too late just how difficult it is to recover this American citizenship, so this time we hope that no Nisei will lose his citizenship because he is unaware of the law," the JACL representative declared.

In clarifying the situation of the Nisei with dual nationality residing in the United States at this time, Matsuoka explained that divestiture of nationality on account of dual nationality would be an impossibility because of the two major provisions of the section—seeking or claiming the benefits of a foreign state and three years consecutive residence in the country of one's second nationality, in this case Japan.

"An American citizen can hardly do either, and certainly not both of these acts which will cause him to lose his United States nationality while he is resident in this country," he observed.

Biola VFW commander

(Fresno) Nobu Miyamoto was installed as commander of the Biola VFW Post 5845 for the '55-'56 term.

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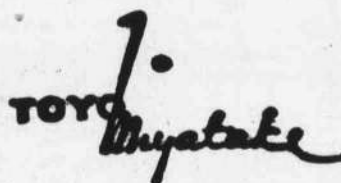
(New York) Telegrams from President Eisenhower, Gov. Averell Harriman and Mayor Robert F. Wagner lauding the loyalty and achievements of the Issei and Nisei were read at the New York Issei Jubilee last Saturday.

Guests of honor, more than 30 of the 85 Issei with 50 years residence in this country who were able to attend, were introduced by Toastmaster Akira Hayashi and applauded by the close to 250 who were present.

Ambassador Renzo Sawada, Permanent Observer of Japan to the United Nations, speaking in Japanese, and Consul General Jun Tsuchiya, in English, paid tribute to the achievements recorded by the Issei against overwhelming obstacles.

NEW CITIZENS

Denver: Shige Fukaye, Tokutaro Furukawa, Ishizo Iyata, Mineyo Ioka, Tadao Dick Kajiwarra, Masa-ko Onodera, Tsuku Onodera, Magoki Masunaga, Tasu Suzuki, Tsu-ruyo Yashiro, Sayo Katayama, Moichi Katayama and Murano Katayama. (May 9.)



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SALT LAKE GRADUATES' BALL SET FOR JUNE 4

(Salt Lake City) Local graduates of 1955 will be honored guests of the Salt Lake JACL at the annual semi-formal Graduates' Ball June 4, 9 p.m., at the Newhouse Hotel Crystal ballroom. Both senior and junior divisions of the chapter are sponsoring the gala affair.

Murray Williams combo will play. Tickets at \$3.50 per couple are available from both junior and senior board members. On the committee are:

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## The Sou'Wester

BY TATS KUSHIDA

### ANTIDOTE FOR WAYA

Los Angeles  
What the Long Beach-Harbor District JACL did last Sunday was a superjet ex-sample for other chapters to follow. The combo deal was a testimonial to some 80 new citizens and recognition of three community leaders who were presented chapter awards (see pic, page 4). The saliva-stimulant, on the house, consisted of niwatori terryukki a-la-fujinkai.



The awardees more than merited the tribute paid them—they had long served the chapter, community with dotemperg (our new-word-of-the-week meaning money, time and energy.)  
The lot of a community or org leader is a thankless one replete with unsolicited brickbats from bleacher coaches. So guys willing to take the helm and dedicate themselves to service for others should be sighted and cited. More chapters should take time out now and then and give public credit and honor to this selfless breed. Without them, as the Issei say, the community would go waya.

The ever-amazing rejuvenator of the LB-HD chapter, Easy Fujimoto, who masterminded the above dinner, shortened our forehead with an eloquent speech in Nippontoi. So inspired were we that we followed suit before a similiar gathering of Issei citizen guests in San Diego Wednesday nite when the Esdee chapter put on a banquet for them along with individual scrolls.

This was another rough quickie trip but photog Bob Kishita of Sab Kido's Shin Nichi Bei had of punch the clock at 9 ayem so no overnite stop on this hop. Which was just as well, our popularity as a roommate being at a new low except among deaf-mutes. Our other passenger was Jim Higashi, ebullient East L.A. chapter prez, whose prodigious appetite, we gladly concede, is tops in this district.

### A GROCER'S PHILOSOPHY

Occasionally, we hear from Franklin Sugiyama, prewar vernacular editor and sportscribe, whom we got to know pretty well in Poston, Camp 1, especially when we upped our \$19 monthly average by night foremaning on a camouflage net project. Among Franklin's camp titles was "Mayor of Poston", well befitting his political astuteness. When relocated as an official of a coal mining labor union in Utah, we didn't expect to see him, a decade later, turn up in Ellay. He and his family are now in nearby Artesia where he operates a small grocery store.

His philosophy of store operation: "In God we trust but all others pay cash. It's better to fight for the money than give credit, then see them trade across the street on pay days. If you make them pay or don't give them the stuff, on pay day they'll come in to see you because they don't owe you. But once you let them get into you—look out, brother!" Franklin's gears aren't stripped yet—not by a long shot.

