



Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

CHINESE AMERICAN REACTION CLEAR-CUT

Honolulu

Nisei in Hawaii must have read with mixed feelings stories which appeared in the Honolulu press last week concerning Red China's claim that she considers all persons of Chinese ancestry living abroad as her citizens. For the Nisei themselves were caught in somewhat similar circumstances of "dual citizenship" before Pearl Harbor.

The Associated Press, quoting "authoritative sources" in New Delhi, India, said Red China has informed the United States it considers all Chinese nationals in America—not just students—are liable for repatriation.

The dispatch stated further: "Red China is reported to consider all persons of Chinese ancestry her own citizens, even if they hold American or some other citizenship."

"This viewpoint could affect some 117,000 persons of Chinese nationality or ancestry now living in the United States."

This report arrived at about the same time American and Communist Chinese diplomats were meeting in Geneva to negotiate an exchange of civilians stranded in each country. The talks were stymied, however, because Red China was said to be stalling on the question of American civilians held by Peiping while seeking some other means of winning control over Chinese in the United States.

Several reasons immediately come to mind as to why the type of exchange Red China is reported to be seeking would not have much practical support in the United States.

For one thing, why should the United States agree to such a top-sided exchange of thousands of Americans of Chinese ancestry for 40 American citizens held by the Peiping government? This question is asked on the assumption that the news report is accurate in quoting Red China's claim that not just students but all Chinese in the United States (citizens and aliens) are liable for repatriation.

RED CHINA'S NATIONALITY CLAIM

But, more important, the Chinese and Chinese Americans living in the United States have no desire to be repatriated to China. For the Chinese Americans, China is not even their homeland, since they were born in the United States. And few of them have even visited that country. To them, the United

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Vagaries

BY LARRY TAJIRI

MOVIE SCRIPT FOR 'HOME AGAIN'

Denver

Although the producer and studio are not ready to publicize the fact, it's reported that a script is being prepared for a motion picture version of James Edmiston's biography of a Japanese American family caught in the upheaval of mass evacuation, *Home Again* (Doubleday, Garden City, N.Y., 1955).

The Edmiston story was a vivid account of what happened to Toshimichimaru Mio, a Mountain View, Calif. nurseryman and his family during the wartime cycle of evacuation, mass detention, relocation and return. The mood ranges from the despair of the evacuation period when the family is beset by prejudice to the quiet satisfaction of their acceptance after their return to the evacuated area.

It is proposed that *Home Again*, if filmed, would tell the same story. It would be the first movie to be made about the Japanese American evacuation in 1942, an event unparalleled in the nation's annals. 20th Century once had a project under way under the title, *I Am a Nisei*, but it was

not carried through.

The theme of *Home Again* is that of the final triumph over the racial discrimination which beset the Nisei and Issei and provoked their mass displacement. As an example of a victory for democracy, it could prove an effective cinematic document in whatever remains these days of the ideological cold war with the Communists.

There's a possibility that one important change may be made in the story when it is translated to the screen. That would be the addition of a new character, a Nisei boy who would provide a love interest for Midori Mio and set the stage for a happy ending.

The producer wanted Midori and Sam Morgan (the War Relocation Authority official) to get married. There is the hint of romance in their relationship in the book.

"But for two reasons this can't happen," says author Edmiston. "First, the most important single thesis in *Home Again* is that Midori represents the unselfish attitude so many Nisei girls took during this period, of giving up their personal life in favor of helping the old folks through the crisis. Marrying

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Congressional bills of interest to JACL summarized by Wash'n representative

(Washington) "The first session of the 84th Congress adjourned midnight Aug. 2 without passing any new statutes of special concern or interest to the JACL except the appropriation bills and private bills," Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of the Japanese American Citizens League, said.

In summarizing the congressional activities for the year, Masaoka stated that the most important bills which passed involving JACL interest were the supplementary deficiency appropriations bill, which will pay over a million dollars in evacuation claims, and the fiscal 1956 appropriations bill, which provides administrative funds for the Office of Alien Property, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Japanese American Evacuation Claims section, all in the Department of Justice.

It was the opinion of Masaoka that although none of the major bills which concerned JACL was acted upon this year, nevertheless they would be in a strong position for consideration in the next session of Congress which convenes

on next Jan. 3.

He pointed out that most of the bills sponsored by JACL have been passed in the second or final session of each Congress; that is to say, a congressional term consists of two terms: the first and second sessions. Thus, bills which are introduced in the first session but not acted upon are carried over into the second session for action.

The principal bills of interest to JACL which were not acted upon in the first session were the bills for statehood for Hawaii and for expediting and liberalizing evacuation claims.

No action has been taken on the Hawaii bill since the House last May recommitted legislation which combined statehood for both Hawaii and Alaska.

The revised Hillings bill, now the Lane-Hillings bill, to expedite payment and to liberalize procedures and interpretations of the remaining evacuation claims will be considered in the next session of Congress.

The original bill was introduced by Republican Patrick J. Hillings of Whittier, Calif., but with sub-

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House passes Hawaii land return bill, aids non-profit Japanese organizations

(Washington) A bill to review and determine claims for return of lands in the Territory of Hawaii, which had been conveyed to the government or its political subdivision during World War II by organizations composed of persons of Japanese ancestry was passed by the House prior to adjournment, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported this week.

The bill was introduced by the Republican delegate from Hawaii, Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington.

The JACL endorsed this legislation believing that its purposes were justified by the wartime sentiment in Hawaii toward persons of Japanese ancestry.

Mike Masaoka, Washington re-

presentative of the JACL, requested that if any Japanese organizations on the West Coast gave their church buildings, language schools, or any club buildings to local, county, state, or federal governments because of wartime community pressures and sentiment, the Washington office be notified.

During the war some Japanese organizations for patriotic or other reasons deeded property and lands to the Territorial, city, or county governments because of the unusual situation which prevailed at the time. Often the people who made the conveyance had no authority to do so. This bill resulted in order to allow the return

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Anti-oriental discriminatory clause in Reclamation Act deleted in House action

(Washington) A bill to terminate prohibition against employment of Mongolian labor in construction of federal reclamation projects was unanimously passed in the House prior to adjournment, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League reported.

The bill, HR 1603, was introduced by Rep. John J. Rhodes (R., Mesa, Ariz.) with companion bills HR 6257 by Rep. Edith Green (D., Portland, Ore.) and HR 6722 by Rep. Thomas M. Pelly (R., Seattle, Wash.).

The purpose of the legislation was to eliminate the discriminatory provision in the Reclamation Act of 1902 barring the use of Mongolian labor.

It was the unanimous recommendation of the committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, as reported out by chairman Claire Engle (D., Calif.), that the archaic provision had no place on the Federal statute books today.

The Department of Interior which wholeheartedly endorsed the deletion of this provision from the 1902 Act, pointed out in its letter to the Committee the inconsistency with current laws, such as

the Immigration & Naturalization Act (Walter-McCarran Act) of 1952, the Supreme Court decisions on land ownership and other matters, and Executive orders regarding nondiscrimination in government employment.

The JACL has for many years urged the elimination of this discriminatory clause. When the matter was discussed with the Department of Interior in 1948, it was thought that under the recodification of the Reclamation laws it would be possible to omit this discriminatory language by administrative action. It was later found that it would not be handled in this way and would have to be amended by congressional action.

The bill, which passed on the Consent Calendar of the House, is, as far as is known by Washington JACL office, the last federal statute which discriminates against Mongolians or Asiatics by name.

Even though this law has been on the books, it is the impression of the Washington office that it has not been enforced. Moreover, there are very few persons of Japanese ancestry or the Mongolian race presently employed on reclamation construction projects.

ANOTHER CLAIMS HEARINGS SET FOR CALIFORNIA

(Washington) Public hearings on legislation expediting remaining evacuation claims have been scheduled in California in late September, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League last week. Expert testimony to implement last year's Subcommittee recommendations is being sought.

The hearings will be held in San Francisco Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 26 and 27, and in Los Angeles Thursday and Friday, Sept. 29 and 30.

The specific bill under consideration will be the one introduced by chairman Thomas J. Lane of the subcommittee during the final days of the recent congressional session by request of Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Calif.), author of the previous bills to expedite and liberalize the final determination of the remaining evacuation claims.

Chairman Lane and Charles A. Boyle, of Massachusetts and Illinois, respectively are the Democrats who will participate in the hearings. The Republicans are Chauncey W. Reed, ranking GOP committee member and chairman of the full Judiciary committee when his party controlled the 80th and 83rd Congresses, of Illinois, William E. Miller of New York, and Usher L. Burdick of North Dakota.

Cy Brickfield, committee counsel, and Walter Lee, subcommittee staff director, will also take part in the September hearings.

Only Rep. Boyle, who defeated last year's subcommittee chairman, Republican Edgar Jonas of Chicago, and Reed will be newcomers to this subcommittee hearing.

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12 girls facing Nisei Week judges for queen honors

(Los Angeles) Twelve aspirants for the 1955 Nisei Week queen honors were announced this week and they will meet tonight with judges, who are to select the final five, it was disclosed by Michi Takata, chairman.

Candidates for the fifteenth annual festival scheduled Aug. 19-23 are:

Margaret Ouchi, Nori Shiozaki, Stella Nakadate, Margaret Fukuda, Betty Yasui, Sumi Takemura, Aki Mitani, Mary Katayama, Kaz Yamaga, Tomiko Kitahara, Linda Nagahisa and Hazel Fujikawa.

Because merchandise ballots have been eliminated this year, pre-Nisei Week enthusiasm has been almost absent.

The final five will be paraded at the Coronation Ball, Aug. 21, at the Hollywood Palladium before balloting by those attending the sports formal dance that night between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Results of the popularity poll at the dance and second review by the judges will determine the queen and her court, according to Edwin Hiroto, Festival publicist.

Orrin Tucker's band will be augmented by the Elliott Brothers to assure constant dance music.

As in the past, the final two nights, Aug. 27-28, will find an elaborate Japanese ondo parade through Li'l Tokio streets.

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From the Frying Pan

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HEROICS IN GERMAN PW CAMP

Denver

Gerald Quiat is a young and prominent Denver attorney who recently was named commander of the Leyden-Chiles-Wickersham Post of the American Legion. With something like 10,000 members, the post is either the largest or second largest in the country. I met Quiat for the first time the other day.

"Did you know," he asked, "that my life was saved by a Nisei from the 442nd Combat Team?" Then he went on to unfold a fascinating story. Quiat was a lieutenant, a platoon leader of a rifle company. He picked up a stomach wound in battle, was captured by an advancing party of Germans. He was thrown into a prison camp, his wound left to bleed and fester.



