



Editorials

NEW EVACUATION CLAIMS BILL

Much of the excitement that wove the activities of the Washington JACL Office in the decade immediately following the end of World War 2 hostilities has calmed down since the passage of the Walter-McCarran Immigration and Nationality Act in 1952.

Last Friday, some of the old lustre returned. The Department of Justice had handed the House Judiciary Committee studying the Hillings Bill (to dispose expeditiously the remaining 2,200 evacuation claims) its long overdue comments or objections to the measure.

The heat was muggy and stifling and there was a long four-day weekend in the offing over the Fourth of July. By any other odds, the Washington JACL office would have deserved the rest. But there was important work to do. Our Washington representative last Tuesday submitted his 15-page doubled spaced reply plus a 16-page single-spaced memorandum to the same committee; prepared news releases which are in this week's Pacific Citizen as well as a lengthy report to members of the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims (COJAEC) after working through the holidays.

While it has appeared that general interest in the Hillings bill has been lagging since it only concerned the remaining claimants, a new substitute measure has been introduced which invites the attention of all those who were evacuated. In lieu of trying to determine pre- and post-evacuation claims including transportation, the new bill provides small lump-sum payments in the form of an indemnity to every evacuee.

The manner in which this office performed is another convincing factor that JACL activities at the national level should be sustained as fully as possible. The office staff has been reduced from its 1946-52 footing, but the nucleus is still intact. So long as the nucleus is nourished, when the occasion demands it can faithfully serve its mother organization—the Japanese American Citizens League.

Vagaries

BY LARRY TAJIRI

STRAIGHT VERSION OF 'MIKADO'

Central City, Colo.

Here in this historic gold town—where the lode once ran rich in Gregory's Gulch—we saw Gilbert and Sullivan's *Mikado* one night last week at the opera house. We've seen other productions of the sturdy perennial, including a *Hot Mikado* with an all-Negro cast in the Federal Theatre days of the WPA, and a movie which starred Kenny Baker. But this was the first time we had seen the straight version, sung and played as it was by the D'Oyly Carte company which was brought over from London for the Central City season.

The D'Oyly Carte players are the inheritors of the Gilbert and Sullivan tradition, and the *Mikado* was written for the original D'Oyly Carte company back in 1885 by William S. Gilbert and Arthur S. Sullivan, the Rogers and Hammerstein of their day. In the 70 years since the London opening, the *Mikado* has proved perhaps the most popular of the G&S operas, although *Trial by Jury*, *Pinafore*, *Pirates of Penzance* and *Patience* all have their supporters.

For those who come in late, here is a brief synopsis of what goes on in the *Mikado*: Traveling about the country in disguise, Nanki-Poo, son of the Mikado, falls in love with Yum-Yum, ward of The Lord High Executioner, Ko-Ko. The latter, though the executioner, never beholds anyone and is warned by Pooh-Bah, the Lord High Everything Else, that he will lose his office unless there is an execution within a month. Ko-Ko's troubles are eased when Nanki-Poo volunteers to be the victim if he wed Yum-Yum in the interim. When the Mikado is told that his son has been executed his wrath is fearful, but Ko-Ko's report of the execution turns out to be false and everything ends happily.

When Gilbert wrote the story of the *Mikado* and Sullivan's music, Japan was little-known in the western world—a little island nation which was rapidly learning the ways of an industrialized economy, and ridding itself of vestiges of colonial-

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Hillings introduces new claims bill to best criticism

ORIGINAL BILL OPPOSED BY JUSTICE DEPT

(Washington) Objections to the Hillings Evacuation Claims Bill, except for the compromise settlement provision, were reported to the House Judiciary Committee by the Justice Department last week.

Mike Masaoka, Washington representative for the Japanese American Citizens League and Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims, was advised that Deputy Atty. Gen. William R. Rogers raised the Justice Department objections in a two-page single-spaced letter and a 16-page single-spaced memorandum.

The bill was introduced last March by Rep. Patrick J. Hillings

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Gov. Knight signs AB 842, nulling 1913 alien land law

(Sacramento) Gov. Knight Tuesday signed Assembly Bill 842, which removes the 1913 alien land law from the state statutes. He earlier had signed AB 841, which places the 1920 alien land law initiative for referendum in November, 1956.

(Washington) Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Whittier, Calif.) this week introduced a bill in the nature of a substitute for the evacuation claims bill he introduced last March, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League announced yesterday.

Like his earlier bill, the purpose of his measure is to expedite the final determination of the remaining evacuation claims and to liberalize certain harsh interpretations made by the Department of Justice in the administration of the program.

This latest Hillings Bill, as were his earlier ones last year and this March, was introduced at the request of the Japanese American Citizens League and the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims.

In introducing the legislation, Congressman Hillings said that his latest bill attempted to take into consideration the legislative history of the evacuation claims law, recommendations of the Judiciary Subcommittee that conducted hearings on the west coast last fall, the criticisms of the Dept. of Justice, and suggestions of the JACL and COJAEC.

His bill provides that the Attorney General may compromise and settle any claim without regard as to amount and without the 75 per

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JACL, COJAEC IN STRONG REPLY TO OBJECTIONS

(Washington) Charging the Dept. of Justice with callous disregard for recommendations of a congressional committee, the House Judiciary Committee early this week received a lengthy report defending the Hillings Evacuation Claims Bill from Mike Masaoka, on behalf of the Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims and the Japanese American Citizens League.

The Masaoka letter was a 15 page double spaced reply to the two page single spaced letter sent by the Department of Justice to the House Judiciary Committee which is considering the Hillings Evacuation Claims Bill to liberalize the administration of the act.

Masaoka's letter also included summary replies to the 16 page single spaced memorandum that the Department had sent with its letter to explain in greater detail its objections to the liberalizing measure.

In addition, a 28 page double spaced memorandum was included with the JACL-COJAEC letter. The memorandum discussed, point by point, the 14 items raised by the Department's memorandum.

The Washington Nisei representative declared that the Department treated evacuation claims legislation as routine, when the Congress, the President, and others in proposing the original statute considered it to be of special significance because of the unique background of the evacuation itself.

The Department also ignores the specific recommendations of the Sub-committee and the international implications of the proposal when it denounces the Hillings Bill as generally inappropriate because it provides the larger remaining claimants with more liberal provisions than the smaller claimants who have already been paid in the consideration of consideration of compensable items.

Replying to the latter claim, Masaoka said that if the Department in the first instance had interpreted and administered the law as it should have been done, there would be no need for the Hillings Bill today.

Besides, he pointed out, to reject amendments to law simply because later beneficiaries may be treated more generously than others is to frustrate not only the legislative process but also progress.

In reference to major specific items discussed in the Departmental memorandum, JACL-CO-

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George Nishita abed after heart attack

(Hollister) George Nishita, prominent agriculturist and veteran JACL of San Benito County, is resting at home following a heart attack June 25. (Details are reported in Haruo Ishimaru's column this week.—Editor).

FOURTEEN CANDIDATES VIE FOR 1955 PVT. BEN FRANK MASAOKA SCHOLARSHIP

(San Francisco) Fourteen outstanding high school graduates have been nominated by their respective JACL chapters as candidates for the 1955 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial Scholarship, according to National JACL Headquarters which administers the scholarship for Mrs. Haruye Masaoka.

Records of the candidates will be studied by a panel of judges who are expected to make the final choice by July 30.

Possibility of a second scholarship to be administered by National JACL was also indicated by National Director Masao Satow, pending approval by the board of directors of the interested organization.

Nominated this year were: Seiji Itahara, Chicago; Reiko Ito, Hollywood; Ann Izumi, Washington, D.C.; Lucille Kaneko, Sequoia; Julia Kiyoguchi, Salt Lake City; Donald Marumoto, Mt. Olympus; Agnes Morioka, Orange County; Ruby Nakao, Gilroy; Ted Slocum, Fresno; Richard Takechi, Omaha; Jeanie Takemoto, Placer County; Sheila Uno, Seattle; Norman Yabe, Denver; and David Yamada, Santa Barbara.

Last year, the scholarship was

awarded to David Yamakawa of San Francisco over 17 candidates. Two other nominees, Richard Arakawa of Reedley and Arthur Endo of Hollywood, however, were given scholarship stipends equal to the Masaoka award from an anonymous donor who was highly impressed with their records.

Form JACL project to fight home bias

(Los Angeles) Nisei who meet discriminatory difficulty in the purchase of homes have been assured of legal assistance through a national JACL project announced this past week by National JACL President George Inagaki.

The project will provide help to local chapters in assisting Nisei concerned. Originally suggested by Frank Chuman, National JACL legal counsel, who has assisted in a number of such cases, it is under joint auspices of the JACL national legislative-legal and public relations committees headed by Harold Gordon and Abe Hagiwara, both of Chicago, respectively.

"We have enough experience in handling this matter as to make definite suggestions to assist local chapters in meeting similar situations which may arise," Chuman stated.

JACL chapters are expected to make detailed reports of discriminatory situations coming to their attention in order to contribute to the total experiences which will be summarized with suggestions and to be included in the JACL President's Notebook for future reference.

Inagaki starting COJAEC trip into Pacific Northwest

(Los Angeles) George Inagaki starts his Pacific Northwest itinerary to consult with claimants on the Committee of Japanese American Evacuation Claims next week. His schedule:

July 11—Portland Japanese Society Hall, 7:30 p.m.; Dr. Matthew Masuoka in charge.
July 12—Apple Blossom Cafe, Hood River, 7 p.m.; Ray Yasui in charge.
July 13—Seattle Japanese American Community Service Hall, 8 p.m.; Bill Mambu in charge.
July 14—Tacoma (for Puyallup Valley claimants); Dr. K. Toda in charge.

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From the Frying Pan

BY BILL HOSOKAWA

SIGNIFICANCE OF HOLIDAYS

Denver

The Fourth of July dawned hot and clear, the way all July Fourths are supposed to be. For the kids, some of the excitement of the day had been blunted by the law which forbids fireworks. But they were up early nonetheless and eager to be on their way to the American Legion Cathay Post picnic. The Fourth to them was merely a day when the old man didn't have to go to work and would take them out somewhere for a good time.



I suppose that their attitude is perfectly normal, but in a way it saddened me. For neither their teachers—nor their parents—had impressed on them the serious meaning of the day. In these perilous times it would seem the smallest toddler should be made aware of what we commemorate on July Fourth, be told the glorious story, be reminded of the sacrifices made by countless citizens to defend the independence proclaimed nearly 200 years ago.

Lately, it seems, the significance of our national holidays is being lost in the pleasure-seeking, or the commercialism that has become associated with them. Thanksgiving Day in the minds of many youngsters—and adults, too—is merely an occasion to overeat of roast turkey. What's happened to our sense of thankfulness? Christmas is a time of giving and receiving gifts, and be sure that the gift you give is worth as much as the gift you receive. Where is the Christ Child's role in Christmas? Labor Day is the long weekend wherein we say farewell to summer and battle traffic jams. Do we count the blessings of the 40-hour-week, the annual paid vacation and the other things that have made labor a virtual partner of capital?

