



Editorials

SOVIET-JAPAN PEACE TALKS

While odds are against Japan negotiating a policy of neutrality in the current peace talks with Soviet Russia, it would indeed be surprising if the Soviets did not take advantage of the meetings to expand their current "neutral belt" and thereby further weaken the position of the free world.

Russia could make attractive offers in return for Japan's neutralism in the cold war. There is the possibility of returning the islands off Hokkaido, even the Kuriles, trade and fishing concessions if a non-aggression pact is negotiated.

It was, indeed, heartening to note that Premier Hatoyama on May 26 made it clear Japan has no intention of reneging on its mutual security agreement with the United States. But any Japanese government comparing this Soviet lure with its faltering economy will find it hard to resist—unless we can make counter-offers.

HAYMES AND HAWAII

A federal judge has ruled that singer Dick Haymes cannot be deported to his native Argentina for "re-entering" the states after a singing and courting trip to Hawaii in 1953. The Immigration Office had contended Haymes—ruled ineligible for American citizenship because he claimed a neutral status during World War II—laid himself open to deportation by re-entry from "a foreign port or place or from an outlying possession".

But the decision last May 31 held Hawaii "is a geographical part of the United States", meaning that he never left the country.

Hawaii is not a foreign place nor is it a possession. It is a territory, whose citizens are also United States citizens. While Congress has not seen fit to give Hawaii statehood, many felt there was no sense classifying Hawaii as a "foreign" place or possession. Judge Burnita Matthews has found legally what most Americans long considered to be a fact all the time: Hawaii is a part of the United States.

Vagaries

BY LARRY TAJIRI

'BOY FROM NEBRASKA' SEQUEL

Denver

It's nearly ten years since Ralph G. Martin wrote the biography of a Nisei war hero in *Boy from Nebraska*, the story of Ben Kuroki (Harper & Brothers, 1946). At the book's end—in the fall of 1945—Ben Kuroki, just discharged from the Air Force after 58 heavy bombing missions over Africa, Europe and in the Pacific, was still flying his 59th mission, the battle against racial intolerance at home.

Boy from Nebraska enjoyed a wide readership. Some 35,000 copies were printed, including 25,000 in a special armed forces edition, and the book's readers might like to know what's been happening to Ben Kuroki in the past decade. We had a short visit the other night in North Platte, Neb., with Ben and his wife, Shige (it was late and the Kuroki's two daughters were asleep) and got filled in on some of the details.

Ben and Shige were married in Pocatello, Ida., shortly after the war ended. They moved to Lincoln, Neb., where Ben enrolled in the school of journalism at the University of Nebraska. When Ben was in the Air Force, he hadn't been too sure what he wanted to do when he got out. But during the hectic months of his 59th mission, when he became a personal symbol of the Nisei's fight against intolerance, he met many newspapermen and these contacts stimulated his interest in journalism.

After Ben's graduation the Kurokis bought the weekly *Republican* in York, a town of 7,500 in central Nebraska, and Ben settled down to the life of a country editor. But first something happened which was to prove to be a heartwarming experience. When Ben's fellow editors in Nebraska learned that he had bought the *Republican*, they got together and decided to put out his first issue for him. From all parts of Nebraska other country editors, reporters, ad space salesmen, composers and business office people congregated in York in what was named "Operation Democracy." The purpose was to get Ben's

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Pre-examination procedures reinstated by immigration office; may assist certain Issei aliens with Nisei wives

(Washington) An effort to liberalize procedures and facilitate adjustment of status of certain qualified aliens in the United States, similar to pre-examination procedures in effect before 1952, was disclosed last week by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League hailed this expeditious procedure as another example of what can be done under the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Act if administrative agencies want to humanize and liberalize the program.

Designated as "pre-examination of aliens within the continental United States", aliens who have continuously resided in the United States before Jan. 1, 1955, are eligible for this pre-examination privilege.

They must be persons of good moral character who are eligible for immigration in general and must be able to obtain the prompt issuance of an immigrant visa.

The condition contained in the regulations that the applicant must be able to obtain the prompt issuance of an immigrant visa means that a quota number must be immediately available, or that the applicant is a nonquota immigrant as the spouse or minor unmarried child of a United States citizen, and that, within a reasonable period of time (informally interpreted by an official of the Immigration and Naturalization Service to be four months), necessary negotiations by the applicant, as for instance the obtaining of necessary documents by the applicant and the necessary clearances by the consular official, can be

completed.

Citizens of Canada, Mexico, or adjacent islands are not eligible for this remedial procedure.

Persons under deportation proceedings may make the application at the hearing with the spouse weren't eligible for admission into the United States for permanent residence and therefore could not avail themselves of the remedial regulation, the Washington JACL office explained.

Now that persons of the Japanese race are eligible for admission into the United States under the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952, they too are eligible for this expeditious procedure to adjust their status to that of aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence if they otherwise qualify.

Application for pre-examination must be made on Form I-63 if the alien intends to apply to the United States Consul in Canada. Filing of the form is deemed abandonment of nonimmigrant special inquiry officer handling the case in question.

This pre-examination procedure has worked well in connection with Canada under the old regu-

lations but at that time alien Japanese status in this country.

The form is to be submitted at the local office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service having jurisdiction over the applicant's

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Professional code for Calif. gardeners unlikely 'til 1957

(San Francisco) A bill to license and regulate maintenance gardeners in California is a dead issue until the state legislature reconvenes in 1957, according to Haruo Ishimaru, JACL regional director here.

Ishimaru said he conferred with Assemblyman Thomas A. Maloney of San Francisco, author of the bill, this past week in Sacramento.

"I am willing to help any profession maintain standards, but I do not feel that I can support any such bill until workers in the profession itself reach an accord," the assemblyman said.

Meantime, Japanese American maintenance gardeners are holding a meeting June 26 at Berkeley to organize a statewide association.

Although an assembly interim committee is meeting this summer to hold a hearing on Malo-

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Judge Tashiro to be sworn in June 21

(Honolulu) Territorial Attorney General Ben. M. Tashiro will be sworn in on the morning of June 21 by his predecessor—now Associate Justice Philip L. Rice of the Territorial Supreme Court—as judge of the Fifth circuit court at Lihue, Kauai.

He will be assisted by the veteran chief clerk of the Fifth cir-

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Seven Nisei awarded 1955 Opportunity Awards from John Hay Whitney Foundation

(New York) Seven Japanese Americans have been given 1955 Opportunity Fellowships, the John Hay Whitney Foundation announced this week. Awards are made to young men and women who show exceptional promise and who have been prevented by race, cultural background, economic status or region of residence from fully developing their potentialities.

In the six years the program has been operating, awards have been made to 34 Nisei. The winners this year are:

George Akita, 310 N. School St., Honolulu—B.A. degree from Univ. of Hawaii, 1951; M.A. from Harvard, 1953; started on doctorate in history and Far Eastern languages with aid of Harvard-Yenching Fellowship. He is concerned with the course of political liberalism in Japan before World War II and will spend the coming year doing research in Japan. His eventual aim is to teach and conduct research in Far Eastern history at an American university.

Masa Kitagawa, San Francisco—M.A. degree from Juilliard School of Music, 1951; staff member of Adelphi College and Luebsch Studio, Woodmere, L.I. Her fellowship will permit her to study with Beveridge Webster and

to research in Japanese folk songs and history of oriental music at Columbia University.

Yoshiharu Scott Matsumoto, Fresno—His academic career was interrupted by evacuation, but managed to return to his studies and graduated American University in 1949, the third highest in his class. His research talents the past 10 years were put to use in many governmental agencies, including OWI, Air Force, Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima. He will now complete his doctorate in sociology. His ultimate objectives are to be of service in a teaching and research capacity that will help forge closer links between East and West.

Jerry Tsukio Okimoto, 1628-A Fort St., Honolulu—Earning his living by such varied means as a carpenter's helper, salesman, commercial fisherman and silk screen painter, he found enough time to achieve recognition as a promising young painter in Hawaii. His plans are to broaden his background with a year of painting and museum research in New York.

Peter Suzuki, Seattle—B.A. degree from Boston University, 1949; M.A. in anthropology from Columbia, 1952; one year in Yale's South-

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Equal pay raise for classified gov't workers urged

(Washington) With enactment of the postal pay raise into law, an equivalent wage increase for classified government workers was urged by the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Japanese American Citizens League this week.

The postal pay boost, signed last Friday by President Eisenhower, gives salary increases averaging eight percent to some 500,000 postal workers.

The same salary increase granted postal workers should be extended to Federal classified employees, members of the Washington JACL chapter said.

Pay raises for Government classified (General Schedule) employees averaging between six to eight per cent are now being considered by the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

More than 5,000 Nisei working for the Federal Government will be directly affected by the classified pay legislation.

Classified workers, no less than postal employees, require and desire just compensation for their services. Discriminatory treatment between the two Federal employee groups will cause obvious morale problems, chapter members declared.

Heads Seattle Lions unit

(Seattle) Attorney William Mimbu succeeds James Matsuoka as president of the Seattle First Hill Lions Club.