"One of my fellow prisoners was a Nisei," Quiat told me. "He took care of me like a mother. I lost weight — about 70 pounds—and I grew so weak that I couldn't take care of my personal needs. But this Nisei buddy brought me food, kept me clean, washed my clothes. He even found

some sulfa tablets—I don't know where—that stopped the infection. Without him, I would never have lived through the ordeal.

"This Nisei boy's name was Masa Uchimura. Do you by any chance happen to know him?"

Know him? The Uchimuras and the Hosokawas were neighbors a long time ago in Seattle. Masa and his sisters, Lily, had been sent to Japan to live with their grandparents when they were just toddlers. I remember when they came back to Seattle, and how he used to struggle with the English language. One year, I think it was 1928, we went to work in the Alaska salmon canneries in the same crew. After a while we moved out of the neighborhood, and we sort of lost track of the Uchimuras.

And now, after all these years, we heard about Masa again. It was nice, remembering.

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IT SURE'S A SMALL WORLD

Here's another small world note: Last week, my brother Rube and his family dropped in on their way home to Minneapolis after a Pacific Northwest vacation. Then unexpectedly we got a call from Toge Fujihira of New York who was in town on his way to San Francisco. Toge, you may recall, is the globe-trotting documentary movie cameraman. So Toge came up to the house and the three of us had a lively old bull session. Toge and Rube were buddies a long time ago, and for several summers they had been co-leaders of the Salvation Army Fresh Air Camp in Auburn, Wash.

Next morning, Toge headed west and Rube headed east, perhaps not to see each other again for many another year.

Toge, by the way, had been shooting in Chicago, had a date in San Francisco, then was scheduled to hurry back to Pittsburgh for some more shooting. Later this fall, he might chase off to the Orient again with his camera.

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PALEFACE LARRY TAJIRI

The PC's other Denver columnist, Larry Tajiri, was up in the Black Hills of South Dakota recently on a *Denver Post* assignment. And like every other VIP and newspaperman who visits that country, Larry was inducted into the tribe of Wahoo, an honorary brotherhood of palefaces who make like Indians and have fun.

A genuine Sioux was mumbling the initiation ritual of the brotherhood and Larry noticed that the Redskin was shooting curious glances his way with more than ordinary frequency. Finally, during a lull in the ceremony, the Sioux sidled over close to Larry and said:

"You know, I got a Japanese sister-in-law. Married to my brother, and they're living in Chicago now."

Minority Week

Los Angeles has its first Negro high school principal, Isaac M. McClelland, former vice-principal at Lafayette Jr. High School, at Jordan High School. Lafayette, once attended by many Nisei in prewar days, is being closed down for the lack of population in the fall. McClelland was educated in Oakland and graduated from Univ. of California.

The U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco has been asked to settle a jurisdictional dispute in the El Centro (Calif.) school segregation case filed by parents of 64 Negro and Mexican children. Attorneys for the plaintiffs are appealing the order of the U.S. District Court Judge Peirson M. Hall, staying proceedings before his court until filing and adjudication of the segregation complaint in the state court of Imperial county and holding that his court does not have initial jurisdiction in the matter.

TOKYO TOPICS: by TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

Past decade of Japan's democratization surveyed; importation of American customs many, but labor movement rise significant

Tokyo

Ten years have passed since cease of hostilities in the Pacific war and Japanese have become "democratized" in many respects. One of the conspicuous features of this democratization has been the importation of Americanisms—or behavior peculiarly American.

Osculation is one of them. Young people here do not hesitate to kiss each other in public as they imitate American GIs who introduced open-air fraternization.

Kissing scenes are becoming popular in Japanese movies, although it lacks the fineness and sensitivity of Hollywood. In prewar days, kissing scenes were censored from foreign films.

Along with kissing, Japanese women were granted wider freedoms in the manner of thinking and appearance. Equality of sexes is another postwar phenomenon in Japan. Boys and girls now walk hand-in-hand, even cheek-to-cheek, going where they please and displaying no signs of parental control.

Because Occupation authorities ordered a complete change in the Japanese school system, the compulsory school attendance period was extended from six to nine years. It has created a heavy burden on a war-torn nation to support this policy of "democratizing education."

School teachers no longer teach the traditional virtues of filial piety or loyalty to nation. (*oya kohko* and *chukun aikoku*) because traditions are old-fashioned.

And traditions of family ties were discarded by people who found it to their personal convenience. Old folks were placed in homes for the aged without a twinge in conscience.

Biggest social revolution witnessed in postwar Japan concerns the labor movement. Workers were organized into unions so rapidly that management was unable to cope with the situation.

During the early stages of Occupation, a Capt. Carpinsky appeared at my office in the *Nippon Times* asking for persons who would be acquainted with labor movement. Probably the most outstanding labor leader in prewar Japan was Bunji Suzuki, who

once lived in California. The man was known as the Samuel Gompers of Japan. Boss Suzuki had already died, but there were others like Komakichi Matsuoka, Kanji Kato, Suehiro Nishio and many others.

I helped the captain meet these labor leaders at his office because he wanted to organize a labor division within SCAP to expedite organization of labor unions. When I went to Capt. Carpinsky's office with Matsuoka, the American officer immediately asked him to start a campaign to dethrone the Emperor because the workers were enslaved by him.

"I devoted my life for the labor movement," Matsuoka replied, "but I never intend to dethrone the Emperor. Japan needs the Emperor, particularly at the time of the present confusion. If America advocates to dethrone the Emperor, then I cannot cooperate with the Occupation."

When I went with Nishio to Capt. Carpinsky's office, Nishio expressed no opinion. However, Kato agreed to the comment that the Emperor had been the enemy of the people. Such early-day interviews were very characteristic showing the befuddled mental attitude of Japanese toward the issue.

Because the wartime Greater Japan Patriotic Association of Labor and Greater Japan Patriotic Association of Industries were to be dissolved by decree Sept. 30, 1945, it was difficult to see which way labor was headed. But it was too evident that radical methods were to be applied to disengage Japan's wartime manpower-labor control from the Japanese army. It was also evident that democratization and social reforms were intended to be accomplished through labor.

While I had cautioned against the danger of fanning labor leaders in such a manner, nothing could be done to properly guide labor and things started to move radically with the aid of American Occupation officers.

The Peace Preservation Law and National Defense Safety Law, instrumental in suppressing the labor movement, were annulled by the Occupation and political prisoners of these laws released Oct. 4, 1945. Six days later, top leaders of the Japan Communist Party, including Kyuichi Tokuda and Yoshio Shiga who were in jail during the war years, were similarly released.

In the past decade, the Japanese Communists have gained in power and became dominant in the labor movement. They even succeeded in controlling the school system by organizing the teachers.

The Trade Union law was enacted in Mar. 1, 1946, and the Japanese Constitution of Nov. 3, 1946, assured workers their right to organize and to conduct collective action. On Dec. 16, 1946, the Far Eastern Allied Commission announced its principles of Japanese trade unions, calling for legal protection for labor unions, freedom of speech, publication and assembly, freedom of political activities and freedom in the choice of labor organizations.

The first test of labor was a general strike planned for Feb. 1, 1947, which Gen. MacArthur ordered called off because the situation became very serious. Throughout these years, the Communists became more and more aggressive and a master in handling labor movements.

If the past ten years can prove one thing, it was the great gain of the Communist party.

PLAYING NEAR KEROSENE STOVE, CHILD DIES

(Lindsay) Barbara Iriye, 4, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Iriye, Rt. 2, died Aug. 8 of burns a week earlier when she and her sister, Janice, 10, were playing with papers near a kerosene stove. Janice suffered first degree burns when she tried to beat out the flames that engulfed her sister's dress that had caught fire.

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Dr. William I. Oba, graduate of Iliff School of Theology, Denver, has been appointed professor of sociology at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo. He had been minister at the Greeley First Methodist Church, but on advice of his physician, left the post and established his produce company in Alamosa in 1953.



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States is their home, their only home, and they have no more of an inclination to spend the rest of their lives in China than they have in any other foreign land.

The reaction of Hawaii's Chinese, when queried about Communist China's claim over their citizenship, was vigorous and clear-cut.

Said the President of the Honolulu Chinese Chamber of Commerce, "What Red China considers us and what we really are is not the same thing. The U.S. is our country and we are subject to its rules and regulations."

Another Chinese leader said: "If they (Red China) sent us free transportation, I wouldn't go there. And I wouldn't want my children or grandchildren to go to a Communist nation."

Still another Chinese: "We cannot have dual citizenships, especially with a Communist nation."

DUAL CITIZENSHIP TANGLE

The question of another nation's claim over American citizens recalls the difficult situation in which Nisei found themselves before Pearl Harbor. Nisei were considered by Japan as her citizens by virtue of their blood ancestry and at the same time by the United States as her citizens by reason of their birth on American soil. This dual citizenship status plagued the Nisei for many years since it was looked upon by some non-Nisei as tantamount to dual loyalty. The suspicions thus created placed the Nisei in a dilemma which was none of their doing.

Fortunately, Japan in 1924 provided for a procedure by which dual citizens could sever their citizenship from Japan, if they so chose. The number of Nisei who expatriated in this manner was not large until just before Pearl Harbor. As U.S.-Japan tension mounted, community pressure increased upon the Nisei to expatriate themselves from Japan as a demonstration of their exclusive loyalty to the United States.

There was even an expatriation drive conducted by Nisei leaders throughout the Territory, in which thousands were encouraged and actually took the necessary steps to cut off all legal ties with Japan. The procedure involved the presentation of birth certificates and other documents to the Japanese consulate and the processing of the papers with the foreign office in Japan.

Happily, the Japanese government made no attempt to either discourage the expatriation movement or to slow down the process before Pearl Harbor.

How much value the expatriation movement had in dispelling the doubts and suspicions concerning the loyalty of the Nisei to the United States is difficult to calculate. Suffice to say that the conscientious Nisei did what they felt was within their discretion and power to do. They demonstrated their good faith. If it did not convince the doubters, it was the failure of the doubters themselves to meet the Nisei half-way at least.

NISEI PATRIOTISM DULY PROVED

The Nisei's patriotism has been more than amply proven, for all to see as a result of their record in World War II. Of the 185,000 Japanese Americans and Japanese non-citizens (about 37 per cent of the total population), we have yet to find any anti-American sentiment among them. They are an integral part of this American Territory.

So are the 32,000 Chinese Americans and Chinese aliens living in Hawaii. If Communist China does not find enthusiasm among any of them to be repatriated, it can blame the American way of life for having assimilated the people of Chinese ancestry, as it has the Japanese and other elements, into the harmonious community that is Hawaii, U.S.A.

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Morgan would make the story too 'obvious', too 'cut and dried' and would therefore detract from realism and authenticity . . . it would look just like a thousand other Hollywood pictures, and leave the audience with the feeling that 'this never really happened, it's just another Hollywood dream.' Second it would look bad for Morgan to grab off this prize gal just as she and her family finally get rich, and it would destroy the important speech where he says 'You aren't in love with me. You are in love with democracy, etc . . .'