If our children don't appreciate the significance of our great national holidays, I suppose the fault is our own. Hereafter in our own family circle, we'll make it our responsibility to help the youngsters understand their heritage a little more clearly. And then we'll go out and have the fun we're supposed to have.

SEATTLE HOTEL TYCOON

Henry T. Kubota, the Seattle hotel tycoon, dropped by a few days ago to say howdy. He was in Colorado on his annual vacation and fishing trip, and well he can afford such junkets. Although Kubota is virtually unknown outside of Seattle, he is one of the more fabulous personalities of our time.

Scarcely more than a quarter century ago he was working for a pittance as a dishwasher. But he saved his money and leased a small hotel, which he operated. When he had accumulated a little more cash, he leased another. And another. And as soon as he was able, he began to buy hotel and apartment properties instead of leasing them. Today a full run-down on his real estate holdings in Seattle would amaze a good many people.

Early in 1942, at the time we were fighting the evacuation, the Seattle JACL chapter surveyed the town and discovered that Issei and Nisei were operating 206 out of the 325 hotels. This fact was duly placed before the Tolani committee as an argument against the evacuation, citing the disruption that would be forced on the community if the operators of these hotels were removed. The officials were not impressed.

It took a long time for Seattle Issei and Nisei to regain their position in the hotel industry. Now, according to Kubota, even though there are fewer Japanese in Seattle than before the war, they operate a greater number of properties. More important, they are buying hotel and apartment buildings instead of leasing them. A quarter million dollar transaction, Kubota says, is routine now. He didn't say where they're getting that kind of money.

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Many strandeers in Japan giving up attempts to restore American citizenship; red tape, office help being blamed

BY TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

(Tokyo) The dilemma facing the Nisei strandeer in Japan is very evident. It concerns their citizenship. It is an ironic situation since they cannot return to their native land themselves, but the Japanese are allowed to enter as immigrants.

The Nisei vernacular press has been citing cases of Nisei strandeers having their U.S. citizenship reinstated, but these are the exceptions. It is practically hopeless for many Nisei in Japan.

Lawyers in U.S. have been encouraging the Nisei here to have their citizenship restored. But many of them are now resigned to the fate of never having their day in court to clarify their status. If the case is heard, he is regarded as very lucky. One Nisei has paid over \$3,000 in fees to date without results.

(Some clients have yet to pay initial fees, it should be added.)

Could it be that citizenship reinstatement makes ready business for some lawyers? The strandeers

are being fed very encouraging success stories while many cases lie in the bottom of some American consulate letter file unattended.

Equally discouraging for the strandeers is the treatment met at the consulate. By and large, foreign service officials have been very helpful, but consular employees have been dampening their spirits.

Said one Nisei from Los Angeles: "I was told to get this and that paper. I went around desperately locating certain parties to obtain these certificates. Then I was terribly humiliated by a Nisei woman working for the U.S. consulate. After four years of trying, I finally came to the conclusion to renounce my citizenship.

"Too bad. America is losing a host of wonderful friends and spokesmen this way," he went on. "Today, America needs more friends in Japan. Yet she is losing by the heartless treatment being given the Nisei in Japan."

Fortunately, the Tokyo consulate has relieved the party concerned. Another Japanese woman has been placed in charge. Helpful and cheerful, she has become an asset to America. The few antagonistic employees, who destroy the goodwill created by the diplomats, think themselves to be "superior" to other Japanese when they are no better.

Strandeers employed at the American embassy or consular posts must quit their jobs in order to have their citizenship reinstated. As employees, they command very good wages—seldom obtainable elsewhere. Consequently, some are reluctant to reinstate their citizenship. This dilemma is even more tragic than of other strandeers.

It is well known the Nisei had it "good" during the days of the occupation, enjoying privileges never expected. Now their golden days are setting. Many postwar Nisei businessmen here are "going on the rocks" in Japan. Competition from native Japanese

firms is too tough. Black-marketeering is a thing of the past, too. Where some made a fast buck dealing in cigarettes, coffee and automobiles and lived like kings, the government is tracking down black-marketeers and wartime profiteers.

However, the Japanese people fully realizes the occupation could not be a success were it not for the American Nisei. They mingled with the populace, furnishing food, clothing and other items to the needy. In general, the Japanese are grateful toward the Nisei who appeared in Uncle Sam's uniform.

NEW YORK GIRLS START FIFTH YEAR OF CLUB

(New York) Marking its fifth year of organization, the Nisei Service Organization installed Edna Yoshikawa as president of the 1955-56 cabinet.

Started in 1950 as a Nisei version of USO, it published the *Nisei Fe-Mail*, entertained and wrote letters to servicemen. More recently, it has expanded its program to include college students. The latest project is to gather bilingual and Japanese reading matter and clothes for the Hiroshima maidens undergoing plastic surgery at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

Another 100 Japanese due in S.F. under RRA

(San Francisco) Another group of nearly 100 Japanese will arrive here soon under the 1953 Refugee Relief Act, the local Japanese consulate learned last week. A group of 60 farmers from Kagoshima is included to work on the Martin Farms in Visalia. Another group of 36 is slated to work in Fresno.

IN HONOR OF

■ Zitsuo Kawashima, son of Mrs. Soi Kawashima, 3438 1/2-11th Ave., Los Angeles, was a June graduate of the Univ. of Detroit School of Dentistry. He has passed the Michigan State Board of Dentistry examination and will take a U.S. Public Health Service post at Warm Springs Indian Reservation Hospital in Oregon.

■ Miss Kay Fujii of Richmond has been ordained as assistant minister at Kyoto Hongwanji. She is a graduate of San Francisco State College with a master's degree and was a former member of the Berkeley Study Class for the Buddhist Churches of America.

■ Dr. and Mrs. Henry Takahashi of Berkeley were recently honored for their 25th wedding anniversary by friends. They have two daughters: Ellen, now married to Dr. Mako Takahashi, an optometrist; and Joyce, Phi Beta Kappa graduate student at UCLA.

■ Mr. and Mrs. Yuhei Oshima of El Cerrito celebrated their golden wedding anniversary June 28 at a dinner given by close friends. Their son Heizo is active in the Richmond-El Cerrito JACL.

■ Thomas Okamura, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenso Okamura of Fowler, was awarded a \$600 West Coast Electronic Mfg. Ass'n scholarship to the Univ. of California, where the Nisei will major in electronic engineering.

■ Bill Matsumoto, West Coast Life Insurance district manager in Sacramento, won the national quality award for the second consecutive year.

Yego voted Lions head

(Loomis) Tom Yego, 1st National JACL vice-president, was installed as president of the Loomis Area Lions Club.

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Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

ABC's OF HAWAIIAN ECONOMY

Honolulu
In tune with modern trend of simplifying complex facts of life, the people of Hawaii have been served with a long series of economic reports by the Department of Business Research of the Bank of Hawaii. In the past five years, nine of these pre-digested, easy-to-read reports have been published for the benefit of the layman. They have dealt with many phases of Hawaii's economy, from people, jobs and mainland dollars, to the business of defense in Hawaii. All were intended to give the man on the street a clearer picture of the behavior of the island economy and its peculiar characteristics. The reports were written in simple and direct style, with appropriate photographs and charts and graphs.

Now comes the 10th in the series, and probably the most important. It is titled, "Hawaii—Growing Islands" with a subhead, "Management, Labor and Government Working Together in Hawaii."

The report makes the case that continued growth of Hawaii's economy is essential—"to create jobs for the increasing stream of young people flowing from our schools into business life—to support rising living standards and government services—and to provide the stability that will carry us through setbacks that are certain to develop in the future as they have in the past."

It is difficult to disagree with this statement. Any observant resident can subscribe to its basic truth.

"We can no longer afford the luxury of industrial, political or racial disunity," says the report. "We have reached a point in the economic development of Hawaii, at which working together for higher levels of production, employment and income is the only possible answer to the problems we face."

WHERE THE RUB COMES

Here again there probably will be general agreement as to the soundness of the advice given. Where the rub comes—as the saying goes—is in the working out of the practical problems posed in the report.

Although the report disavows any intention of "mounting a soapbox and preaching the gospel of kokua (Hawaiian for "help")," it does this much more effectively than it points up some of the hard, nagging problems confronting labor, management and government. One can hardly deal with the economic facts of life in Hawaii without a somewhat more realistic description of these problems than is contained in the report.

The report touches much too briefly on the layoff problem of the sugar industry. Financially hard-pressed, the plantations a few years ago turned to mechanization as a means of cutting costs. Now they are laying off hundreds of workers no longer required to do the jobs the machines have taken over.

This is becoming a top-priority headache that can result in an ugly clash between big industry and big union in the months ahead.

The report makes a few references to "racial disunity and conflicts." The seriousness of this matter is more subtle than obvious. In politics and labor, labor-management relations, it is a subject of serious concern as to how the growing Nisei influence can be channeled along constructive lines without drawing any more opposition and ire than are now directed at the Nisei from other racial groups and even from within the Nisei group itself.

An economic report cannot be expected to explore the sociological ramifications of the racial question but should give enough of a glimpse into the subject to indicate the proportion of the problem to the community.

PROBLEM OF JOBS FOR YOUTH

On the subject of jobs for youths, the report poses the critical problem of creating more jobs for the increasing number of young people who will be graduating from schools in the years ahead.

Says the report: "An estimate based on the expected growth in the numbers entering the labor force and the numbers leaving the labor force (because of death or retirement) indicates that by 1970 at least 80,000 additional jobs will be needed to provide full employment."

To ask the author of this estimate to go one step further and hazard a guess as to the chances of providing these additional jobs in the next 15 years is asking much but not too much. Who is better qualified, one may inquire, than the author of the report to make a crystal-ball estimate, rough as it might be?

Having noted these exceptions, it would be less than fair not to mention the many, many useful types of information contained in the report. This would take more space than is allowed here, unfortunately. The Hawaiian public has become so accustomed to expecting a reliable compilation of economic data from the man behind the report, James H. Shoemaker, that it won't be disappointed with this latest report. To him and to the Bank of Hawaii will go the thanks from the thousands of readers who would be lost in the economic wilderness were it not for this well-written, beautifully illustrated booklet.

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Objections—

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(R., Calif.) at the request of JACL and COJAEC.

The Departmental letter "unqualifiedly endorses" the compromise settlement provision of the Hillings Bill as "essential to the expeditious disposition of some 2,200 remaining claims, most of which are in amounts too large to be settled by compromise under the Attorney General's existing authority to pay not more than \$2,500 in compromise settlement of any case."

The Department, which handles the evacuation claims program, went on to say that the compromise settlement procedure is badly needed but that the Hillings Bill includes a "number of other proposals of highly controversial nature."

