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## Vagaries

BY LARRY TAJIRI

### SERISAWA BROS. PRODUCTION: 'BUNKA'

Denver

Recently at the Cleveland Film Festival for non-theatrical motion pictures, an entry called *Bunka* won first prize in the art division. *Bunka*, a short subject about Japanese culture, was produced by Sueo and Ikuo Serisawa of Los Angeles and was filmed in southern California. The Serisawas—Sueo has won national awards for his painting, while Ikuo is a still photographer of considerable renown—are not novices in the motion picture field.

In Los Angeles back in 1934 they produced and directed the first and only feature-length movie ever made by and for Nisei. It was called *Nisei Parade* and featured Tib Kamayatsu, Alice Iseri (now Mrs. Henry Sakemi of Coachella Valley), Peter Takahashi and the Tanaka sisters of Long Beach, Calif., who are now married to the Serisawa brothers. Tib, the leading man, went off to Japan shortly afterwards and was leading an orchestra when we last heard of him back before Pearl Harbor. Pete, who got his UCLA degree in geology, also shipped to Japan and was in newspaper work.

*Nisei Parade* was shot on actual locations—on farms, in produce markets and in pool halls—and the results was that the film had a valid documentary quality. The picture—in 16 mm. and black and white—suffered for the lack of sound track, but sound would have more than quadrupled the cost of production. As it was the Serisawas, who used their savings to finance the film, never did get back the full cost of production. But what they learned in making the picture is reflected in the acclaim for *Bunka*, made two decades later in color and sound.

*Nisei Parade* was shown widely to Japanese American audiences throughout California. The picture had English titles and a "benshi", a narrator once traditional to Japanese language pictures, was used to explain the action to Issei audiences.

*Bunka* is now being shown in California and was presented last week at the California State Fair in Sacramento. The picture limns various aspects of Japanese culture as demonstrated by persons of Japanese ancestry in California—a dancer, a floral arranger and musicians who play traditional samisen, koto and shakuhachi.

### PREWAR ISSEI FILMS

*Nisei Parade* was not the only film made by persons of Japanese ancestry in California in the 1930s. There were others, including several produced by an Issei named Matsumoto, but these—also silent films—were aimed primarily at Japanese language audiences and did not have English titles.

Perhaps the most ambitious non-Hollywood motion picture project involving Japanese Americans was the production, late in the 1920, of a Catholic-sponsored picture about the

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## Very Truly Yours

BY HARRY HONDA

### MORE ON 1955 HOLIDAY ISSUE

● Within two weeks after this is read, chapter presidents will have a special packet from the *Pacific Citizen* business office . . . It's Christmas Holiday Issue time and the advertising department rolls into action first at the chapter level . . . The packet will contain prepared-advertising forms (which met with success this past year), suggestions as to soliciting advertisers, and a handy form for one-line greetings from members and friends of the chapter . . .

The one-liners, with name of the members of the family and their home address, is our best bet for readers to extend best wishes for the new year in the widely-read Holiday Issue . . . Even the display advertising that grace our many pages does not go without notice. People have often commented to us they've been able to trace long lost friends. A proprietor of a store had happened to add his name to the advertising.

As noted in the letter enclosed in the packet, chapters again will be able to earn a generous commission for their services . . . I suggest readers keep a sharp eye on the "Sou'wester" column hereafter to keep up with the progress of Christmas Issue advertising. While the date of the Holiday number has been postponed to Dec. 23, giving us a break of seven badly-needed days, advertising copy must be in by Nov. 30 . . . September or October may appear too early to think of Christmas—but to be fair about the whole matter, it takes time to publish such an edition. When you get the 1955 copy, you'll understand what I mean.

● As previously noted in this corner, the theme will be "JACL's 25th Anniversary" . . . As if getting advertising were

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## Immigration on rise under 1952 Act, says Rep. Walter

[Washington] Preliminary figures from the Dept. of Justice on admission of immigrants and non-immigrants for fiscal year 1955 show there was an increase of 83,746 aliens over the previous fiscal year 1954 under the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, Rep. Francis E. Walter (D., Pa.), co-author of the Act, disclosed this week.

"Contrary to persistent propaganda," he said, "I find that the existing immigration laws do not constitute a barrier for foreigners who desire to enter this country."

"Official data covering the last three fiscal years testify eloquently to the fact that our immigration laws enacted in 1952 permit us to keep pace with the growing volume of international exchange of goods and persons."

### 28,000 REFUGEES

Of the 858,536 aliens officially admitted, 237,590 came in as permanent residents. This was an increase of 29,413 over fiscal year 1954.

Included in these figures were 28,802 persons admitted under the Refugee Relief Act of 1952. The number in this group is slightly more than the previous year.

Among the 237,590 the number of those admitted outside the stipulated quotas was almost double the number of those who came in under existing quotas.

There were 82,232 quota immigrants and 155,358 nonquota immigrants. This is an increase of more than 41,000 in the nonquota admissions. There was a drop of almost 12,000 in quota admissions.

The largest proportion of non-quota immigrants, that is 92,676, came from the Western hemisphere. No breakdown was available on these figures to show countries of origin or of the other 62,682 who came from Europe, Asia, and other areas.

### 14% INCREASE

Congressman Walter noted that the total immigration intake this year over last year was 14 per cent greater. This, he said, was on top of a 22 per cent increase in 1954 over 1953.

The total figures do not include illegal border crossers, seamen, accredited agricultural laborers.

There were 620,946 nonimmigrants.

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## 'Ugetsu' wins 1955 Edinburgh Fest award

[Edinburgh] The Japanese film "Ugetsu Monogatari" was awarded the 1955 David O. Selznick Golden Laurel Sept. 4 at a movie gala organized alongside the Edinburgh International Festival.

The laurel is awarded annually to the film chosen by an American jury as making the greatest contribution to international understanding and goodwill.

### Editor writes novel

[New York] English Editor Kenji Hamada, 55, of the Hawaii Herald has based his fourth book, *The Constant Rebel*, a romantic-classical novel, on a legendary Japanese figure of the 16th century, Sorori Shinzaemon, according to Comet Press Books, publishers. The book is expected for release late this month.

## Senate query on civil rights opens Sept. 17

BY HELEN MINETA

[Washington] In an unusual procedure to determine whether civil rights in the United States are being threatened with erosion, the Senate Subcommittee on Civil Rights will hold an inquiry tomorrow—the 168th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution.

In a panel chosen to represent the law, teachers, women, churchmen, veterans, fraternal groups, Negroes, businessmen, labor, farmers, and the press, the eleven citizen-spokesmen will on Constitution Day sit on the high bench in the old Supreme Court chamber in the Capitol, and the Subcommittee members, headed by Sen. Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. (D., Mo.), will take the citizens' usual places.

Panel members will express their views on circumvention or defeat of privileges guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

The inquiry will preface the proposed Subcommittee hearings scheduled to be held soon on the many aspects of freedom of religion, of speech, the press, assembly, and others.

### COMMISSION DENIALS

Particularly, in the public eye in recent months have been the cases of servicemen who have been denied their commission because of kin who have belonged to subversive organizations on the Attorney General's banned list although their own personal rec-

ords were clear, or civilian government employees who have been suspended or dismissed on similar grounds.

Likewise, under scrutiny will be education and welfare grants which have been denied or terminated to scientists, all in non-

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## Six amendments to be proposed at next claim hearings

[Washington] Expert testimony on the six major substantive amendments to the evacuation claims law proposed jointly by the Japanese American Citizens League and Committee on Japanese American Evacuation Claims will be heard by the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Claims when it conducts public hearings in San Francisco and Los Angeles during the last week of September.

This was the opinion of Mike Masaoka, Washington representative of both the JACL and COJAEAC after conferences with the subcommittee director and the subcommittee counsel.

He said that attorneys representing certain types of claims will be selected to explain the need for a particular amendment in order to carry out the equitable intent of the Congress in enacting the original legislation and to demonstrate just how the specific amendment could be implemented to measure the amount of damages or loss suffered by the west coast evacuation of all persons of Japanese ancestry in the spring and summer of 1942.

### SIX PROPOSALS

As broken down by Masaoka, an attorney would discuss each of the following substantive amendments which are included in the so-called Lane-Hillings bill at JACL and COJAEAC request:

1. Management expenses and conservation costs.
2. Crop losses, including perennial crops.
3. Fair rental values.
4. Claims of west coast internees.
5. Corporate claims, including those of non-profit associations.
6. Pre-evacuation and post-evacuation expenses and transportation costs.

The administrative amendments including those for compromise-settlement of all claims and a

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## Ex-442 chaplain given Univ. of Hawaii post

[Honolulu] The Rev. Masao Yamada resigned his pastorate of Holy Cross Congregational Church in Hilo to join the Hawaiian Evangelical Association as staff worker at the Univ. of Hawaii this week.

The first Nisei chaplain of World War II, serving three years with the 442nd RCT, will conduct the religious and social life of Congregational students at the university.

As a 442nd chaplain, he was decorated with the Legion of Merit, and Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster. In Hilo, he served as president of the Hawaii Orchid Society and Hawaii County Tuberculosis Association.

## Redwood City florist honored

[San Jose] Bill Enomoto of Redwood City was one of the seven recipients of plaques of achievements at the California State Florist's Association's seventh annual convention here Saturday.

The active JACLer was cited for his contributions and activities on behalf of the state floral industry.