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From the Frying Pan

BY BILL HOSOKAWA

A FRIEND OF A FRIEND CALLS

Denver

The telephone rang one recent day and on the other end of the line was W. Ohtsuka, captain, Japan Air Self-Defense Force, now a student of munitions, ballistics, armaments and such at Lowry Air Force Base. Capt. Ohtsuka happened to be a friend of a friend, so we invited him to drop over for what turned out to be a most interesting evening.



Capt. Ohtsuka is something of a bridge between the old Japan and the new. He was an officer in the Imperial navy that went down to defeat in 1945. He is of a generation that saw Japan adopt the MacArthur-dictated constitution outlawing war as an instrument of national policy. And now he's back in uniform once more as an officer pledged to the defense of his country.

Ohtsuka was a midshipman at the time units of the Japanese navy attacked Pearl Harbor. "That was a move forced on the admirals by the generals," he insists. "The navy did not want war with the United States. The navy realized that it could not fight for more than a year—once the war was started, we realized it would be lost." (Other Japanese naval officials have told me the same thing. What a tragedy that the admirals' warnings were not heeded in Tokyo's prewar councils.)

Ohtsuka went through the battle of Midway. "What a beating we took there," he says. Then to the Aleutians, and eventually to Japan. He was there when the end, which they had foreseen years earlier, finally came. After that, a pleasant interlude as manager of a hot springs resort hotel patronized by hundreds of American occupation personnel.

When Japan decided it must set up a self-defense force, many of the younger ex-officers were sure they would be recalled into uniform. Some of Ohtsuka's navy comrades urged him to rejoin. Ohtsuka looked over a motley fleet of minesweepers, gunboats, LST's and a few elderly destroyers, which was the entire Japanese navy, and decided he wanted no part of them. So he volunteered for the fledgling air force and was promptly accepted with the rank of captain. After a six-month training course in the United States he will return to Japan as an instructor.

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U.S. CONSUMPTION OF COFFEE AMAZES

Ohtsuka was astonished to find that one of three non-coms and officers at Lowry AFB had been in Japan at one time or another. Many of them have picked up a smattering of Japanese and like to try it on Ohtsuka and the 26 other Japanese officers and men studying at Lowry. Some have wives and children in Japan and come to Ohtsuka and ask him to translate their letters. Not a few hope to go to Japan, after they are discharged, and make their homes there.

Being a former naval officer, Ohtsuka is more sophisticated than most of his fellow Japanese. (A few, he says, are farm boys who haven't quite mastered the use of knives and forks, don't bother to shave regularly, and otherwise are quite unmilitary in their bearing.) But some things about America impress and amaze him. One is the American consumption of coffee, cup after cup. In Japan, he recalls, a pound of coffee costs as much as two days pay for an average working man. Naturally, while the Japanese working man loves coffee, he sticks to tea.

Ohtsuka and his fellow officers get an allowance of \$5 a day from the United States government. Out of this must come meals, laundry, and other living expenses. One item of expense is 25 cents a day paid to the cleaning woman who tidies up the Bachelor Officers Quarters where Ohtsuka stays. Recently Ohtsuka saw the cleaning woman coming to work. She was driving her own automobile. Ohtsuka was astonished until he did a little figuring and discovered the cleaning woman was earning something like \$10 a day, more than twice the allowance of a visiting Japanese air force captain. He's wondering if he couldn't get a Sunday job, like with a road crew at time and a half, to pick up a little pin money.

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\$100-MILLION AGREEMENT SIGNED BY JAPAN, U.S. FOR SURPLUS FARM PRODUCTS WILL HELP NEEDY SCHOOL CHILDREN IN JAPAN

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

(Tokyo) Japan and the United States recently concluded an agricultural commodities agreement under which Japan will receive \$100,000,000 worth of American surplus crops. It was signed by U.S. Ambassador Allison and Foreign Minister Shigemitsu.

The true significance of this agreement is the tremendous importance it can play upon future Japanese-American relationship.



The agreement permits the sale of \$85,000,000 of U.S. agricultural products to Japan plus a grant of \$15,000,000 in raw cotton, dehydrated milk and wheat. It frankly means that school uniforms can be manufactured from the cotton, and school lunches given to the children from the milk and wheat. And there are almost 2 million needy school children in Japan.

There is a man who originally proposed this splendid idea. He is Shinji Yenemoto, a businessman who was graduated from the Univ. of Michigan and with a fine sense of fraternal spirit. He developed this idea as a means of combating communism in Japan. His dream is about to come true and is, undoubtedly, the happiest person here.

In order to assure true goodwill between the Japanese and American people, the \$15-million grant in agricultural products must be handled properly here. It should not become ammunition for the Red-infested Japan Teachers Union or any agency affiliated with the Ministry of Education. The Japanese PTA is already in the hands of the Japan Teachers Union.

IN HONOR OF

■ James H. Suzuki, 1714-19th St. NW, was named winner of the \$100 first prize awarded by the Society of Washington (D.C.) Artists. His painting is on exhibit until July 7 at the National Museum.

■ Violinist Horace Mochizuki, son of the S. Mochizukis, Madera, was valedictorian of Madera High School's 1955 graduating class.

■ Gordon R. Nakagawa, 19, of Newcastle was awarded the Scabbard & Blade medal as the outstanding sophomore cadet during the annual Army and Navy ROTC review at the Univ. of California Berkeley campus. He was also a member of the national champion ROTC rifle squad.

■ Frank Nimura of Newcastle was elected president of the Sierra College student body for the fall semester.

■ Jun Nishino of Garden Grove and AMS vice-president at Whittier College has been accepted by Western Reserve University dental school and will leave in September.

■ Makoto Higuchi (who joined the PC circulation staff recently) was editor-in-chief of the Chimes, Cathedral (Los Angeles) High School yearbook. The honor student was granted a scholarship to Loyola University.

■ Dr. S. Jack Takata of Denver has received a senior thesis award in otorhinolaryngology at Tulane University's school of medicine annual Ivy Day observance. He received a doctor of medicine degree May 31.

Gardeners—

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ney's measure, the outcome of this hearing will have little bearing on any future action.

Ishimaru said Maloney pointed out that his bill was killed at this year's session and a new measure must be introduced in 1957 if proponents of the plan wish to revive it.

Inasmuch as it is a grant to the Japanese school children, it should be administered by a group absolutely free of Communist domination. It would be preferable to see the Nisei or graduates of American colleges handle this program intelligently.

Already, groups in the Ministry of Education, PTA and the Teachers Union are organizing to handle the surplus grant. And politicians are not far behind. So behind the diplomatic scene of Tokyo responsible for this \$100 million agreement, some serious problems have appeared.

The left-wing Socialists here have resolved to oppose the importation of surplus farm products because Japan needs to purchase rice instead from the Southeastern Asian countries. (Under terms of the agreement, the United States will allocate necessary dollars for the purchase of the agricultural commodities while the Japanese government will deposit the yen equivalent in a special U.S. Government account in the Bank of Japan. The United States will offer 70 per cent of the yen in the special account, or a sum not to exceed \$59.5-million as a loan for economic development in Japan.

Utah congressman cites

SLC chapter of tree project

(Salt Lake City) Rep. William A. Dawson (R., Utah), commended the Japanese people of Utah for their contribution of eighteen more lovely cherry trees to the State Capitol grounds.

In his letter to the Salt Lake JACL Representative Dawson said: "I personally wish to express my appreciation for your generosity for I am particularly sensitive to the beauty of the Japanese Cherry Tree since my residence in Washington," and further expressed his appreciation to the Japanese people for all they are doing for the state.

The Salt Lake JACL also thanked the organizations for their support and cooperation in the cherry tree project.

The remaining 30 per cent will be used for the construction of housing for U.S. military personnel in Japan and the purchases of goods and services for third countries.)

Meanwhile, the national convention of the Japan Teachers Union at Matsue recently adopted several resolutions which show the dominance of Communist teachers in educational circles. One urged a change in the national anthem and flag. Another urged the youth be discouraged from joining the National Defense Forces.

People generally think the PTA similar to its predecessor before the war, but they are regarded as puppets of the radical teachers because of the extensive underground activities associated with the PTA today.

However, the school lunch idea is still unfettered and if properly administered, Shinji Yenemoto's idea will be of benefit to both Japan and the United States.

Fiske Univ. race relations institute seeks Nisei

(Denver) Nisei sociology students were being urged by the Rev. Tom Fukuyama, McGregor (Iowa) pastor and former Brotherhood House director here, to attend the Race Relations Institute at Fiske University, Nashville, from June 27-July 9. The theme is "New Horizons in Human Relations—Closing the Gap between the Court and the Community."

In a letter received by the Mile-Hi JACL, the Rev. Fukuyama added that Dr. Galen Weaver, who has been a good friend of the Nisei during the past years, is heading up the program and anxious to have Nisei representation.

Saburo Kido, former national JACL president, it was recalled, participated in the Institute a few years ago.

College credits (3 hrs.) may be earned. Tuition is \$80. Students may call the Mountain-Plains JACL Office, 1225-20th St., ALpine 5-7227 in the afternoons for further details.

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Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

'VANISHING ISLAND'—AN MRA PLAY

Honolulu

The message of Moral Rearmament, a "superior ideology" to remake the world, was brought to Honolulu in a forceful yet delightful, musical play last Saturday night.

About a thousand persons saw a new type of stage play, titled *The Vanishing Island*. It is the vehicle by which the Moral Rearmament movement hopes to win converts on an ambitious tour of twelve countries in Asia.