Particularly objectional to the Government was the provision allowing claimants to either elect an administrative hearing under the protection of the Administrative Procedure Act or a judicial remedy in the Court of Claims.

Masaoka expressed surprise that the Justice Department felt so strongly about the many liberalizing of the Hillings Bill.

"After all," the Washington lobbyist said, "a special subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee conducted public hearings in California last summer and decided in its unanimous report that the many 'liberalizing' provisions which were incorporated into the Hillings Bill were necessary to make the law function as the Congress intended."

"In a real sense, the Department of Justice letter is an attempt to defend their legalistic, adversary, technical approach to the subject of evacuation claims," Masaoka charged.

It is also an effort to suggest that congressional subcommittee was wrong in its findings, conclusions, and recommendations which followed extensive public hearings in San Francisco and Los Angeles, in which over a hundred witnesses representing every cross-section of the State's population, testified, with only about three expressing objection to the suggestions to amend the statute in order that it might be administered more humanely and realistically," the Nisei lobbyist alleged.

SENATE COMMITTEE URGES PROSCRIBED LIST OF ORGANIZATIONS BE CLARIFIED

(Washington) The Senate Internal Security subcommittee last week urged revision and proper explanation of the Attorney General's proscribed list of organizations because of widespread misunderstanding and misapplication. The Subcommittee recommended that the Attorney General publish, as promptly as possible a handbook on each of the proscribed organizations so that present or past membership in the organizations can be intelligently evaluated for security purposes.

Pre-World War II Japanese organizations of the proscribed list have been defunct since 1942 and the JACL has urged on many occasions removal of these Japanese organizations from the list because they have not been in existence for almost a decade and a half.

The Subcommittee pointed out that some 275 organizations have been placed on the Attorney General's list and that the list "is greatly and quite generally misconceived."

It was also noted that "placing the name of an organization on this list does not constitute an adjudication (or finding) with respect to the nature of that organization, but is only a discretionary act by the Attorney General."

Another recommendation of the Subcommittee proposed that the government provide opportunity for hearings for persons refused employment with the government or with government contractors because of unevaluated derogatory information in their individual files.

Pass money bill for evacuation claims program personnel

(Washington) No reduction of Justice Department personnel administering the evacuation claims program is anticipated in the new fiscal year, according to the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League, as Congress last week approved \$200,000 for salaries and administrative expenses for the department beginning July 1.

Since the new evacuation claims administrative appropriation is equal to the last fiscal year appropriation, Justice Department employees processing and adjudicating evacuation claims can be retained in their present work, explained the Washington JACL office.

No part of the Departmental appropriation of \$200,000 for salaries and administrative expenses of the evacuation claims program is allocated for payment of either compromised or adjudicated evacuation claims, the JACL office said.

Last week, Congress also approved for fiscal 1956 \$44,000,000 for the Immigration and Naturalization Service, \$2,800,000 for the Office of Alien Property, and \$15,000,000 for the Refugee Relief Program.

The appropriation for the Refugee Relief Program represents an increase of \$7,000,000 over the past 1955 fiscal budget and was increased to meet an anticipated speed-up in the program.

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Chicago Corner

BY SMOKY SAKURADA

BURN CROSS IN INTERRACIAL CENTER

Chicago
 ● Sheriffs were investigating the burning of a seven-foot cross near the home a resident of interracial York Community Center, 22 miles west of Chicago, near Lombard. The 56 families there include Japanese and Negroes as well as Caucasians.



The incident occurred June 29 in the front lawn of Conrad Healy. Two shots from a .25-cal. gun were also fired at the home. The cross had been constructed of a clothes pole and broomstick, wrapped with gasoline-soaked rags. Vandalism was believed perpetrated by persons critical of the interracial community.

Darrow Smith, first Negro resident of the center and a WW2 veteran said: "I, for one, will not be intimidated. I have but one life to give to my country, and I will give it in my front yard, if necessary." The Healys are white. A Negro family lives next door.

● Mayor Daley has appointed a 23-member committee of civic and religious leaders—the Commission on Community Welfare—to seek means of halting racial tension in the Trumbull Park Homes area. The work will in no way conflict with the activities of the city Commission on Human Relations, whose chairman, Augustine J. Bowe, is also chairman of the new commission.

CAMP COUNSELLOR

● Allan Yamakawa, 16, honor graduate from Hyde Park High, will be summer camp counsellor for boys at Wasippe in northern Michigan. He is also vice-chief of Kitmachque chapter of the Order of the Arrow, national camping honor group; active in Boy Scout Troop 515 and Post 2515 of the Chicago Buddhist Church.

● Noboru Honda, featured in this Corner last week, was one of the main speakers for the 50th anniversary sales conference of Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. The conclave was the first sponsored by the firm on a national basis. Noboru has been with the Freeman J. Wood agency the past 10 years, won the National Quality Award given jointly by the Nat'l Ass'n of Life Underwriters and the Nat'l Life Insurance Management Ass'n the past eight years.

● AROUND WINDY CITY: Illinois residents began paying a 2½ per cent sales tax from July 1 . . . Celebrating its third year is the Club Waikiki, operated by Honolulu Harry Nakamura. A radio show originates nightly over WBBM (CBS) at 11:30 with Hal Stark as emcee . . . Midwest Buddhist Church's Obon Festival will be held July 23-24 in front of their church, 1763 North Park Ave. . . Chicago Shimpō will resume publication after a week's vacation. The English section will be dated July 16.

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Chicago Clers nominate Lane Tech lad for Pvt. Masaoka scholarship

(Chicago) The Chicago JACL has nominated Seiji Itahara, 1757 North Park Ave., of Lane Technical High School for the 1955 Pvt. Ben Frank Masaoka Memorial chapter president Kumeo Yoshi-Scholarship, it was announced by nari.

He ranked first in his class of 670 students with a 97.1% average. Rated "above average" in courtesy, dependability, leadership and service by his teachers, he was a member of the school baseball team for three years, getting the Chicago Cubs Award of Merit; also a member of the Tribe Hi-Y, Pan-American Club (its presidents for three years), Slide-Rule Club and elected to membership in the National Honor Society and the Jr. Kiwanis Key Club.

San Francisco Auxiliary prepares 2nd fashion show

(San-Francisco) The San Francisco JACL Women's Auxiliary will sponsor its second annual fashion show Sunday, Aug. 21, at the Booker T. Washington Community Center, Sutter and Presidio Sts., it was announced by Sumi Utsumi, president and fashion show chairman.

Mrs. Nancee Limjap, fashion coordinator, assisted in modelling technique this week in the first meeting for models.

Masaoka letter—

Continued from Front Page . . . cent ceiling on compensable items in the present law for claims under JAEC's position regarding internees, pre- and post-evacuation expenses, fair crop values, management and conservation costs, and fair rental values is explained.

The accompanying memorandum cites court cases as well as the factual situation at the time of evacuation to refute the Justice Department's explanation for their opposition to most of the Hillings Bill.

The JACL-COJAEC memorandum specifically rejects the Department of Justice's views on internees, corporate claims, pre- and post-evacuation claims, management expenses and conservation costs, fair rental values, and crop losses.

It also discusses claims post-marked but not received by the Attorney General prior to the deadline, amendments to claims, administrative adjudications by the Attorney General, Court of Claims alternative, annual report to Congress, compromise and settlement procedures, and payment of awards.

In summarizing the arguments of the memorandum, the following paragraph from the Subcommittee Report last year, recommending the changes incorporated into the Hillings Bill, was quoted:

"It was indicated at the hearings that, since the beginning of the evacuation claims program in 1948, the Attorney General has promulgated and distributed some 88 or 90 adjudications which are used by the Department as precedents or guides in the processing of claims. Of these precedent-setting adjudications, some have been favorable to claimants while others have been adverse.

"However, the subcommittee could not fail to be impressed by the testimony given at the hearings which took issue with the Attorney General's rulings in several categories of expenses which were common to all claimants. While those rulings have no doubt been reasonable and justifiable in view of the present language of the act, the subcommittee feels that either because of the law or the decisions, unfair and unrealistic results have been obtained in the light of the losses sustained.

"It is of the opinion that, when this instant legislation is taken up in the next Congress, the Judiciary Committee should write into the law a more flexible and liberal policy for settling these claims and, where necessary, expressly amend the law to broaden its scope and to fill voids or gaps which now exist."

CHAPTER MEMOS

● Berkeley JACL: The annual Japanese movie benefit will be held July 16, 7:30 p.m., at Washington School, corner of Grove and Bancroft Sts., featuring two English sub-titled fares: "Bikuri Gojusan Tsugi" (story of feudal Japan) and "Kuroi Keshi" (Black Poppy), popular newspaper serial recently made into a film. Proceeds are for chapter sponsored community activities. Co-chairing are Richard Yamashiro, proprietor of Richard's Jewelers, and Paul H. Yamamoto, accountant at Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical.

● Stockton JACL: Short discussions on group insurance by Len Franklin of Franklin Insurance will be included in the general membership agenda to be reviewed tonight at the YBA Recreation Room. Also on tap are the Pixie Wood project, annual outing and the July 23 benefit movie.

● Sequoia JACL: The chapter is planning something stupendous in the middle of July. What is it? Billed as an event to interest everyone, Hiroji Kariya, president advised members to be on the lookout for notices.

● St. Louis JACL: Chapter activities of late have been enlivened by the presence of Nisei airmen at nearby Scott Field. Approximately 150 were present at the potluck dinner May 28 at the First Unitarian Church. Impromptu vocals and odori numbers added to the enjoyment. Mrs. Mary Maruyama, chairman, was aided by Mmes. T. Nishimoto and F. Miyasaka . . . The June activity was the excursion trip down the Mississippi on the Admiral . . . The July program was the chapter picnic on the Fourth at Eden Seminary in Webster Groves. In September, the chapter is planning a dinner honoring naturalized Issei.

● Sonoma County JACL: The spacious Doran's State Park was the locale for the community picnic last Sunday. Tak Kameoka was picnic chairman. Jim Miyano was in charge of the fishing contest.

● D.C. Chapter: High school and college graduates were honored at a "Grad Hop" June 24 at Joppa Lodge. Among those graduating last month were:

Anne Izumi, Wilson High; Shirley Iwata, Blair High; Hideo Higashi, Anacostia High; David Shigekawa, Toki Endo, Northwestern High; Kimio Endo, Wayne Minami, John Asaka, Jr. high schools.

● Richmond-El Cerrito JACL: A new constitution drafted by Bill Akagi and Heizo Oshima, will be presented at the Aug. 5 board meeting at the Jim Kimoto residence, 6124 Rosalind. The August general meeting will feature author James Edmiston.

● Southwest Los Angeles JACL: Office space in the rear of 3508 W. Jefferson, thanks to Ray Nimura and Makoto Kimura, has been provided the chapter.

● San Francisco JACL: A new summer dance class series starts tonight at Gyosei Hall. Shirley Kato and Allen Chin will be instructors, according to Sumi Utsumi, project chairman.