Credit rancher Mits of the Nitta clan of Orange County for our stint as guest speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Rotary Club of Orange last week. Yep, a baby crate of local grown navels was our omiyage (somehow this doesn't sound right.)

Ada Jane Hashimoto, our favorite desert bloom of the Albuquerque JACL, made the grade as Moonlight Princess at the U of NM when she was so honored at the Town Club's Moonlight and Roses Formal, mater Ruth H., chapter ex-prez, reports per clipping.

We're listed among eighteen staff members as a local consultant for the Institute on Human Relations to be held at Whittier College on July 5-10, ours being a one-day stand. Institute director is Bob O'Brien who headed the student relocation program during WW 2. Visiting consultants include Lester Granger, exec. boss of the National Urban League, and Frank S. Horne, asst. to the administrator of the federal HHFA-FHA agencies. Hope to see some Nansei attend.

A Mrs. Earl Ross of Canoga Park (San Fernando Valley) recently phoned to call our attention to what she described as a shamefully neglected Japanese cemetery on the outskirts of Oxnard which she had spotted during a Sunday drive. She felt the Japanese were lovers of beauty and couldn't believe her eyes to see anything Japanese so dilapidated. We appreciated her thoughts and passed them on to our Ventura County chapter. Kinda nice to be chided in this manner.

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## CL-sponsored track meets in readiness

(San Francisco) At least nine teams are toeing the marks at the 1955 San Francisco JACL Olympics at Kezar stadium June 5 with prospects of more entries.

Definitely intending to be represented are:  
Stockton, Sacramento, Livingston-Merced, Placer County, Richmond-El Cerrito, Florin, Sequoia and San Francisco.

(Los Angeles) Entry blanks are being mailed to organizations which competed in the JACL Nisei Relays last year for the 1955 running June 26 at Rancho Cienega Stadium, according to Bob Watanabe, chairman.

Entry deadline will be June 15. Additional blanks will be available at the Ruff Shimpo, Shin Nichi Bei and the JACL Regional Office.

### Nagase's 1805 wins NCWN all-events keg prize

(Oakland) Tats Nagase of San Francisco bowled a scratch total of 1805 to win the all events prize in the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council bowling tournament at the Pacific Bowl here May 14-15.

Nagase beat out Fuzzy Shimada by 69 pins and was 123 better than third place George Gee of Oakland. He scored on series of 616 in the doubles, 594 in the singles and 595 in the team event.

His team, Sequoia Nursery, rolled 2985 for the team trophy with Shimada paving the way with a 617 series.

Tosh Yuto copped the singles trophy with a 677 series while Milt Wakayama and Hiro Higashi rolled 1231 for the first in doubles.

### UCLA professor Ashikaga to lead summer tour

(Los Angeles) Ensho Ashikaga, professor of Oriental Culture and Language at UCLA, will head the summer vacation study tour being organized by the Far East Travel Service.

Ashikaga is a 1934 graduate of Kyoto Otani University and then joined the Univ. of California faculty at Berkeley in 1939. During the war years, he instructed Japanese at the Navy Language School at Boulder, Colo. He was in Japan two years ago assembling books on Buddhist archeology, oriental art, literature and folklore for the university.

The study tour begins June 17, embarking for Japan on the President Cleveland, arriving at Yokohama June 30 and returning to California on the President Wilson Aug. 19.

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## SPORTSCOPE

Katsuichi Mori of Stanford finished third in the three-meter diving event at the Pacific Coast Conference southern division finals at the UCLA pool last week. The Japan Olympic star finished second in the one-meter event.

Ed Kawachika of Hawaii was named one of the co-captains of the Ohio State swim team next season.

A total of 135 participants from over 30 clubs are signed up for the third annual National AAU judo championships May 28-29 at the Los Angeles Olympic Auditorium, according to Frank Watanuki, entry chairman.

Wally Yonamine of the Tokyo Ginats climbed to fourth place in the Japanese professional Central League batting race with a .319 mark, after banging four out of nine Sunday.

Chiyo Tashima of Los Angeles copped the Northern Illinois women's handicap singles title while touring the Chicago area with the Hyatt House bowling team, posting a 593-621-594-1813... At Omaha's WIBC tournament, Hyatt House failed to make the top ten. Chiyo posted a 538 series in the team event.

George Miyama is head of the newly-organized Sacramento Nisei Golf Club. First membership tournament is slated June 5 at Bing Maloney.

## L.A. athlete cops city C-660 title

(Los Angeles) Victor Mitsunaga of Marshall High School became the fourth postwar Nisei to win in the All-City track & field finals last week, posting a 1m.27s. win in the class C 660 run at the Coliseum. He also set the Northern League mark at 1m.27.4s., the week prior to qualify for the All-City prelims.