"So the solution we arrived at . . . is to bring in a new character, a Nisei guy. In the end, Midori and he will get together. He must be woven throughout the whole story."

If *Home Again* is made into a movie every effort will be taken to assure authenticity of backgrounds. The picture will be filmed on locations where it actually occurred—in the Santa Clara valley of California, and in northwest Wyoming where the Heart Mountain relocation center was located. Scores of Nisei and Issei will be used in bit parts and extra roles, and the part of Midori may uncover some now-unknown Nisei girl into a celebrity overnight.

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ARTIST ALLERGIC TO OIL, TURPENTINE

While we were in Chicago last May we saw Joseph Goto's abstract steel sculpture at the Art Institute. It was part of the 58th annual exhibition by artists of Chicago and vicinity. As Smoky Sakurada has mentioned in his "Chicago Corner" in PC, the 14-foot sculpture won Goto the top award, the Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Logan medal and the cash prize of \$1,500.

Joseph Goto, 29, is a native of Hawaii and a resident of Chicago for the past eight years. Goto first learned the trade of acetylene torch welding in Hawaii during the war when he worked for the army engineers. He learned to apply the welding torch to art after coming to Chicago when, as an Art Institute student, he had to give up painting, finding himself allergic to oil and turpentine.

Goto graduated from the Art Institute in 1951 and has exhibited his welded, stainless steel sculptures in midwestern universities and museums. The Museum of Modern Art in New York has purchased one of his works for its permanent collection and, in 1953, Goto won the Blair Prize of \$600 at the annual American Exhibition at the Chicago Art Institute.

Goto's \$1,500 prize winner is in stainless steel and bronze and represents two huge insects in battle. It is called "Struggle".

Congress—

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sequent revisions the latest bill was introduced by chairman of the Subcommittee on Claims, Rep. Thomas J. Lane (D., Mass.), by request of Rep. Hilling's office since he was in Europe on congressional business.

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JACL testified four times before Senate and House committees.

Before the House Foreign Affairs committee JACL urged full and complete return of all wartime sequestered property in the custody of the Office of Alien Property.

It submitted a statement to the House Judiciary committee on Civil Rights urging extension of civil and human rights to all Americans regardless of race, color, creed, or national origin.

In letters to the House Judiciary committee and the subcommittee on Refugees and Escapees, JACL proposed that visas now allocated to non-indigenous refugees in the Far East which will not be used under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 be reassigned to indigenous refugees of the Far East, including Japan. No action has yet been taken on this proposal.

Before the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Aviation, JACL endorsed legislation equalizing the rights to consolidate and exempt from regulation air transportation as is presently recognized for surface, rail and truck transportation of agricultural products since many Issei and Nisei horticulturists are involved.

The prohibition against employment of Mongolian labor in the construction of Federal reclamation projects was terminated in a bill passed by the House. Senate action is still needed on this bill.

The House passed a bill whose purpose is to review and determine claims for the return of lands in the Territory of Hawaii which were given to the Government by organizations composed of Japanese ancestry, which lands were used for eleemosynary purposes prior to World War II. The bill, introduced by Republican Delegate from Hawaii, Mrs. Joseph R. Farrington, has been referred to the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

Under the Immigration and Nationality Act (Walter-McCarran Act) of 1952, there were 17 private bills approved by Congress and 15 which has passed either the House or the Senate but still needed action by the other chamber.

Forty-seven alien Japanese were among those included in two Senate Concurrent Resolutions approving the Attorney General's action in suspending their deportation and adjusting their status as immigrant lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952.

Six Peruvian Japanese who were refused readmission to Peru were among those included in five House Concurrent Resolutions approving the Attorney General's use of his discretionary authority in suspending deportations and adjusting their status as immigrants lawfully admitted for permanent residence under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

Two Senate confirmations of special note took place with the Presidential nomination and Senate confirmation of Benjamin M. Tashiro, first Nisei to be appointed for the federal judiciary, as judge in the circuit courts of Hawaii, and Judge Thurmond Clarke of the Los Angeles Superior Court as federal judge for the Southern District of California, the first California jurist to declare the alien land law and the restrictive covenants unconstitutional.

Chicagoan dies

(Chicago) Takazo Morioka, 70, naturalized Issei member of the Chicago JACL, died July 18 of stomach cancer. He was a long-time resident of Marysville, Calif., prior to evacuation. His son, Alfred, was past-president of the St. Louis JACL chapter.

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Oakland health director appoints Nisei to head city's bacteriological division

(Oakland) A young Nisei public health technician has taken over the post of city bacteriologist for the Oakland health department.

Mrs. Seiko Baba officially took over as head of the city's division of laboratories Aug. 1, following her appointment to this high administrative post by Dr. J.C. Geiger, Oakland public health director, last month.

She was named to succeed John Kordan, who retired from the post last month after serving 33 years with the Oakland health department.

Notified of her promotion on July 8, she has been acting head of the division.

The post is not filled through civil service examinations, but by direct appointment by the health director.

A June, 1948 graduate of U. C., Mrs. Baba has been with the city health laboratories for six years.

It was reported that she was selected by Dr. Geiger for this post over many others in the division with seniority. She was the youngest of those considered for the appointment.

As city bacteriologist, she is one of the nine division heads in the Oakland health department directly responsible to the city health director.

The division of laboratories includes three departments with 12 employees. These departments are dairies laboratory, bacteriology and serology laboratory and venereal diseases laboratory.

All milk inspection in the city, pre-natal and pre-marital examinations, water and swimming pool water analysis, and laundries come under her department.

Mrs. Baba is the wife of Shoshiro Baba who is a chemist with the East Bay Municipal Utilities district. She is the daughter of Nobuta Akahoshi, Oakland community leader and sister of Arata (Ziggy) Akahoshi, active Oakland Nisei.

Mrs. Baba is the mother of a 4½-months old daughter, Stacey.

Seek two Nisei PWs due PL 615 benefit

(Washington) The U.S. Foreign Claims Settlement Commission has requested the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League to locate two additional Nisei who were prisoners of the Korean war, thus entitled to monetary benefits under provisions of Public Law 615.

They are Ted T. Enoki (RA-10735192) and Akira Tamura (RA 37714253).

Applications for benefits should be filed with postmarks not later than midnight Aug. 21, 1955. Anyone knowing whereabouts of the two Nisei are asked to write directly to the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, Tariff Bldg., Washington, D.C.

Under provisions of the law, PW veterans are entitled to payment at the rate of \$2.50 for each day they were in prison. U.S. servicemen still in PW camps are eligible to file their claims within a year after returning to American military control. Survivors of PWs who have not returned may file within a year from the date the Defense Department determines prisoners actually died or presumed to be dead.

Worker bashed to death in brewery accident

(Honolulu) Kotaro Nakazaki, 64, died of injuries sustained in a brewery accident last week. He was cleaning the beer mash vat when a cast iron rotating agitator used to stir the mash was accidentally turned on. He was the seventh industrial fatality of the year.

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CHICAGO CORNER:

Chicago JACL job survey

By JOHN YOSHINO

Chicago

✓ The Nisei in Chicago are making better than average earnings, doing a wide range of work in a diversified field of economic activities.

✓ In the past few years there has been a movement away from the teeming Southside to the Northside.

✓ There are strong indications that the majority of the Japanese now living in Chicago intend to stay for an indeterminate period of time, despite the fact that people frequently report of returning to the West Coast.

✓ Of those interested in better living many are hoping to buy homes.

Although these statements appear like sweeping generalizations, they are in part the result of an analysis of a recent survey by the Chicago JACL chapter. Its purpose was to secure information on job and housing status of the local Japanese in order that the chapter might in some way be of service to both its members and the Japanese community.

Survey results, as interesting as it may be, are limited in their usefulness by certain factors. Most compelling factor was the poor rate of returns. With less than 5% of its 900 members responding, from a numerical standpoint its value is less significant and certainly less valid.

We could set up a rationale for the poor response by mentioning some of reasons: (1) It was sent out at the beginning of summer and many are on vacation. (2) Members may not have thought the survey to be sufficiently interesting or important to take up five minute of their time to complete. (3) The Nisei are secretive individuals and some questions may have been regarded too personal. (4) Many others may have been apathetic to social issues.

The best reason we can project is that the survey was very poorly structured.

INTERESTING FINDINGS

Having pointed out its weaknesses, we shall go on to reveal some of the interesting findings. As this survey was confined to the JACL membership its results are slanted. It reflects a higher level of education, higher proportion of white collar workers, and strong leaning to professions and technical services.

The median age was 33.5. The age spread from 28 to 45 years. Even this figure could have been thrown off by including a few Issei members who are in their sixties. In the age factor there was heavy clustering between 32 and 34.

Chicago Nisei are represented in both light and heavy industry as engineers, technicians and office workers. They are working for government, city, county and federal. Some Nisei are working in business and finance, contributing to the productivity of the community.

One often hears the remark that a certain company is all white or that a company's hiring practice is undergoing change. We found an interesting note in the survey as many Nisei are employed with firms where the full range of minorities is employed. The survey specifically listed Negroes, Jews, and Spanish-speaking people as co-workers. A few of the Nisei indicated they were the only Nisei in their respective companies.

From the standpoint of earnings, the survey revealed that 40 per cent of the members earn better than \$100 per week. More than a few earn upward of \$130 per week. Two thirds of the people in the survey were men, but of the women workers it was not uncommon to note earnings in excess of \$80 per week.

JOBS REQUIRING PUBLIC CONTACT

Nisei workers have long expressed a fear of their employer of putting them in a responsible job where public contact is required, thus placing arbitrary ceilings to earnings and promotions. The fact that more than half of the people in the survey stated that they were in jobs that required contact with the public is interesting. Some were in supervisory responsibilities. But it should be pointed out it was more so in public agencies.

In this connection it should be mentioned that social scientists have conducted opinion-polls and attitude-surveys to determine customer reaction to Negro sales clerks in a department store. I know of no such survey relating to the Nisei.

In this day of worker mobility in business and industry, it is good to notice that the Chicago Nisei can be counted upon to be a part of the stable workforce. Three-fourths of those surveyed indicated that they have been with their present employer better than five years. And adding to a state of good morale, the Nisei said they were happy in their present jobs. The few, who were dissatisfied, gave as their reasons, as lack of future opportunities, less than comparable pay, and insecure worker status in their companies.

EDUCATIONAL STATUS HIGH

We have known for a long time the heavy emphasis Japanese families have placed on college education. The survey again bears out this trait. For a community abounding in institutions of higher learning, it is most encouraging to note that better than 75 per cent in the survey indicated they had more than two years in college. Quite a few had completed graduate work, and even up to a doctorate. This augurs well for the Sansei children who will most certainly get the proper encouragement and guidance from their Nisei parents.