● San Diego JACL: The final membership count includes 156 regular members, 14 supporting members and 22 1000ers for a 192 total, surpassing last year's total of 138, it was announced by treasurer Mas Hironaka.

Love the big picture magazine which appears with an all-out feature on the limitlessness of space and the insignificance of everything that man does. Plus, in the same issue—how to do the mambo.

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'1000 CLUB NOTES

(San Francisco) New memberships and renewals in the JACL 1000 Club received at National Headquarters here for the month of June are as follows:

- EIGHTH YEAR**
 Redwood City—William H. Enomoto, Palo Alto—Dr. George Hiura, Madera—George S. Mochizuki.
- SEVENTH YEAR**
 Salt Lake City—Mrs. Rae S. P. moto.
 Santa Barbara—Tom Hirashima, Los Angeles—Maj. George Tamaoto (Cheyenne), Ken Utsumoniya, Venice—George S. Mikawa, Guadalupe—Harold Y. Shimizu.
- SIXTH YEAR**
 Ontario, Ore.—Roy Hashitani, San Diego—Joseph Owashi, Los Angeles—A. L. Wirin, San Fernando—Sus Yokomizo.
- FIFTH YEAR**
 Los Angeles—George E. Furuta, San Diego—Harold T. Ikemura, Sanger—Robert K. Kanagawa, Chicago—Harry Mizuno, Lansdale, Pa.—Mrs. T. Ann Nitta, S. John Nitta, Ann Arbor—Dr. Joseph D. Sasaki.
- FOURTH YEAR**
 San Jose—Dr. Tokio Ishikawa, Berkeley—Dr. Charles M. Ishii, Los Angeles—Fred Okrand, Shigeo Takeda, Seattle—Kay Yamaguchi.
- THIRD YEAR**
 Phoenix—Z. Simpson Cox, Chicago—Abe Hagiwara, Los Angeles—Dr. George Y. Nishimoto, Frank Ninokawa, Frank T. chiya, Santa Ana—Hitoshi Nitta, Seattle—George T. Okada, Venice—Louis Y. Kado, Mary N. kamatsu.

- SECOND YEAR**
 Los Angeles—Benjamin Adachi, I. Akahoshi, Chosin Higa, Kazuo Inouye, Yasujiro Kawasaki, Hugh Manes, Ted Okumoto, Robert Rasmus, Frank M. Suzuki, Roy J. Takahashi, Ed K. Yamato, New York—Mrs. Masa Enochi, Tsukichi Enochi, Tomio Enochi, San Francisco—Jerry Enomoto, Hironaka, Jack Hirose, Sumi Hironaka, Kei Hori, Frank Nonaka, Seattle—Yoshito Fujii, Mrs. Kiyoko Toda, Ted A. Sakahara, Tad Yamaguchi, Hayward—S. Tom Hatakeda, Palm City—Fred Iguchi, Pasadena—Mrs. Mary K. Ito, Chicago—Dr. George Kikkawa, Albert Koga, Kiko Konagami, Ruth Nakaya, Satoshi H. Nishijima, Sumi Mizu, Harry Suzuki, Bunji Takama, Masato Tamura, George S. Yoshida.
- FIRST YEAR**
 Stockton—Yoichi Agari, Kumakichi Kunimori, Mrs. Masuyo Tabuchi, Parkdale, Ore.—Charles Akiyama, Los Angeles—K. Hamaguchi, Robert T. Honda, Masao Igasaki, Sa Igaya, Victor Ikeda, Robert T. Ishii, George Y. Ishikawa, Noriyuki Nakatani, Eiji Nozawa, Dick Pugh, Marshall Masami Sasaki, George K. Sayano, Isamu Sekiyama, Kenichi Shigenaga, Mitsuhiro Shimizu, Katsusuke Shima, Yoshiharu Sumi, Giichi Takata, Kakuo Tanaka, Ben Tsuchiya, Yoshitaka Yoshida, Dr. Y. Yoshimura, San Francisco—Noboru Hideshima, Ken Ishizaki, San Diego—Hideo Higashi, Masao Koba, Chicago—Masuo C. Hiura, Yoshitaka Kawaguchi, Tahei Matsunaga, Yui Shibayama, Jiro Yamaguchi, Torrance—Ben M. Ichiyasu, Gary, Ind.—Isamu Inouye, Del Rey—Tom Nagamatsu, John Shimizu, Sanger—Ben Matsunaga, George Yoshimura, Kiichi Tange, Santa Ana—Minoru Nitta, Milton Nitta (Orange), Sam Nitta (El Monte), Bill Okuda, Seattle—Tom Yoshio Urakawa, Detroit—James W. Tagami, Mitsuyoshi Uyeda, Dayton—Hideo Yoshihara, Pasadena—Minoru Nagata.

(Los Angeles) There are more than 1000ers in the PSWDC than in any other district council, according to Dave Yokozeki, district chairman. The Downtown LA chapter alone has over 160 members, of which one-third are Issei including a number of naturalized Issei.

1000 Club memberships (\$25 per year to Nat'l JACL, 1759 Sutter St., San Francisco, for support of its national and local community service program) are deductible for income tax purposes, it was added.

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Scene from the Golden Gate

BY HARUO ISHIMARU

GET WELL QUICK, GEORGE,

San Francisco

The other day we were shocked to pick up one of the Japanese vernacular papers and read about George Nishita of the San Benito County JACL Chapter suffering from heart attack.

It seems that a week ago last Saturday George and his brother, Frank, went to Carmel to get some green worms for bait, luckily, at low tide. George suffered a sudden attack. Fortunately he was able to pull himself on to one of the huge rocks where his brother Frank found him a few minutes later. Since the tide was coming in, Frank helped George safely on to the beach and then went for help. George was hospitalized for a week.



Last Sunday we went down to see him at home and he was looking pretty well. He will have to take it easy for the next few weeks. He asked me to give his regards to those of his JACL friends who have inquired about him.

George Nishita is one of the "big wheels" in the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council. He is one of the hardest workers that we have, having served as chairman of the District Council and presently serving as chairman of the District Council Recognitions Committee. He is a long-time Thousand Club member and recipient of the JACL Sapphire Pin. Not only his wife Gladys but his brothers, Frank and Dennis, really support him in his all-around community work and leadership.

CHAPTER VISITATIONS

Since I have had to put some priority on our legislative responsibilities, I must confess to having "goofed" on chapter visits. However, in the remaining month of service with the JACL, I hope to visit every one of our District Council chapters. (Chapter officers, please note.) All our chapters seem to be progressing as far as memberships go. We have almost hit as many members for 1955 as we had at the end of the 1954 fiscal year. The only chapter not heard from is Watsonville. I think that with a little more pushing we may be able to see 5,000 members in the District Council this year.

P.S. Hope you all had a safe and sound Fourth!

Minority Week

Vice-President Richard Nixon pleaded with NAACP delegates at the annual convention in Atlantic City June 26 not to "dissipate" their energies "attacking those who agree with your objectives but who may differ with you as to the most effective means." His remarks followed a strongly-worded resolution earlier adopted denouncing the Administration for sidetracking anti-segregation amendments to the military reserve training bill and other legislation.

The Vice-President cited as objectives for the future:

"Equality of opportunity for employment with particular emphasis on more adequate training programs so that Negroes can qualify for job opportunities which become available."

"Better housing with emphasis on homes rather than just housing."

"The removal of the last vestiges of discrimination in the District of Columbia so that we can hold up our nation's capital proudly to all the world as an example of an American city at its best in every sense of the word."

"Most important of all, completion of the integration of the public school systems. Reaching this objective will not only provide true equality of opportunity for education, but it is the most effective way to eliminate prejudices which otherwise might continue to exist between Americans of different backgrounds."

Gov. G. Mennen Williams signed a fair employment practices bill into law in Michigan June 29. It will take effect Oct. 14.

The Tennessee Board of Education adopted a gradual desegregation plan in all state-supported colleges by 1960. The resolution marks the first policy action by the state since the U.S. Supreme Court decision against segregation in May, 1954. It was interpreted as a "reasonable start" toward desegregation as called for by the high tribunal.



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Albuquerque JACL honored its newly naturalized citizens recently with a potluck supper at Rancho School. Chapter president Mike Yonemoto presented 1955 membership cards to the chapter. Among those honored were (left to right): standing—Y. Sakato, K. Morimoto, Roy Mizunuma, Michi Yamamoto, Mrs. Ruth Hashimoto (supper chairwoman), Daikichi Matsubara, Moriichi Saeda, Gunji Kikkawa, Frank Yoshimoto, Paul L. Stoops (immigration examiner); sitting—Mmes. Sakato, Mori-

moto, Suye Togami, Yamamoto, Yonemoto, Matsubara, Saeda, Lee, Yoshimoto, Sumi Freeman, and Stoops. Also honored was Mrs. Fukuzawa, 84, oldest Issei resident. The program included Japanese dances by warbrides Mmes. Setsuko Rymer and Kay McWhirter, songs by Mrs. Mary Yonemoto and Tamie Hori. George Matsubara and his niece Nancy did a tango and Julie Yonemoto a ballet number. —Sgt. Percy Hicks Photo.

National JACL endowment fund deposits another \$5,000 for trust; \$85,000 total

(San Francisco) Voluntary contributions to the National JACL Endowment Fund during the first half of this year amounted to \$5,097.27, it was reported today by National JACL Director Masao Satow. This enables JACL to

transfer an additional \$5,000 to the endowment trust for a total of \$85,000.

For the second quarter this year, the endowment trust earned a dividend of \$714.73, which brings total earnings for the three quarters of the JACL fiscal year to \$2,237.93. As stipulated by the National JACL Council, the sum has been used for current JACL operations.

The following contributions recently received are publicly acknowledged by JACL with thanks:

CALIFORNIA

Bakersfield—T. & M. Misono \$50; Clarksburg—G. N. Sakai \$376.50; Isleton—Roy and Mrs. Tamayo Himoto \$250; Long Beach—Takeji Hattori \$125; Pleasant Hill—T. Manabe \$16; Redwood City—S. Inouye \$25; San Francisco—Mrs. Shige Kataoka \$20, San Francisco Adult Education Class \$28; San Luis Rey—T. Mayeda \$50; Wilmington—Mr. and Mrs. Jenmatsu Mio \$195.

OREGON

Portland—Y. Funatake \$25.

WASHINGTON

Seattle—Mr. and Mrs. Z. Kato \$50, Mr. and Mrs. M. Watanabe \$50.

Miscellaneous income and anonymous contributions amounted to \$230.76.

Sequoia CL, Redwood AC, Tri-Villes fete graduates

(Palo Alto) A successful graduates party was held June 25 at the Palo Alto Buddhist auditorium under sponsorship of the Sequoia JACL, Redwood City A.C., Junior and Senior Tri-Villes. On the committees were:

Sakaye Okamura, Kaz Uyeda, Don Nakanishi, Grace Hirotsu, dec.; Herb Kaneko, Clarence Kajikawa, Roy Hirotsuka, Dorothy Kajikawa, Roy Hirotsuka, Dorothy Kajikawa, Janet Tao, June Sugimoto, Tomoye Tamura, Yae Yuki, Nancy Sato, food; Clarence Kajikawa, Tak Mori, music; June Kumagai, Anna Takamoto, Midori Kanazawa, inv.