Preceding the 11th grader as all-city champions were Aki Tominaga of Dorsey who won the B 100 in 1948; Art Tsutsui, San Fernando C high jump in 1951; and Eddie Shimooka, Verdugo Hills, B pole vault in 1951.

(Modesto) Two Nisei set new records in the Sac-Joquin sectional track and field meet May 18. Yo Shibata of Livingston High was clocked in 9.6s. in the B-75 high hurdles, bettering his own mark by .2s. made in the qualifying trials the previous week. Nagai of Livingston ran the C 110 lows in 9s. flat for another new record.

Bob Hayashi of McClatchy High, Sacramento, holds the C broad jump mark at 20 ft.-8 in., made at Stockton May 14.

### Frog jumping jubilee

(Angels Camp) California bred frogs swept all seven prize winning places at the Calaveras County Frog Jumping Jubilee Sunday, shutting out foreign countries from Japan, Ireland, Iceland and Australia.

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## Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

## SHONIEH HOME RECHRISTENED

Los Angeles  
The Shonien Board, now in the midst of building a new orphanage at its prewar site on Redcliff St., has announced a change in its name. The new title will be "Home for American Children of Japanese Ancestry," indicating a wider scope of operation they expect to fulfill.



In 1937 when the center stretched its aid to those living in California — from Santa Maria to the Mexican border—the original name appeared adequate, said Nobu Kawai, Shonien board chairman.

The present structure is expected to be completed in mid-October. Two old buildings, which formerly housed older boys, have been razed and the property cleared for landscaping.

Already a committee on personnel has been selected. They include Mrs. Midori Watanabe, chairman, assisted by Robert Kodama and Chester Yamauchi.

Chosen to conduct fund drives to meet the costs of the first year's operation, installation of furnishings and equipment were Mrs. Chiye Hachisuka in the absence of her mother Mrs. Yone Yamagami, now visiting Japan and well-known in Shonien; and Robert Flemming, who is an industrial counselor whose business ties him closely to Japanese enterprise. He spent many months in Japan as top aide in Gen. Douglas MacArthur's occupation forces.

The new goal for the campaign is \$250,000. Landscape Designer Junichi Asakura and Noboru Ishihara, board member and independent landscape contractor, will select volunteer gardeners to beautify the grounds.

## EX-JAPANESE SAILOR RESTORED RIGHTS

The fact that Minoru Kozono of Venice, Calif., stranded in Japan during the last war and had served as a chief seaman of the Imperial Navy there, was no obstacle in his quest to regain American citizenship rights.

Federal Judge William M. Byrne ruled that Kozono's act was involuntary and pursuant to the Nipponese Conscription laws. The strander, who was represented by Attorneys Al Wirin and Fred Okrand, also voted in the Tokyo elections.

The government sought to bolster its theory by pointing out that Kozono had taken an examination for the Navy long before he knew when he would receive an Army induction notice.

## MARYKNOLL PUPILS POLIO-VACCINATED

Some 85 "strong" from Maryknoll school were given anti-polio vaccine shots late last week in what is said to be the first mass inoculation of pupils of Japanese descent.

While all first and second graders from city schools have been receiving their immunizing vaccine right along, it was the first of two scheduled trips to Maryknoll by Health Dept. officers last Thursday.

Mrs. Elmer Yamamoto, a registered nurse who is active with the Maryknoll PTA, assisted Dr. Nino Ferrero and Nurse Frances Fauria. Sister Mary Judith, principal of Maryknoll school, and Fathers Lavery, Clement, and Briggs were on hand to keep the children in a happy mood.

## VFW POST 9938 'RE-ELECTS' COMMANDER

Salem Yagawa, a real estate agent, succeeds Bill Takahashi as commander of the Nisei Memorial Post 9938 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. This is his second time at the helm, having served already in 1952.

His new cabinet will be composed of John Takayanagi, senior vice-commander; Jun Yamamoto, junior vice-commander; Tak Imamura, quartermaster; Ko Asano, chaplain; David Kozeki, judge advocate; Steve Nakaji, surgeon; and Duke Ogata, trustee.

Past commanders Shobo Doiwchi and William Fujimori will conduct the installation rite tomorrow night at a dinner in Boyle Heights.

Salem, (you guessed it), was born in Oregon.

## The Mailbox

## PREFERS 'NISEI' TO 'NANSEI'

Editor: ... I feel you've got some mighty fine writers. Of course my favorite is still Hosokawa ... Your business manager's (Tats Kushida) corner is interesting. Which I never fail to read—but I don't seem to go along with him in using "nansei" for Nisei, unless if he means "Southwest". Tell him to use the old stand-by "Nisei"—even up to "kusei" (ninth generation). In my language Nisei means Americans of Japanese ancestry.