Earlier, delegates elected Art Bell to succeed Joe Shinoda of Los Angeles as president. Osamu Honda of Redwood City was named secretary.

## Stowaway rides same ship for trip to U.S.

[Seattle] For the second time in three years, the same young Japanese, Kiyohisa Eguchi, 25, of Tokyo arrived here aboard the same American troopship. He was turned over to immigration officials Sept. 1 after the Navy transport Gen. H. B. Freedom docked at the Seattle Port of Embarkation.

He hid in a lifeboat until the ship was a day out of Yokohama and turned himself in.

A similar attempt by Eguchi to enter the U.S. aboard the Freeman three years ago ended in failure. He was sent back to Japan. Eguchi said he was a metal polisher in Tokyo, but got a job as sweeper of ship decks in the port of Yokohama to be in position to stow away again. Because he wanted to study in the U.S. he picked the Freeman again because he had been treated so well the first time.

On the first trip, the ship's crew took up a collection of "leftover" yen notes from their visit in Japan and gave it to the stowaway.

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## From the Frying Pan

BY BILL HOSOKAWA

### FOOTBALL PRACTICE 20 YEARS LATER

Denver

Football is claiming our Mike's interest with all the intense passion that characterized his affair with baseball this summer, with model airplanes a year ago. As a lowly high school sophomore, he has been far down on the priority list when it came to passing our uniforms, and he has been waiting patiently on the sidelines. But now he's due to get what we used to call moleskins, shimbles and headgear, and he will be able to test his own mettle.



the same routine in tackling.

This afternoon Mike expressed a desire to try body contact work. So we went out on the lawn for a little blocking and tackling drill. We went at it, hammer and tongs. First I showed him how to execute a block. Then he tried it on me at half speed, then full tilt. Then I showed him what he was doing wrong, and after that he'd throw some more blocks at me. We went through the same routine in tackling.

The sun was heating down and the sweat poured off my face. And suddenly, as if someone were turning off a faucet, I run out of energy. I was exhausted. The old legs and arms and spirit were willing, but the strength was no longer there. I lay on the grass waiting for strength to return. It was a long time coming, longer by far than it was a few years ago. I realized, then, that I was much too old for body contact exercises with a teen-age son. It's been some 20 years since I played football.

### MORE FOOTBALL: UTAH GIRL'S TIE-UP

Talking about football, let me tell you about Allandine Bell, a fetching young lady with whom I appeared on a panel in Salt Lake City last week. Her connection with football may seem remote at this time, but the relationship will become clearer as we go on. By way of introduction, Allandine Bell is a Utah girl, now living in Indiana, who has won no little fame as novelist, playwright, television script writer, etc., etc., etc. She came out to Salt Lake City to speak at the 20th annual roundup of the League of Utah Writers, and I was on hand for the same purpose.

After we'd been introduced, Mrs. Bell asked if I happened to be a Nisei. Sure, I said, and how do you happen to know the term?

Well, it happened that Mrs. Bell taught at the University of Hawaii for some three years during the war and got to know a little about the Nisei and their problems. She recalled how proud everyone in Hawaii was about the 100th Battalion and the 442nd Infantry. I asked her what she was teaching, and she said speech.

"Oh, that pidgin," she exclaimed. "I couldn't make a dent in it. My students' English got no better in three years, and mine became worse and worse. Finally had to come home before I lost my continental U.S. accent completely."

Mrs. Bell recalled that she had about a half ton of the University of Hawaii varsity football backfield in one of her speech classes. "I always had the impression that Orientals were small people, but not these football players. They were so big they frightened me."

The year after she returned to Salt Lake City, the University of Hawaii sent its team to the mainland, and one of its games was against the University of Utah. On the possibility that some of her boys were on the squad, Mrs. Bell went down to the Newhouse Hotel one day. She entered the lobby just as the team, still in sweat-grimed uniforms, was coming in after a workout.

"Mees Ba-l, Mees Ba-l," the players shouted across the lobby when they sighted her. For three years she had tried to teach them to pronounce Bell as bell, not ba-l like the bleating of a sheep with the "l" sound bringing up the rear.

"On that day," she recalled, "that pidgin pronunciation of Ba-l was a thrilling sound. I was so glad to see my boys—even some that I'd flunked—that I was just about ready to talk pidgin with them right there in the hotel lobby."

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## TOKYO TOPICS: by TAMOTSU MURAYAMA

# 'Blackboard Jungle' cheapens U.S. in eyes of Japanese as controversial movie arouses press, parents and educators

[Tokyo] MGM's "Blackboard Jungle" has been subjected to the severest repercussions by the press, parents and educators since its opening here in early September.

The Parent-Teacher Association, board of education and other groups have already taken action forbidding its youngsters to see this controversial American movie.

A Japanese high school student stabbed and seriously injured a classmate last week while playfully imitating a scene in the film. Students

are refusing to obey their teachers, again following the American film.

Undoubtedly, this movie has become a bad influence here and at the same time has cheapened Americans in the eyes of Japanese.

(The Fukuoka Prefectural board of education has banned its students from seeing "Blackboard Jungle" and has dispatched teachers to patrol theaters to see that students are kept out. The violent nature of the movie, depicting lawlessness in the classroom of a big city school, may cause Japanese students to commit crimes if they were permitted to see the film.)

### NISEI HISSED

One Nisei appears in this picture.

When he is seen acting as another delinquent in the movie, there were hisses in the audience deriding the Nisei. Theater-goers were impressed there were some bad boys among the Nisei, like the youth appearing in "Blackboard Jungle." While it was probably intended to emphasize the race-equality vs. race-prejudice question, the general reaction was most unfortunate for the Nisei in

## Threat to ban all U.S. movies made by Japanese theater-owner

[Tokyo] A threat to ban all American films unless Japanese have the opportunity to reject "undesirable" pictures was made here last week by Giichi Kono, president of the Theater Owners Federation.

The move was sparked by two Hollywood-made features, MGM's "Blackboard Jungle" and 20th-Fox's "House of Bamboo," which have aroused many Nipponese theater-goers.

"Bamboo" was jeered at by Japanese as unrealistic and misrepresenting modern life in Japan. The Yomiuri urged Japanese not to cooperate in making of such pictures. The Asahi said the picture twisted Japanese background and charged the costumes were "a century old."



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Japan. The musical score for the film is jazzy, already associated in Japan with juvenile delinquency and postwar low morals. Now, many boys will try to imitate the haircut and attire from the film.

### MOST CRITICIZED U.S. FILM

By the far, the most criticized American movie to be imported in Japan, it is very difficult to understand why such a picture was brought here at this time. To the American eye, it may be just another picture—but among the Japanese youth, the terrible influence "Blackboard Jungle" can have on them cannot be ignored.

Many newspapers have editorialized against pictures like this. It also has become favorite food for anti-American propagandists. When the cry of protest reaches down to the level of PTAs and school boards, it appears to be too late.

This reporter personally regrets such a picture was ever brought to Japan for the purpose of making money. Films can accomplish something more than making money (which cannot be taken out of Japan since last June)—especially when we seriously con-

sider Japanese-American relationships today.

"Go For Broke!" (produced by the same studio) telling of the 442nd RCT and Nisei heroism was an excellent piece of goodwill. Now, Japan has this crazy picture.

"Blackboard Jungle" appears too fantastic for those who know something of America. Yet, for the great majority of Japanese cinema fans, the respect for United States has been lessened after seeing this picture. Dramatically, it may be "wonderful," but sociologically, the film was just "bunk".

### AMERICAN PROTESTS

(When the film began showing on various American screens last June-July, educators were bitter against it. When the National Education Association held its annual convention in Chicago last July, it was violently denounced because "it encourages delinquency among the more susceptible teen-agers by exposing them to situations which wouldn't be tolerated in any school anywhere; second, it makes heroes of kids who are shown as making mon-

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## Honolulu Newsletter

BY LARRY NAKATSUKA

### INTER-CHURCH HASSLE WITNESSED

Honolulu Hawaii has just had the unique opportunity of witnessing an inter-church hassle, and it seems safe to say that the public generally didn't like the spectacle.

Rarely do churches of different faiths challenge each other openly in Hawaii. There is a traditional goodwill and cordiality that has guided the relationships of the churches over the decades. This does not, of course, mean that there is a lack of competition for converts; quite the contrary, the different faiths have kept up a zealous campaign for membership in the post-war years.



There are occasionally spats within individual churches, such as between the minister and a faction within his congregation, or between two factions of a congregation. But, off-hand, this writer cannot recall any full-scale public controversy between the religious faiths for a long, long time.

It was a surprise, therefore, to see a religious controversy make front page news in the Honolulu newspapers last week. The occasion was the 58th General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church—the meeting held every three years as a “legislature” of the American portion of the Anglican Communion. Thirteen hundred bishops, deputies, other officials, as well as more than twice that number of unofficial visitors, convened for 12 days from various parts of the world, including Japan.

### BRAZILIAN PRELATE OPENS FIRE

The first three days of the meeting were busy but uneventful. Then came a speech by a Bishop from Brazil, severely critical of the Roman Catholic Church in Latin America. He said it was a religion of “exploitation and superstition.”

All hell broke loose—as the boys would say in the city room. The Catholic Church shot back a stinging rebuttal, and the fight was on. To be sure, it was a one-blow exchange but it was fast and furious while it lasted, and a lot of individuals joined the battle, with the whole territory watching the show with undisguised amazement.