Unless one appreciates the meaning of Moral Rearmament and the zeal of its followers, there is quite a bit of difficulty describing for the uninitiated the significance of the musical play and all it stands for and wants to accomplish.

The chances are, however, that more and more people will be hearing about the Moral Rearmament idea because it offers a degree of hope in a world steadily losing all hope of solving its complex problems.

Vanishing Island has one central theme but many special meanings depending on the audience. Its big message is to sell Moral Rearmament as a new way of life, an ideology its followers believe is superior to anything yet practiced or preached by either the West or the East.

If individuals everywhere—the message says—would adopt four standards of conduct and thinking, and hew to them, they can overcome the strife and conflict pitting class against class, race against race, nation against nation. These standards are absolute honesty, purity, unselfishness and love.

To Americans who have become cynical of seeking solutions through higher ethical standards, the only appropriate advice is, "See the play for yourselves, then search your conscience for the answer."

The Vanishing Island is indeed a novel and powerful drama, told with professional skill by a cast of 100. It takes place in two countries—"I Love Me" and "We Hate You." The first country represents the West, especially the United States and England—economically well off, socially gregarious but incredibly selfish and short-sighted.

So when "We Hate You" (the East, more particularly Soviet Russia) threatens "I Love Me" with destruction unless it divides it wealth and know-how, the threat goes unheeded.

"We Hate You" vows revenge and is about the subjugate "I Love Me," after a natural disaster had hit the island, when a wise man persuades both sides to try "the one unifying force"—Moral Rearmament. Some painful soul-searching ends happily for everyone when both sides realize the futility of their old ways.

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SPECIAL MEANINGS DERIVED

To a Honolulu observer, the play conveys several special meanings. One is that it is not enough that Americans learn to live harmoniously among themselves. The United States, and especially Hawaii, can feel fairly satisfied with their record of welding many races into a united community and Nation.

But this self-satisfaction can be treacherous when it tends to forget or minimize the tremendous class and racial struggles of peoples in other parts of the world.

Another lesson: When Americans become so obsessed with their own economic well-being that they can talk to other peoples only in terms of economic aid, then there is something lacking in the friendship offered others.

This reviewer wonders whether *The Vanishing Island* might not be more useful if it was kept in the United States for American audiences, instead of being sent on an Asian tour. For one thing, the lyrics and lines are in English. Even with translations, much of the impact would be lost on non-English speaking audiences.

For a more realistic reason, the show should play to American audiences because they can learn much about what is wrong with the typical American's thinking about other peoples' problems. It would be an eye-opener to most Americans.

The Vanishing Island was written by Peter Howard, an English playwright who quit newspaperwork to devote himself to the cause of Moral Rearmament.

Its cast is headed by Reginald Owen, a veteran of the British and American stage and screen.

The size and prestige of the undertaking can be gleaned from the fact that a large "task force" of citizens from many countries will be traveling with the cast, to spread the message of Moral Rearmament.

After the play ended, the task force group was introduced to the Honolulu audience. It included eight European ex-Communists who were won over to Moral Rearmament; seven Africans, four Maoris, and various people from European and Asian countries, including two from Japan—Mis Kinuyo Tanaka, the actress, and Kanju Kato, a former Minister of Labor.

All are paying their own way on this far-swinging tour that may reach millions of people.

Nisei participate in Denver study of bias

(Denver) A great number of Nisei participated in the Mayor's Inventory of Human Relations in the city and county of Denver the past year, it was noted by the Mountain-Plains JACL Office.

Min Yasui, regional representative, acted as one of the panel members at the final report meeting June 6 making recommendations to the Commission on Human Relations to eliminate discriminatory practices because of race, color or creed in Denver.

During the past year, Mrs. George Shiyomura acted as JACL co-ordinator working with more than 36 organizations and agencies involved in the study. Ray S. Tani and Beans Yamamoto were consultants in the housing section. Mary Nakamura, Dr. Mike Uba and Dick Yanase participated in the public accommodations section.

Graduate Hawaiian Nisei at West Point

(West Point, N.Y.) Kenneth K. Ikeda, son of the Manzo Ikedas, Honolulu, was among the 489 graduates from the U.S. Military Academy here June 7. He was the first Nisei from Hawaii at West Point.

Commissioned a second lieutenant in the artillery, he will report at the anti-aircraft school and at the airborne school in Ft. Benning, Ga.

One of eight children, he was graduated from Farrington High School in 1948, attended Univ. of Hawaii for a year and then volunteered for Army duty. He took the West Point entrance examinations in March, 1951, and several months later won his appointment through Delegate Farrington.

Tashiro—

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cuit court — Kenichi Umemoto, who has been there since his graduation from the Kauai High school in 1920, a period of 35 years.

Governor Samuel Wilder King has expressed delight with the U.S. Senate confirmation of Tashiro as Fifth Circuit Court judge. The Governor said:

"I am delighted with the confirmation of Ben Tashiro as the 5th Circuit Court Judge. The news is gratifying to me because of our long, personal association. He has rendered valuable services as the Assistant Attorney General of the Territory since his appointment in 1953, and I am sorry we will no longer have his service.

"Ben's legal competence, integrity, community standing and military service have been recognized in his confirmation for the judgeship by the U.S. Senate. His many supporters—the Republican Party, the Territorial Administration, the Delegate to Congress and others—rejoice with him on this happy occasion."

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Double amputee Okinawan recuperating in Denver granted permanent residency

(Denver) President Eisenhower last week has signed a private bill granting Chokichi Iraha, 24-year-old double amputee Okinawan, the right of permanent residence in the United States, the Mountain-Plains JACL Office and Seventh Day Adventist Church here were informed last week by Colorado Senators Eugene D. Millikin and Gordon Allott.

Iraha was a 14-year-old youth when the U.S. Marines and soldiers stormed ashore in Okinawa in 1945. Three years later, when he was 17, Chokichi worked for the U.S. Army, helping to build houses and air fields. One day, during a rainstorm, he accidentally leaned against an electrical transformer at a housing development, and was severely burned on both arms. Surgeons at the U.S. Hospital at Naha amputated both arms to save his life.

The general in charge of U.S. forces in Okinawa, moved by compassion, ordered Iraha sent to Letterman Army Hospital in San Francisco, to be fitted with artificial arms, and as a graphic demonstration of the great heartedness of the United States towards the natives of Okinawa.

Unfortunately, Iraha developed that dread disease of the western Pacific, tuberculosis, and after two years at Letterman Hospital, was transferred to the tuberculosis wards at Fitzsimons Army Hospital here. He remained at Fitzsimons for four long and lonesome years, during which time he was befriended by members of the local Japanese Seventh Day Adventist Church, led by the Rev. George Aso.

Taking a personal interest in the unfortunate lad, the church helped him obtain convalescent and rehabilitative care at the Ex-Patients' Sanatorium, 8000 East Montview Blvd., a Jewish philanthropic organization that takes in needy without charge and without discrimination as to race, color or creed.

During 1954, the then U.S. Senator, and now Governor of Colorado, Ed. C. Johnson introduced a special bill on behalf of Chokichi Iraha, and although the Senate passed the bill on Aug. 10, 1954, Congress adjourned before the House of Representatives could take action on the bill.

This year, assisted by the local JACL office, special efforts were made by the Seventh Day Adventist Church to have Senators Eugene D. Millikin and Gordon Allott sponsor another bill on behalf of Iraha. On Mar. 28, 1955, the Senate passed S. 891, and on May 18, through efforts of Rep. Byron G. Rogers, member of the House Judiciary Committee, the House

EYBL convention slated for New York in 1956

(Chicago) Delegates to the 10th annual Eastern Young Buddhist League convention here over the Memorial Day weekend voted to hold the 1956 affair in New York.

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Use of radioactive iodine on fungus diseases reported by Nisei at medical confab

(Los Angeles) Dr. Juro Shintani, local dermatologist, presented a research paper before the annual meeting of the Society for Investigative Dermatology, held in conjunction with the national convention of the American Medical Association in Atlantic City recently.

A faculty member of the USC Medical School, he reported on his studies on the effect of iodine in the treatment of fungus diseases by the use of radioactive iodine.

Dr. Shintani instructs post-graduate classes in skin diseases for physicians who plan to specialize in this field at the USC Medical School. He has also taught at the UCLA Medical post-graduate extension division. He also is engaged in the study of the use of Vitamin A in the treatment of skin diseases.

Shiraishi elected

(Hollywood) Shiro Shiraishi was elected president of the Hollywood Japanese Community Center board of directors recently at a meeting held at the Noboru Ishitani home. Judge John Aiso, newly-elected board member, has proposed that its charter be amended to admit several organization representatives to the board.

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A GRAND FAMILY REUNION

(This item is being reprinted from the Cleveland JACL Bulletin, a community service project of the chapter and one of the finer edited publications among Nisei organizations in the United States.—Editor.)

■ It's community picnic time again! The date has been set for July 3. The place Wiegand's Lake. The committee is already making plans to make this picnic better than ever.

When the community picnic idea was first conceived, planned and put into operation some ten years ago, it was acclaimed with instantaneous success and has ever since become one of the firmly established traditions of our community. The event has the color and flavor of a grand family reunion of a large patriarchal clan.