HARRY SAKATA  
Brighton, Colo.

(Our business manager probably rates the most raves and brick-bats among Pacific Citizen columnists from our readers. Of late, he has resorted to compounding or creating new words—of which, Nansei, is one—and it may result in a glossary of Kushida-created ponderables.—Editor.)

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## VITAL STATISTICS

## Births

## LOS ANGELES

IGUCHI—Apr. 19, boy Martin Yoneo to Yoneo Iguchis (Grace Uchizono).  
KAKIMI—Apr. 25, boy Arnold D. to Ben Kakimis (Margie Yanagisako).  
KAWAMOTO—May 4, boy Howard H. to Masami Kawamotos, Altadena.

KLWURA—Apr. 22, boy Robert Teruo to Kenichi Kimuras (Yoshiko Matsumoto).

MAEDA—Apr. 15, girl Karen Masako to Toshio Maedas (Masue Hamada).

NAKAMURA—May 1, girl Elaine Yoshiye to Jim Nakamuras (Kiyoko Nishiyama).

OKAZAKI—Apr. 24, boy Stanley to Yoshito Okazakis (Sadako Abe).

ONO—Apr. 20, girl Pauline Yoshiko to Kiyoshi Onos (Mitsue Yagawa).

SHIMADA—Apr. 22, boy Michael D. to Harry Shimadas (Arlene Fujioka).

SHIMIDZU—May 2, boy Dennis A. to Arthur Shimidzus (Ruby Nakatsugawa).

TAKEMOTO—Apr. 28, girl Mitzi Michiko to Stanley Takemotos (Shizuko Miyazaki), North Hollywood.

UMEMIYA—Apr. 23, girl Naomi L. to Takatori Umemiyas (Satsuki Mizukoshi).

YAMATE—Apr. 29, boy Brian G. to Isamu Yamates (Mieko Egashira).

YOSHIOKA—Apr. 25, girl Nobuko to Yoshio Yoshiokas (Harue Furutomo), Van Nuys.

## FRESNO

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

IKEDA—Mar. 16, boy to Fumio Ikedas, Clovis.

KOKURADA—Apr. 1, boy to Melvin Kokuradas.

NAKAMURA—Mar. 31, boy to Charles K. Nakamuras, Reedley.

TAKEMOTO—Apr. 7, girl to Kazuma Takemotos.

TANIGUCHI—Apr. 8, boy to Shigeyoshi Taniguchis, Selma.

YAMAMOTO—Mar. 11, girl to James I. Yamamotos.

## STOCKTON

MASUDA—Apr. 22, boy to Jimmy Koichi Masudas.

NAKASHIMA—Apr. 22, girl to William Nakashimas.

OSHIMA—Apr. 27, girl to Tadao Oshimas.

## WATSONVILLE

HIRANO—Apr. 28, boy to Shiz Hiranos.

## SAN JOSE

FUJII—Apr. 28, boy Steven Ukio to Bob Fujis, Morgan Hill.

MASUDA—May 2, boy Lester E. to Takumi Masudas.

NAKAMURA—May 2, girl Jade M. to Kazuto Nakamuras, Santa Clara.

NOZUMI—Apr. 30, boy Franklin J. to John Nozumis.

SHINGAI—Apr. 23, boy to I. S. Shingais.

YAMATE—Apr. 26, twins Gordon T. and Carolyn L. to Henry T. Yamates.

## REDWOOD CITY

ISHIKAWA—May 11, boy to George Ishikawas, San Mateo.

OIWA—Apr. 26, girl to Kenji J. Oiwas, San Mateo.

## SAN FRANCISCO

IWAHASHI—May 6, boy Paul Jun to Michio Iwahashis.

KUWATANI—Apr. 30, boy to George T. Kuwatanis.

TANIGUCHI—Apr. 11, girl to Hirofumi Taniguchis.

## OAKLAND

ISONO—Apr. 26, boy to Yoshio Isonos, Alameda.

## BERKELEY

NISHITA—Apr. 6, girl to Satoru Nishitas.

OYAMA—Apr. 24, girl to George Y. Oyamas.

URABE—May 5, boy to George Urabes.

## RICHMOND

SAKAI—May 9, boy to Roy Sakais.

## SACRAMENTO

AMEMIYA—Apr. 18, girl to George Amemiyas.

KEUCHI—Apr. 21, boy to Yoshio Ikeuchis, Walnut Grove.

IMAI—Mar. 20, boy to George Imais.

KAWAHARA—Apr. 11, boy to Tom T. Kawaharas, Walnut Grove.

KATO—Apr. 8, girl to Ben T. Katos.

KINOSHITA—Apr. 12, girl to George H. Kinoshitas.