The Rt. Rev. Louis C. Melcher, Bishop of the Missionary District of Central Brazil, was the speaker who first opened up on the Roman Catholics. He said that Pope Pius XII sent a message to a half-million Roman Catholics at a Eucharistic Congress in Rio de Janeiro last July, listing “the three great enemies of the Church (as) first, Protestantism; second, Communism; third, spiritualism.”

“Well,” said Bishop Melcher, “I have never been much of a believer in the doctrine of papal infallibility, but in this instance when His Holiness spoke he was right.”

“Protestantism is an enemy to a religion of exploitation and superstition, a religion that continues Middle Age practices.”

### CATHOLIC BISHOP REPLIES

The Most Rev. John J. Scanlan, Auxiliary Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Honolulu, called the remarks “regrettable,” and said the record of the Roman Catholic Church disproves the charges.

He added: “Although we feel sure that many of the delegates did not approve of the attack, yet the Convention as a whole evidently did approve of it. It certainly seems in bad taste that the delegates should choose this occasion to offend the largest religious group in the islands while they are the guests of the Hawaiian people.”

Letters from private individuals, mostly Catholics, flooded the newspapers in the days following. They condemned the remarks by Bishop Melcher, not only because they were aimed at the Catholic Church but even more because they might upset the “Aloha spirit” and amity that has prevailed among the different religions in Hawaii.

Editorials took the line that Bishop Melcher had chosen the wrong setting for his speech. Said the Honolulu Star-Bulletin: “If Bishop Melcher’s comments . . . had been made elsewhere than in Hawaii, it is doubtful if they would have aroused much criticism.” The Honolulu Advertiser editorialized that Bishop Melcher “spoke out of a bitterness generated by his personal feelings in a regional situation.”

### ALOHA SPIRIT REVIVED

Before the dispute could be prolonged, the host bishop to the Episcopalian Convention, the Rt. Rev. Harry S. Kennedy of Honolulu, stepped in with a timely statement.

“Although I am not acquainted with the Church situation in Latin America,” said the bishop, “I can say that the relationship of the Episcopal Church and the Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii has been most friendly and cordial.

“We are all grateful for the contribution the Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii has made to the spiritual life of Hawaii.

“The General Convention is a democratic body. Individuals may speak and not in any sense be spokesmen for the Episcopal Church, nor express the feeling and attitude of the Church.”

At the same time, Bishop Egmont M. Krischke of Southwestern Brazil, revised his prepared speech intended to follow up the attack by Bishop Melcher. His corrected copy deleted all direct references to the Catholic Church but retained the same harsh tone of the original script.

The feuding quickly abated, to everyone’s relief. Hawaii is unaccustomed to religious rancor and obviously wanted to forget the episode.

While this incident left some people unfavorably disposed towards the Episcopalians, the Church has retained much Aloha for its courageous decision last year to switch the convention site from Houston, Texas, to Honolulu. Houston could not assure a non-segregated convention. Honolulu, as expected, has lived up to its promise in handling its largest convention efficiently and effectively, on an entirely non-segregated basis.

## 'BLESSINGS OF LIBERTY' TOPIC OF 10TH ANNUAL NAT'L CONFERENCE ON CITIZENSHIP; JA-CL TO BE REPRESENTED

[Washington] The Japanese American Citizens League will again attend the annual National Conference on Citizenship to be held at the Statler Hotel here, Sept. 19-21. As delegates to the 10th annual meeting are Ruth Kuroishi, Washington, D.C., JA-CL chapter president; Helen Mineta and Tad Masaoka of the Washington Office.

Theme for the 1955 conference is “Blessings of Liberty,” taken from the Preamble to the Constitution. Discussion groups will consider whether “the blessings of liberty” are in danger by neglect, erosion, or direct attack.

Chief Justice Earl Warren in an address at the Second Century Convocation of Washington University in St. Louis last February warned that “erosions of liberty” were under way in this Nation. He stated that there was greater danger to liberty in America today through erosion than from direct attack by an enemy without.

Where Americans in every past age had to struggle to keep their freedoms, today, erosion of liberty was apparent through “loss of little freedoms—by the other fellow, of course,” and a “subtle change in the climate of opinion,” he said.

### EROSIONS ON LIBERTY

The National Conference will discuss concrete areas in which this erosion of liberty exists, such as influence of mass communication media, local vigilante groups which disregard legal and constitutional safeguards of the individual, growing acceptance of guilt by association, the tendency to depart from the right of the accused to confront his accuser.

The Conference, co-sponsored from 1946 to 1954 by the Dept. of Justice and the National Education Association, was incorporated under a charter granted by Congress in 1954. JA-CL was among the charter members which participated in the formal organization under the new charter.

The purpose of the National Conference on Citizenship, as set forth in its constitution and by-laws, are as follows:

“To support and strengthen the efforts of the people in maintaining the blessings of freedom and justice and in protecting and perpetuating the principles and ideals upon which this Nation is founded; to develop a more thorough knowledge of citizenship rights and responsibilities; to inspire a deeper devotion to citizenship obligations; to encourage ever more effective participation in citizenship activities and to promote a spirit of cooperation on the part of all citizens . . .”

### PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

The congressional charter empowers the conference to translate these ideals and objectives into realities. The proposed projects and activities include, in addition to the annual national meeting, conferences on citizenship at regional, state, and local levels; Citizenship Day observances; civic responsibilities and a “new voter” program; inspirational naturalization ceremonies; integration of foreign-born citizens through State and local programs; publications to provide pertinent information for mass communication media in promoting good citizenship and patriotic observances; program of citizenship-education in schools and colleges; information on legal aspects of citizenship made available to conference members and other participating organizations and agencies; and a clearinghouse which will collect, compile, catalogue, exchange, and disseminate information and materials on matters relating to citizenship.

Some 1,200 delegates from the 48 states and territories, representing some 80 public and private organizations and agencies with

widely varied interests, will be represented. Included will be all levels of government, schools, colleges, and universities; major religious faiths; professional associations; veterans and related organizations; labor, business, industry, and finance; farm and civic groups and youth organizations.

President of the National Conference on Citizenship is Justin Miller, former Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

Justice of the Supreme Court Tom C. Clark and Willard E. Givens, former NEA executive secretary who were heads of the sponsoring agencies at the time the conference was initially organized, will greet the delegates.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Keynote speaker for the opening session will be Harry P. Cain, member of the Subversive Activities Control Board and former

United States Senator from the State of Washington. Cain has been critical of the handling of the government security program and outspoken in defending the constitutional rights of the individual.

As mayor of Tacoma, Wash., in 1942, Cain was the only West Coast mayor who opposed the evacuation of Japanese.

The closing session will be followed by a naturalization ceremony of a large class of qualified foreign-born persons. The hearing will be presided by Bolitha J. Laws, chief judge, U.S. District of Columbia, who will address the new citizens.

Past honorary chairmen of the conference have been the late chief justices of the United States, Harlan F. Stone and Charles Evans Hughes, first two, and former Vice-President Alben W. Barkley, the third. The present honorary chairman is Chief Justice Earl Warren.

## 'Downed' aircraft found 1 hr. 40 min. in Nebraska civil air patrol drill

[North Platte, Neb.] “A lieutenant colonel flying a T-33 Air Force jet trainer is down somewhere west of North Platte. Your job: Find him.”

That’s what Nebraska Civil Air Patrol members were told, and that’s what they did—in just one hour and 40 minutes here last Sunday.

It took about another hour to evacuate the “injured pilot” from the wreckage on the east side of Sutherland Reservoir.

Capt. Albert Kushihashi, commander of the North Platte Civil Air Patrol squadron, was mission commander for the Nebraska CAP Search and Rescue Mission here Saturday and Sunday.

The operation was the annual Search and Rescue Mission of the Nebraska CAP set up to train and evaluate the CAP by members of the 44th Air Rescue Service from Lowry Air Force Base.

There was no actual pilot and no actual crash, though there was a T-33 fuselage hidden by Air Force personnel the day before.

The drill duplicated what would actually happen in a “REDCAP”, if a plane, either civilian or military, did become lost in this area.

In the Search Problem, CAP pilots and other personnel from 20 Nebraska squadrons were told the Jet was enroute from Omaha to Cheyenne and had made its last position report over North Platte.

The made the search area fan out in cone westward from North Platte to the state line.

Each pilot had a designated grid area to search. CAP cadets from all over the state assisted in communications, messenger, and flight line work. The Trottle Jockey motorcycle club provided motorcycle messengers.

Specially marked cars maintained radio contact with planes in the air, to enable the m to get to the scene of the “wreck” as soon as

it was found.

It was found at 9:40 a.m., by Pilot Alvin Reed and observers Albert Christensen and Gene Darnsteadt, all of Sidney. Stretcher bearers had to carry the “pilot” about a mile over rough terrain in the rescue exercise.

### New Japanese visa procedures planned

[San Francisco] The Japanese government has adopted new procedures for issuing visas to foreign visitors, effective Oct. 1.

The local Japanese consulate general announced no visas will be issue dfrom Friday, Sept. 23 through Sept. 30, in order that the local staff can make preparations for the change.

After Oct. 1, applicants intending to go to Japan for purposes other than as (1) tourist or (2) transit should allow two months between the time they make application and the date they expect to depart.