Ex-Kamikaze pilot recalls Hiroshima destruction, now working in Chicago

(Chicago) When his mother died in Billings, Mont., George Takahashi was 2 years old and his grandmother took him to Hiroshima. Now 28 years old, he is employed by a Chicago advertising firm and was recently interviewed by a Sun-Times reporter on the 10th anniversary of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

"When I saw that Hiroshima lay in ruins I could not believe what my eyes told me was true. My grandfather was fatally wounded as he worked on a damaged bridge near our home. Grandmother lived because she was away from the city where she had gone to have the wheat processed."

At the time of the great blast, he was in Tokyo training as a Kamikaze pilot. Tokyo was preparing for its last - ditch stand against invasion by the Allies.

"Even the people in the streets were armed with sticks and clubs to beat back the invaders," he said.

Not quite 18, he religiously trained for the role of a Kamikaze pilot. Kamikaze was the name

given to suicide units of the Japanese armed forces, deriving its name given a typhoon which is credited for saving Japan when Mongols were on the verge of sacking the islands in the 13th century.

After the Japanese surrender, he went home to Hiroshima and finding his house in shambles, decided to make an attempt to return to the land of his birth.

In Chicago were an uncle and aunt, Hideo and Keiko Aramaki, who operated a small restaurant at 3446 Indiana. Takahashi's sister, Yoshie, is employed there.

Born in the United States, he was allowed to return because he was a minor when he entered the Japanese air force and wasn't held responsible for his action, he said he was told.

Arriving in Chicago, his first job was in the South Side restaurant. Later he joined the advertising firm.

"At the time I was Kamikaze, I was eager to die," he said. "Now my chief ambition is to find myself a wife."

NEW CITIZENS

PORTLAND, Ore.: Marjorie Katsuko Nishijima, Wataru Mizote (John Wataru Mizote), Haru Fujita, Shizu Teruchi Parks, Hidekichi Okazaki, Tetsuno Okazaki, Kiichi Zakoji, Tamae Zakoji, Hana Kawano, Shizuno Okubo, Shigeo Nakata and Masaru Kawachi. (June 23, Federal Judge Claude McCulloch.)

SACRAMENTO: Steven Daido Kubota, Tameyo Okai, Genkichi Sanbo, Yasuyo Lawrence Bunzo Asoo, Toshizo Mary Watanabe, Shika Kawamura, Makono, Yoshi Iida, Asayo Ikemoto, Etsu saichi Ikemoto.

WALNUT GROVE: Tsugue Nakaoka, Hatsu Okamoto, Yei Kawahara, Keichi Kanegawa, Taka Ishizuka, George Haruichi Yoshida.

ISLETON: Shigeo Shintaku.

RIO VISTA: Moto Shoji (June 8.)

WALLA WALLA: Yonezo Uno, Takeshi Tachibana, Mrs. Hatsuyo Kanamasu, Yuzo Shimbo, Mrs. Tomi Shimbo, Hatsuaro Kajita, and Mrs. Kinuye Kajita. (May 31.)

PORTLAND: Kasuga Iwashita, Saya Nakamura, Kumashiro Nakamura (name changed to George Kumashiro Nakamura), Shizuo Okazaki, Yosaku Aona, Chuji John Anazawa, Genichi Kogiso, Mine Miyako, Kametaro Matsumoto, Kome Kogiso, Kunihiko Tanaka. (Mar. 24, U.S. Dist. Judge Gus J. Solomon.)

SALT LAKE CITY: Charles Uehji Akita, Shiroku Hachisuka, Tsuyone Harada, Fred Miyazo Harada, Torayo Hirase, Misa Hoki, Shigechika Hoki, Yudi Ikenouchi, Mine Isaki, Nobukichi Isaki, Masakichi Iwamoto, Miya Iwata, Chubei Iwata, Inokichi Kubota, Shin Kuri, Michiyo Kuri.

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GREELEY, Colo.: Masakichi Eya, Hudson; Masakichi Shigetomi, Fort Lupton; Masu Honda, Kersey; Barbara Jean Rankin, Greeley and Kazuma Mikawa, Kersey. (June 26.)

New claims bill—

[From Front Page]

\$2,500. And, if the claimant is dissatisfied with the compromise offer, he may petition the Court of Claims to review his claim.

Definition of compensable items is clarified to include corporations, internees, conservation expenses, and management costs, fair rental value, and crop losses, including those on perennial crops.

Claims postmarked before but received after the deadline are also included as timely filed, according to the new bill.

In lieu of trying to determine individual claims for pre-evacuation and post-evacuation claims, including transportation, the new bill provides small lump sum payments in the form of an indemnity to every evacuee.

Mike Masaoka, Washington representative for JACL and COJACC, met with Congressman Hillings after the introduction of this substitute bill and agreed to try to have the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims and the full House Judiciary Committee act upon this new bill immediately in order that some action on this legislation may be had before adjournment.

Reedley Legion head

(Reedley) Hiromu Shimizu has been installed as commander of Reedley American Legion Post 35.

The Sou'Wester

BY TATS KUSHIDA

GARDENING IN GARDENA

Los Angeles
Vain efforts over the long weekend to regain our sylphlike former form were at least productive in other ways. While our bottom measurement remained somewhere in the forties, at least low forties, our stucco shack got its first coat of paint, thanks to the reappearance of our source of stoop labor, one George Hijo de la Tada, glutton for punishment par excellence, known in Issei circles as muko-mizu. Muko normally means either son-in-law or innocent. We'll have to figure the latter for him. Mizu is from mimizu, the earthworm.

Having concluded our weekly lesson in Nippontoi, we turn to an earthier subject—clodhopping.

Deprived of growing a wartime victory garden in the asphalt jungles of Chicago and Kansas City, we're making up for lost time. Our produce production since moving to Gardena, SoCal's answer to Las Vegas, has amazed our skeptic friends who thought only farmers and gardeners have green thumbs.



Which is by way of bragging that we can raise tomatoes that cost only ninety cents apiece figuring bug killer, digested alfalfa, water and sweat. Likewise for ten fruit trees.

Trouble with backyard farming, though, is that a whole crop matures all at once. For instance, a mess of our bantam hybrid corn ripens within few days. So we eat corn like mad for a week and what happens. Since avoiddupois and starch consumption are strongly correlated, the bay window bulges a bit more.

We've met this problem by making deals with neighboring window box farmers by unloading our surplus in exchange for the excess of their crops. Which keeps us in clover most of the summer. Too bad they don't grow watermelons in our town.

CONSUL-GENERAL HOGEN RECALLED

The departure of Shinsaku Hogen, who has served here as Consul General of Japan for the past year and a half, is regretted by his many new friends. He and his charming and gracious wife have attended some of the public affairs sponsored by the JACL and they have, in turn, invited various CLers to receptions and social activities of interest to the Japanese community.

The courtesy, cordiality and cooperation extended by the consul general and his staff have no doubt gained much friendship, understanding and goodwill from all facets of the total community. While he is gifted with a keen and discerning mind, what impressed us most about Mr. Hogen was his sincerity and direct manner of speaking in his clipped but polished English, untainted with the evasiveness common to many foreign service officials.

This is not to detract from his predecessors but he has probably accomplished as much good public relations for Japan during his brief assignment here as was done in several previous years. A great career should be in store for him.

FURUTA-NISHIMURA ENTERPRISE

As evidenced by the pic below and the 1 column X 2 inch ad on this page, a swank hostelry, the Hershey Arms Hotel, is being operated by a couple of Nisei bizwhizzes. The pair, both 1000 Clubbers, are Toshimi Nishimura and his brother-in-law, George Furuta.



a footballer. George, Jr. is 17 and Douglas, 15.
The I-G is a thriving eatery with the kind of food and atmosphere that has drawn many celebrities, luminaries and VIPs. It's located right in Hershey Arms.

There's something mighty feminine about the name, Hershey, but we must be wrong—there's a great guy named Miyamura (CMH) with that monicker out New Mexico way. Now, her-she-arms, that's something else again, but we'll drop it right here.

Tosh has been in the hotel game literally since birth. A U of Wash. man, he and his family run a chain of hotels and apts in Seattle.

George is more widely known, his reputation as a restaurateur gaining momentum from the time he ran the Manshu Grill in Denver where he acquired the handle, "Mayor of Larimer St." He's now prop of the Imperial Gardens sukiyaki house. He and his missus, the former May Takeuchi of Ellay, have three boys. Stanley, 18, just finished L.A. High where he was

FUZZY SHIMADA NAMED AGAIN AS TOP KEGLER BY '300' MAGAZINE

(San Francisco) Fuzzy Shimada, top Nisei bowler, was again named as one of the top keglers in the Western states.

The "300" magazine placed him on the third 1955 all-western team and named him captain of the squad.

Fuzzy was one of the two bowlers in the highest ranking league in San Francisco, the Downtown Invitational, for the 1954-55 winter season, finishing again with a 200 average.

Art Nishiguchi of Reno was given honorable mention in the latest list.



Charles Nagao (left), Seabrook Bowling League commissioner, presents championship trophy to Mervin Steinburg, Leonard's team sponsor, and its captain Morio Shimomura at recent bowling award dinner-dance. Crying towels were handed to all losing captains. Other trophy winners were John Emmons (185), season average; Wataru Okamoto (280), singles; Dean Ono (685), series; Vito (1068), team singles; and Dorr's (2954), team series.

—John K. Nakamura Photo.

SPORTSCOPE

While the Vancouver (B.C.) Club lost to the Univ. of Pennsylvania rowers last Sunday in the Grand Challenge Cup competition at Henley-on-Thames, the unheralded Canadians pulled the upset of the meet by beating the Soviet Krasnoe Znamia Club, defending champions. The British Columbi-ans sport a 115-lb. coxwain, Carl Ogawa from Salmon Arm, who had been drafted to the position by the collegiate crew.

Oliver Semba, San Mateo High guard, was among 29 players named last week to the West team for the East-West All-Star football game Aug. 21 in San Francisco.

Roy Hattori helped the Monterey Sea Otters to retain its Central California skin diving title as the trio landed 54½ lbs. of fish from Sand Shell Beach.

Yosh Amino of Berkeley turned in a sensational 243-219-213-675 series in the summer East Bay mixed bowling league last week.

Former grand sumo champion, Azumafuji, who has turned to American wrestling, was unable to appear on California mats because of his high blood pressure. He returned to Japan last week accompanied by his sponsor Riki-doan. He made only one professional appearance in San Jose, the remaining bouts were cancelled.