KUNIBE—Mar. 12, girl to Henry H. Kunibes.

MATSUMOTO—Apr. 10, girl to Keiji Matsumotos.

MAYEDA—Apr. 12, girl to Byran Mayedas.

NISHIDA—Apr. 24, girl to James K. Nishidas, Clarksburg.

OGATA—Apr. 19, boy to Tom T. Ogatas.

OSHITA—Apr. 17, girl to Tommy S. Oshitas.

TANAKA—Apr. 8, girl to Kazumi Tanakas.

YAMAGIWA—Apr. 15, girl to Ben T. Yamagiwas.

YAMAMOTO—Apr. 23, girl to Tony T. Yamamotos.

YAMASAKI—Apr. 29, boy to Henry Yamasakis.

YOKOI—Apr. 18, girl to Feb S. Yokois.

## AUBURN

YAMASAKI—Apr. 26, boy to Kinichi Yamasakis, Penryn.

## DENVER

OTSUKI—Girl to Julius Otsukis.

## PHILADELPHIA

MORIUCHI—Apr. 27, girl Nancy Chiyo to Takashi Moriuchis, Moorestown, N.J.

UYEHARA—May 7, boy Paul Michio to Hiroshi Uyeharas.

## Engagements

HIRANO-TSUBOI—Barbara Mitsuko, Los Angeles, to Henry Yoshiaki, Seattle, May 7.

KAGIYADA-YAMAMOTO—Jeanne Fusae, Alameda, to Yoichi, Berkeley, May 7.

MASUDA-MAYEKAWA—Mitsuko, Parlier, to Kazuo, Fresno, May 8.

YANO-KAWAHARA—Helen to Herb of Los Angeles.

## Marriage Licenses Issued

DAIJO-TSUCHIYA—Hisashi and Setsuko of San Francisco.

KOTANI-MORISHITA—Ben T. and Shizuko of Sacramento.

KUNIMURA-MICHINAKA—Mitsuo and Yaeko of San Francisco.

SHOJI-KUROKAWA—James and Jane of Fresno.

TANI-SUNADA—Yukio, Clovis; Midori, Fresno.

## Weddings

MIYAKE-ARIMA—May 14, Mac and Lily of West Los Angeles.

MORITA-MURASHIGE—May 15, Nori and Aiko of Alhambra.

SAKURAI-TAKAHASHI—May 15, Tom, Denver; Toyoko Judy, Los Angeles.

NISHIMOTO-SUGINO—May 15, Tom Hiroshi and Shizue of Los Angeles.

SHISHIDO-TAKAYAMA—May 7, Toru, Sun Valley; Mae Tomiko, Reedley.

MARUYA-DOMOTO—May 15, George E. and Sumiye of Los Angeles.

YADA-NAGATA—May 15, Charles H. and Edna Elko of Los Angeles.

## Deaths

KATAOKA, Ichiro, 74, San Francisco, May 22, survived by wife Shige, son Kazuo, Takashi, daughters Toshiko, Akiko, Mrs. Hisako Matsuno and Mrs. Mayako Mizuhara.

KUSAKA, Kanichi, 73: Denver (formerly of San Mateo), May 10, survived by wife Chiyono, sons Paul, Ben, daughter Mrs. Betty Suzuki.

MUROYA, Mrs. Kimiko: Denver, May 11, survived by husband Hajime, sons Tomio, Isamu, Hiroshi, Richard, daughters Masako, Akiko.

TAKAMUNE, Masaki, 72, and wife Rin, 57: Watsonville, May 20, survived by son Roy, daughters Mrs. Mae Kawada, Mrs. Noriko Kawamoto, Mrs. Teiko Uyematsu, Mrs. Aiko Fujii, Mrs. Alice Nakayama.

## Eastern Bussei meet

(Chicago) The 10th annual conference of the Eastern Young Buddhist League will be held here May 28-30 at the Midwest Buddhist Church.

## DECADE AGO

May 26, 1945

Stockton unit of CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union suspended for anti-Nisei action; Harry Bridges supports move to stamp out discrimination among members ... "Forthright move" by Harry Bridges hailed by Secretary of Interior Ickes.

Canada inducts Nisei into armed forces, reversing earlier policy.

Night-riding gunmen attack two homes in Selma district; homes of Miyoko Masada and Masaru Miyamoto 18th and 19th shooting in California; evacuee returnees narrowly miss death.

Defendant in Seattle arson case confesses to firing three homes of evacuees, fined \$1000 ... Quakers visit Seattle home of Shigeo Nagashis, paint out marks of vandals.

Japanese American GIs greeted as liberators by townsmen of Carrara, Italian marble city; citizens strew flowers on soldier's path. ... Reveal Nisei combat team broke six month stalemate on Apennine front in Italy; German high command respected fighting ability of 442nd, Nazis surprised by their return to Italian front.