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## Chicago Corner

BY SMOKY SAKURADA

### 1000 CLUB GOLF TOURNAMENT

Chicago  
● The Chicago Chapter 1000 Club golf tournament commences at 8 a.m., Sept. 25, at the Glendale C.C., Bloomingdale, at US Hwy. 20 and Glen Ellyn Rd. There will be an entry fee of \$1.50 after green fees are paid at the starter's table. Awards to be made are: (1) for driving, (2) closest to the hole, (3) empty swing, (4) "most honest" golfer and (5) the President's trophy for low gross. Chief booter-outer Harold Tokuzo Gordon urges 1000 Clubbers and dates to attend. The chapter will provide refreshments.

The monthly chapter meeting Oct. 14 will dramatize the discrimination in housing faced by Japanese Americans in greater Chicago. The usual meeting place, Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 S. Michigan Ave., has been reserved for the 8 p.m. meeting.

Chicago Nisei Post 1183 served as honor color guards for the Third Illinois District of the American Legion at the annual department convention parade Sept. 4 at Springfield. Attired in full Legion uniforms, white leggings, white gloves and military decorations, the unit of John Shimashita, Larry Oshima, Joe Sagami, James Shimashita and Tom Tajiri drew applause from curbside viewers along the parade route.

Past Commander James Shimashita was certified as one of the official delegates to represent some 219,000 Illinois Legionnaires at the Oct. 10-13 national convention to be held in Miami. He is believed to be the first Nisei to be so honored.

The Nisei post meets on the first and third Thursdays, 8 p.m., at 5487 Dorchester. There are currently 87 members.

● The fall program is getting underway at the Christ Congregational Church, 701 Buckingham Pl., with a new Girl Scout troop meeting on Saturdays, 1:30 p.m. Mmes. Misaki Aki and Lily Shirakawa are leaders. The troop is open to girls between the ages of 10 and 13.

A 11-week membership campaign was also started last Sunday with John Nakagi in charge, assisted by Mike Kaneko, Eleanor Tsuda, Richard Shigemura, George Ozawa, Elaine Teraoka, Bill Yamamoto, Donald Ikeda, Roy Hanaoka, Mary Tsu-bone and Terry Uyeda.

### ILLINOIS TEACHERS MUST SIGN

● Chicago Circuit Court Judge Fisher refused last week to issue a temporary injunction restraining the Chicago board of education from requiring teachers to sign loyalty affidavits. At the outset, the judge said he would issue, but changed his mind after it was pointed out that the suit asking an injunction was faulty.

The suit was instituted by the American Civil Liberties Union to stop requiring Broyles Law loyalty oaths from teachers.

● The Art Institute this month features the best examples of the School of the Art Institute students from first through fourth year. Some 1,500 representative works are being shown in the nine galleries of the East Wing.

● Over ten main prizes have been announced for the Chicago JACL carnival, Oct. 22-23, at Olivet Institute. Topping the list is a new Chevrolet 2-door sedan. The gymnasium will be converted into an amusement park with concessions for both adults and youngsters, according to Charles Ukita, general chairman.

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## CENTRAL CAL DISTRICT PLANS DEC. 4 CONFAB

[Selma] Chapter presidents in the Central California District Council will meet here Sept. 28, to select committeemen for the annual CCDC convention scheduled for Dec. 4 in Fresno. George Abe of Selma was named general chairman, assisted by Toru Ikeda of Reedley.

The annual CCDC convention traditionally installs en masse the 1956 cabinets of the nine JACL chapters in the district as well as

## St. Louis JACL to honor Issei citizens Sept. 24

[St. Louis] The long-awaited-for banquet honoring all naturalized Issei citizens of the St. Louis area will be held Saturday, Sept. 24, at the Tower Room of Congress Hotel, it was announced by the local JACL chapter.

Caucasian friends who have given invaluable assistance to the Japanese Americans during the early relocation period and intervening years are being invited as special guests.

The committee-in-charge are planning notable speakers, entertainment and a delectable menu. Reservations are handled by:

Harry Hayashi (Mission 7-1691), Mrs. T. Nishimoto (STerling 1-2729).

### Stockton JACL interest in Girl Scouts mounting

[Stockton] Interest for a Nisei girl scout troop has been high in recent weeks and perhaps the Stockton JACL may decide to sponsor a troop and add a Brownie group later, the Stockton JACL Newsletter indicated this week.

The chapter meets tonight at the YBA Recreation Room with Kathryn Kemp, executive director of the Girl Scouts Council, to outline its program and show an educational movie. Parents of girls, 10-14, have been invited.

### CHAPTER MEMOS

■ Sequoia JACL: The chapter bowling night is open to all bowlers, seasoned or untried, tomorrow night at San Carlos Bowl. Competition will be in the singles, doubles and mixed doubles with first squads rolling at 7:30 p.m., according to Hiroji Kariya, chapter president.

■ Southwest L.A. JACL: The second in a series of cooking demonstrations by Mrs. Yoshiko Sakurai will feature "sushi" making tomorrow 1:30 p.m. at the Sen-shin Gakuen, 1336 W. 36th Pl. Handling reservations are Ruby Okubo and Fumi Ushiyama.

Naturalized citizens will be honored guests at the Issei-Nisei weiner bake to be held at Playa del Rey on Sunday, Sept. 18, 1:30 p.m. Pits near the north end of the beach will be reserved, according to Tut Yata, event chairman. Assisting are:

Jim Yamamoto, Bebe Horiuchi, T. Yamaguchi, Min Fujita, Dorothy Sakaida, food; Haruo Fujisawa, P.A. system; Masa Hamasu, Jim Araki, ent.; Hiroko Kawanami, Grace Oba and Virginia Kawasaki, reserv.

■ Twin Cities UCL: A card party for Issei and Nisei members is being planned at the next chapter meeting, Sept. 30, at the J.A. Center, according to Dr. Isaac Iijima, president.

In spite of the 95-degree heat, over 100 members and guests turned out for the annual UCL steak-fry at Phelan Park. Dr. Iijima, Frank Watanabe and Stamie Kumagai combined their culinary talents to produce delicious charcoal-broiled steaks. With salad, watermelon and pop, no one went away hungry.

■ St. Louis JACL: A crowd of almost 100 attended the annual Fourth of July picnic at Eden Seminary grounds in Webster Groves. Unfortunately, the nemesis of all picnics—rain—forced an early adjournment, reported a recent chapter newsletter.

## Nisei have much to learn from Issei on role of JACL in community, says solicitor

[Long Beach] The Issei are probably more aware of the needs for a well-organized, unified JACL, and are sympathetic to many Nisei problems, commented Easy Fujimoto, Long Beach-Harbor District JACL chapter president, in the current chapter newsletter, "Tide-ings".

He had been canvassing for Issei chapter memberships with Nikkeijinkai leaders.

district officers.

At the recent CCDC board meeting, Kenji Tashiro, 2nd national vice-president, reported on the forthcoming Senate hearings on the Lane-Hillings bill amending the evacuation claims law. Among other reports were progress on the Refugee Relief Act, old age pension and prospects of having the Fresno naturalization office have some Issei naturalized in the Japanese language.

It was reported some Issei were having difficulty with their state old age assistance applications here because of a recent overseas visit. The Fresno social welfare office has been denying Issei who have not lived continuously in the United States the past 25 years.

"By comparison, the Nisei and Sansei have a great deal to learn about our role in JACL both nationally and in the community," the past JACL national bowling chairman continued.

"The door-to-door solicitation also brought to light the great number of Japanese residents in the Harbor area, which merely confirmed my belief that Long Beach can become one of the larger, more active JACL chapters, particularly with cooperation and assistance of our Issei members."

## Claims hearing—

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Court of Claims alternative for those seeking judicial review, will be discussed by JACL and COJAE-EC representatives, Masaoka added.

The Subcommittee on Claims will hold hearings in the Federal Court House in San Francisco Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 26 and 27 and in the Federal Court House in Los Angeles Thursday and Friday, Sept. 29 and 30. The public is invited.

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## Dateline Northwest

BY BUDD FUKUI

### MARRIAGE REPORT AT THE 1½-YEAR MARK

Seattle

Some persons said our marriage wouldn't last. Well, we fooled 'em. We've been man and wife for 1½ years, and the wife, as family spokesman, says: "We're happily married."

Everything, of course, is not rosy. There are thorns—as there are thorns in any rose bush—but we've managed to escape their prickly scratches without becoming irritated to the extent that we would be suing each other for "mental cruelty" or "desertion" or some other popular divorce reasons.

We aren't the best husband in the world. But we have done our share to be a good provider and a loving husband with a ha-ha sense of humor, although as a lover boy, we bow to the handsome likes of Gregory Peck. Enough of us.

Our wife is the key to the family success—if success is to be measured in terms of spiritual harmony. Anyway, she has the knack of making us feel quite important and indestructible in our scheme of life, as if we were made of that nuclear stuff which we hear so much about these days, and the ego in us in bolstered frequently to give us a special kind of "lift".

The woman of the family, we should report, has one innocuous fault. She's a great bargain seeker. Here, her Scotch-Irish blood flutters in her veins and races up to the central nervous system. Knowing from past experiences her yen for such things as cutting edges of a dollar bill, we would patiently wait in our car for hours—it seems. But always she comes out with a smile and invariably the first words after we knit our brows are, "Honey, the blankety-blank was on special today so . . ." Say no more, mate.

Anyway, both man and wife are doing well, thank you.