After ten years of resettlement in the Cleveland community, most of us have achieved thorough integration and some feel that the continuation of the ethnic group is no longer necessary and desirable. I, for one, am opposed to such an idea. One need not forsake a natural grouping in order to achieve integration to a larger community. In fact one who is loyal to his own group makes a better member of the larger society. A skid row inhabitant is one who has severed all ties with all social groupings.

I don't intend to dwell on a sociological essay, what I want to say is that the community picnic brings reassurance to our sense of belonging. It is indeed a pleasure to munch on osushi, teriyaki, onishime, etc., under the shade of refreshing green leaves while we renew fellowship with our friends and acquaintances and bring up to date all the happenings of our clan. Issei are particularly happy to greet each other unfettered in their native tongue and to watch the ever-growing number of Sansei participating in various field events and games.

Yes, the community picnic is a grand family reunion, and we go forth from this gathering reassured with a sense of belonging and to renew our pledge that we shall not do anything to bring dishonor to this group.

—THOMAS SASHIHARA, Cleveland

Stockton congressman introduces private bill to admit fiancée of hospitalized Nisei veteran of Korean war

(Washington) A private bill to admit Miyoko Kamiyama, Japanese fiancée of Raymond Itaya, hospitalized veteran of the Korean war, was introduced by the Rep. Leroy Johnson (R., Calif.) at the request of the French Camp and Stockton chapters of the Japanese American Citizens League.

While the present Congress has frowned upon private immigration bills as a general rule, because of the particular merits of this situation, it was hoped that the Congress would act favorably, the Washington JACL Office said.

At the same time, it was revealed Congressman Johnson has promised to push this private bill vigorously so that favorable and early action can be expected.

Raymond Itaya is the son of Harry Itaya, prominent JACLer who recently served as vice chairman of the Northern California-Western Nevada District Council of the organization. The purpose of the private bill is to permit his fiancée to come to this country from Japan as a non-immigrant in order to marry him and then have her status adjusted to that of a nonquota immigrant lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

Raymond Itaya was commissioned a second lieutenant, following his graduation from the University of California in June, 1952, where he was a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corps. He was called into active service

in October, 1952.

The following spring, March, 1953, he was transferred to Japan and while on a special engineering mission at Nikko, he met his fiancée who at that time was employed by the United States Army.

He served in Korea from July 12, 1953 to April 23, 1954, first with the 3rd Engineer Combat Battalion as platoon leader, then as company executive officer. Thereafter, he was the assistant division engineer, assistant plans and operations officer, and finally projects engineer.

On his return to Japan, he served as executive officer to the maintenance engineer at Camp Drake, Tokyo. In the spring of 1954, he proposed marriage and was accepted by Miss Kamiyama.

A few days later, while preparing the necessary documents to request permission to marry, he was hospitalized and it was found that he had contracted tuberculosis while on duty in Korea.

He was evacuated to the United States in June, 1954, to the Fitzsimons hospital in Denver, where he underwent surgery. On March 31, 1955, under the regulations he was separated from the service as a First Lieutenant and is presently receiving medical treatment at the Veterans Administration hospital at Livermore, California.

For his military service in Korea, Raymond Itaya was awarded the United Nations Service

Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, and the Commendation Ribbon with Metal Pendant.

CHAPTER MEMOS

■ Cleveland JACL: The current membership drive is drawing to a close. It was hoped a minimum of 200 would be reached. Those soliciting memberships this year included:

Ken Asamoto, Ken Hayashi, Harry Kaku, Art Kono, Joey Kumagai, Art Mizusaki, George Oga, Paul Ohmura, George Ono, Thomas Sashihara, Henry Tanaka, Howard Tashima and George Uchimura.

■ Southern Alameda County JACL: Japanese Consul T. Kambara of San Francisco will be speaker at the Family Night program June 18 at the Warm Springs School. Haruo Ishimaru will also be present.

During the evening, the oldest father of the area will be honored and presented a gift by Ray Kitayama, chapter president. Kaz Shikano will be emcee. On the committee are:

Dorothy Kato, Kiyo Kitayama, co-chmn.; Sam Yamanaka, Sat Sekigahama, Eleanor Motozaki, Kiyoshi Kato and Taiju Kato.

■ Gilroy JACL: An outing honoring local graduates will be sponsored jointly with the Gilroy S. YBA at Gilroy Hot Springs June 25. Dinner begins at 6:30 followed by dancing.

■ Long Beach - Harbor District JACL: High school and college graduates of the Harbor area will be special guests at the June 25 dance in their honor at the Harbor Community Center. George Iseri, chairman, will be assisted by:

Tak Kawashiri, Haj Fukumoto, Harry Nishimura, Frances Okura and Kay Matsumoto.

Tak Shindo's combo will play. Harbor Japanese Women's Association, co-sponsors, will serve refreshments.

■ Downtown Los Angeles JACL: A special luncheon meeting has been called by Dave Yokozeki for noon today at San Kwo Low to hear Mike Masaoka, Washington JACL representative.

■ Berkeley JACL: "Japan Night", chaired by Albert Kosakura, will feature a special talk by Japanese Consul Tomihiko Kambara and two films June 18 at the Higashi Hongwanji. Bay Area talent will also perform. Ben Fukutome, chapter president, added this meeting was a part of the organization's aim in assisting the welfare of the Japanese community.

■ Seattle JACL: George Inagaki, National JACL President, who was scheduled to speak this week was unable to be present as planned because of his attendance at Dr. Randy Sakada's funeral in Chicago. Rep. John L. O'Brien, House speaker of the Washington State legislature, spoke on the repeal of the alien land law and urban redevelopment.

While the membership drive for Nisei JACLers was to have ended June 10, Paul Kashino was appointed Issei membership chairman and a drive to solicit their membership will start soon.

Hiro Sasaki is chairman of the annual Labor Day dance committee.



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BY HARUO ISHIMARU

(This week, Haruo Ishimaru wrote to Howard Imazeki, English editor of the San Francisco Hokubei Mainichi, acknowledging some of the help received in the Sacramento legislative program that had received excellent coverage in the June 10 issue.—Editor.)

ISSEI PENSION FOLLOW-UP

San Francisco

Dear Howard: I would like to thank you for your very generous article reporting our recent California Senate victory relative to Old Age Assistance for needy Issei who are unable to obtain citizenship. Your article stated, "With this senatorial action, old age assistance for the Japanese Issei in California, who are unable to qualify for American Citizenship because of age or infirmity, loomed as a strong possibility according to Haruo Ishimaru, Northern California JACL Regional Director, without whose efforts during the past legislative session this measure would never have been brought to this successful conclusion."

Although I am happy and grateful for your words of commendation, I would like to point out that this victory is a victory for all Japanese Americans and reflects not the efforts of any one person, but the respect, confidence, and affection which the Japanese Americans have won for themselves in their many communities. When the first few Issei and Nisei returned from their relocation ten years ago they were met with ill-concealed enmity and open hostility in many areas.

The successful passage of the two Alien Land Law Bills and the imminent success of the Old Age Assistance bill is a vindication of our people by the elected and official voice of the great state of California. In a short decade we have won our place; we have come home.

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BEHIND-THE-SCENE TEAMWORK

Although I was assigned the responsibility as the state lobbyist for the JACL, this California legislative program was not a one person project by any means. It required a great deal of teamwork behind the scenes and I would like to point out some of these. First of all, we would not have even begun if it were not for Assemblymen Edward E. Elliott and S. C. Masterson of Richmond. They not only were the principal authors of the bills, but they literally fought tooth-and-nail for us.

I wish I could point out all of the others on our "team" from among our many JACL chapters and members. That is impossible because I would have to catalogue hundreds of persons who encouraged and aided us.

However, I would like to call attention to some of the members on the "first team". The pattern for California State legislative action for the JACL was set by my predecessors Joe Grant Masaoka, Sam Ishikawa, and Tats Kushida whose experiences and contacts are still invaluable. The Sacramento JACL Chapter headed by President Toko Fujii, Ginji Mizutani, Bill Matsumoto, and Dean Itano did a lot of legwork and entertained key legislators for us. All of our Nisei attorneys were very cooperative in giving help on technical legal points whenever I called upon them and because of his proximity to our office, I relied heavily on Victor S. Abe of San Francisco.

Jack Noda and Tom Yego, District Council Chairman and 1st National Vice-President respectively, gave me every encouragement and relieved me of other district council responsibilities so that I could give priority to our legislative program.

Since I was without an office secretary, my wife Yoshiko, did all of my very crucial secretarial work on a voluntary basis. As an example she spent practically all of the Memorial Day weekend sending letters to legislators, chapter officers and other key people.

So many of our state legislators came from counties where there are no Japanese Americans let alone JACL chapters. Consequently we had to depend upon other contacts and our thanks go to my associates of the Congregational Christian churches and other church groups for their statewide assistance in writing their legislators.

It goes without saying that we owe a great deal to the vernacular newspapers, such as yours, which kept our chapters and friends notified of developments and which were responsible, I am sure, for many of the letters sent to our legislators. Thus you see, there was a great deal of work and planning done behind the scenes which insured the ultimate victories.