California senate gets bills to restrict "disloyal" citizens; Sen. Burns backs attempt to forbid property ownership.

Sgt. Rodney Higashi of Kauai flies 150 combat missions against Japanese in Pacific, inducted at Grosse Pointe, Mich.

## SOCIAL NOTES

(Chicago) June Oda will present her piano students in recital at the Lyon & Healy Concert Hall, 64 E. Jackson, on May 28, 8:15 p.m. Violinist Arthur Hayano will be guest soloist.

(Cleveland) Mrs. Eiko Kawai demonstrated Japanese cooking for Cleveland Jr. Matrons meeting at the home of Mrs. Mary Ishige. Terry Nakashige reported on plans for a Father's Day picnic June 19 at the Rocky River Reservation. Kay Furukawa, Helen Furuki and Yuki Nakaji represented the group at the July 3 community picnic organizational meeting ... The current membership drive ends Aug. 30 with the elections scheduled in September. The club meets on the second Fridays at Nationalities Service Center.

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## Editorials

## HEADLINE HYSTERIA

When the national fever over the Salk polio vaccine dies down, social psychologists should have a field day studying the possibilities of public reaction to mass propaganda and its rebound on public officials.

Probably nothing has stirred the nation as much since the issue of Sen. McCarthy's hearings. Headlines have generated widespread anxiety, which automatically led to bigger and bigger headlines. Actually, other diseases like multiple sclerosis and muscular dystrophy rank ahead as a crippler and these don't even come close to cerebral palsy, cancer or heart disease.

Such expert exploitation of human emotions once aroused west coast residents of the Yellow Peril—both Chinese and Japanese. People being what they are, there's no assurance another over-pitched campaign might be waged against the Oriental minority. So long as groups exist to even the keel of American imagination, the norm of reasonableness will be defended. We have always taken pride in the high standard of American fair play. Our own emotions of pity and fear should not upset it.

## THIS BUSINESS OF TRADE

American postwar crusade for more liberal policies of international trade has sagged to a point where it is becoming irritating to see Uncle Sam sermonizing on the virtues of free trade to lesser-endowed nations. If the richest and most powerful nation in the world still needs protection from the rigors of foreign competition, we can scarcely blame weaker countries from seeking similar security.

A Senate-House conference will be ironing out differences between two bills extending for three years the President's authority to reduce tariffs without congressional approval on the basis of 5%-cut each year. We appreciated the early pronouncements on foreign trade as being courageous and statesmanlike—the "trade not aid" talks by the President—but the reality of politics finally overruled. A half loaf is better than one, you might say. The bill just passed by the Senate is said to be a much weaker law than the first Reciprocal Trade Act passed in 1934.

## Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

## HOME FOR THE AGED

If it's not evident in the Los Angeles Nisei press by this time, I might say there has been some hot pro & con discussion about building a home of the Issei aging on the east side of town. There is a matter of a \$500 contribution from the Emperor of Japan dating back to pre-war days toward such a project, which has been kept in trust all these years . . . For the average Nisei, who is probably in his 30s, the question of a home for the aging seems too distant for him to consider personally . . . But when he reaches that age when he has no family to turn to or prefers to live on his own rather than move into the home of his son or daughter, it will be a real problem . . . Some strides have been made in Japanese American communities, but this may be an appropriate time to study the situation with an eye on the future.



Several months ago, the Common Council for American Unity in New York had a story on the Roosevelt Park Colony for the Aged, a tiny community near Millville, N.J., which offers one attractive solution to the problem of what to do about the rapidly growing number of elderly in the United States . . . Roosevelt Park Colony is a group of elderly people who have found a way to maintain their independence and self-respect in congenial surroundings . . . The people are all over 65, the oldest being 98. They run their own small houses, live as they please and enjoy a community life adapted to their own interests and capabilities.

Neither an institution nor an old folk's home, it's a non-profit housing project founded by Mrs. Effie Morrison in 1937 . . . With the help of sympathetic friends and local officials, she persuaded Millville to set aside 300 acres of land, tax free, for the community. The federal government provided funds for a group of cottages, sewers and roads. Some of the cottages were built by occupants who pay no rent. After their death, these homes go back to the colony as shelter for other persons . . . Each cottage has two rooms and bath; some have separate kitchen. The small rent goes toward colony maintenance. And private contributions are accepted for improvement and expansion . . . Everyone at Roosevelt Park Colony has something to do—a home to keep, a garden to tend, shopping in town, a hobby to pursue . . . Once a week, there is a community center party, or they drop in to visit, read, or enjoy evenings at the recreation room . . . Mrs. Morrison, over 65 and still colony director, says she "never expects to catch up" with correspondence from applicants who want to settle there . . . A similar colony is being built in Florida by the AFL Upholsterer's union.