● **PURELY PERSONAL PIFFLES:** The successful closure of Sammy Lee case leads up to a stand which we have always felt the Seattle JACL chapter should take: a stronger offensive against discrimination practiced by certain real estate outfits in town . . . tuning in on the trivial: "The Yellow Rose of Texas" is our favorite song hit now . . . the local JACL dance over the Labor Day weekend may be recorded as a "holiday fatality" . . . the better educated people aren't necessarily those with the least prejudices: we know of a man (he has a college degree and his wife is a former school teacher) who says he wouldn't have either Negroes or Jewish people as his neighbors and he is only a second-generation American; well, no doubt, he hasn't told us but he probably doesn't care for Orientals either—and that's okay by us because we surely wouldn't want him in our neighborhood . . . at long last, we turned over the final page of James Edmiston's "Home Again", the best and soundest book over written on the plight of Japanese Americans during World War II . . . Bill Nishimura, publicity-wise; from the warmed-up muzzle of his publicity reunion in '58, is meeting regularly to work out careful plans publicity-wise; from the warmed-up muzzle of his publicity arms, it appears as if the reunion will be one of the tops (pardon our loose use of the superlatives) . . . since our exit from the publishing business, we have lost sight of the "experts" and we somehow miss their free advices.

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## NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Locally, That Is): by MASAO SATOW

### Sonoma County chapter really hustling now to stage NC-WNDC convention Nov. 6-7 at two cities: Santa Rosa and Sebastopol

San Francisco  
■ Headed by Chapter President Kanemi Ono and Convention Chairman Frank Oda, our Sonoma County Chapter members are really hustling these days to put on a real confab for the Northern Cal-Western Nevada District come November 6 and 7.

Frank Oda works in Uncle Sam's custom office in San Francisco, but is commuting home to Sebastopol every weekend now to see that things go right.

The two day affair will be divided between the towns of Santa Rosa and Sebastopol. If memory serves us correctly, this will be the first gathering hosted by Sonoma County since a DC meeting in 1937. We remember attending that meeting as assistant to then National Secretary Walt Tsukamoto when that position was an elective office and JACL had no paid staff members. Even in those days the District Council meetings up here were exceptionally well attended.

We urge our JACLers to attend the District Council convention in their locality, especially those who do not have opportunity to get to our national biennials.

#### State Old Age Security

■ In a call to our office, Wilbur Leeds, supervisor of the San Francisco County Welfare Office, sounded almost disappointed that his office was not deluged with Issei applicants for State old age benefits.

Our feeling is that in view of so many Issei attaining citizenship and the traditional self-sufficiency of the Japanese families, there will not be too many.

The age eligibility may also be a factor. Although the general eligibility begins at 65, our California bill refers to those who were 60 years of age or over at the time the 1952 Immigration and Nationality Law went into effect. The bill was so worded to assume that any Issei who at that time had not attained 60 years would be able to qualify for naturalization and thus cut down the number of Issei who would have to come under this special legislation.

#### Visitors

■ We were pleased to meet Michael Blankfort and the Mrs. from Hollywood and Lewis Jacobs of New York who dropped in at Headquarters with author Jim Edmiston. Blankfort and Jacobs are writing the movie script for *Home Again*. After visiting with them for a while, we could not help but feel that the movie will be very warm and human.

Blankfort who will direct the filming was especially interested in back copies of the *Pacific Citizen*.

### VFW auxiliary dance Sept. 24 at Elk's Club

[Los Angeles] Becoming one of the traditional Southland socials of the year is the annual VFW 9938 Auxiliary benefit dance, to be held at Elk's Club, 607 S. Park View, Saturday, Sept. 24, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Abe Most's orchestra will play at the sports formal affair. Admission is \$3 per couple.

### Pan-Am representative

[San Francisco] Pan American World Airways will gain expand its staff by adding another Japanese representative in Los Angeles. Albert S. Kosakura, manager for the Japanese PAA's San Francisco office, was in Los Angeles last week to interview applicants for this position.

### New York organization

[New York] Tokichi Matsuoka was reelected president of the Japanese American Association of New York, Inc., at a recent general meeting.

zen. We are sure he will repeat the experience of Robert Pirosh in writing *Go For Broke*; namely, finding in PC vital material which can be found nowhere else.

#### In Limelight

■ We sent our congratulations to Messrs. Jacobus tenBroek, Edward N. Barnhart and Floyd W. Matson of the Univ. of California as recipients of the Woodrow Wilson award of \$1,000 recently announced from the Univ. of Colorado for their scholarly work, *Prejudice, War and the Constitution*.

Published earlier this year, this book did not receive the welcome it should have, especially from our group. It may be that we have built up a resistance to such books no matter how noteworthy, simply because, as one evacuee put it, "they make us mad all over again". This book is especially significant in that it helps pave the way for a possible future reconsideration of the evacuation by courts, if and when.

#### Hats Off to Pioneers

■ The open house for a the new home of Western Pioneer Insurance Company in Oakland last week seemed like a meeting of JACLers and especially 1000 Clubbers. We were greeted upon arrival by One Thousanders Bud Mamiya and Tad Hirota, company veep and treasurer respectively, then by Thousanders Messrs. Keisaburo Koda and Kihei Ikeda, both of whom had great faith in this particular venture.

Up from L.A. for the occasion included One Thousanders—Dave Nitake, Ted Okumoto and Fred Ikeguchi, former prexy of the Long Beach JACL. Thousander Herb Murayama "came along for the ride," and we spotted Chick Furuya, former president of the Sonoma County Chapter who has moved to L.A. Other Thousand Clubbers were Takuya Kako, president of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Northern California; Fred Nomura, Oakland Chapter prexy; and Marvin Ura-tsu, president of our Richmond El Cerrito JACL.

Our congratulations to this company which has made a real go of an idea after five years of solid effort.

#### Bastille by the Bay

■ Our education as a citizen was added to considerably by a recent visit to San Quentin, thanks to San Francisco Chapter President Jerry Enomoto who is the senior sociologist at what the inmates term "the Bastille by the Bay".

Jerry interviews everyone unfortunate enough to be on the intake. Along with our wives we were a group of several hundred prison employees and their friends on a tour personally conducted by Warden Harley Teets.

The waiting room featured handicraft made by the inmates and on sale to the public. One look at the visitors room and we knew where they got the design for the visitors pen at Santa Anita Assembly Center.

The actual tour started at the end of the line for some people—the lethal gas chamber. Outside of inspecting the cell blocks at close range and seeing the ever

### Chinese American named vicar of Seattle church

[Seattle] Founded nearly 50 years ago to serve the Japanese, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 1610 King St., on Sept. 4 greeted its new vicar, the Rev. Lincoln Eng, Seattle-born Chinese American.

The Rev. Eng is also in charge of will continue to be in charge of Advent Church and an assistant is to be appointed to serve with him in the two churches.

Ordained to the ministry in 1952, his appointment to St. Peter's extends his interracial ministry. At Advent Church, 22nd Ave. and E. Thomas St., he has served a congregation in a predominantly Negro district. Allied with that is his new leadership of the historic Japanese ministry at St. Peter's.

present guards high on the prison walls as we moved from one building to another, it was difficult to think of ourselves inside a prison.

Going through the various industrial shops, one would think we were visiting a trade school. As we listened to a 24-voice choir in the chapel, we kept wondering about the backgrounds and experiences of these men. The warden spoke to us on the philosophy of the prison administration. A snack of coffee and doughnuts served by trustees in the new dining hall, and then a one-hour variety show by the inmates topped off this most enlightening and educational experience.

### Ex-newspaperman dies

[Denver] Shinichi Nomura, 46, hotel proprietor, was found dead at his hotel at 813 E. Colfax on Sept. 7. Autopsy reports presumed the ex-newspaperman to have died of heart attack. He was Japanese editor of the defunct *Rocky Shimpō*, and was on the staff of the *New World-Sun* before the war in San Francisco.

## Civil rights—

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sensitive posts, because of "derogatory information" in their files.

Other threats to civil liberties will be considered by the Subcommittee and will be made the basis for an intensive investigation and consideration of legislative action.

The Subcommittee has invited legislative proposals from the citizen-petitioners.

#### PANEL MEMBERS

Those who have been invited to serve on the panel include the following: for lawyers, John D. Randall, chairman of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association; teachers, Dr. John Lester Buford, president of the National Education Association; women, Mrs. John G. Lee, president of the League of Women Voters; veterans, Donald R. Wilson, past national commander, American Legion.

Representing churchmen will be Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America; fraternal organizations, Luke E. Hart, supreme knight, Knights of Columbus; Negroes, Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; businessmen, A. Boyd Campbell, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

For the working men will be William F. Schnitzler, secretary-treasurer of the AFL; farmers, John C. Lynn, legislative director of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and newspapermen, J. Russell Wiggins, chairman of the Freedom of Information Committee, American Society of Newspaper Editors.

#### NISEI RIGHTS

By invitation of the Subcommittee the Washington JACL Office is studying the problem to determine whether or not a statement should be submitted regarding current possible violations of civil rights to individual Issei and Nisei since so far as is known, there is no general unconstitutional discrimination against persons of Japanese ancestry in this country, such as the wartime evacuation of 1942.

The Washington Office invites all persons of Japanese ancestry in the United States who feel that they are being denied their civil rights in any way to write with appropriate documentation for the consideration of this office.

## SOCIAL NOTES

Redwood City Tri-Villes: The senior and junior Tri-Villes are planning their annual Fun Night, Oct. 1, 6:30 p.m. at the Palo Alto Buddhist all, 2571 Louis Rd. The festivities will climax with a dance.