Finally, I would say that the great heroes of our work in California are the Issei, and if I may be presumptuous, like my late father. Their gentle, patient, and courageous lives won for themselves and their Nisei children the respect and affection of their fellow Californians. To these heroic pioneers of the west, we Nisei owe an unpayable debt. We are profoundly grateful to them.

My thanks, again, Howard, for your kind words and my personal best wishes to you and to your newspaper.

—HARUO ISHIMARU, Regional Director
Northern Calif.-Western Nevada JACL

Snake River CL honors graduates

BY FUMI MITA

(Ontario, Ore.) Twenty-one Nisei graduates were honored at the 10th annual Snake River JACL graduation dinner-dance at East Side Cafe on June 3. Joe Saito was toastmaster.

Robert McConaha, Ontario High principal, in the main address of the evening congratulated the graduates and suggested that a great investment was made by their parents and community and that a good return might well be expected from that investment.

"Whatever you do, do something of which they can be proud," he said, "using the good foundation, moral and spiritual principles that you have learned in high school."

Banquet invocation was made by the Rev. Jun Fujimori, followed congratulatory messages from George Iseri, chapter president, and T. Ogami, representing the Japanese Ancestry Association. Frank Itami, class salutatorian, responded.

Nola Jean Sugai, Irene Taylor and Shirley Sugahiro, trio from the graduating class, entertained as did Art Yenson, school teacher adept at caricatures.

The dance, co-sponsored with YBA, followed at the Veterans Memorial Hall with Emmaline McGinnis' orchestra. Honored graduates were:

Tsugiko Hasebe, Franklin S. Itami, Violet S. Morinaga, Paul Nakamura, Alice K. Nakano, Pauline Nishiyama, Donald Oizumi, David Sato, Shirley Sugahiro, Karlyn Sugai, Nola Jean Sugai, John Matsubu, Hideo Bili Arima, Jim M. Nakamura, Fern K. Ozawa, Dick Terashima, Bobby Uriu, Molly Yoneyama, Joanne Kuwahara, David Shikuma, and Esther Shikuma.

So. Alameda County CL plans graduates dinner

(Centerville) Local Nisei graduates are to be honored by the Southern Alameda County JACL at the Mandarin restaurant in San Jose on June 24. Serving on the committee are:

Tarno Fudenna, m.c.; June Handa, inv.; Jane Yamauchi, ent.; Sam Yamakana, fin.; Chuck Shikano, Kiyo Kitayama, reservations and Satsu Umemoto, pub.

Scholarships—

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east Asia program, three months at School of International Studies, Johns Hopkins University. Since then he has been studying at Leiden University in Holland under a Hendrick Wilhelm Van Loon fellowship on Indonesian anthropology. After graduation, he will return to the United States to teach and apply his knowledge toward strengthening ties between U.S. and Indonesia.

George H. Tokuyama, 4005 Koko Dr., Honolulu—Univ. of Hawaii graduate, 1947; employed by Territorial Dept. of Health. Because an adequate number of specialists in the work are needed in Hawaii, he will take a master's program in public health, specializing in biostatistics and public health administration at the Univ. of California at Berkeley. Upon graduation, he will return as a consultant.

Donald Yamaguchi (renewal) 1478 Main St., Wailuku, Maui—B.S. degree in chemistry, Univ. of Hawaii, 1952; studying at the Univ. of North Dakota School of Medicine, where he maintains an exceptionally high academic record. For his final two years of medical work, he will attend Harvard. He expects to return to Hawaii to practice medicine in his own community.

Other award winners this year include Negroes, American Indians, Spanish Americans, a Korean American, Puerto Ricans, displaced persons, a Guamanian and a resident of the Appalachian Mountains.

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PLACER EVENING COLLEGE GRADUATES ISSEI STUDENTS OF CITIZENSHIP CLASS

(Roseville) Twenty-one graduates of Placer Evening College citizenship class were honored by the Placer County JACL chapter and John A. Stacker Post of the American Legion last week.

Extending congratulations were chapter president Wilson Makabe; Kay Takemoto, naturalization committee chairman; Tom Yego, 1st National JACL vice-president; and Haruo Ishimaru. Tad Yego was chairman.

S. Hironaka, 84, responded in behalf of the students; K. Nodohara for the newly naturalized citizens.

Harry Dewey, 1st vice-commander of the American Legion Sixth District, was the main speaker. Frank Van Vliet, evening college principal, presented certificates. Kelvin Mitani, Tadashi Yego and Benji Takahashi were cited as instructors. Legion Auxiliary and JACL served refreshments after the program.

Organizations assist in Cleveland community picnic

(Cleveland) Various clubs volunteered to serve on committees for the annual Cleveland Japanese community picnic July 3 at Wied's Lake, co-chairmen Tom Sashihara and Harry Kaku announced. Assisting are:

Fairway Golf, tickets; Nisei Christian Fellowship, Jr. Matrons, Shinwaka, program; Tennis Club, Fenway Golf, door prizes; YBA, p.a.; Bulletin, pub.

San Francisco picnic all set for June 26

(San Francisco) The entire Japanese community here is anticipating the picnic to be held June 26, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Golden Gate Park's Speedway Meadows. Co-sponsors are the No. Calif. Japanese Chamber of Commerce, Nichibei-Kai and the local JACL chapter. Marshall Sumida, general JACL chairman, will be assisted by:

George Miyamoto, Ben Okada, Margie Shigezumi, Miyuki Aoyama, refreshments; Dick Nishi, George Yamamoto, Babe Utsumi, Kei Hori, Mary Hamamoto, Viola Nakano, Sumi Utsumi, games; Suzy Toda, Grace Yonezu, Chiz Satow, prizes; Jerry Enomoto, Jack Kusaba, Kay Kuwada, announcer; Alice Shigezumi, Katherine Reyes, pub.; Fred Obayashi, p.a.; Yon Sato-da, auditor.

CHICK SEXOR HANDLES 100 IN RECORD TIME

(Tokyo) Japan's fastest chick sexor won first prize at a National contest recently by sexing 100 chicks in the record time of six minutes three seconds, it was reported by United Press.

Mamoru Yamato, 24, who hails from Tokushima prefecture, sexed all the chicks without one error.

Immigration—

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place of residence. It may be filed separately or simultaneously with a petition for nonquota or preference quota status.

Since the annual quotas for Japan are oversubscribed for many years to come, unless they qualify as skilled persons who are urgently needed in this country, many Japanese aliens will not be benefited by this regulation except those who qualify for nonquota visas as the husband, wife, or unmarried minor child of a United States citizen, the JACL office cautioned. At the same time, quite conceivably this could affect several thousand alien Japanese who are in this country at this time who are married to United States citizens though they were not admitted as nonquota immigrants. They might have been admitted as students, temporary visitors, etc.

Moreover, since the eligibility requirements as set out in the regulations do not include lawful status or even lawful entry on the part of the alien applicant, the procedure is available to Issei illegally in this country who are married to United States citizens, provided that they otherwise qualify.

The pre-examination procedure consists of a medical examination by the United States Public Health Service, and pre-examination by an immigration officer to determine the applicant's admissibility under the law, both of which take place in the United States only after a letter is received from the United States Consul in Canada stating that a visa will be promptly available if, upon personal examination, the alien is found admissible.

If the Public Health Service and the Immigration and Naturalization Service declare the alien admissible, he is given a sealed letter addressed to the Canadian immigration officer at the port of entry to Canada showing the purpose of the alien's trip to Canada as one solely to secure an immigration visa for admission back into the United States.

Applicants who, previously having been found admissible in pre-examination proceedings are found inadmissible at the time when they try to reenter the United States, are paroled into this country. It is because of this understanding that the Canadian Government cooperates with ours in this special procedure.

Elected to higher post

(San Francisco) Tom Sakai of the Townsend Harris Post 438 will serve as second vice-president of the American Legion Eighth District.

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BY TATS KUSHIDA

KIKA

Dai-seiko is the way several Issei biggies commented to us regarding the testimonial feed honoring naturalized citizens last Thursday at Gardena. Which means a great success. We concur. Despite a few unrehearsed hitches that always occur, the overall program was well presented and Judge Aiso's dueling oratory packed the proper punch for the occasion.

The 1955 cabinet of the Gardena Valley chapter, sponsors of the shin-shimin shindig, was sworn in by Dr. Roy M. Westriver, dispenser of bifocals, who is serving his third term in the pen—of the JACL exchequer. The officers: Prez Frank T. Kuida; 1st veep Ray Fujimoto; 2nd veep Paul Koga; 3rd veep Bob Wada; corsec Aki Tsukahara; recsec Helen Nishida; treas John Fujita; mem. chmn. Joe Yamoto; ath. chmn. Mas Fukai; soc. chmn. George Kobayashi. And some 30 on a board of advisors.



Pearly prexy pins were presented past chapter heads: Hank "Santa Anita Pansy" Ishida of Union Nursery, Curley "the wig" Komae, boss of Gardena Pharmacy, and Yo "the Dink's link to bachelorhood" Minami of the nursery Minamis.

Veep Koga, a new cit like Aki, responded for the Issei, all of whom, 150 strong, took a standing ovation.

Counting Gardena's Mayor Bolton, Torrance's Mayor Isen, L.A. County Supervisor Kenny Hahn and a few other dignitaries, the crowd numbered 300. Counting the waitresses, and who doesn't like to figure 'em too, the count was 310.