Frank Shimada of San Jose shot 77-78-79 (11)—201 in the annual Garden City Golf Club 54-hole tournament at Pasatiempo to win over Linc Tokunaga (11) 202, and Ed Yoshioka (11) 203.

Gardeners meet

(Gardena) A public meeting to discuss proposed legislation affecting Japanese gardeners will be held at 2000 W. Market St., here, July 9, 8 p.m.

SOCIAL NOTES

Cleveland Jr. Matrons: The Fathers' Day picnic held June 19 at Rocky River Reservation marked the closing of the current social season. Seventeen families gathered to enjoy an afternoon of games, lunch and prizes. Harry Kaku and Tom Fujimoto were door prize winners. Terry Nakashige was in charge. The next regular meeting in September will be an election of new officers.

VFW Post 9938 Auxiliary: The Los Angeles Nisei Memorial auxiliary announced its third annual benefit dance under chairmanship of Mrs. Ruth Tsukahira and Mrs. Marie Ito at the Los Angeles Elks Club, Sept. 24, 9 p.m.

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FIRST NISEI CITY COMMISSIONER

Los Angeles

Believed to be the first city commission granted a Japanese American, Dr. James M. Goto was named last Friday to sit on a five-man Commission of the City Employee Retirement System. He succeeds Victor M. Carter, president of City of Hope in Duarte, who resigned because of pressing business and other civic duties. Dr. Goto will fill Carter's unexpired term until July, 1956.



The 44-year-old Montebello-born doctor is a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, served also as deputy coroner and autopsy surgeon for the county and was chief resident before the war. Noting the great advancement made by persons of Japanese ancestry in community and civic affairs, City Councilman Don A. Allen said:

"We are indeed very happy and thrilled to see Dr. Goto get the appointment. He is a wonderful choice and we are all proud of him." It was in the City Council chambers where Mayor Norris Poulson read the letter of appointment.

The City Employee Retirement System is a self-governing body which sets up policies, collects and distributes funds to its workers.

ASSISTANT PROFESSORSHIP

It took only three years for Dr. Kenneth Kenichi Nagamoto, USC faculty member, to become an assistant professor. He was promoted to the high position at the dental college where he teaches orthodontia. His father, Dr. George Nagamoto, was professor and director of the orthodontic department at the Univ. of Kansas where Kenneth was graduated in 1951. The new assistant professor, a member of the Southwest JACL, completed his graduate work at USC in 1952 and later joined the faculty. Robert Kenji, his younger brother, is a second year medical student, also at USC.

DRUM-BUGLERS STATE CHAMP

Members of drum and bugle corps of Koyasan Troop 379 Boy Scouts did themselves proud, June 27, when they lifted a 17-year consecutive title from the Monterey Park Girls unit in junior division state competition. Jim Bell pilots the Buddhist temple corps. The occasion was the American Legion's 37th annual state meeting in San Diego. The troop was sponsored by Commodore Perry Post 525 and the unit marched during the afternoon and settled down in the evening to take the California title.

The 37-man unit was led by drum major Edward Takahashi. It registered 86.13 points to outclass the girls' by a 6.3 margin. Monterey Park has always been an enigma in previous competitions as the pride and joy of Li'l Tokio "lost" several times by less than one point.

Monterey Park, which last had 58 in the corps, carried the junior division crown for 17 consecutive years. The Chung Wah drum and bugle corps from North Broadway Chinatown came in third.

LEGIONNAIRES RAP DISCRIMINATION

The conclave itself, participated this year by more Nisei post and auxiliary commanders than before, passed an important resolution declaring its stand against racial discrimination practiced within its ranks. The delegates demanded its subsidiary organizations like the "40 and 8" fun-making society, the Past Commanders Club and the American Legion Luncheon Club abolish their "whites only" clause from the constitution. The conclave had shelved a similar move last year.

The entire 28 districts in the state voted to forbid the use of the Legion's name or the emblem by those groups which practice bias. However, final decision still rests on the action of the national body which meets in October at Miami, Fla.

What Others Are Saying

FRIENDS IN JAPAN

■ Farewell to Randy Sakata: Your friends in Japan all wish to say goodbye to you. You were one of the greatest Nisei leaders. We have known you for many years since your days in Oakland. Then, you were still a young boy going to high school. Your big smile was very impressive.

Wesley Oyama is here. He tried everything he could and sent you some medicine. However, God wanted to take you to His side.

Mary Minamoto is here. She always praised you very highly. Dr. Mas Morino—your oldtime friend from Alameda—mourns for the loss of his good friend.

Well, goodbye, Randy . . . It is very difficult to say anything at this moment. —TAMOTSU MURAYAMA, Tokyo

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VITAL STATISTICS

Births

LOS ANGELES
AIBOSHI—May 30, girl Carol D. to Joe Aiboshi (Toshiko Sakamoto).
AIZUMI—May 20, girl Susan K. to Sukenori Aizumis (Mary Tamaki).
FUJIWARA—May 31, boy to Kiyoshi Fujiwaras, Pasadena.
FUSHIKI—May 25, girl Arlene Michiko to Toshio Fushikis (Tomiye Kawakami).
HIGASHIDA—May 20, girl Margaret Kumiko to Fred Higashidas (Merry Shimooka).
KAITA—June 1, boy Randall T. to Makoto Kaitas (Ayako Fujio).
KANEMOTO—May 25, girl Jeri Shizu to George Kanemotos (Michiko Tateishi).
KIKKAWA—June 7, girl to Robert O. Kikkawas, Pasadena.
KIUCHI—May 22, girl Karen Kiyomi to George Kikuchis (Chieko Shiojo).
KONO—May 25, girl Lauri N. to Yeiji Konos (Irene Kanase).
KUBOTA—May 22, girl Mary A. to Naoyoshi Kubotas (Sadie Utsunomiya), Pasadena.
MATHERNE—May 2, boy Evans J. to Paul Mathernes (Teruko Watanabe).
MURAKAMI—May 24, boy Alan J. to Clifford Murakamis (Yuriko Kasai).
NAKADA—May 28, girl Aileen Itsuko to Minoru Nakadas (Sachiko Toyama).
NISHIO—May 24, girl Susan J. to Isamu Nishios (Ruby Hifumi).
RODRIGUEZ—May 20, boy David J. to Henry Rodriguez (Ayase Takayama).
SAITO—May 22, twin boys Michael T. and Patrick D. to Paul Saitos (Alice Sakai).
SAWAI—May 24, girl Karyn F. to Frank Sawais (Lily Hiji).
SMITH—May 22, boy Michael L. to T. D. Smiths (Miyoko Fujimoto).
STANLEY—May 22, boy William to Charles Stanleys (Haruko Kawata).
TAKAHASHI—May 31, boy Kenneth Saburo to George Takahashis (Misao Dohara), Long Beach.
TAKASUGI—May 31, girl Kathy Mitsuko to Mitsuo Takasugis (Kimiko Omotani).
TANAKA—May 29, girl Emily A. to Kenzo Tanakas (Machiko Morita).
YOKOI—May 28, boy Robert M. to Tamiyoshi Yokois (Mieko Hatada).

FRESNO

HANASHIRO—June 9, boy to Seico Hanashiros.
GOISHI—June 7, girl to Henry Y. Goishis.
IMAI—June 16, boy to Jim Imais.
KASAMATSU—May 13, girl to Yukio Kasamatus, Clovis.
KAWAHARA—June 16, girl to Robert Kawaharas.
KAWANO—May 26, boy to Max Kawanos, Selma.
MATSUMURA—June 3, boy to James Matsumuras, Dinuba.
NAKASHIGE—June 4, girl to Yoshio Nakashiges, North Fresno.
NAKAYAMA—June 10, girl to H. Nakayamas, Fowler.

STOCKTON

KATO—June 13, girl to Kiyoshi Katos, Tracy.
KAWAMURA—June 2, boy to Jun Kawamuras.

WATSONVILLE

TAKEHANA—June 18, boy to James T. Takehanas (Lillian Nozumi).

SAN JOSE

MIYAMURA—June 11, boy Dean to Minoru Miyamuras.
NAKAMOTO—June 9, boy Craig A. to Kunio Nakamotos, Sunnyvale.
NAKANISHI—June 16, boy Clyde Marmoru to Tetsu Nakanishis.
SANTO—June 10, girl to Raiji Santos.
SHISHIDO—June 17, girl Glenda J. Taeko to Maskatsh Shishidos, Gilroy.
TSUCHIYA—June 8, girl Irene to Tom Tsuchiyas.
YAMAMOTO—June 20, girl Lorna Y. to John Yamamotos, Gilroy.

REDWOOD CITY

OSHIMA—June 9, boy to Harry T. Oshimas, Menlo Park.
SAKAMOTO—June 11, girl to Kenji Sakamotos, East Palo Alto.

SAN FRANCISCO

KIMURA—June 18, boy Tony Tadashi to Henry Kimuras.
MATSUDA—June 2, boy to James M. Matsudas.
OBANA—June 9, boy to George Obanas.
OTANI—May 29, boy to Kenneth K. Otanis.
SEO—May 31, boy to Ben T. Seos.
WAKE—June 12, boy Steven Kei to Rev. Lloyd Wakes.

OAKLAND

ENDO—June 17, boy to Roy Endos.
NAGAFUJI—June 15, girl to George Nagafujis.
OGAWA—June 10, boy Stephen to Bob Ogawas, San Lorenzo.
UTSUROGI—June 17, boy to Fusao Utsurogis.

BERKELEY

MORIZONO—June 6, boy to Mike Morizonos.

SACRAMENTO

FUJIWARA—June 5, girl to George M. Fujiwaras.
IWATA—May 31, girl to Edward T. Iwatas.

SEATTLE

HORI—June 17, girl to Takashi Horis.
IDA—June 18, boy to Milton Idas.
ISHII—June 16, boy to George Ishiis.
NISHIKAWA—June 21, girl to Takashi Nishikawas.
YOKOBE—June 15, boy to Bill Yokobes.

ONTARIO, ORE.

NAGAKI—June 21, girl to Joe Nagakis, Payette.
YOSHIKANE—June 17, girl to Dick Yoshikanas, Vale.

DENVER

MABE—Girl Allyson J. to George Mables.
OKIMOTO—Girl June C. to Takeo Okimotos.
SUZUKI—Boy to Jack S. Suzukis.
YAMANASHI—Girl to George Y. Yamanashis, Derby.
YANASE—Girl Emily J. to Dick Yanases.

CHICAGO

HASEGAWA—June 12, girl Betsy Ann to Harry Hasegawas.
NAKAO—May 19, girl Janice Miyoko to George Nakaos (Rose Niros).
TOYOMA—May 26, boy Titus to Zip Toyomas.

NEW YORK

KOCHIYAMA—June 14, boy Edmund Yutaka to William Kochiyamas.