## The Sou'Wester

BY TATS KUSHIDA

### JAPANESE LESSON: SHIKA (STAG)

Los Angeles

● "The stag at eve had drunk his fill . . ." (Scott's "Lady of the Lake") was our introduction to iambic tetrameter in our high school English class. Over two decades later, we've been exposed to the anapestic version: "The drunk had his fill on the eve of the stag." Which brings us to the subject at hand.

Stag, in booch, is *shika*, pronounced she-cow by Cockney samurai. She-cow is redundant since either half of this hyphenated verbiage is of feminine gender. But then again, it figures because two negatives (who ever heard of a positive female!) make a positive and stag in our book is a male deer.

Now a male deer is something else again—more akin to the genus *Christinus*. Incid, she-cow is the preferred pronunciation, for the omission of the "w" may result in that which is frowned upon in polite society. All of which proves nothing other than that a bull, under whose zodiacal sign we are greatly influenced, is not a male cow.

The city of Chicago (where we abode for five years at the Hull House settlement) was named after the Indian word for skunk, which derivation we strongly support. We do, however, caution the demi-romanizers of Yedo from deducing that this odoriferous metropolis (made so by the stockyards) was neither a place where deer went (*shika-go*) nor meant four baskets (*shi-kago*).

● Mesmerized by the current heat wave to which we disdainfully say "Ah-tsui!", may we, gentle reader, turn now our thoughts to less momentous matters. Specifically, a gripe. To wit:

We were on the receiving end last week of one of the finest snafu jobs we've run across in recent years. There were two red-tape culprits: the Calif. Dept. of Social Welfare (L.A. office) which has charge of state old age pensions for which Issei are now eligible, thanx to JACL lobbying by ex-staffer Haruo Roundrock, and the Bureau of Public Assistance which administers the program in L.A. county.

Offering JACL services to the DSW and BPA, all we wanted was a copy of the application and supplemental forms so that translations could be made available for the many Issei who have inquired of the JACL here and throughout California. This is precisely the same service JACL offered to the Immigration and Naturalization Service to translate naturalization petitions for Issei citizens-to-be with a language handicap. The I & NS cooperated but quick . . . this other deal, you'd think the forms were classified top secret.

After several days finding out if policy permitted JACL having a copy to translate, another week went by before finally mailing us the forms. Meanwhile, we lost the translators and stencil cutters who were standing by over the Labor Day weekend and even the effective date of the Issei pension amendment, September 7, flashed by with still no forms. Now, we finally got the forms but can't corral the crew.

We won't mention names here but, as the understatement of the week, we were plenty burned up at this run-around. The near-literal J. equivalent is *yaketa*. Even stronger: *yake-kuso*, which we dare not translate here.

● First call went out this week for the annual chapter assist on the PC Holiday Issue for 1955, more on which next week. housing discrimination against the Nisei continues apace with a real nasty situation ring-led by some rabid "Japhaters" in nearby Montebello . . . with five chapters still unreported, the 1955 PSWDC membership, due mostly to SWLA, has already surpassed the 1954 figures. Santa Maria Valley, Coachella Valley, San Fernando Valley and Pasadena should report soon, as did Arizona and we hope Ventura County.

● Despite a colitis and/or ulcer condition, we managed to harpoon four bar-b-q steaks in two days, namely, seconds at both Tom Ito's DTLA splash party Saturday and the board-staff roundup at Callahan Inagakis on Monday nite. Our doc's Wednesday checkup dictates the Sou'wester shall subsist on non-condimented, non-intoxicating, non-palatable and otherwise non-enjoyable ingesta for a couple of weeks. &\*/! The silent I-told-you-so comments we anticipate won't bother us. We've had it good and we'll be back for more.

● VISITORS THIS WEEK: K. William Sasagawa, EDC chairman from Philly, formerly Palo Alto, whom we used to call Bill during our pre-war basketball rivalry. And his missus, Sue, who is one of the prettiest gals on the national JACL board distaff.

## First Nisei grid tally reported

[Ontario, Ore.] Sam Takeshita on Ontario High's varsity scored one of the four touchdowns in last Saturday's non-conference opener against Baker High, which lost 25-6. But the Nisei gridders tallied the longest run of the game in the first quarter by trotting 71 yards on a reverse play, being tripped three yards short of paydirt.

■ The Denver YBA Busseiettes won the city championship in the Metropolitan Softball League this past season with 11 straight wins. Coached by Don Uyeda, the squad competed in the beginners division.

■ Yosh Kawano, clubhouse custodian for the Chicago Cubs, a great admirer of Jimmy Dykes, was recently quoted as saying that Jimmy made only two mistakes in his lifetime: (1) when he accepted the managerial duties of the Baltimore Orioles, and (2) when he predicted Ernie Banks would not last in the American League . . . Baltimore is dead last—some 40 games behind the leader, while Banks recently tied a major league record of 39 home-runs by a shortstop . . . Kawano is a former Los Angeles resident.

■ Wally Yonamine, brilliant Hawaiian Nisei player in Japanese professional baseball, returned last week to undergo treatment for a broken jaw suffered in the Sept. 4 game at Hiroshima. The 28-year-old Tokyo Giants center-fielder collided into shortstop Saburo Hirai as they both chased a fly hit back of second base in the first inning. Batting king in the 1954 Central League hitting race, he holds fourth place currently with a .311 mark.

■ The annual two-day Labor Day baseball tournament in Denver was won by the visiting Ogden nine as they defeated Brighton JAA in a free-scoring contest Sept. 5, 29 to 11. The Mile-Hi Merchants won the consolation award with a 15 to 6 win over Western Nebraska YMA.

Harry Matsushima, tournament director, reported 300 attended the award dance at the Slovenian Hall that evening. On the all-star team were:

Roy Koyano (Mile-Hi Merchants); Jage Yago (Greeley), Bob Watada (Ft. Lupton JACL), Frank Sugihara (Ft. Lupton YBL), Don Tokunaga (Brighton YBA), George Yamamoto (Brighton JAA), Jim Watanabe (Ogden), Knobby Kawano (Denver Old Timers), Tom Morimoto (Western Neb.), Howard Tagawa (Denver YBA).

Tournament scores were:  
1st Round—Brighton JAA 19, Mile-Hi Merchants 2; Ft. Lupton YBA 22, Brighton YBA 6; Ogden 21, Denver YBA 0; Denver Old Timers 15, Western Nebraska YMA 6; Greeley YBA 26, Ft. Lupton JACL 8.

2nd Round—Brighton JAA 24, Ft. Lupton YBA 20; Ogden 14, Denver Old Timers 6 (10 inn.); Mile-Hi Merchants 14, Brighton YBA 6; Western Nebraska YMA 20, Denver YBA 15; Greeley and Ft. Lupton JACL byes.

3rd Round—Western Nebraska YMA 27, Ft. Lupton JACL 4; Ogden 12, Greeley YBA 10.

Consolation—Mile-Hi Merchants 15, Western Nebraska YMA 7.  
Championship—Ogden 29, Brighton JAA 11.

## Claims —

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vited to attend.

The hearings are slated to begin at 10:30 every morning.

### SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS

Members of the subcommittee are Thomas J. Lane, chairman, of Massachusetts; William E. Miller of New York; Usher L. Burdick of North Dakota; Woodrow W. Jones of North Carolina; Harold L. Donahue of Massachusetts; and Peter W. Rodino, Jr. of New Jersey. Miller and Burdick are Republicans; the other members are Democrats.

Chairman Lane, Miller, Burdick, and Rodino were members of the same subcommittee of the 83rd Congress which last fall conducted public hearings to determine public and official sentiment in California for a more liberal and expeditious evacuation claims law. The present bill, subject of the hearings later this month, is the outgrowth of last year's hearings in both San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Professional staff members who will accompany the subcommittee include Walter Lee, director; Cy Brickfield, counsel; Mary Cloonan

# PACIFIC CITIZEN Sports

## Ken Fujii of Reno slated for starting Nevada U tail spot

[Reno] Ken Fujii, sophomore Nisei passing ace from Reno is expected to see much action this fall as quarterback for the Univ. of Nevada football team.

He is listed as a first-stringer in advance notices sent out from the Wolfpack headquarters.

Fujii and the Nevada eleven will open their 1955 season in San Francisco when the Wolfpack gridders play San Francisco State in their opener at Cox stadium on Friday night, Sept. 30.

Last year as a frosh, Fujii shared quite a bit of game time with regular Ed Jesse.

The diminutive Nisei quarterback who is listed as weighing 160 lbs. will be called upon to run with the ball this year as the Wolfpack have a new coach who will use the split T with its pass-run option plays.

Nevada also plays Sacramento State in Sacramento on Oct. 8 and goes to Fresno to meet the FSC Bulldogs there on Oct. 15.

■ At least 12 teams are expected in the Nisei Men's A League at Los Angeles' Vogue Bowl next Wednesday night, according to Paul Uyemura, Rafu Shimpō bowling writer. The house has been dark during the summer for renovation and efforts to get the alleys in shape last Wednesday fell short.

■ Eight teams have signed up in the Sacramento Nisei scratch bowling league rolling on Wednesday nights at Alhambra Bowl, according to league president Bill Matsumoto. In the loop are Coffee's Strawberry Distributors (875 team average), national JACL team champions, composed of Dubby Tsugawa, Tsuto Hironaka, Giichi Ichisaka, Jim Matsui, Kuni Hironaka and Coffee Oshima (alt).