YAKUSHA

Sometimes, it's rough to play unsympathetic roles, actor Robert Ryan told us Monday at a Hadassah ceremony where our friend, Councilman Ed Roybal, was presented an award for his work among youngsters in the eastside. Hadassah is a Zionist Jewish women's org of 300,000 members. Says Bob, soon after he was starred as an anti-Semite in "Crossfire", he was spat on by a fifteen year old girl in New York. His latest villain role was anti-Japanese American in MGM's Bad Day at Black Rock. If anything comes from that, it'll probably be some jerk slipping a slab of rigor-mortis beef in Ryan's suki yaki. Currently, he is with 20th Century Fox working in House of Bamboo.

A Chicagoan natively, he is actually as liberal a guy as you'd find, being solid with the American Friends Service Committee (Quackers).

MORE CELLS

The Santana Wind, Orange County JACL's letterpress monthly, came out with a six-pager this time. Paying ads, too. OC membership under Fred Mizusawa is breaking all kinds of records. . . . Speaking of chapter bulletins, the SWLA JACL's excellently named mimeo job, the Southwesterly, has a Smog-as-Bored column by a writer whose name has changed from Miye Nai to Moe Mienzo. SWLA prez Yoorah, to whom thanks go for some pre-war Manchurian stamps, expects over \$800 to his chapter's BIG social, the Neki Hokey Hop set for July 9 at Park Manor. . . . This weekend, the Long Beach Harbor District JACL will honor some fifty graduates from local high schools, the jaysee and state teachers college at the Harbor Community Center.

Monday ayem, we attended a packed city hall hearing on a proposed fair employment practices ordinance, adding our endorsement to that of the proponents. The issue was defeated on a close 8 to 7 vote so Ellay will probably go a few more years without racial job discrimination being outlawed.

Visitors this week: Dr. George Miyake (O.D.), who, too, was an inmate of Kushida's student boarding menagerie around '39, and who was Fowler JACL prez in '52. . . . Hitoshige Okabe, now with American President Lines, with whom we toiled in Poston on a census project and who taught us the fine art of Hana, Nipponese version of gin rummy. . . . The Mitchell Nakagawas of Chicago. . . . Shinjun Oshima, a Japan government student and articulate poli-sci grad from state teachers in Kirksville, Mo., who used to be secretary to the Governor of Okinawa. . . . Last and least, Mephistopheles Beelzebub, a bill collector.

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KONNO, OYAKAWA NAMED DOUBLE ALL-AMERICANS

(New York) The College Swimming Coaches Association of America named Ford Konno and Yoshi Oyakawa, both of Ohio State and from Hawaii, on the 1955 All-America swimming team.

Both were doubly honored—Konno in the 440 and 1,500-m. freestyle events; Oyakawa in the 100, 200 backstroke and medley relay.

NISEI RELAYS DEADLINE EXTENDED TO JUNE 20

(Los Angeles) Interest in Nisei Relays June 26 at Rancho Cienega Stadium is building up slowly as chairman Bob Watanabe has had to push the entry deadline to Monday, June 20.

Entry fee of \$1 is for each contestant for the entire meet and not for an event, it was explained by Watanabe. Entry blanks are available at the JACL Office.

SPORTSCOPE

■ Wiry little Art Kono of Seattle's Garfield High school is only a sophomore and was runner-up in the all-city prep meet this season. He was trimmed 6-0, 6-1 in the quarter finals of the city tennis tournament last week.

■ Jim Nakagawa, 220-lb. lineman at San Jose State, is expected to be one of the mainstays this fall in spite of a knee injury which kept him out of spring training.

■ Third-sacker Tom Higa of Hawaii, who spent most of the regular season on the bench, tallied the two runs for Fresno State College, which bowed 11-2 to USC Trojans recently in a playoff for the NCAA championships.

Tri-city net matches

(Cleveland) Shiro Shirozawa, new president of the local Nisei Tennis Club, is heading the season, which includes matches with Toronto and New York in a tri-city series over the July 4 weekend. Membership, still open, is being accepted by reporting to the Pattison courts on Sundays.

Top Notch invitational

(Los Angeles) Expected to be the most attractive golf tournament in Southern California, the Top Notch Invitational is preparing for 200 over six flights June 26 at Baldwin Hills. Kay Inouye is chairman.

Tournament chairman Kay Inouye expects 200 participants. Five flights plus an award dinner at Scully's are scheduled at \$10 per entry.

Cleveland keglers

(Cleveland) The Cleveland Nisei Bowling League elected Roy Yoshioka as president for the coming season. At the ABC tournament at Ft. Wayne, John Akiba of Cleveland topped all Nisei in the doubles with a 591. Isam Matsumura of Cleveland led Nisei participants in the singles with a 582.

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Tulare County JACL's bowling league title was won for the second straight year by Golden West Box Co., composed of (left to right): John Kurihara, Sawaji Hatakeda, Tosh Sadahiro, Fred Kurokawa and Junji Takeda. The league was composed of eight squads. James Matsumura, league president, won the season's high average award at 172; Maya Kaku and Ben Hayakawa shared the high scratch game at 244; Mike Katayama won the high scratch series trophy at 615. Over 100 attended the league award banquet where Ken Tashiro, 2nd national JACL vice-president, was guest speaker.

Center director named

(Minneapolis) The Rev. Andrew N. Otani has been officially appointed director of the Japanese American Community Center here by the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota. He had been serving as acting director.

JAL schedules changed

(San Francisco) New schedules for the San Francisco-Honolulu-Tokyo-Hongkong flights effective July 1 were announced by Japan Air Lines. Westbound flights:
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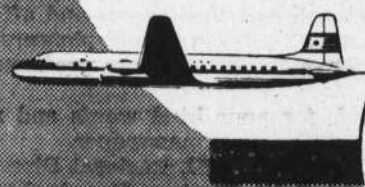
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Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

NISEI PIONEERS — A BUSINESSMEN'S GROUP

Los Angeles
Familiar names, prominent in prewar community affairs, broke into print when the Nisei Pioneers elected their new officers for the year. George S. Ono, insurance broker, was installed as the new president of the organization which is one of Li'l Tokio's oldest Japanese American businessmen's groups. The initiation was conducted at a dinner last Saturday by George Inagaki, National JACL president, who is one of the key members of the Pioneers.

Assisting Ono will be Attorney Henry Tsurutani as secretary-treasurer; and Beach Morita, sgt.-at-arms. Retiring officers are Willie Funakoshi, George Isoda and John Ty Saito.

Nobu Kawai and Fred Tayama, bigwigs of the Japanese American Child Care Center—formerly the Shonien—received full support from the Pioneers to get the project on its feet again.

CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR GARDENERS

Preliminary plans to form a Central Gardeners Council of Southern California, composed of both Nisei and Caucasian landscape workers, were being discussed this week by several gardeners association leaders.

Henry Hayashi, president of the Pasadena Gardeners Association, who was one of the delegates recently attending a public hearing on Assembly Bill 1671 in Sacramento, said his members have already been asked by its author, Thomas T. Maloney of San Francisco, to "draw up recommendations and amendments" on the measure which would license all state gardeners.

While an Interim Committee hearing is scheduled in July, the bill itself will not come up again until 1957.

Hayashi said he felt an organization like the one being considered would draw opinions from all sources and bring them into one at any future dispute or hearing.

Certainly the measure introduced by Maloney had everyone confused and unprepared. Even the Committee on Governmental Efficiency and Economy in Sacramento appeared inadequate when contents in the legislation were brought out at the hearing. Thus, it was tossed back to the subcommittee.

NISEI WEEK QUEEN OFFERED ISLE TRIP

The Nisei Week Festival advisory board, which decided to eliminate public voting through merchandise coupons in the queen contest in the 15th annual celebration, Aug. 19-28, announced it is ready to give the winner a free trip to the Hawaiian Islands as one of the inducements for girls to enter the race this year.

The last time Li'l Tokio merchants voted to go without balloting was in 1952 when Emiko Kato, now Mrs. Henry Yamada, was acclaimed queen through a popularity vote conducted by those attending the coronation ball at the Los Angeles Breakfast Club.

The 1955 method of selection will be similar in that a panel of judges will hold elimination sessions and pick five finalists. They will carry the race to a finale at the ball, scheduled Aug. 21 at the Hollywood Palladium.

Dateline Northwest

BY BUDD FUKUI

Seattle

● PURELY PERSONAL PIFFLES: . . . perhaps we shouldn't repeat it to a soul but Ruth Manca, who recently resigned as executive secretary of the Jackson St. Community Council, rated Japanese Americans quite highly . . . modesty forbids us from shouting too loudly . . . Peter Ohtaki, Japan Air Lines agent in Seattle, will have offices soon around Fourth and



University which appears to be the main airline center . . . didn't know but we do now—the City of Seattle employs about 12 Nisei engineers and they are pulling down some awesome wages, according to one who probably was carried away by his position or whatever it is that makes some persons think they're really moving the world . . . the proposed tollway, which would split the heart of the lower Jackson St. district, is due to affect some Japanese business establishments; we've often won-

dered why more Japanese don't pioneer into other areas and get away from the area which, in Seattle, is thought of as the "slum" . . . successful brothers: Paul Kashino, who sells insurance policies, and his well-known war hero brother, Shiro, who is in the auto sales business . . . James Matsuoka, First Hill Lions Club president, is planning to take his family to the national Lions parley this year in Atlantic City, N.J., we learn from a usually reliable source . . . the Seattle JACL chapter is perking up and showing some signs of life under its new president, Howard "Chip" Sakura; "Chip" has Cheryl Yoshihara doing publicity work and Hiram Akita editing the bulletin for a running start—public relations-wise . . . it may sound silly but Richard Naito, prominent in Nisei Veterans Committee and Lions Club, is the only Nisei jeweler who owns his own business in Seattle . . . a few months ago, the Seattle Post-Intelligencer hired Fumio Go, an office boy who looks like a speedster in comparison to the other lingering lads; it is remarkable how fast the Hakujin editors have learned to call him, "Fumio!" after using the easier-pronouncing "Go!" . . .