People often ask where most of the 12,000 Japanese in Chicago once lived. The survey reveals that proportionately the largest number came from California, by way of some relocation camp. Still others came from the Pacific Northwest, Hawaii, Japan and other states in the Union.

HOUSING STUDY

In conclusion, just a word or two about what they say about housing.

The Chapter, through its Housing Chairman Chizu Iiyama, is going all out to get information about better housing for the Japanese. It may be of some interest to mention some indications of the chapter members on this score. Many are in the market to buy homes in the 15, 20, and 30 thousand-dollar bracket. Location preferences favor Hyde Park in the Univ. of Chicago area, Northside—near the beaches and good shopping centers, and the suburbs. This indicates a good spread all-

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Three lovelies of the East Los Angeles JACL chapter attending the Emerald Ball Aug. 13 at Elk's Temple across the street from MacArthur Park are (left to right) Nori Shiozaki, Nisei Week queen aspirant; Mio Fujita, Emerald Ball queen; and Stella Nakadate, another Nisei Week candidate. Also being invited are other Nisei candidates and Keiko Takahashi, who was Miss Japan in the Miss Universe pageant. —George Watanabe Photo.

200 FILL SALINAS BANQUET ROOM HONORING MASTERSON, ISHIMARU

(Salinas) Recognition to Assemblyman S. C. Masterson for his aid in securing passage of old-age assistance to alien Issei and to Haruo Ishimaru, who resigned as JACL regional director, were highlights of the third quarterly NCWN-DC session here last Sunday.

Over 200 filled the Hotel Cominos banquet room where the two were honored. A scroll of appreciation from National JACL was presented to Masterson by George Inagaki, national president. A Japanese print was presented to Mrs. Masterson from the Richmond-El Cerrito chapter by Marvin Uratsu, chapter president. In a short talk to the group, Assemblyman Masterson said that the discrimination against Japa-

nese in the state law was unwarranted and that he was happy that he was able to help correct this injustice.

Jack Noda, NCWN-DC chairman, gave Ishimaru a key to a desk which the 25 chapters in the district council bought for the outgoing regional director.

In a surprise unscheduled ceremony, Dr. Harry Y. Kita, charter member of the Salinas JACL chapter which was one of the eight original units formed in 1930, was presented the JACL sapphire pin for long and active service in behalf of the organization.

Inagaki made the presentation of Dr. Kita who was serving as toastmaster for the banquet.

New Jersey visitor

(Fowler) Seinosuke Nakamura, 82, father of active CLer Tom Nakamura of Fowler, returned home July 23, after spending two weeks at the home of his other son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kiyomi Nakamura of Elmer, N.J. He was accompanied by his granddaughter, Kimiye Tanaka of Sacramento, and her friend, Ellen Kobayashi of Reedley.

CHAPTER MEMOS

■ Stockton JACL: Harry Hashino and Fred Dobana, co-chairmen of the recent chapter movie benefit, reported donations amounted to \$481 with expenses at \$194.38 for a net \$286.62 . . . Total membership is 318, surpassing last year's mark and its \$975 quota by \$86.

■ Detroit JACL: The chapter-sponsored dance class enjoyed a beach outing at Point Pelee National Park in Leamington, Canada, July 24. Dance class chairman Setsu Fujioka was in charge . . . The results of the fourth annual fishing derby were announced by chairman Paul Joichi as follows:

1. Kay Takata (gas lantern); 2. Art Furuya (picnic table); 3. Paul Joichi (ice cooler); Largest pan fish—Dr. James Mimura (raincoat); Children—Paul Kagawa, Terry Fujishige (fishing tackle).

■ Salt Lake-Ogden JACL: Both chapters will hold a joint Family Night on "free" Monday, Aug. 22 at the Lagoon's West Terrace, 7 p.m.

■ D.C. JACL: A revised chapter constitution, drafted by Ira Shimasaki and his committee, has been approved by the cabinet and the membership will be receiving a copy in the mail this month. Final action will be taken at the September general meeting, when further changes may be proposed.

■ Chicago JACL: The executive board will hold its next meeting Aug. 28, 1 p.m., at Waukegan's Bowen Country Club. Families and friends are being invited for a day of recreation and swimming. Reservations should be made with the Midwest Office, MO 4-4382, by Aug. 25.

The chapter activity for September will be a hayride-barn dance, Sept. 24, under co-chairmanship of Charles Ukita and Shizuo Hori. Other committeemen include: Joe Maruyama, James Shikami, Chiyoe Tomihoro, Helen Hori, Lillian Oda, Fred Nakagawa and Meiko Tarumoto.

Natl JACL credit union surpasses record for similar period in 1954

(Salt Lake City) The halfway mark of 1955 for the National JACL Credit Union finds itself well ahead of its record for a similar period in 1954, according to Hito Okada.

Share-holding at the end of June 30, 1955, amounted to \$144,214.99 as compared with \$113,975.07 for 1954 for a \$28,000 gain. Profits for the same period show over \$700 gained with the additional expenses this year for a part-time bookkeeper.

Total loans made the first half of 1955 amounted to \$62,185.22. With the increasing demand for car loans, the National JACL Credit Union should show a good profit and be able to again pay its members a 5% dividend.

Sonoma County chapter to host 1955 NCWN-DC convention in November

(Salinas) Sonoma County JACL will be hosts for the Northern California-Western Nevada JACL District Council convention for 1955.

A bid submitted by the chapter's delegate Frank Oda was accepted unanimously. Tentative dates are Nov. 5 and 6.

Oda also announced that the convention will be held in two cities, Sebastopol and Santa Rosa.

Richmond - El Cerrito chapter also put in a bid for this convention, but James K. Kimoto, chapter president, withdrew it after it was pointed out that the District Council has met many times in the East Bay area in the past five years, while this will be the first meeting in Sonoma County since 1937.

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Scene from the Golden Gate

BY HARUO ISHIMARU

END OF A CYCLE

San Francisco
The first Northern California-Western Nevada District Council meeting that I attended was the one held in Salinas in May, 1951, which was a farewell and testimonial for Joe Grant Masaoka who was retiring as the Northern California JACL regional director. Quite coincidentally in friendly Salinas Sunday, I attended my last District Council meeting in an official capacity. Quite fittingly, too, this last day of service with the JACL was spent assisting at the meeting and the banquet in the evening which featured as guest of honor Assemblyman S. C. Masterson, author of the Old Age Assistance bill.



In the course of my slightly more than four years of service with the District Council, our quarterly meetings have really perked up in attendance and activity. The Salinas Valley Chapter wetn all out Sunday to really put on a superlative meeting under the general chairmanship of Tom "Lefty" Miyanaga.

The council session was regular and fairly routine in its business under the chairmanship of Jack Noda. In quick order the items were settled, testifying to the alertness of our chapters.

SAPPHIRE PIN AWARDEE: DOC KITA

The banquet, held at the Hotel Cominos, saw a truly overflow crowd of almost 200 where reservations had been made for only 140. Dr. Harry Kita, veteran JACLer of Salinas, was toastmaster. In a surprise presentation, the sapphire pin, the highest recognition bestowed by the JACL, was awarded to "Doc" Kita, who was one of the original founders of the American Loyalty League of Salinas, forerunner of the present Salinas JACL Chapter, almost 30 years ago. The award was made by JACL National Director Mas Satow, and took "Doc" completely by surprise. It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy.

James Tanda, chapter president, and "Lefty" Miyanaga, extended greetings and introduced the hardworking committee chairmen responsible for the highly successful meeting.

RECOGNITION TO JUDGE MASTERSON

As my last official act for the JACL, it was a great privilege and honor to present in behalf of the National JACL an engraved certificate of recognition to Assemblyman S. C. Masterson, author of Assembly Bill 2255 granting Old Age Assistance to Issei who are unable to qualify for citizenship because of advanced age or infirmity. Judge and Mrs. Masterson were given a standing ovation by the assembled delegates.

Marvin Uratsu, president and in behalf of the Richmond-El Cerrito JACL, presented Mrs. Masterson with a beautiful Japanese print by the late artist, Urushibara.

OUR THANKS

For my four years of work, the District Council and its chapters kindly remembered me with an office desk, key to which was presented me by Jack Noda. Although the desk is yet unseen, may I take this opportunity to thank the chapters for their generous contributions toward the gift. I was also happy to receive from Tom Yego, in behalf of the National JACL, an envelope containing a check for my last week's salary and severance pay. This item will be most useful.

I was most touched to receive a long-distance call during the day from George Nishita, past chairman of our District Council, from his home in San Juan Bautista. George recently suffered a heart attack, which I reported in an earlier column, and is now able to get out of bed for only two hours a day. It was very thoughtful of George to call to wish me well in my last day of work.

Along with the District Council meeting was held the Second Annual Golf Tournament for our chapters. While winning golfers are named elsewhere in this issue, I would like to pay tribute to James "Chick" Abe and Harry "Tar" Shirachi, co-chairmen of an especially successful tournament.

George Inagaki, JACL National President, was the main speaker at the banquet, following which was a dance at the Knights of Pythias Hall. Among the guests from other district councils were David Yokozeki, chairman of the Pacific Southwest DC; Kenji Tashiro, Second National Veep; Tats Kushida, PSW regional director; and Harry Honda, Pacific Citizen editor.

Thanks again to the Salinas Valley JACL, its officers and members, for a memorable meeting.

Ishimaru cited for service on state employment group

(San Francisco) Haruo Ishimaru, who is resigning as Northern California JACL regional director this weekend, was commended by the California Dept. of Employment for his service on the California Dept. of Employment for his service on the area advisory committee on minority-group employment.

Having served three years as No. Calif. committee appointee of former Gov. Earl Warren, the department's certificate of commendation read:

"In grateful appreciation for outstanding support of this Department's program for effective administration of public employment service in California"

The committee studies the development in employment of minority-group persons and recommends techniques to remove discriminatory practices in jobs. The state employment agency has adopted a policy of declining service to companies which knowingly discriminates in employment practices or in their request for workers.

William A. Burkett, director of the State Dept. of Employment, added in his letter to Ishimaru: "We should like you to know that your personal contribution to the Department's record is warmly appreciated. For that reason, the attached citation is being sent to you with the sincere thanks of our administration of the Dept. of Employment. We believe the entire State of California has benefited from your contribution to good government and maximum employment of Californians".

Minakin Proprietor dies

(San Francisco) Pioneer restaurateur Kotaro Ichiki, 69, of Minakin died Aug. 5 at Stanford Hospital from cerebral hemorrhage.

Orange County JAYs plan annual installation fete

(Santa Ana) Plans are underway to celebrate the first anniversary of the Orange County Japanese American Youths (JAYs), Jr. JACL group of the Orange County chapter. Bill Matsumoto has been its charter president.