Advances in medical knowledge and widespread public health services are greatly increasing the number of persons of 65 years or more . . . In 1900, they represented 5 per cent of the U.S. population. In 1950, it was 10 per cent. By 1975, they estimate 15 per cent . . . It appears the Roosevelt Park Colony is one of the ways elderly people are meeting the challenge of advancing years with dignity and contentment.

## WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER:

## Nisei for Federal Judiciary

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Washington

Though it received practically no mention in the general press of the Nation, one of the most significant events in the history of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States took place Thursday morning, May 19.

That was the morning when a special Senate Judiciary Subcommittee held a public hearing on the nomination of Benjamin M. Tashiro to be a federal judge in the Territory of Hawaii.

This was the first time in congressional history, dating back to 1789, that a Senate Subcommittee held a formal, public hearing to determine the qualifications of an American citizen of Japanese ancestry for a responsible federal post.

A stake was, and is, more than approval of a single individual; at issue was, and is, the question of whether the Senate of the United States will confirm a presidential nominee of Japanese ancestry for national judiciary.

## First hurdle decisive

The Subcommittee is the first hurdle in the legislative procedure leading to confirmation. It is here that the preliminary skirmish was fought and the decisive battle may be determined.

There is no question, as debate on Statehood for the deserving Territory of Hawaii revealed last year, that there are several senators who have grave reservations about Americans of Japanese ancestry. Several of these senators are very influential; and most of them are from what is generally designated as the Deep South. Whether they will allow ancestry to cause them to object to Tashiro is not known.

Because it is not currently popular to slander or malign persons of Japanese ancestry, these senators would prefer not to have to express themselves in public if they are opposed to this nomination. Accordingly, they may have brought pressure, or will try to bring pressure, on their colleagues on the special Subcommittee or on the full Judiciary Committee to pigeonhole this particular nomination. Failing in this, they may even attempt to have the Subcommittee or full Committee reject outright this nomination. But, they would prefer the former, for then no record need be made as to reasons advanced and the individual voting.

## Subcommittee membership

The Judiciary Committee is particularly vulnerable to such pressures, for seven of the eight Democrats are either from the Deep South or from the Border States. Four of the seven Republicans are from the "isolationist" Midwest that so often teams up with the Southern Democrats in an unofficial coalition that can and often does control the Congress. The fifth GOPster is from a Border State. One Democrat and two Republicans are from the Intermountain area, Wyoming, Utah, and Idaho.

Some might even read into the membership of the special Subcommittee an effort to "sabotage" the nomination. There is no standing subcommittee to consider judicial nominations; special subcommittees are named by the chairman to consider specific individuals. For the Tashiro nomination, Senator Price Daniel of Texas was named as chairman, with Democrat Olin D. Johnston of South Carolina and Republican John Marshall Butler of Maryland as his associates.

But, against that supposition, is the fact that this Subcommittee held public hearings on this particular nomination, which at least indicates that for the record they are proceeding according to schedule.

(When Honolulu attorney Robert K. Murakami was nominated by President Truman in 1952, his nomination was not even referred to a subcommittee. The given explanation was that since a presidential election was to be held

## Yego Lion leader

(Loomis) Tom Yego of Penryn, 1st national JACL vice-president and field representative for the Mountain Fruit Growers Ass'n, will be installed as president of the Loomis Area Lions June 25 at an outdoor barbecue at the JACL ball park.

that fall, the new president should have the opportunity to name his own judges. As a matter of fact, other non-Nisei nominations for federal judgeships were nominated and confirmed after the President had appointed Murakami.)

## Outcome unpredictable

The next step is for the members of the Subcommittee to decide just what to do with this Tashiro nomination: to approve it and recommend that the full Judiciary Committee do the same, or to reject it which would mean that the full Committee would not have the opportunity to pass upon it, or to simply ignore it and allow it to "die" for lack of attention.



Only if the Subcommittee reports the nomination to the full Committee, they have three alternatives and only one of these, a favorable report, will enable the full Senate membership to consider this matter.

Customarily, if a senator from the state concerned, finds the nominee "personally objectionable", as a matter of courtesy, the Senate refrains from confirming the nomination. Of course, this custom has not always been observed, especially when the senator or in the opposing party to the majority makes the point of personal privilege.

In this case, since Hawaii as a Territory has no representation in the Senate, it will be interesting to observe the proceedings should the nomination come before this body and some senator raises this privileged motion.

Usually, nominations are confirmed unanimously but any senator may demand a roll call vote and secure it.

If this were an ordinary nomination, there would be no question that it would be confirmed almost automatically, for candidate Tashiro by every yardstick qualifies for this federal judgeship in Hawaii.