WE DIDN'T WANT TO DISTURB THEM

The other evening we wandered into a Chinese restaurant downtown.

The juke box was playing "Shina-no-Yoru" (Night in China).

A middle-aged couple sat near our booth.

Said the man: "That's wonderful Chinese music."

Nodded the pert Chinese waitress who made no attempt to correct the couple.

We didn't have the heart to inform the couple of their error. They seemed so pleased with the food—and the music.

Besides, who were we to disturb their peace?

State agencies help adoption of Japanese orphans under RRA program

(Washington) Prospective parents who wish to adopt Japanese orphans in Japan under the Refugee Relief program must first visit or write to the department of child welfare in his own state—not Washington, D.C.—asking for necessary steps to be taken for adopting a child from overseas; the Washington Office said this week in response to many inquiries.

Under the 1953 Refugee Relief Act, up to 4,000 orphans under 10-years-old on a world-wide basis may be admitted into the United States as non-quota immigrants.

The State Department has disclosed that 687 orphans have been admitted until a month ago from Japan. To qualify, the orphan must have lost one or both natural parents and be adopted abroad and be adopted in the United States. The prospective adoptive parents must further be able to properly care for the children and comply with state laws regarding adoption.

In cooperation with the State Department, the Washington JACL Office released the following ad-

Bussei carnival

(Chicago) The familiar "Carnival" banner will fly again for the 11th year in front of the Chicago Buddhist Church July 1-4. Yutaka Kanemoto is chairman.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES

ADACHI—May 18, girl Arleen Reiko to Kazuo Adachi (Masaye Fujisawa).
UNG—May 17, girl Elaine to Ralph ASAYAMA—May 14, girl Phyllis Chimi to Noboru Asayamas (Kayako Yanohiro).

AZEKA—May 18, girl Patricia A. to Mitsuru Azekas (Masami Moriaki).
IWANAGA—May 12, boy Bradford Ken to Russell Iwanagas (Kathleen Yasumoto).
OSHITA—May 12, girl Wendy Susan to Tom Oshitas (Jane Teragawa).
Ungs (Misuko Shimada).

VENTURA

NAKAMURA—May 16, boy Richard G. to George Nakamuras (Shizuko Murakami), Camarillo.

SANTA ANA

OGATA—May 1, boy to George Ogatas.
SADAKANE—May 16, boy to Mam Sadakanes.

ARIZONA

TANITA—May 17, girl to Makota Tanitas, Glendale.

VISALIA

SONODA—June 6, girl to Howell Sonodas, Lindsay.

FRESNO

DOMOTO—May 18, girl to Lyman Domotos, Sanger.

NISHIDA—May 23, girl to Kenneth Nishidas, Reedley.

OGAWA—May 26, boy Mack to Hugo Ogawas, Sanger.

SAN JOSE

FUJIMOTO—May 24, girl Lorraine Shigeko to Taichi Fujimotos, Madrone.

SACRAMENTO

MATSUMOTO—May 17, boy to Kazuto Matsumotos.

TANAKA—May 31, girl to Karl K. Tanakas.

AUBURN

KOIZAKU—May 22, girl to Kenny Koizakus, Loomis.

SEATTLE

NISHIMURA—May 28, girl to Isao B. Nishimuras.

TAKAHASHI—May 27, girl to Yoshiaki Takahashis.

YOKOYAMA—May 29, boy to Kazuo Yokoyamas.

SALT LAKE CITY

AMANO—May 22, girl to Pete Amanos.

AOKI—May 27, girl to Huteh Aokis.

DENVER

OKIMOTO—Girl to Fred Okimotos.

OTSUKI—Girl to George Otsukis.

NIITA—Boy to William S. Nittas.

URANO—May 30, girl to Tom Uranos, Ione.

NEBRASKA

KAMITSUKA—Boy to Paul Kamitsukas, Mitchell.

SAKURADA—Boy to Kenneth Sakuradas, Mitchell.

MINNEAPOLIS

TATSUDA—May 21, boy Charles Jr. to Charles Tatsudas (June Kawakami).

San Francisco doctor to join Honolulu group

(San Francisco) Dr. Richard Shigeru Horio, now serving with the United States Army Medical Corps in Honolulu, recently revealed plans to go into group practice in Honolulu and to permanently close his office at 1835 Buchanan St.

Dr. Horio will complete his tour of duty the end of July and will start his practice on Aug. 1. He will be one of five specialists getting together for group practice in one building in Honolulu.

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SOCIAL NOTES

(Salt Lake City) Mrs. James M. Sugihara was installed as second vice-president of the Univ. of Utah Women's Club recently at the Hotel Utah Roof Gardens.

(Seattle) Mrs. William Mimbu is chairman of the Ai-Iku Guild of the Children's Orthopedic Hospital, only Japanese guild here.

(Marsing, Idaho) Owyhee Neighbors, organized last year with 25 girls from this area with Kathy Miyasako as its first president, elected new officers:

Mabel Yasuda, pres.; Masako Hamada, vp.; Aya Takasugi, sec.; Shizuyo Ikuta, treas.; Mary Arima, Amy Kido, soc.; Mary Kawai, hist.; and Itsie Fujishin, pub.

It voted to join the Owyhee County Home Demonstration Council.

Fair exhibit chairman

(Sanger) Robert Kanagawa will again chair the Sanger booth at the Fresno District Fair Exhibit this year.

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BY HARRY HONDA

FLYING OUR FLAG

It was Flag Day last Tuesday and I couldn't help notice the lack (in Los Angeles) of homes displaying the flag. It may have been that no one was home and the household feared flying the flag outside lest it might be stolen . . . I was even happy to see a flag not hanging in the prescribed manner . . . In a couple of weeks comes an even more auspicious occasion—the Fourth of July or Independence Day. This is about as American a holiday anyone can want, although we city-folks can't celebrate it with fire-crackers and Roman candles anymore. But there is still the flag . . . If the flag is to be suspended, the blue field should be in the upper left-hand corner as viewed from the street. And the flag should be withdrawn by sundown.

GET ANOTHER TIN OF TUNA

The press, picking up the cry of hard-pressed tuna fishermen in Southern California, had pictures of wives picketing a Japanese freighter loaded with tuna . . . The American canner who buys Japanese-caught fish currently is getting white meat (albacore) tuna, which is not available commercially at the present time from the fleet tied up in San Pedro or San Diego. The frozen tuna in California boats is of the yellowfin variety . . . And in order to remain competitive, Southern California cannerymen are participating in the Japanese market to some extent. The Tuna Research Foundation says American-caught yellowfin is \$310 a ton, Japanese-caught albacore unloaded last month was \$250 per ton plus handling at \$70 per ton for a \$320 total . . . If the outrages emanating from Southern California about Japanese tuna were channeled to interest more consumers, more would be made happier.

Now that the U.S. and Japan have signed tariff agreements at Geneva which would admit fresh and frozen albacore duty-free, and reduce duty on oil-packed and brine-packed tuna, the Administration is bracing itself for a storm of protest from west coast fishermen . . . The Administration is evidently not overly concerned. The situation has persisted the past five years—that unless tuna imports are drastically reduced from Japan, the San Diego fleet will disappear. The fleet, though, still sails . . . They say if every U.S. family bought an extra can of tuna each week, the situation would vastly improve. You might say eating tuna was a patriotic gesture as well as insuring peace in the Pacific.

Minority Week

■ The Michigan state legislature has passed an FEPC bill which provides a six-member bi-partisan commission to enforce equal employment rights for all persons. The commission can appeal to circuit courts to subpoena witnesses and the accused, and has the right of jury trials in such cases. It is expected to greatly benefit the 350,000 Negroes living in Detroit. Special tribute was paid by the NAACP to Rep. Louis P. Crampton, who led the FEPC bill fight in the legislature the past five years, and to Sen. Cora Brown, first Negro woman member of the Senate.

VAGARIES

[From Front Page]

first venture in publishing off to a bangup start.

The volunteers overflowed the tiny office of the *Republican* which was knee deep in coffee cups and cigarette butts. The ad men pounded the sidewalks of York, selling ads for Ben's first edition, while the news writers batted out stories for the inaugural issue. Because the *Republican's* equipment was inadequate for the size of the special number, compositing facilities were borrowed in newspaper shops in nearby towns. The resulting 48-page issue was the largest in the 70-year history of the *Republican*. Financially, it was a big success.