In addition, the Sacramento Nisei Bowling Association is sponsoring a 10-team handicap winter league.

■ There are eight teams in the San Francisco Nisei Men's Major Winter league, rolling on Thursdays at Downtown Bowl.

Fuzzy Shimada, No. 1 Nisei bowler, who carries a 200 average, is bowling for one of the teams in the league since the Downtown Invitational league will not be meeting this winter. Mas Satow is captain on this squad.

■ Jiro Nagasawa, 23, who set a new world's record in the 200-meter butterfly over the long course in Japan last month at 2m.21.6s., will study at Yale University this year. Bob Kiphuth, Yale athletic director, and coach of the visiting U.S. mermen last August, made the arrangements for the Waseda graduate.

■ When the international non-professional baseball tournament opens in Milwaukee Sept. 23, Japan will be represented by the Kanebo team of Osaka.

In the final, Aug. 11, for the championship of Japan, Kanebo defeated Kanegafuchi Chemicals, 5 to 1, to win the right to represent Japan at the world tournament.

■ Nisei jockey George Taniguchi closed the Del Mar season on top with 246 mounts—47 wins, 45 places and 32 shows—last week and this week was back at Bay Meadows where he started his sensational career a year and half ago.

and Dorothy Mann, secretaries, Lee, and Brickfield were with the subcommittee last year.

## Seattle Li'l League grid champions set for '55 games

[Seattle] Tom Onishi, Nisei Veterans Committee athletic chairman, has sounded the first call for turnout of Little League football players. The 1954 version of the NVC-sponsored Fighting Irish went through the season undefeated.

On the coaching staff are Frank Yamashita, Ken Yoshinaka, Jim Suzuki and Shiro Yamaguchi, returnees from last year's championship squad of Greater Seattle. A head coach is to be named.

Entered in the American conference, the league opens this Sunday at West Seattle Field, 12:30 p.m.

■ In the ninth annual meeting of two Chicago rivals on the golf course, the Enterprisers staged a surprise upset over the favored Twenty and Five Investors at Oak Hill golf course on Aug. 28. Using a point system in which a total of five points was possible in each match, the Enterprisers collected 28 to 22 over their rivals. In the past meetings the Twenty and Five won six times while the Enterprisers had won only once and tied their rivals once. The 1955 victory was the second one for the Enterprisers who will keep the Perpetual Trophy for a year at the home of their president, George "Stuff" Adachi.

Besides taking the trophy the Enterprisers were guests of the Twenty and Five at a steak and chicken dinner. The dinner was held at the club house where Coky T. Kawasaki served as emcee.

Ken Yoshihara of Enterprisers won the Buddy Iwata Trophy for low net score of 69. George Teraoka of Twenty and Five received the Thomas Masuda Trophy for low gross with a score of 83. The following were the prize winners:  
69—K. Yoshihara (E) 15, C. Kawasaki (T) 18.  
70—T. Masuda (T) 14, K. Kushino (E) 19.  
72—G. Yoshioka (E) 18.  
73—J. Kawakami (E) 13.  
75—Bill Hiura (T) 10.

■ Two Hawaiian AAU boxing champions, Bobby Kishimoto, 119-lb., and Nick Akana, 125-lb., matriculate at San Mateo J.C. this week for the freshman year and then transfer to San Jose State College—a school which produced one of the strongest college boxing teams in the country.

## Bike champion

[New York] Mitsuyuki Suzuki, national bicycle champion of Japan in 1948 who served as coach and interpreter for the Japanese Olympic bicycle team during the team's goodwill tour of the United States in 1953, has completed his studies at New York University and is returning to his home in Tokyo via Europe.

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## Los Angeles Newsletter

BY HENRY MORI

### EVERYBODY CRIES IN SMOG

Los Angeles  
If you want to live in Los Angeles, better prepare yourself with a gas mask.

Overheated Southern California was plagued with dense smog again this week. City Hall bigwigs from Mayor Norris Poulson down expressed great concern but the foul gas remained.

The Air Pollution Control District and the Board of Supervisors were biting their nails but mounting public indignation simply meant less confidence in their authority each day.

They pinch the so-called smog-violators, which, incidentally included several Japanese American nurserymen to date. Fines collected in August (a bad smog month) totaled \$17,615 as compared to \$1,155 imposed in the same month last year.

But Angelenos continue to suffer in muggy weather, breathing fumes which knock out the old folks and make housewives and workers irritable from eye stinging and headache.

The depressing thing about this Air Pollution Control District, a tax-eating agency, is that it hasn't been able to halt smog in the last 12 years. The city is growing too fast, apparently.

Smog is not so much the problem of control. It can be attributed to the weather itself. Take the weekends when most of the industry are closed. Fewer cars are running on the streets.

Yet, depending on the inversion, there is smog. The Los Angeles basin, surrounded on all sides by natural boundaries—one the Pacific Ocean and the other three by mountain ranges—is a perfect spot for smog accumulation.

Tragically, 97 per cent of the county residents is situated within the basin. Population-wise the 5 million persons numbered now in the county will not remain the same. By 1960, another million will be added.

Coupled with the increase of population since 1930 from 2.3 million to 5 million, authorities predict 3.1 million motor vehicles in the counties of Los Angeles and Orange in 1960.

If the waste from the car exhaust were the primary cause for smog there seems to be very little hope for prompt elimination.

More control devices are needed to minimize pollution in the industry. At one time, even automobiles with bad exhaust were in line for fines. The backyard incinerator ban proposed for Oct. 1, which failed to pass, could have not made that much difference.

Meantime, everyone is up in arms about the slowness of progress on smog control. The Los Angeles Citizens Anti-Smog Action Committee told Gov. Goodwin Knight that unless something is done right away, "there remains the possibility of a Federal investigation."

Just how far such repeated requests can bring results remains to be seen. One recalls that both Knight and Poulson used smog as one of their campaign hopes to get into office.

### NISEI LEGIONNAIRE IN STATE-LEVEL POST

The American Legion, Dept. of California, called on Soichi Fukui, commander of Commodore Perry Post 525 to serve on the Americanism Commission, starting Jan. 1 for three years.

The state-level appointment to the 12-man board was announced by Joseph M. Farber, department commander.

Fukui's service will mean that more persons of Japanese ancestry—non-legionnaires included—can have voice regarding matters of discrimination in housing or employment.

The rather pre-war racist American Legion has been bending backwards in combat prejudice against minority groups. Fukui's new assignment helps toward that goal.

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Yosh Tomita, 18, of Venice is a member of a hoodlum gang in "Blackboard Jungle". He is currently attending Santa Monica City College and was one of 650 youths interviewed last year by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios for parts in the picture which has stirred repercussions in Japan. Being manhandled is Denny Dennis.

—Cut Courtesy: Rafu Shimpo.

## Nisei woman doctor discovers palms may indicate congenital internal disorders

[East Lansing, Mich.] A found peculiar skin patterns in up to 75 per cent of mongoloid children. Mongolism is often difficult to diagnose early. The skin markings can aid earlier diagnosis, permitting an early start on special care.

Dr. Uchida believes some parental upset is likely responsible for these skin patterns, the heart defects and mongolism.

Dr. Uchida has been employed since her graduation with Ph.D. degree in biology from the University of Toronto in 1951. She worked at the hospital for two years as a post-graduate student at Varsity. She is now a full-time employee in the hospital's department of genetics.

Born Irene Ayako Uchida in Vancouver 38 years ago, she is daughter of Mrs. Shizuko Uchida of Tokyo and the late Sentaro Uchida, who operated a large Japanese bookstore in Vancouver in prewar days.

Dr. Uchida studied earlier at the Univ. of British Columbia and was a regular contributor to *The Canadian* of 1939-40.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Weddings

FUJIOKA-TOKUNAGA — Aug. 20, John R. and Rose of Selma.  
GOTO-HIROMOTO — George, Penryn; Susan Tazuko, Sacramento.  
KAWAHARA-YANO — Aug. 21, Herbert Ginzio, Gardena; Helen Atsuko, Los Angeles.  
KAWAHARA-URANO — Aug. 14, Elji, San Jose; Keiko, San Francisco.  
KAWATA-ISHIZAKI — Aug. 21, Sakae, Los Angeles; Nancy Aiko, Rockford, Ill.  
MAEKAWA-HAYASHI — Loyal, Seattle; Misako, Tacoma.  
MAYEKAWA-MASUDA — Aug. 20, Kazuo and Mitsuko of Fresno.  
MIYOSHI-KOJIMA — Aug. 20, Toru, Santa Maria; Jean, Los Angeles.  
NAGASE-NAWATA — Harold, San Francisco; Elaine, El Cerrito.  
OGAMI-ASANO — Aug. 28, Sumio and Setsuko of San Francisco.  
OGATA-SATO — Aug. 16, Frank and Kiyo, both Monterey.  
SANDERS-HIYAMA — Ben J. and Janet Sayoko, Oakland.  
SANEMATSU-FUKUDA — Aug. 21, Henry, Riverside; Clara T., Los Angeles.  
SHIBAYAMA-TSUKAMOTO — Aug. 7, George and Sherry Setsuko of Seattle.  
TANAKA-FUJISHIGE — Aug. 20, Kenji, Orange; Kimi, Anaheim.  
TSUTSUMOTO-SAKAI — Aug. 7, Benjamin C. and Sally of Seattle.  
WATARI-MIZUKI — Aug. 20, Hideo, Gardena; Sadako Elsie, San Jose.