Membership, totaling over a 100, is composed of high school and college-age Nisei and Sansei, who will hold its first anniversary installation banquet, Sept. 2, at the local Masonic Temple.

Washington Office greets visitors

(Washington) Recent visitors here calling on the Washington JACL Office included long-time JACLers from Nebraska, a West Pointer, Nisei attorney from Hawaii and a San Francisco school teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Patrick Okura of Omaha spent the summer weeks motoring through the south and east. Mrs. Okura, administrative secretary at the Univ. of Nebraska College of Medicine, attended the international convention of the National Secretaries Association at Chattanooga, where she represented Nebraska in the International Secretary of the Year contest.

Okura, who has served as both third and second national JACL vice-presidents, Mountain-Plains District Council chairman and Omaha chapter president, was recently elected president of the Nebraska State Welfare Ass'n.

First Nisei to be graduated from West Point Military Academy, 1st Lt. George Shibata of Garland, Utah, visited the JACL Office last month. He was appointed by the late Sen. Elbert D. Thomas at JACL request. After graduation, Lt. Shibata served as jet pilot in Korea.

After attending the International Convention of Lions International at Atlantic City and elected Hawaii district governor for the present year, Attorney Tom Oki-

Gold Star parents seek citizenship for Japan-born son

(Los Angeles) Through efforts of the American Legion, a Japanese here on a temporary visa may obtain permanent resident status and become an American citizen.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kyuji Hozaki, recently naturalized citizen and parents of two sons who gave their lives for this country in World War II.

The son, Hisakazu, now 29, was born in Japan while the parents were on a visit there. For medical reasons he was left in Japan at that time. He is now attending Trade Tech in Los Angeles.

This problem was brought to the attention of Soichi Fukui, commander of Commodore Perry Post. A letter of appeal was sent to Sen. William Knowland with a request for congressional action by the Nisei post and Rollins MacFadyen, executive committeeman of the Republican Central committee.

"I see no reason," MacFadyen was quoted as saying, "why this will not get quick action by the senator and the Congress. This is a simple case of naturalized Gold Star parents who wish to have their third son given an opportunity of becoming a citizen of our country..."

no of Hilo was here. A Harvard Law School graduate, he is one of the first Nisei lawyers to practice in Hawaii. He has been active in territorial politics, having been county attorney for several terms, one term as senator to the territorial legislature and a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in 1952 at Chicago. He has supported JACL fund drives in Hawaii.

Katherine Reyes, corresponding secretary for the San Francisco JACL and primary school teacher, visited with her sister Maymie Morooka, student at Univ. of Wisconsin.

SMOGLITES: by MARY OYAMA

Who was the brawny man calling us by name at the open-air bowling alley? Just, the sociable doorman of the Surf-Rider

The doorman at the Surf-Rider Hotel wore a green uniform with bright yellow braiding, and ditto his cap. He was a large, jovial young man who told us he hailed from the island of Kauai, the "Garden Isle". Like all the hotel staff he was full of aloha and friendly sociability—always greeting us by name at our every ingress and egress. When not too busy he could even indulge in conversation as we killed time in the lobby while awaiting some appointed meeting with friends, etc.

One day when we were sauntering down Kalakaua Avenue, "hotel row" of Waikiki, past fancy shops, beauty salons, boat rental places, sight-seeing busses, "drive-yourself" cars, surfboard rental, ad infinitum (almost all owned by Matson), we got a surprise as we passed the bowling alley's open air lunch-and-coffee counter.

A loud voice called out "Hullo there, Mrs. Mittuer!" as we did a double-take. (Egad, WHO was this character in a loud Hawaiian shirt sitting at the counter stool?) Big and brawny with unbuttoned shirt and manly chest exposed—we had surely never seen this Tarzan before!

Well, he turned out to be none other than the Surf doorman on his day off relaxing with his bowling alley cronies, all of whom grinned, as we returned an aloha. Exclaimed the daughter, "Migosh, Mommie, how come you know all those bowling boys?"

Whoops—the same people

Before we went to the Islands, if some gypsy fortune-teller had prophesied that we would be walking through the snooty Royal Hawaiian hotel in our old blue jeans and red-plaid flannel shirt which we'd been wearing around at home for the last three-four years, we would have accused her of "holes-in-the head". But it did

happen.

On one of those comparatively rare coolish days, for Honolulu that is, we set forth attired thus for a casual walk along the beach. Then working up a proper hunger, we hied down past the Royal across the street to the Waikiki Pharmacy for lunch bumping into Freckles from Seattle and his Gramps and also of all people, our Korean American friend, Addie You. With true Island hospitality she refused to let us pay for our lunch, "Never mind, I'll let you treat me when we go to the Main-



land." So we thanked her & took leave of her saying that we had a bit of shopping to do. After polite good byes we parted, went our respective ways; but much to our amusement we bumped into each other again after a round of two or three shops. After farewells, we parted once more going in opposite directions on opposite sides of the street, but somehow dern it (or was it because Honolulu is a small place compared to L.A.) we encountered each other for the third time in front of the pink-hued Royal. After more laughter we figured we might as well drag along together, so coaxed by Addie we went to visit her friend, Betty Higgins, who has an exclusive dress-shop full of beautiful clothes in the Royal Hawaiian sanctum.

Although we felt rather foolish and out of place being clad in old shirt and blue jeans, no one seemed to give us a second look. Evidently the natives were accustomed to informally or curiously attired tourists. So we forgot all self-consciousness and enjoyed the gorgeous gowns turned out at the

Betty Higgins shop. We met both the talented designer and her capable business manager daughter. These two successful Hawaiian ladies had a corps of expert seamstresses, mostly Nisei, sewing on exquisite gowns created from Oriental silks, rich brocades, filmy Indian sari yardage, or Japanese obi materials. These gowns were enough to goggle any feminine eye.

After the visit, we bid Addie adieu for the last time, or so we thought — mumbling something about taking a bath and changing to more respectable clothes. Good-bye, dear, we said; thank you for the nice lunch, the shopping tour, the interesting dress-shop visit, see you again soon, ring me tomorrow, etc.

Oh no, not again

Back at the hotel, we cleaned up, napped, dressed for dinner, supped, and just as we set out for a pleasant evening stroll daughter Bambi decided that Life for her would be absolutely dull unless we went to see Tony Curtis. We, though in no mood for a show and least of all for the Teenagers' delight, reluctantly complied, and whom should we meet in front of the box office but Dr. and Mrs. Wonsik You? Talk about "da kind"!

Or should we say, "Waste time kind—lose fight," but who were we to fight Fate? Graciously Dr. You offered to treat us to the show so we got to see Waikiki Theatre, one of the most charming movie-houses we've ever seen. All along the walls inside the theatre, grew real trees with real mangoes and papayas hanging from the branches, intermingling lushly with other tropical flora.

After the movie Doc and Addie again graciously invited us out for a drive but we declined. After all, there was such a Japanese word as "enriyo" and we could not mooch on their hospitality forever.

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The Sou'wester

BY TATS KUSHIDA

BLACK-BALLED

Los Angeles

It's happened again. *Saigo no wara*, the samurai would say. The unceremonious abuse consistently tossed our way simply must stop. Referring, of course, to our insulting treatment at the hands of our travelmate trio when we weakened at Karl Taku's new Rancho Motel in Salinas to attend the NCWNDC confab.



Upon arrival, room reservations were for a single and a triple, our being assigned to the latter, thanks to Karl's thoughtfulness. Without even bothering to jankenpo, Honda, Yokozeki and Ogata grabbed the triple.

Ibiki-schmibiki, a guy's entitled to vibrate his tonsils in his sleep without being victim to social ostracism. After all, what can a guy do when even Hadacol won't work. Guess we'll just chalk this up to another example of man's inhumanity to man. Man's inhumanity to woman is something else.

The early delegations got in a friendly-or-disastrous session at Doc Unharry Kita's on Sateve. The boofay fixin's were spot hitters for our vacuum bellies. Miki Taku's continental breakfasts the next ayem, and the next, kept our grub fever down 'til noon.

While PSWDChairman David slew the pill dunking Goliaths to win the 1000 Club low net trophy, we quickied to nearby Monterey, ran into Ken Sato and crab Louied on Fisherman's Wharf. Ken's new daughter, Sarah, 3, is a real cutie and obviously his daiji-no-ko. Duke, the sarcophagus stuffing southerner, didn't do as well on the links, a stiff breeze burying his chances 'tho he won eight balls on a draw.

The champions of the JACL's successful state legislative program for '55 were deservedly honored at the Sunday banquet—Haruo Ishimaru, CL lobbyist, and Judge S. C. Masterson, six-foot-four Richmond assemblyman who introduced the bill which grants state old age pensions to qualified Issei aliens.

Masterson assured us the provision requiring "no overt act" will be no obstacle to the administering the law and that there shouldn't be any delay in the processing of Issei applications.

Generalissimo Lefty Miyayaga, unbridled bachelor of Salinas Valley, bossed an efficient crew to put over the well attended shebang. He reminds us of another field marshal we knew who supervised a queen contest at a recent nat'l convention. Lefty left nothing to be desired, exhibiting those uninhibited and eccentric qualities that make for a perfect 1000 Clubber, the kind we try to emulate. We already share one virtue in common with Lefty—no *enryo*. (a virtue?—ed.)

The Salinas trip was like a homecoming, our having trimmed lettuce there at Yuki's shed No. 2 circa '38. Tar Shirachi, the Tanda brothers, the Urabes, et al, are still around. Schoolmate Jimmy Tabata of Monterey, Pacific Grover Mickey Ichiuji, Poston Block 16 co-inmates, the Obata boys and Dick and Carmen Nishimoto, and visiting Chicagoan Sumi Shimizu were on hand to make it a multi-reunion. And another Ken Sato of Salinas we worked with in Poston.

VISITORS THIS WEEK: Hippo Shibata of Frisco, bro of Mary, who's wife of Sam Fujita, another schoolmate, whose bro Shorty is an active SWLAer . . . Frank Okazaki, former prez of the New York chapter . . . ex-Postonians, Kaz Nadaka and Mrs. of Cleveland.

We learned from Hippo that our former co-staffer with the WRA in Chicago, John Brenton (fact is, all three of us had apts at the settlement, Hull House, as did Masamori Kojima, Scene publisher), passed away in Billings, Mont. a couple years back.

MISGIVING OF THE WEEK: Now that Haruo Ishimaru is no longer a CL staffer, there is a new appetite champ. This column offers a generous reward for any workable formulae to lower metabolism and/or exterminate tapeworms.

CHICAGO CORNER

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around.