Engagements

HAYASHIDA-IYEKI—Fusaye, Berkeley, to Donald Shozo, New York.
MATSUFUJI-OHASHI—Teruko, Hanford, to Minoru, Madera.
NAKATSUKASA-TERAOKA—Kiyoko, Santa Cruz, to Masaji, Bowles, May 4.
OKA-IWAOKA—Lily to Harry of San Francisco.
TAKAO-SUZUKI—Mineo, Madrone, to Henry, San Mateo, June 19.

Marriage Licenses Issued

FUTAGAKI-SHIMIZU—Fumio J., 22; May, 18, of San Jose.
HAMAMOTO-OHARA—Al Setsumo, 19; Campbell; Lillian Y., 19, Cupertino.
HORI-TANAKA—George, Mt. View; Tomiko, Clarksburg.
IWASAKI-INOUE—Thomas and Hazel of San Francisco.
KONNO-MORITA—Hayato and June Arline of Berkeley.
MITSUDA-IWATA—Roy Toshio and Mary Hatsuko of Berkeley.
NAGASHIMA-HIRABE—William and Misako of Denver.
TADA-KODANI—Kiyoshi, 41; Chitose, 32, of Seattle.
TAKEMORI-HONDA—Hitoshi T., Berkeley; Madge M., Honolulu.
TSUMURA-MIURA—Junjo and Teruko of Sacramento.
YABUKI-HOSHIO—Kiyoshi, 32; Bellevue, Wash.; June, 24, Fresno.
YUHARA-MIYAMURA—Ike, 37, Cupertino; Miyako June, 23, San Martin.

Weddings

ARAI-BOVEY—June 18, Glenn Tsutomu, Los Angeles; Joy H., Chicago.
ARAKI-KONISHI—July 4, Manabu, Selma; Teruko, Fresno.
ENDO-YAGI—June 26, Shigeo, Los Angeles; Cassie Mae, Long Beach.
GRASER-SUGIMURA—June 26, Eugene, Los Angeles; Lily Honolulu.
KATASE-MIYAZONO—June 12, Dr. Robert Yuzo, (San Francisco) and Georgina M. of Honolulu.
KAWAGUCHI-KOBAYASHI—June 18, Mike Masao, Los Angeles; Yoshiye Helen, Madera at Fresno.
KOGA-SAKI—June 18, Mas and Mary of Santa Maria.
MATSUDA-HOSHIZAKI—June 18, Robert C., Pacoima; Janet Kiyono, Los Angeles.
MATSUI-HORI—July 2, Ben, Selma; Sadako, Los Angeles.
MATSUMOTO-NISHI—June 26, Masao, Anaheim; Elaine, Los Angeles.
MATSUNAGA-HAMASHITA—June 26, Thomas Tsuneo and Eiko of Los Angeles.
MATSUNAGA-YAMAMOTO—June 25, Thomas G., Honolulu; Jean Eiko, Wahiawa, at Los Angeles.
NAKANO-USHIYAMA—June 26, Calvin and Amy of Los Angeles.
NARITOKU-FUKUKAI—June 17, Terushi T. and Haruko of Los Angeles at Las Vegas.
NISHIYAMA-MIZUTANI—June 25, Jimmy (USAF), Venice; Amy, San Fernando.
OKUMURA-MORIOKA—Sgt. Roy Hisawo, Palo Alto; Hiroko Mary, San Francisco.
SAKAMOTO-KIMURA—June 20, Ben Hiroshi, Pacoima; Yasuko, Los Angeles.
SANGEN-TANJI—June 11, John Takeshi and Yuriko of Los Angeles.
SHIBAYA-FURUSHIRO—June 25, George and Lily of Los Angeles.
SHINDO-MATSUDA—June 19, Richard Takeshi, Los Angeles; Elene Kyoko, Denver.
SHINKAI-OHNO—July 2, Dr. Lloyd A., San Francisco; Grace, New York.
TAKAYAMA-MIYODA—June 12, Kameyoshi, Newcastle; Kimi, West Los Angeles.
TAKESHITA-AKASHI—June 19, Kenji and Helen Sumako of San Francisco.
TAKESHITA-TAGUCHI—June 26, Roy and Arele of Los Angeles.
TAKIGUCHI-NAKAMURA—June 19, Mac M., Glendale, Ariz.; May Takako, Gardena.
TANAKA-HONDA—June 5, Jimmy, Linden; Harumi, Stockton.
TANI-WATANABE—June 12, Paul, Los Angeles; Janet Sumiko, Berkeley.
TOMOI-YAMADA—June 18, Roy Noboru, Mitchell, Neb.; Irene, Merino, Colo.
TSUMURA-MIURA—June 26, Rev. Junjo and Teruko of Sacramento.
URADOMO-OKAMOTO—May 28, Yukio and Fumiko Lorraine of Los Angeles.
URUSHIMA-YAMADA—May 29, Sho and Jean of Los Angeles.
YAMAGUCHI-KASAI—June 25, Kenzo and Lillian Tomiko of Los Angeles.
YAMAMOTO-MIZUKI—June 5, Peter, San Francisco; Shigeo, Oakland.
YASUKOCHI-HAKODA—June 11, Edwin Shunji, San Luis Rey; Reiko, Los Angeles.
YUMORI-TAKAI—June 12, Osamu and Terri of Culver City.

Utah pioneer dies

(Salt Lake City) Ichiro Asashima, 75, pioneer Utah Issei, died June 22. He came to San Francisco in 1903 as a student and moved to Ogden in 1905 to become executive secretary of the Japanese Labor Placement League. He moved to Salt Lake City in 1929.

Deaths

CHIKUI, Sada, 54; Los Angeles, June 23, survived by husband Yuichi and father Chojiro Tanaka.
FUJIOKA, Mrs. Fumiyo, 58; Chicago (formerly Seattle), June 14, survived by husband Haruta, sons Kyosuke, Tadashi, Hiroshi, daughter Mariko.
HANATO, Shizuto; Long Beach, June 25, survived by wife Hisayo, daughters, Mrs. Yoshiko Endo, Mrs. Yukiye Ikeguchi and six grandchildren.
HARATANI, Minekichi, 80; Hawthorne, June 21, survived by wife Haruyo, sons Yoshito, Nobuo, daughters Sumiko and Mrs. Mitsue Kocker.
HAYAKAWA, Mrs. Suye, 64; Seattle, June 2, survived by daughters Mrs. Doreen Fukuzawa (Los Angeles), Mrs. May Abe, Mrs. Hiroko Hironaka (Sacramento), sons June, Joe (Los Angeles) and George.
HONJO, Ronald, 5 mos.; Los Angeles, June 24, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Tadashi.
ITAHARA, Rikisuke, 82; Salt Lake City, June 6.
KADA, Sei, 63; San Diego, June 18, survived by son Kaoru and four grandchildren.
KASHIWAGI, Henry I., 67; Los Angeles, June 9, survived by wife Tsune, daughters Barbara Shizue and Mrs. Harue Okazaki.
KAWAKAMI, Frank, 29; Los Beach, June 8, survived by wife Sumiko, mother Tome, sisters Mrs. Mary Hong, Mrs. Ruth Iseda.
KAWAKITA, Tose; Los Angeles (in March while visiting Japan), survived by son Tomoyo, daughters Natsumo, Mrs. Kazuma Hayashi, Mrs. Kiyoko Oda.
KUBOTA, Zentarō, 70; Gardena, June 26, survived by wife Tsuduru, sons Susumu and Jiro.
KUNISHIGE, Keishiro, 79; Los Angeles, June 3, survived by daughters Mrs. Hana Kiyosal and Mrs. Taeki Kunishige.
MORISHIGE, Frank Y.; Chicago, June 5, survived by mother and sister Asayo.
NISHIKAWA, Hayato; Portland, May 2, survived by wife Yurino, sons Frank, Joseph, daughters Mrs. M. Takemoto and Mrs. M. Koda.
NORIYKO, Sutematsu, 71; Seattle, June 8, survived by wife Kii, grandniece Nakako Shibata.
OKITA, Ryoaku, 64; Los Angeles, June 7, survived by wife Tsuye, son Tokio and two grandchildren.
SAKAMOTO, Gerald, 2 mos.; Altadena, June 9, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. James.
SASANO, Brian, 3 days old; Watsonville, June 6, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Akira, brother Stephen.
SHIMATSU, Katsuei, 79; Redondo Beach, June 23, survived by five sons Toshiaki, Masaaki, Akiharu, Yutaka, Masaru, and four daughters Mmes. Kazuko Watanabe, Fumiko Kuboyama, June Matsunaga and Matsunaga and Tomiko Hama.
TANAKA, Yoshino, 71; Los Angeles, June 18, survived by husband Bunjiro, sons William H. and Victor S.
TANEDA, Jirozo, 68; Torrance, June 18, survived by wife Satoko, son George K. and daughter Mrs. Michiko Requilman.
YAMAMOTO, Jutarō, 84; Denver, June 19, survived by sons Kobei (Chicago), George.
YATABE, Kuranoshin, 81; Berkeley, June 3, survived by wife Ito, son Joe, daughters Mrs. Sakie Kobayashi, Mrs. Yoshiko Hirahara, Mrs. Tamaye Mamura, Mrs. Tomoko Kawamoto, Mrs. Hanye Yasuda, Mrs. Alice Fujikawa and Mrs. Grace Kondo.
YOSHIMURA, E. R. A. B. U., 55; Phoenix, June 10, survived by wife Umeno.

Stacker Post commander

(Loomis) George Hirakawa of Penryn was installed as commander of John A. Stacker Post 775, American Legion.

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CHAPTER NEWSLETTERS

Over the past year and a half, some 30 chapters have favored our desk with a copy of their newsletter. Some of them haven't kept mailing them on (has the editor taken leave of absence?), so Mas Satow's count of some 20 chapters publishing monthly publications disclosed in his Report last week may be closer to the truth . . . The intimate personality that a newsletter assumes is something no vernacular newspaper can hardly approach. This quality alone "sells" the newsletter . . . A majority of the newsletters have a personal column, which makes fascinating copy, although one may not know those mentioned. It's good to see someone breath through his "nose for news" . . . Another practical aspect of a chapter newsletter is their "calendar corner", which sketches at an eye-fel events for the coming weeks in which the chapter is engaged or supports . . . More expensive editions have advertising. Even mimeo reports have attracted individual sponsors.

Some chapters are blessed with capable staff writers and artists . . . A few have relegated the responsibility to their publicity chairman and secretaries plus volunteers who gather one or two nights to address and mail them out . . . We trust National Headquarters, Pacific Citizen and respective district council chairmen are included in the mailing list . . . And, as Mas Satow has suggested, I hope an exchange with other chapters can be started. So here's our list:

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VAGARIES

From Front Page

ism. Gilbert and Sullivan used a grain of truth and gobs of fancy to create a never-never land where Nanki-Poo could sing that he was a wandering minstrel and Yum-Yum could frolic with the little maids from school.