After the 40 volunteers had gone back to their respective Nebraska towns, and the tobacco smoke had cleared and the coffee cups were washed, Ben settled down to the unending routine of a country editor. "Sometimes he would be so tired, I'd find him asleep at his desk late at night," Shige recalls. The week's work would come to a head on Thursdays when the paper came out. One of Shige's duties was to deliver the bundles to nearby communities.

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STILL IN NEWSPAPER GAME

The *Republican* had been floundering when Ben took it over. Within a year, its circulation was more than doubled and advertising returns were healthy. Some months later the Kurokis received an offer for the paper which was "too good to turn down" and they decided to sell, although they regretted leaving York.

In that tumultuous time, when he was appearing on radio, TV and making speeches on behalf of his fellow Nisei, Ben used to say that all he ever wanted to do, once his mission was completed, was to find a shady tree under which he could rest. After selling the *Republican*, the Kurokis moved to Pocatello in Idaho, Shige's home state, and Ben had hopes of taking things easy for a while and doing a little fishing.

He did get some fishing in, but soon he was working for the *Daily Bulletin* in nearby Blackfoot as circulation manager, and farm editor. Later he and an associate bought control of the *Daily Bulletin* and Ben became editor and publisher.

They sold out last year and since then Ben has been a member of the editorial staff of the *Daily Telegraph-Bulletin* in his home town of North Platte.

In the past decade Ben has learned every phase of the complex newspaper business, and he hopes to have a paper of his own again some day. Meanwhile, the Kurokis are happy to be back in North Platte.

Ben does manage some fishing for pan fish and bass in the reservoirs around North Platte, but he hasn't had time to locate that shady tree under which he was just going to sit and rest once the war was over.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER:

Milestones in Nisei History

BY MIKE MASAOKA

Washington

The post-World War II history of persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States has been marked by many notable achievements, each representing a kind of milestone along the road that the Issei and Nisei are travelling toward an America that is free from racial prejudice and bigotry.

Perhaps because it seems that these milestones are reached so quickly and easily in this post-war period when general acceptance is the rule and not the exception, persons of Japanese ancestry have begun to accept as commonplace that which a few short years ago would have been hailed as unprecedented, miraculous, sensational.

The week of June 6 to 11, for example, witnessed several noteworthy attainments to which even the so-called Japanese American press gave only casual mention.

Tashiro confirmation

On Monday, June 6, the Senate Judiciary Committee unanimously and favorably reported the nomination of Benjamin M. Tashiro to be a federal district judge in the Territory of Hawaii.

The next afternoon, June 7, the United States Senate unanimously accepted the Committee's recommendations and confirmed the presidential appointment of the first Nisei to sit officially on the federal bench.

Tashiro's confirmation represents the first time in congressional history that an American of Japanese ancestry has been given a public hearing as an executive nominee, has been favorably reported by both the subcommittee and the full committee considering the appointment, and has been confirmed without a single dissent by the full membership of the U.S. Senate, representing all of the 48 states.

For the first time, the Senate handled this nomination as a routine matter, which it was, and did not attach any special significance to the fact that the presidential appointee was of Japanese ancestry.

It is hoped that Tashiro's nomination will be the forerunner of many more executive appointments, for there is no longer a question as to whether the Senate will approve them or not. It is also hoped that the Senate will continue, in their finest tradition as exemplified in this instance, to judge candidates solely on their individual merits, rather than on such unrelated grounds as race, color, creed, and political expediency.

The real significance of Tashiro's confirmation is not so much that an American of Japanese ancestry was approved for the national judiciary but that a precedent has been established for the nomination and confirmation of qualified Nisei for all federal responsibilities.

California legislature

Last Wednesday, June 8, the 1955 legislative session of the Legislature of the State of California adjourned.

In pre-war and the immediate post-war sessions, it was considered a major achievement if the Assembly and the Senate did not enact some measure directed against persons of Japanese ancestry in California.

As an indication of the changed climate of public and legislative opinion towards persons of Japanese ancestry, this past session enacted three bills benefiting Californians of Japanese ancestry and

fornians of Japanese ancestry and "killed" one that might have operated to their serious detriment.

Old Age assistance

Most impressive of the beneficial bills relates to old age assistance to the Issei.

As worded, it will be confined almost exclusively to the aged indigent Issei because its benefits are limited only to aliens over 60 years of age before Dec. 24, 1952 (the effective date of the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act), who have



resided in this country for 25 or more years prior to that deadline, and who were ineligible for naturalization until the enactment of the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Statute.

This bill represents special privilege only to the Issei, for all other aliens must qualify as citizens before becoming eligible for this same old age assistance. But it also takes into account the historical truth that until 1952 the Issei were not eligible for naturalization through no fault of their own.

Thus, many who came to California more than half a century ago and who have contributed so much to the development of the west but now, in the twilight of their useful lives, are unable to pass the naturalization examinations because of their age, will be eligible to receive old age assistance from the Golden State as a kind of belated recognition of their invaluable contributions to their state and nation.

Surely, few would have dared dream that California of all states would enact, and unanimously at that, privileged legislation for the alien Japanese. About the most that was hoped for was simple equality with all other Californians.

Alien land law

In 1913, the California Legislature enacted its first alien land law, calculated to prevent alien Japanese from owning and prospering from the use of agricultural land. This basic discrimination was later incorporated into the laws of 13 other western states. Seven years later, in 1920, the voters of California by an initiative measure made this racial discrimination a part of the State Constitution.

Without doubt, this rank discrimination prohibiting the ownership of land by alien Japanese (who were then in the overwhelming majority since the Nisei at that time averaged less than six months in age) is more responsible than any other single statute for the relatively depressed economic situation of the Japanese American community. As a matter of fact, it has been estimated by some that, had there been no alien land law, the Issei might well have controlled California agriculture and the Japanese American group might well be one of the most prosperous in the entire land.

The 1955 California Legislature repealed the 1913 law outright and ordered that the 1920 initiative measure be placed before the electorate in next fall's election (November, 1956) for annulment.

While it is true that the California State Supreme Court declared this legislation unconstitutional in 1952 (Fujii and Masaoka cases), and the Walter-McCarran Act nullified its purposes by eliminating race as a qualification for naturalization, nevertheless the twin acts of the Legislature represents a remedial spirit that few would have predicted even a short decade ago.

Gardeners' license bill

The bill which would have licensed all maintenance gardeners in California was killed in the last session by ordering an interim committee of the Assembly to hold hearings on it during the sum-

mer. There is much thought that this seemingly innocuous bill as drafted might have seriously impaired the ability of perhaps thousands of Issei and Nisei gardeners throughout the State to continue to earn a livelihood as gardeners, one of the more lucrative professions at the present time.

Effective lobbying

Though there is perhaps considerable cynicism regarding lobbying in general and in state legislatures in particular, as one who knows a little about such activities I would like to pay tribute to Haruo Ishimaru, who was JACL's lobbyist in Sacramento this spring.

There is no question that the individual JACL chapters and members were most helpful, that a proper foundation was laid by Joe Grant Masaoka, Sam Ishikawa, and Tats Kushida (who represented JACL in the 1953 Legislature) in the previous legislative session, and that the members of both the Assembly and Senate were sympathetic to the appeals of persons of Japanese ancestry.

But, it still required adept maneuvering and effective lobbying to persuade the Legislature to translate their sympathies into positive action, especially when so many other lobbyists representing major interests were also trying to persuade a harassed, overworked, and overloaded Legislature to consider their pet projects.

Even if no affirmative action were needed, simply preventing bills from being pigeonholed is a major achievement.

And, in this single session, Haruo Ishimaru was the guiding spirit behind one of the most successful California Legislative Sessions persons of Japanese ancestry have ever enjoyed when three corrective measures became law and one detrimental bill was "killed". For this remarkable record, the Northern California JACL regional representative is most responsible.

1st refugees from Japan

On Saturday, June 11, 48 refugees from Japan debarked from the American President Lines Pres. Cleveland in San Francisco. By this time, they are already at work on the farms of their sponsor in Central California.

These are the first adult refugees to be admitted from Japan outside their regular quotas under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953. They are also among the very first adult refugees to be admitted from the Far East under this program.

Old timers believe that this is the first large contingent of Japanese to arrive in California for employment at a single farming operation since the Gentlemen's Agreement, was signed in 1908 to discourage immigration from Japan.

Unlike the earlier pioneers of 50 years ago entering a hostile land, these 1955 immigrants from Japan are welcomed to California. They came, not crowded like animals on an overloaded boat, but as tourist passengers on Pacific luxury liners.

They have jobs awaiting them at guaranteed prevailing scales. They will not be exploited as cheap labor. Not shacks but government certified housing is available to them.

All the great and human progress made in agriculture in the past half century is now theirs. And opportunities for the future are far more promising than that which greeted the Eastbay Issei in the early 1900s. May they make an equally impressive contribution to the land of their adoption as did the earlier predecessors from Japan.

CALENDAR

June 18 (Saturday)
Berkeley—"Japan Night", Higashi Hongwanji, 7:30 p.m.
So. Alameda County—Family Night, Warm Springs School, 8 p.m.
Chicago—Graduates' Dance, McCormick YWCA.

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

June 24 (Friday)
So. Alameda County—Graduates dinner, Mandarin Restaurant, San Jose.