Housing experts are advocating that families desiring to purchase homes not spend more than 2½ times the annual income of the principle wage-earner. If true, then on the basis of over-inflated costs of homes today and the failure of wage and salary to keep up with such rising costs, it takes a family income to meet the staggering costs of buying homes.

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PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

American swimmers beaten in dual meet by well-balanced Japan squad

■ Tokyo's Meiji Stadium pool last weekend provided an Olympic preview as Japan's well-balanced team rolled over the visiting United States squad 44-35. Two world records and 12 meet marks fell by the wayside.

The 3-2-1 point system was applied to individual races while the diving event winner was credited with two points. The relays scored three points for the winning team only.

Masaru Furukawa, 100 and 200-meter breaststroke winner, established himself as the man to beat in the 1956 Olympics by setting a new world mark in the 200-meter event at 2m.33.7s.—1.7s. better than his old world mark. The other world mark was established in the 400-meter relays, won by Japan in 3m.46.2s. The results of the three-day meet:

100-m Freestyle—Patterson 57.2s.; Koga (J) 57.2s.; Suzuki (J) 57.4s.
200-m Freestyle—William Woolsey 2m.7.5s.; Ford Konno 2m.8.4s.; Hiroshi Suzuki (J) 2m.9s.
400-m Freestyle—Konno 4m.35.6s.; Ono (J) 4m.37.4s.; Yoshihiro Shoji (J) 4m.37.4s.
800-m Freestyle—Ohno (J) 9m.38.8s.; Konno 9m.43.3s.; Shoji (J) 9m.43.5s.
1,500-m Freestyle—Tsukasa Ohno (J) 18m.31.2s.; Charles Breen 18m.38.6s.; Yukiyooshi Aoki (J) 18m.53.4s.

100-m Breaststroke—Furukawa (J) 1m.10.8s.; Gomazuru (J) 1m.11.4s.; Kimura (J) 1m.11.4s.
200-m Breaststroke—Masaru Furukawa (J) 2m.33.7s.; Hisashi Gomazuru (J) 2m.39.2s.; Moto Kimura (J) 2m.39.8s.

100-m Butterfly—Wiggins 1m.2.9s.; Ishimoto (J) 1m.5.6s.; Harrison, 1m.5.6s.
200-m Butterfly—Ishimoto (J) 2m.29.6s.; George Harrison 2m.59.5s.; Mattson 2m.30s.

100-m Backstroke—Oyakawa m.5.9s.; Wiggins 1m.6.2s.; Hase (J) 1m.6.2s.
200-m Backstroke—Frank McKinney 2m.24.7s.; Hase (J) 2m.25.2s.; Oyakawa 2m.26.8s.

High Diving—Don Harper 138.25; Yutaka Baba (J) 119.13.
Springboard Diving—Don Harper 160.61; Yutaka Baba (J) 135.95.

400-m Medley Relay—Japan (Keiji Hase, Furukawa, Takashi Ishimoto, Manabu Koga) 4m.18.8s.; U.S. (Yoshi Oyakawa, Robert Mattson, Albert Wiggins, Hendrick Gideonse) 4m.22.4s.

400-m Relay—Japan (Suzuki, Atsushi Tani, Noboru Goto, Koga) 3m.46.2s.; U.S. (David McIntyre, Woolsey, Reid Patterson, Gideonse) 3m.47.6s.

800-m Relay—Japan (Suzuki, Tani, Koga, Shoji) 8m.34.7s.; U.S. (Harrison, David Armstrong, Konno, Woolsey) 8m.37.5s.

■ All matches at Solano Canyon courts in Los Angeles' Elysian Park are in semi-finals in the So. Calif. Nisei Open tennis tournament. The semi-final scores last Sunday were:

MEN'S 'A' SINGLES
Tosh Shinden def. Rey Maeno 3-6, 9-7, 6-2.

WOMEN'S 'A' SINGLES
Helen Watanabe def. Kitty Yamachi 6-1, 6-1.

MEN'S 'A' DOUBLES
Shig Ito-Ted Sasaki def. Jim Sakimoto-Frank Saraye 9-7, 6-4.

WOMEN'S 'A' DOUBLES
Margaret Keimi-I. Iwata def. H. Watanabe-H. Takimoto 6-3, 6-3.

MIXED 'A' DOUBLES
Sumi Kamachi-Ted Sasaki def. Koharu Maeda-Frank Saraye 2-6, 10-8, 6-3.

■ Australia wrapped up its Davis Cup interzone semi-finals with Japan, 4-0, last Sunday when Rex Hartwig defeated Atsushi Miyagi 3-6, 6-0, 6-3, 9-7 at Glen Cove, Long Island. The fifth set between Ken Rosewall and Kosei Kamo was completely washed out by rain. Hence, Japan was unable to make good its attempt to win at least one team point.

Rosewall took the opening match from Miyagi in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1. Hartwig then defeated Kamo 8-6, 6-8, 6-3, 6-3. In the doubles, Lew Hoad and Hartwig bested Kamo and Miyagi 6-3, 6-3, and 6-4. The entire series was plagued by rain, the fourth set being stopped for 40 minutes.

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Monterey CL golf team retain title at NCWN-DC meet

(Salinas) Monterey Peninsula JACL defended its NC-WNDC golf team title last Sunday over a narrow and fast Salinas Municipal course in the second annual district tournament.

Top individual honors went to Monterey's Mike Sanda who shot a 79, while Kiyo Hirano of Salinas took low net honors with his 91-27-64.

Dave Yokozeki of Los Angeles, PSWDC chairman, won the special 1000 Club cup, donated by local 1000ers, with an 80-13-47. (Commented the Nichi Bei Times of San Francisco: "This was a fitting prize for Yokozeki as he recently spearheaded his Downtown L.A. JACL chapter's drive in which his group signed a total of 180 for the 1000 Club.")

Monterey retained its team title by a margin of four strokes over San Mateo. The scores:

Monterey (208)—M. Sanda 79-11-44, Frank Shingu 83-9-74, Yo Tabata 80-27-66; San Mateo (212)—Shig Takahashi 83-11-72, George Hinaga 81-12-64, Fred Inouye 89-18-71.

Other tournament scores:
66—Yo Tabata (27) Monterey.
68—Jack Noda (18) Cortez.
69—George Hinaga (12) San Mateo.
P. A. Shibata (19) Eden Twship, and James Uyeda (27) Monterey.

Hawaiian bill—

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of these properties and lands to the pre-World War II organizations only.

If enacted, the measure would enable only eleemosynary organizations an opportunity to file claims to their former lands in order to resume such activities as they carried on prior to the war. If the organizational conditions have changed to the extent that the property will not be used for eleemosynary purposes, then the petitioners must show why they want their property back and what they intend to do with it.

Claims must be filed within two years after the date of enactment of the bill by petitioning in the circuit court of Hawaii in which the property was situated at the time it was conveyed to the Territory. The circuit court will set a court of equity without a jury and determine the claims of the petitioners under procedures prescribed by law.

The governor of the Territory is directed to give publicity to the bill and where the petition must be filed as well as the general purpose of this Act.

The petitioners must follow procedures established under this statute and must show that the land was given to the government without monetary consideration or upon mere nominal consideration.

The bill does not provide for any pecuniary awards for rents or damages but only for the return of the property. However, if any improvements have been made by the government, it shall be reimbursed, without interest.

In the event the property of the claimant has been sold by the Territory, the court may authorize the government to pay the claimant from its funds. However, such payment will not exceed the amount received for the property, and no interest will be paid.

It is hoped that the Senate will give favorable consideration to this legislation next year.

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Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

GARDENA BANKING FACILITIES

Los Angeles
The Bank of Tokyo of California, with headquarters in San Francisco and a branch office in Li'l Tokio Vimcar Bldg., once home of the Yokohama Specie Bank, announced it will open a branch in Gardena.

The growing community of over 10,000 Japanese Americans—home of So. Calif. regional director, Tats Kushida—has been long looked upon by Bank of Tokyo officials as a very lucrative and strategic locale for banking business.



Tatsuichi Shibata, its president, disclosed that the organization, formed two and a half years ago, has a total assets of more than \$20 million as of June 30.

The Gardena expansion encompasses Issei and Nisei communities of Compton, Torrance, Lomita, Hawthorne, Inglewood, Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach, Wilmington, San Pedro and Long Beach.

The announcement was made during a dinner, hosted by Shibata and top officers of the Bank of Tokyo, at the Kawafuku. In the absence of George Inagaki, national JACL president, who is also member of the bank's board of directors, attorney Frank Chuman represented the League.

Although temporary quarters will open within 30 days at 15433 Western Ave., permanent facilities will not be completed until the end of the year.

CITY COUNCIL LAUDS SHONIEN HOME

The Los Angeles City Council this week followed recent support of the County Board of Supervisors in passing a favorable resolution in commending the Shonien Bldg. board members in their effort to resume the child care center on Redcliff in the Silver Lake Area.

Nobu Kawai of Pasadena, chairman of the Shonien Bldg. board, disclosed the resolution drafted by Yosh Kodama and introduced in the city chamber by Councilman Edward R. Roybal was approved heartily.

It noted that the Shonien had been in operation for 28 years prior to World War II.

Kawai, who expects the project to be in operation by early October, said the \$55,000 construction will be saddled with a \$45,000 mortgage and that another campaign for funds is in the offing.

Southland Issei and Nisei backers filled the coffers with close to \$30,000 in donations the past three years, but an additional \$75,000 is needed, Kawai estimated. The figure includes first year's operation plus \$10,000 worth of new equipment.

Landscape architect Jun Asakura is directing volunteers in designing a \$5,000 gardening project with the assistance of other donors. Included in the assignment is Ken Dyo, licensed contractor.

LOCAL REPUBLICANS ORGANIZE

The Nisei Republicans have decided to apply for a state charter along the pattern already set by the Japanese American Democratic Club which received its franchise last February.

If all had gone well, they should be in possession of such charter by now. Robert F. Craig, president of the Los Angeles County Republican Assembly, said the "new group will be welcomed into the fold and given full cooperation."

The GOP membership is \$3 per individual, or \$5 husband-wife combination. The Democrats charge two bucks annual dues.

Katsuma Mukaeda and Soichi Fukui, both 1000-Club supporters, head the membership drive. Fukui presented the application for a charter Tuesday before the executive committee.

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| Petty cash | 20.00 |
| Walker Bank & Trust Co. | 2,314.41 |
| Total | \$149,589.14 |

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Central California Nisei applications for military academies available in Fresno

(Washington) Nisei men who will be between the ages of 17 and 22 on July 1, 1956, living in three central California counties, Fresno, Madera and Merced, are invited to apply for nomination to the U.S. military, naval and air force academies, Rep. B. F. Sisk (D., Calif.) informed the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League.