Gilbert & Sullivan and Giacomo Puccini, two decades later, molded the stereotype of an Oriental Lilliput which became the popular conception of the Japanese and haunts persons of Japanese ancestry to this day. *The Mikado* and *Madame Butterfly*, both examples in flights of literary fancy, helped condition the thinking of the Anglo-Saxon world about Japan. Though Japan managed to progress in the techniques of modern industry and the art of war, much of the world's thinking about the Japanese did not. To many, Japan remained the world of Nanki-Poo and Ko-Ko, of Cho-Cho-San and Suzuki until a rude awakening on a December morning in 1941.

The Mikado and *Madame Butterfly* created stereotypes about Japan and the Japanese. These stereotypes also were projected across the Pacific and affected, in time, persons of Japanese ancestry residents on west coast of the United States. The Nisei and Issei were direct victims of stereotyped thinking, and the original conception of little people from an Asian Lilliput was transformed into Will Irwin's schoolboys with buck teeth, and Hearstian spies both of which could become objects of hate.

The Mikado was never intended to be more than a musical diversion but, in the absence of other evidence, audiences tended to identify its fanciful characters with the Japanese people. When Gen. John L. DeWitt's fiat in 1942 forced the mass evacuation and mass detention of all persons of Japanese descent, it was Nanki-Poo, the Pooh-Bah, Cho-Cho-San and Yamadori who went off to the camps, along with Hashimura Togo and the ubiquitous Japanese spies. The popular conception of the west coast Japanese differed greatly from the actual situation. The potential traitors who were sent off to desert internment turned out to be actually the men of the 442nd Combat Team and the G-2 units who were to help win the war.

HARMLESS ENTERTAINMENT TODAY

For half a century, until after Hiroshima, *The Mikado* was not produced in Japan. Its representation of Nippon's ruler would have been considered an act of lese-majesty. It was put on during the U.S. Occupation and proved popular, being considered nothing more than a harmless diversion and no longer a crime against the emperor.

Today the stereotypes have been dissipated, and the Japanese and people of Japanese descent are accepted for what they are. *The Mikado* and Puccini's *Butterfly* are accepted as entertainment, though slightly archaic in setting.

WASHINGTON NEWSLETTER:

Capitol Boxscores

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July 1 boxscore of congressional action

Washington
For the past several months, we have been keeping a kind of boxscore on congressional activity.

As of July 1, according to the *Congressional Record*, with one month to go before the adjournment target date, the Senate spent 84 days in session while the House spent 92 since the First Session convened last Jan. 5.

Broken down into hours spent in chambers, the Senate spent 414 hours and 38 minutes, with the House spending only 345 hours and 39 minutes.

The Senate required more than a thousand more pages to record its activities during this period, 4,679 pages to 3,611 pages for the House, or a total of 8,290 pages. About half as many pages, or 4,824 pages, were used in "extending the remarks" of both senators and representatives in the past six months.

One hundred and eleven public bills, 44 originating in the Senate and 67 in the House, were enacted into public laws. One hundred and thirty-two private bills also became law in this period.

Seven hundred bills have been cleared by the Senate and 860 by the House, so in this last month of rather frenzied activity several hundred more laws will be added to the record of accomplishment of this session.

A total of 10,635 measures have been introduced into this Congress so far, with 2,648 being in the Senate and 7,987 in the House.

The President has vetoed two bills, one public (postal pay raise) and one private (adjusting to permanent residence status an alien admitted as a nonimmigrant student). No effort was made to override either veto, though the Congress did pass a postal pay raise bill that met with the President's satisfaction a week after his rejection of the original.

'Unusually agreeable' Supreme Court term ends

The United States Supreme Court has just completed, in the words of Washington attorneys, "an unusually agreeable term", which showed an increasing degree of unanimity and at the same time produced a new chief dissenter. Associate Justice Stanley F. Reed took over the role long held by Associate Justice William O. Douglas.

Tallies for the recently ended October to June term showed that while larger than last year, the number of written opinions, brought a smaller number of dissents. Also, there were fewer cases decided by margins of only a single vote.

Despite delays and several long recesses caused by the slowness of the Senate to confirm Associate Justice John Marshall Harlan as the ninth member of the high tribunal, the Court turned out 79 written opinions, eight more than

DECADE AGO

July 7, 1945

- 500 combat veterans at Baxter General Hospital, Spokane, sign petition against prejudice; ask Spokane FWF post to reconsider rejection of Nisei.
- Government will act against boycott on evacuee businesses; anti-trust division of Justice Department interested, WRA director reveals.
- Colorado OPA studies prices of Japanese-style foods as costs of products surveyed; complaints received from Hawaii consumers on prices.
- Nisei Americans have proved "they can take it," observes Los Angeles correspondent for *Christian Science Monitor*.
- Skilled gardeners welcomed by homeowners in Los Angeles.
- Tooele housing project cited as outstanding example of Nisei acceptance.
- Many west coast Nisei troops returning home from Italy under redeployment plan.

in the previous year. This was far below the peak of 162 in the 1944 term, but the largest in recent years.

Unanimous opinions were handed down in 31 cases. Written dissents in the 48 others represented 60 per cent, as compared with 80 per cent last year, 71 per cent in 1953, and 65 per cent in 1952.

Dissenting votes, written or noted, were filed in 113 instances, as compared to 119 the year before.

Justice Reed recorded 24 of the 113 dissents, or more than double



his number last year. Justice Douglas, the champion dissenter in recent years, differed in only 21 cases this year, five times less than a year ago. Justice Harold H. Burton and Sherman Minton each dis-

sented 14 times; Justice Hugo L. Black, 13; Justice Felix Frankfurter, 12; Chief Justice Earl Warren, 6; and Justice Tom Clark and Harlan, 4 each.

Of the 79 written opinions, 14 were by Justice Clark; 12 by Chief Justice Warren; 11 by Justice Frankfurter; 9 by Justice Black; 8 by Justice Minton; 6 each by Justices Reed and Burton; and 2 by Justice Harlan who joined the Court on March 28.

Two decisions affect Japanese Americans

Aside from the opinion outlining a "moderate" course for the desegregation of public schools in the south, this term of the United States Supreme Court handed down only two decisions of special significance or consequence to persons of Japanese ancestry in this country.

Last November, in a 4-4 tie vote, the nation's highest tribunal in effect sanctioned continued racial discrimination in cemeteries by quashing a \$180,000 damage suit against the Sioux City, Iowa, cemetery which refused to permit burial of Sgt. Jim Rice, an American Indian killed in the service of our country in Korea.

His wife, Mrs. Evelyn Rice, brought suit against the cemetery but the Iowa State Supreme Court ruled against her. The Federal Court, on appeal, upheld the State Court's decision.

This was the celebrated case, in which JACL participated, in which then President Harry S. Truman ordered a special military funeral held for the American Indian hero in Arlington National Cemetery.

The other decision, announced in April, was a 6-3 one in which the Supreme Court declared that the Attorney General's order for deportation could be reviewed by the courts and not only in proceedings involving writs of habeas corpus.

The ruling involved the interpretation of the word "final" in the deportation section of the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952 as it related to the authority of the Attorney General to order deportation.

In this leading opinion, the Supreme Court held that the 1952 Act was more liberal than the 1917 statute on the same subject in that the courts now may review deportation orders, for the Walter-McCarran Act does not "continue to deprive deportees of all rights to judicial review except in habeas corpus".

It is unfortunate that the Court did not strike down discrimination against the dead.

Cemetery discrimination remains as one of the few remaining areas of general prejudice against persons of Japanese ancestry in this country, and, with the prohibition of interracial marriages in the Deep South, are about the only two remaining discriminations that have sanction in law.

The other discrimination is in housing, but, as with cemetery discrimination, this is not a general

practice everywhere and is spotty in that it is not confined to any area or state.

The right of judicial review in deportation cases is of some real significance to alien Japanese who may be subjected to deportation orders for one reason or another.

Since the Court has held that judicial review may be had without going to jail and demanding a writ of habeas corpus, it is expected that the Immigration and Naturalization Service will be less arbitrary and summary in their handling of these cases which often involve the parents of American-born citizen children.

JACL participated in high bench nomination

The Court term just concluded, incidentally, also witnessed the first time that the JACL recommended specific persons to the President for nomination to the Supreme Court.

When Associate Justice Robert H. Jackson passed away last October after 13 years on the bench, during which the most momentous decisions affecting persons of Japanese ancestry in this country were decided, the JACL proposed to the President that he nominate either Chief Judge William Denman of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit or Phil S. Gibson, Chief Justice of the California State Supreme Court.

Both have not only been friendly to the legal rights asserted by persons of Japanese ancestry in the post-World War II decade but have also demonstrated their judicial concern for the rights of all citizens and aliens, as well as a temperament that well qualifies them for the nation's highest judiciary.

Because Chief Justice Warren is also a Californian, as are Judges Denman and Gibson, and because their elevation to the United States Supreme Court would destroy the geographical balance of the tribunal, the President was not able to give serious consideration to JACL's candidates, although he (the President) did acknowledge the nominations and thanked the organization for submitting their names.

THINGS LIKE THIS MAKE YOU SWEAR—CUSS BOX STOLEN

(Salt Lake City) A "swear box" which was looted of the 40 pennies it contained soon will be replenished if Mrs. Ruth Uchida, 125-9th East, adds a penny for each name she calls the burglar who entered her apartment last week.

Mrs. Uchida was watching television when she heard a suitcase fall to the floor in a closet in an adjoining room. She found nothing missing there but a check of the house revealed that a piggy bank containing \$15 and her "swear box" were missing.

"It's things like this that make a person swear," Mrs. Uchida said.

CALENDAR

- July 9 (Saturday)
Southwest L.A.—Neki Hockey Hop, Park Manor.
Orange County—JAY carnival, Buena Park Recreation Park, 11 a.m.-12 midnight.
- July 10 (Sunday)
Philadelphia—Picnic, Friend's Central (if-rain, July 17).
Richmond-El Cerrito—Picnic, Marsh Creek, Springs Park.
- July 14 (Thursday)
Long Beach—Graduates dance, Harbor Community Center, 8 p.m.
- July 16 (Saturday)
Berkeley—Benefit movie, Washington School, 7:30 p.m.
- July 17 (Sunday)
Marysville—Annual barbecue, Van Giesen, Auburn; 12 noon.
Eden Township—Picnic, Castle Rock Park, 11 a.m.
- July 22 (Friday)
Stockton—Benefit movies.
- July 23 (Saturday)
Long Beach—Movie night, Harbor Community Center, 8 p.m.
- July 29 (Wednesday)
East Los Angeles—Gen'l meeting.
- Aug. 3 (Friday)
Richmond-El Cerrito: Board meeting, Kimoto residence, 6124 Rosalind, 3 p.m. New constitution.
- Aug. 7 (Sunday)
Seattle—Chapter picnic, Gaffney's Lake Wilderness Resort.
NC-WNDC—3rd Quarterly session, Hotel Cominos, Salinas; dance, Knights of Pythias Hall; golf tournament, Salinas Municipal course.