But, his accident of birth as an American of Japanese ancestry, makes this a special situation and no one can safely predict just how the Senate will react, from the three members of the Subcommittee up to the full Senate membership itself, numbering 96.

## Political spotlight

Since the end of World War II, the Senate has confirmed many Nisei—for commissions in the Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps, for assignments in the Public Health Service and in the State Department Foreign Service, and for various types of post-masterships.

But, all of these were confirmed en bloc, as a group, along with the nominations of many other Americans for similar posts at the same time.

Ben Tashiro's is not a routine, administrative promotional kind of nomination; his is a political appointment in the discharge of which he will have to deal with the lives and fortunes of human beings, with social mores and every facet of human life and community patterns.

So, the spotlight of publicity in a sense has been focused on his nomination, what with a formal public hearing having been held to consider his qualifications.

At the hearings on May 19, only two witnesses appeared to testify—and both endorsed his nomination most vigorously. Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington, GOP Delegate from Hawaii, and Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the JACL, were the two advocates.

Only the Subcommittee chairman, Senator Daniel, former Attorney General of Texas, was present. He asked no specific questions regarding the qualifications of the nominee, nor of his race nor religion, of either of the witnesses. He gave no indication of whether he approved, or disapproved of the nomination. He simply listened to the testimony and hurried on to the nomination of another American to be a federal judge in New Jersey.

## Nisei 'on trial'

In a sense, the Nisei are on trial

as individuals in this Senate consideration of Ben Tashiro's nomination for a high federal office. It is for this reason that what happens to Ben Tashiro is of such concern to all of us persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States.

In a sense too, Statehood for the Territory of Hawaii is also involved, for if Ben Tashiro is confirmed as a federal judge it is an indication that the Senate has finally accepted Americans of Japanese ancestry as individuals who are worthy for such high responsibilities as the federal bench.

The next step may be acceptance of the idea that Japanese too may be qualified to sit in the House and the Senate as the elected representatives of their constituency in the soon-to-be-State of Hawaii.

## Race not criterion

President Eisenhower is to be commended most heartily for not allowing the accident of birth to prevent him from nominating this outstanding American of Japanese ancestry for the federal bench. This latest appointment is in keeping with his program of selecting those he considers best qualified for their respective responsibilities, without regard to race, color, creed, or national origin.

Now that the special Subcommittee is considering his nomination, we trust that the President will use his good offices to make certain that his judgment of the qualifications of his appointee will be affirmed, that is to say that the President will not tolerate race or ancestry to disqualify his nominee for confirmation.

Benjamin M. Tashiro is up for Senate confirmation. So are all of the rest of us who are also Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Let us hope that the Senate will, in its historic tradition, again confirm its faith in the American system and the American dream.

## Hotel pioneer dies

(San Francisco) Ichiro Kataoka, 74, Aki Hotel proprietor, died last Sunday after suffering a heart attack. He was a San Francisco resident for the past 56 years and active in community affairs.

## CALENDAR

- May 28 (Saturday)
  - Southwest Los Angeles—Cooking class, Centenary Methodist Church, 12 p.m.; Hayao Shishino, instr.
- May 29 (Sunday)
  - Sacramento—Community picnic, Elk Grove.
- May 30 (Monday)
  - D.C.—Memorial Day Services, Arlington Nat'l Cemetery.
- June 3 (Friday)
  - Philadelphia — Meeting, International Institute, 8 p.m.; Dr. James Dannenberg, spkr., "What Do You Know About Dentistry?"
- June 4 (Saturday)
  - Marysville—Parents' Day, Gakuen Bldg.
  - Salt Lake City—Graduates' ball, Newhouse Hotel, 9 p.m.; semi-formal.
- June 5 (Sunday)
  - D.C.—Chapter outing, Boyce's, Alexandria, Va.
  - 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 Informal dance, Surf Club, 9 p.m. Jim Blum orch.
- June 12 (Sunday)
  - Marysville—Graduates' outing, Bidwell Bar, Oroville.
  - Detroit—Community picnic, Middle Rouge Park.
- June 14 (Tuesday)
  - Seattle—General meeting, 1414 Weller St.; George Inagaki, spkr.
  - Marysville—Auxiliary meeting, JACL Office, 8 p.m.
- June 17 (Friday)
  - Southwest L.A.—Airport tour.
- June 18 (Saturday)
  - Chicago—Graduates' Dance, McCormick YWCA.
- June 19 (Sunday)
  - Twin Cities—Community picnic, Webster 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.
- July 3 (Sunday)
  - Sonoma County—Community picnic, Doran's State Park, Bodega Bay.
  - San Diego—Community picnic, Silver Strand State Park.
  - Cleveland—Community picnic, Wadland's Lake.