Prospective applicants should contact his Fresno office, 228 Blackstone Ave., immediately to present educational, character, and physical qualifications. A preliminary examination will be held in mid-November in order to insure a fair opportunity for all qualified applicants.

According to Rep. Sisk, he will be able to appoint the following: one and possibly two cadet vacancies at West Point; a principal and five alternates for each of two vacancies at Annapolis; and ten nominations to the Air Force Academy at Denver.

Army cadet and Navy midshipman appointments will be subject to competition by applicants within his district. Cadet appointments to the Air Force Academy will be

based on a statewide competition with 21 appointments allotted to California.

Congressman Sisk said that literature regarding the courses of instruction and description of the academies as well as suggestions to applicants will be available in his district office.

Currently, Cadet Robert James Matsumoto of Bakersfield, who last year was appointed by Democratic Rep. Harlan Hagen of Hanford (14th Dist., Calif.), is attending West Point.

Other Nisei interested in an appointment to any of the U.S. armed forces academies and who reside outside the 12th Congressional District should write their respective congressmen about possible appointments and examinations.

Since the JACL was responsible in 1947 for the appointment of the first Nisei to West Point by the late Sen. Elbert D. Thomas of Utah, which broke down the racial prohibitions against Americans of Japanese ancestry, Nisei will be considered on the same basis for possible appointments and nominations.

Masaoka—

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requires private bills to remedy special situations. This past session, only 17 private bills were approved by the Congress. All of them had to do with immigration matters.

13. Legislative Confirmation Of Nominations.

Though a number of executive nominations of Nisei postmasters, Government career officers, and for the promotion of Nisei in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Public Health Service were unanimously approved in routine manner, JACL is particularly proud of Senate confirmation of Benjamin M. Tashiro as a federal judge in the circuit courts of Hawaii, the first Nisei ever confirmed for the judiciary, and of Los Angeles Superior Court Justice Thurmond Clarke, who was the first California jurist to declare unconstitutional the state alien land law, as a federal district judge for the Southern District of California.

14. Civil Service Benefits.

Though the National JACL took no position on the subject, because so many of its members and some 5,000 Nisei are employed in the federal civil service, the Washington, D.C. JACL chapter endorsed the following civil service bills which were enacted into law this last session: (1) Pay raises for all Government workers, including postal employees, (2) career or permanent status for those who have worked three years or more in competitive jobs, which means tenure for most Nisei employees who up until now had only temporary and indefinite appointments, (3) travel allowance increase, (4) Government protection for employee beneficial life insurance funds, and (5) uniform allowances to those who require uniforms in their employment.

It's a boy for Chumans

(Los Angeles) Attorney Frank Chuman, national JACL legal counsel, has had many cigars to offer to friends in the past but he was giving them away this week. Reason:

A 6 lb.-11 oz. boy, Daniel, was born Aug. 10. Mother, nee Ruby Dewa of Honolulu, and son are reported doing fine.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

ONTARIO, ORE.
TSUKAMAKI—July 22, boy to Frank Tsukamakis.

SEATTLE

ADACHI—July 23, boy to Shin Adachi.
CHIKAMURA—July 20, girl to Takeshi Chikamuras.
EGUCHI—July 17, girl to Wasushi Eguchi.
HORITA—July 24, boy to Tom Horitas.
MATSUSHIGE—July 23, girl to Isaac Matsushiges.

NEBRASKA

HARA—Girl to George Haras, Mitchell.
SATO—Girl to Paul Satos, Mitchell.

CHICAGO

TAKAYANAGI—July 1, girl Emily to Tadao Takayanagis (Shigeko Suzawa).

NEW YORK

MORIHISA—June 11, girl Bonnie Suva to George Morihisas.
OKADA—June 10, girl Shawn S. to Naoto Okadas.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

MATSUMOTO—July 13, boy Mark Ryo to Akio Matsumotos.

NORTH CAROLINA

KAWAKAMI—June 29, boy Kenneth to Sgt. 1/c I. S. Kawakamis, Ft. Bragg.

Engagements

ARIMA-SUYEHIRO — April Eiko to James of San Francisco.
ITAYA-OTO—Molly Mariko, Stockton, to Ken, Walnut Grove, July 17.
KAWASAKI-SUZUKI — Virginia, Los Angeles, to Lt. Tom (USAF), Gardena, July 21.
KIKKAWA-KIMURA—Violet to Koshi of Stockton.
SHIGAKI-ITO — Grace to Isamu of Sacramento.
SUMI-MURAKAMI — Yoko, Los Angeles, to Mas. Compton, July 31.
TAKEUCHI-HORIE — May, Palo Alto, to Akira, Los Angeles, July 3.
YADA-FUKUSHIMA — Kinuyo to Tadashi of Stockton.
YAMADA-INOUE — Louise T. to Joseph H., of Los Angeles.
YAMAMOTO-NIKAIDO — Kiyoko G., Lafayette, Colo., to David Takashi, Derby, Colo., July 19.

Weddings

ASAWA-KATAOKA—July 27, Charles and Michi of Los Angeles at Las Vegas.
FUJIMURA-NAKATSUKA — July 17, Henry, Los Angeles; Ann Yoshiko, Gardena.
HOTTA-NAKAMURA — July 17, Kiyoharu Ted, Stockton; Sachiko Jo-Anne, Los Angeles.
ISHIMARU-SURUKI — July 17, Te-tsuo and Mariko of Los Angeles.
ITO-MATSUO—Aug. 1, Shuichi and Aiko of Los Angeles.
KATAYAMA-MATSUMOTO — July 31, Frank, Monrovia; Hideyo, Los Angeles.
MASHIKO-AKIRA — July 24, Yukio, Sun Valley; Edith Hisako, Glendale.
MIYATA-NAKAMURA — July 17, John Junji and Lily Yoshiko of Los Angeles.
OKURA-MATSUMOTO — July 30, Tadashi and Eiko of Los Angeles.
TAKAHAMA-NAKAGAWA — July 23, Harry Hiroshi, Anaheim; Yoshiko, Los Angeles.
UJIFUSA-TAKITA — July 22, Frank and Mary of Salt Lake City.
TAYLOR-ITO — July 23, Guy G., Pasadena; Ruriko, Stockton, at West Los Angeles.
WATANABE-INAMI — July 16, Mitsuo, Coalinga; Mabel, Madera.
WOO-SUZUKI — July 16, George K. an dSarah Seiko of Los Angeles.
YAMAGIWA-MASUMOTO — July 10, Haruki, Bowles; Yoshiye, Del Rel (name corrected).

Deaths

ARATANI, Minoru: Mitchell, Neb., July 22.
FUJIMORI, Tozaemon, 71: Los Angeles, July 21, survived by wife Mine; sons George, William, James, daughters Betty and Mrs. Rose Masaoka.
FUJINAKA, Mrs. Tome, 70: Los Angeles, July 31, survived by husband Sotaro, sons Koichi, Joe Kenji, George Kazuo, daughters Mrs. Shizuye Suzuki, Mrs. Chiyoko Uyeda.
HASEGAWA, Miss Iso, 68: Seattle, July 19.
HIGUCHI, Sadajichi, 69: Denver, July 24, survived by wife Tsutayo, daughters Mrs. Jennie Ito and Mrs. Mary Kawata.
HIRATA, Mrs. Sui, 54: Los Angeles, July 30, survived by husband Wataru, daughter Mrs. June Kawagoe.
HONJO, Jirokichi, 59: Sacramento, July 4, survived by wife Momiya, son Ryoichi, daughters Toyoko Yoshiko and Mrs. Shizuko.
IKEDA, Kikumatsu, 89: Marysville, July 10.
INOUE, Kanjiro, 72: Alameda, July 11, survived by wife Natsuno, sons Fujio, Yoshiharu, daughter Mrs. Kazuye Hattori.
ISERI, Dr. Walter Kaworu, 75: Los Angeles, July 23, survived by wife Florence, sons Victor, Ernest and daughter Mrs. Alice Sakemi.
ITO, Mitsuyuki, 66: Seattle, July 19, survived by wife Nami, daughters Dolly, Mrs. Sachiko Nakayama Mrs. Mary Hosoda.
KAHARA, Fred I., 67: Denver, July 30, survived by wife Ethel, son Fred, Jr., daughter Mrs. Beatrice Woo and four grandsons.
KATO, Mrs. Ayame, 69: Renton, Wash., July 6, survived by sons Tony, Satoshi Tom, Michio, daughters Mitsuye, Mrs. Shizuko Nishimoto, Mrs. Sadami Tsuchida (Penryn) and 14 grandchildren.
KAWAKUBO Tomogoro: Chicago, July 16.
KOBATA, Mrs. Natsu, 90: Kingsburg, July 5 (funeral).
KUBO, Mrs. Umeyo, 73: Salt Lake City, July 20, survived by daughter Haruyo.
MORIOKA Takazo, 70: Chicago, July 18, survived by wife Tomie, sons Alfred James, George, Edward, daughters Mrs. Tom Iyata and Mrs. Mary Iwamura.

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Editorials

CONGRESS ADJOURNS

A Democratic Congress working with a Republican President passed into history last Aug. 3, five minutes after midnight to the haunting harmonies of a harmonica and sentimental strains of "On Moonlight Bay" and "Down by the Old Mill Stream".

While nothing new of special concern to persons of Japanese ancestry was passed except for appropriation measures to pay claimants and to administer the Dept. of Justice, the calm and quiet did not signify constructive achievement. As our Washington representative is pointing out this week, the Lane-Hillings bill to expedite remaining evacuation claims has been introduced in the first session prior to adjournment and in a strong position for consideration in the next session.

Since the second session rests in a Presidential election year, some are predicting the outbreak of the "cold war of partisan politics" that was expected in the past session. But looking back, one is impressed by the success of Democratic leadership in persuading Northerners and Southerners to pull in the same general direction. They upheld the President on a number of key issues—notably so in foreign affairs, where members of his own party were in greater opposition. Probably the greatest White House disappointment in domestic affairs was the inability of Congress to pass a highway bill.

Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

GETTING TO KNOW YOU—SALINAS

Many a times we've driven up Highway 101 to San Francisco, whizzing through Salinas in the middle of night . . . Last weekend, we got to know the city and some of its citizens . . . There was the freeway which skirts the business district altogether, Karl Taku's Rancho Motel where the freeway and old 101 (N. Main St.) meet, the new Salinas Valley Memorial hospital next door to Dr. Harry Kita's residence, and the SP railway station which served as a scene in the movie, Japanese War Bride . . . Salinas happens to be Mrs. George Inagaki's hometown, and site of a nationally-famous rodeo, the heart of the lettuce country and where cool sea breezes feel like a million-dollars after a blistering-hot trek through Paso Robles-Camp Robert areas. . . . Among its gracious citizenry were Karl Taku, who has signed up in the Salinas Japanese Golf Club and busy in the motel business; Doc Kita



and family, who hosted a party for out-of-towners showing up a day early for the NCWNDC quarterly session; Lefty Miyana-ga, who engineered the one-day event, and one of his pretty assistants, Sumi Iwashige; chapter president James Tanda, and past president John Terakawa . . . One interesting sidelight was the quick trip with Tats Kushida into Monterey to meet Ken Sato, who was raised in Alhambra. That same evening, I met another Ken Sato of Salinas—which makes it three Ken Satos I know personally. But meeting two fellows with the same names is something of a record . . . Since Salinas-Monterey are pre-war haunts of the "Sou'Wester", his comments are likely to be more fascinating. But these were of a man who stopped to look around, happy that he did and hopeful of doing it more often—rather than whizzing through as in the past.

OF PRE-JACL VINTAGE

Salinas Valley JACL was among the eight Nisei civic organizations in the 1920s that banded together to form the Japanese American Citizen League. Doc Kita, one of the charter members who is still active in the chapter, was honored with the JACL Sapphire Pin, symbolic of long faithful service to the organization and community . . . The first time I met him was at Salt Lake's 1948 convention—then sporting a trim moustache, though not trim figure. Now the figure is trim, the moustache trim beyond existence.

FINAL COMMENTS

The San Francisco Women's Auxiliary made its dent at the district council meeting distributing tickets for its Fashion Interlude this Sunday . . . Sumi Shimizu was vacationing from Chicago . . . Jack Noda, NCWNDC chairman, picked up two watermelons off his patch that crackled at the touch of a fork . . . Dave Yokozeki, PSWDC chairman, scored an 80 to cop the 1000 Club cup the Salinas 1000ers offered. In the same foursome was NCWNDC chairman Noda, two strokes behind . . . Kenji Tashiro, 2nd nat'l vice-president, motored from Tulare County in his new blue Buick. Occupants of a yellow Buick alongside—the Inagakis—motored up to Bend, Ore., where the Hood River Chapter fellows promised George some fantastic fishing . . . Understand why the Tri-Villes of Sequoia JACL go places now. Their adviser, Mrs. John Enomoto, is charming and glows with warmth and vitality that seems to be the secret for active Jr. JACL programs. Advisers, such as her, are strongly recommended for any youth project . . . Haruo Ishimaru's assertions at the district council session failed to hint it was to be his final day with JACL in a staff capacity. It only came at the banquet when "good luck, Haruo" gestures were made . . . I would certainly recommend JACLers in Central and Southern California attend the NCWNDC Convention Nov. 5-6 at Sonoma County. At the same time, Northern Californians should return the visits by attending CCDC and PSWDC sessions in the future. The fellowship angle pays well at these functions.

1st session, 84th Congress, least productive in past 10 years for JACL legislative program; prospects of next session good

Washington
Though commentators have hailed the First Session of the 84th Congress as one in which an unprecedented number of bills were enacted into law for an initial session, insofar as the legislative program of the Japanese American Citizens League was concerned, it was among the least productive in the past ten years.

In a sense, this should be expected, for year by year during the past decade, the JACL has so successfully gained its major legislative objectives that today few remain for the consideration of Congress.

As remedial and corrective legislation repeals and nullifies discriminatory statutes, the emotional, hard-to-answer appeals to justice and fair play no longer are valid, as it becomes increasingly difficult to lobby for what in some cases borders almost on favoritism or special treatment.

Moreover, in assessing the First Session, it should be kept in mind that historically JACL has been more successful in the Second Sessions, than in the First, and that all the bills introduced this year and on which action was not completed are active in the next or Second Session that convenes Jan. 3. It usually takes a year to maneuver bills into strategic position for favorable action in the final or concluding session of each congressional term which spans two years, according to JACL's traditional timetable.

Viewed from that light, most of the bills in which JACL has a special interest and concern are in fair to good shape for next session's activities.

Two Public Bills

Briefly summarized, the only public bills to become law in the First Session were the appropriations measures for payment of evacuation claims awards and for 1956 administrative expenses of the Japanese Claims Section, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and Office of Alien Property, all in the Department of Justice and all touching upon the lives of Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Two public bills were passed by the House and require only Senate concurrence next session before being sent to the White House for the President's signature.

Sixteen private bills all dealing with immigration, have been enacted into law.

Fifty-three alien Japanese have had their deportation proceedings suspended and their status adjusted to that of immigrants lawfully admitted for permanent residence, thereby qualifying for naturalization as citizens within the prescribed period.

Two legislative confirmations of special interest were achieved, as well as routine approval for a number of other executive nominations.

In addition, the Washington, D.C., chapter endorsed five civil service bills that became law.

14 Measures

As of the adjournment of the First Session, briefly summarized is the status of the various bills in which JACL is specially interested.

1. **Statehood for Hawaii**
Since last May, when the House recommitted a combination legislative package extending statehood status to both Hawaii and Alaska, there has been no official action on any statehood legislation in either the House or the Senate.

2. **Evacuation Claims.**
The latest bill to expedite and liberalize the final determination

of the remaining evacuation claims was introduced on July 30, by Rep. Thomas J. Lane (D., Mass.), House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims chairman. He introduced this latest measure at the request of Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R., Whittier, Calif.), author of previous bills on this subject, who was in Europe on official Government business during the final days prior to adjournment.

This new Lane-Hillings Bill will be the subject of public hearings in San Francisco and Los Angeles the last week in September.

In order to protect the remaining claimants from being forced to adjudicate their claims under the present restrictive interpretations and regulations and to enable them to take advantage of the more generous provisions of the proposed amendments, the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee requested the Justice Department to devise procedures which will take into account the abovementioned problem.

3. Appropriations Bills.

Enacted prior to the beginning of the current fiscal year on July 1 were a supplementary deficiency bill providing \$1,327,583.68 for the payment of evacuation claims awards and 1956 fiscal year administrative appropriations for the Japanese Claims Section, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Office of Alien Property, all in the Department of Justice and all supervising programs of vital interest to JACL.

4. Immigration and Naturalization Act.

Though many bills were introduced in both the House and Senate to revise and to repeal the Immigration and Nationality (Walter-McCarran) Act of 1952, no action was taken in either chamber by their respective Judiciary Subcommittees on Immigration and Naturalization.

5. Refugee Relief Act.

The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Refugees and Escapees conducted public hearings last month on the many proposed amendments to the Refugee Relief Act of 1953 but the parent Judiciary Committee failed to act on its recommendations through inability to secure a quorum during the final days of the session.

The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration and Naturalization took no action on this subject, though hearings were conducted early in the session on some proposed amendments.

Stay of Deportation

Forty-seven alien Japanese benefited under the discretionary authority given to the Attorney General under the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 to suspend deportation proceedings against certain deserving aliens and to adjust their status to that of immigrants lawfully admitted for permanent residence, provided that the Congress approved such proceedings, which it did in these cases.

In addition, six Peruvian Japanese stranded in this country because of Peru's refusal to readmit them had their status adjusted to that of permanent residents under the Refugee Relief Act of 1953, with the approval of the Congress.

7. Return of Vested Property.

The Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Trading with the Enemy Act (which authorizes the sequestration of enemy property during war) conducted a day of executive hearings on legislation to return, some completely and others partially, the property of German and Japanese nationals vested in World War II. Only officers of the Office of Alien Property were questioned. Full scale public hearings are tentatively scheduled for this fall by the Subcommittee.

The House Foreign Affairs Ad-

Hoc Subcommittee conducted two days of public hearings on the subject of full payment in lieu of return as a means of improving foreign relations, then transferred jurisdiction over these resolutions to the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, the traditional Committee handling this subject matter in the House. It already had before it several bills identical to those in the Senate proposing both full and partial return. Now that a single Committee has jurisdiction, hearings are expected either in the fall or early next session.

8. Equality in Air Transportation.

No action was taken, except for hearings in the Senate, by either House on this legislation to exempt from administrative regulation agricultural and floricultural commodities in air transportation, as is presently recognized in surface transportation, because of the request of the Civil Aeronautics Board, which announced that it was considering a change in regulations that might obviate the need for a legislative remedy.

9. Prohibition against Mongolian Labor.

The House passed unanimously on its Consent Calendar this bill which proposes to strike out the discriminatory language of a 1946 statute which specifically prohibits the employment of Mongolian labor on reclamation construction jobs. The last known discrimination against Asians written directly into federal law, this measure is now pending before the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

10. Hawaiian Property Claims.

The House also passed unanimously a bill providing for the return, after proper findings by the courts, of lands and properties which were conveyed to the Territory of Hawaii or one of its political subdivisions by eleemosynary organizations of persons of Japanese ancestry in the early World War II period because of the sentiment and the pressures of the time. This bill too is now before the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee.

Civil Rights Bills

11. Civil Rights Legislation.

The House Judiciary Subcommittee on Civil Rights conducted hearings on over 50 bills dealing with the civil rights of all Americans but took no action on any of them.

In the Senate, the Judiciary Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights has announced public hearings beginning in October to investigate the operation of the Bills of Rights, the first ten amendments to the Federal Constitution. This is a new and novel approach to the subject.

12. Private Bills.

Once one of the most important of JACL's legislative activities, with the enactment of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, there is little that now

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CALENDAR

- Aug. 13 (Saturday)
Philadelphia—Outing, Menlo Park. (Raindate—Aug. 14).
East Los Angeles—Benefit dance, Elk's Club.
- Aug. 14 (Sunday)
PSWDC—Third quarterly session, San Diego Buddhist Church hall, 2-5 p.m.
San Diego—Weenie bake, Twin Palms.
Mission Bay, 6 p.m.
San Francisco—Auxiliary's Fashion Interlude, Gyosei Hall.
Long Beach—Community picnic, Peck's Park, San Pedro.
- Aug. 22 (Monday)
Salt Lake City—Ogden—Family Lagoon Night, West Terrace, 7 p.m.
- Aug. 27 (Saturday)
Cincinnati—Evening picnic, St. Edmond's.
- Aug. 28 (Sunday)
Chicago—Exec. board meeting, Bowen C. C., Waukegan, 1 p.m.
- Sept. 2-4
Long Beach—Community carnival, Harbor Community Center.
- Sept. 2 (Friday)
Orange County—JAY's annual installation banquet, Santa Ana Masonic Temple, 5th & Sycamore, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 3-5
Chicago—Outing, George Williams College camp, Lake Geneva, Wis.
- Sept. 17 (Saturday)
Chicago—Splatter party, Olivet Institute.

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Rome.—Stars & Stripes features Army protest, following report of snub of wounded GI by VFW post in Spokane; Col. Miller, 442nd RCT commander, asks War Department aid in combatting anti-Nisei activity.
Spokane.—VFW Spokane Post 51 defends vote against Nisei, urges separate post for Japanese Americans.