### Deaths

AYANO, Haruo, 73: Norwalk, Sept. 2, survived by husband Usaburo and son Yasuo.  
AZEKA, Mrs. Kiyoko, 39: Chicago, July 30, survived by husband John, son Roy, daughters May and Joan.  
BEPPU, Yoshio, 52: Salt Lake City, July 25, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Otokichi, wife Fumiko, six sons Dean, Jerry, Robert, Kenneth, Thomas, Jay; three daughters, Mrs. Jane Sakashita Mrs. Joy Watanabe and Mrs. Lois Nakamura.  
FUJISHIMA, Katsujii, 84: Salt Lake City, Aug. 12.  
HANYA, Nagashige, 78: Compton, June 15 (in Japan).  
HIGASHI, Mrs. Fujii, 85: Monterey,

Aug. 3, survived by sons Unosuke, Hal (Cleveland), T. Owashi, M. Hatahita, daughters Mrs. K. Yamashita (San Pedro), Mrs. F. Fukami (Los Angeles), 23 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren.  
HORII, Florence: San Diego, Sept. 3, Aug. 5, survived by wife Tomoyo.  
IKUTA, Valene M. 2 1/2 mos.: Los Angeles, Sept. 3, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Shigemori and brother, IRIYE, Barbara, 4; Lindsay, Aug. 3, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. John, brother Melvin, sisters Janice, Shirley and Marcia.  
KATO, Mrs. Haru, 75: Berkeley, Aug. 23, survived by husband Genkichi, sons Bill, Dane, daughters Mrs. Hattue Nakasora (Menlo Park), and Mrs. Peggy Fukagai (San Francisco).  
KATSUMA, Masamori, 68: Denver, Aug. 5 (in Japan), survived by wife Sei, sons Mori, Taka (Dallas) and daughter Mrs. Chizuko Chan (San Mateo).  
KAWAKUBO, Tomogoro, 73: Chicago, July 16, survived by wife Kiyo.  
KOJIMA, George S., 35: Los Angeles, Sept. 3 (south of Ensenada, B.C.), survived by wife Rose, son Lonnie, brother Tooru, sisters Mmes. Grace Ikeda, Dorothy Chiba, Ruth Kieley and Toshi Tanaka.  
KUBOTA, Yukio, 32: Watsonville, Aug. 22, survived by mother Sue (Salinas), son Norman, sisters Mrs. Albert Ikeda (New Jersey), Mrs. Victor Nakamura (Japan), Mrs. Bob Takiguchi (Chicago), Mrs. George Nagano (Detroit), brothers Jerry and Shiro.  
MIYAMOTO, Tsunezo, 75: Los Angeles, Aug. 7, survived by wife Eiju, sons Yukio, David Shiochi, Mikio, daughters May, Mrs. Grace Tsuruko Sakai, Mrs. Teruko Tashiro, Mrs. Marion S. Nakata.  
MURAMOTO, Mrs. Shina, 58: Seattle, Aug. 14, survived by sons Edward M. Takeo, Masao, George (USAF), daughter Mrs. Shizue Akada.  
NAKAMURA, Zensho J., 51: Los Angeles, Aug. 21, survived by wife Tsuruko, daughters Viola Masako, Fujiko, Mrs. Janet Yoshiko Ito, brother Farnak, sister Mrs. May Sasaki.  
OGI, Jeffrey, 3: San Jose, Aug. 2, survived by parents Mr. and Mrs. Irying, sister Irene and grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Iwakichi Nakashima.

## Dore Schary defends 'Blackboard Jungle'

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keys out of our entire education system, one which deplores corporal punishment as a disciplinary measure . . . ; third, the picture's setting is thinly veiled as a vocational school, perpetuating the idea that a trade school is a place for dummies and undesirables.

("The picture shows lack of punishment for wrong-doing, and it scares people out of the teaching profession at a time when there is a dire shortage of teachers. Further, if shown overseas, it does irreparable harm to the U.S. in foreign eyes. Believe me, if the teaching profession were as well organized as the Catholic Church, the picture would never have reached the screen.")

(Dore Schary, MGM production chief, defended the making of *Blackboard Jungle* before the Sen. Kefauver subcommittee hearing on juvenile delinquency in Los Angeles last June 16. Admitting that controversial pictures "don't always reflect the popular point of view, the public always tips us off if we're wrong—they don't go to see them.")

(However, Schary asserted that pictures tend to reflect public opinion and in such films as "Blackboard", public revolt against a certain problem, in this case juvenile delinquency.

(Instead of "accelerating" delinquency as some charge, Schary claimed the picture "insulated" against it.)

## Immigration—

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grants who were here only temporarily, compared with 566,613 in 1954, and 485,714 in 1953.

Of the nonimmigrant admissions, Congressman Walter pointed out that more than half were "visitors for pleasures and tourism." They numbered 332,394, compared with the previous year of 292,725, or an increase of 39,669 over 1954.

Foreign visitors who came here primarily on business totaled 68,696, an increase of about 7,667, compared with 61,029 in the 1954 fiscal year. There were 27,192 foreign students, an increase of 1,767 compared with 25,425 in 1954.

In addition, there were 26,288 foreign government officials and 71,301 aliens in transit to other countries and others representing the foreign press, returning alien residents, and traders entering under existing treaties.

### NO ASIAN BREAKDOWN

Although it was impossible to get a breakdown on the figures for the different Asian countries at this time, the Washington Office of the Japanese American Citizens League estimated that there was a greater percentage of increase in both quota and non-quota immigrants from the Far East than ever before.

Prior to the passage of the Immigration-Nationality Act of 1952 all immigration for permanent residence to this country was prohibited to Asian nationals with the exceptions made to the Chinese, Hindus, and Filipinos.

During the first two years of the administration of the Act, over 6,000 nonquota residents were admitted from Japan to the United States alone for permanent residence since the Act provided that the spouses and unmarried children of United States citizens from all over the world, including Asia, could enter the United States under nonquota status.

As Congressman Walter, Chairman of the House Judiciary Immigration Subcommittee and co-author of the Immigration-Nationality Act of 1952 stated, these figures were proof that the McCarran-Walter Act sets no unreasonable barrier.

## NOTICES

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## EDITORIALS:

## KKK revived

As of old, Ku Klux Klanners are being exhorted to oppress the Negroes, the Jews, the Roman Catholics and (apparently in the hope of making their organization more palatable, they have added a new enemy) Communism.

This disturbing report from the Deep South to revive the "invisible empire" was noted when the new imperial wizard of Ku Kluxism spoke in front of a flaming cross before an audience of 1,500 on a South Carolina field.

It is beyond comprehension how one who professes to be a Christian (a Ku Kluxer must be white, Protestant Christian) and to love God can at the same time espouse organized bigotry and intolerance of his fellow men of differing color or faith. At one time in the 1920s and '30s, they had Orientals on the list.

We cannot believe any considerable number of thinking Southerners will decide the KKK way is an effective way to fight communism either.

## VAGARIES

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martyrs of Nagasaki. This film was shot in the foothills near Monrovia, Calif., and hundreds of Nisei and Issei appeared in extra roles. The cameraman on this picture was an ex-prize fighter who was just getting his start in Hollywood. His name is James Wong Howe, now one of the world's outstanding cinematographers.

## OTHER NISEI CINEMATOGRAPHERS

When Toge Fujihira passed through Denver some weeks ago, en route to California on his latest documentary film project, he ticked off the names of several other Nisei who are well-established behind the movie camera.

In Chicago, Henry Ushijima operates Cavalcade Productions which makes short subjects for the non-theatrical film and pictures and commercials for TV.

In Honolulu, George Tahara also operates his own picture company and has made feature films in American Samoa and Hawaii. His most ambitious production was the life of Father Damien who gave his life to help the lepers of Molokai. A Tahara film of Hawaiian fish was incorporated into the RKO release, *The Seas Around Us*.

Tom Matsumoto, also in Hawaii, is a newsreel cameraman and also has been employed on Hollywood films shot on location in the islands. Ken Mazawa in Chicago made films for Coronet educational films, a subsidiary of the monthly magazine, but lately has been specializing in the TV field. Toge, a prizewinner at film festivals in Venice, Edinburgh, New York and Cleveland, also had high praise for Bunka and the Serisawa brothers.

## VERY TRULY YOURS

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insufficient, the chapter presidents are being asked to provide us with a list of past chapter presidents and histories . . . It is only fitting now that we take inventory of the first quarter-century of service. A roster of "who's who" of chapter presidents can be fascinating reading—even though people seldom pour through listings . . . Chapter histories should be prepared and published periodically. Many of the chapters today are of postwar vintage and this 25th year of JACL's is very opportune a time to run a tally of what the chapter has done . . . The so-called "gold star" chapters (those which served the community before JACL days) will be accorded privileged treatment—after all, they joined forces in 1930 to organize a national organization that has been cited by Rep. Walter Judd (R., Minn.) as "democracy in action at the best—an epic which could have been written only in America" . . . Profiles on national JACL presidents are being written by top-notch writers—people who are intimately acquainted with the subject on hand . . . Appraisals of JACL's first 25 years by various luminaries are being sought. Other congratulatory messages will be published in the special issue. Truly, it is an ambitious project for the staff this year . . . It is depending much on the chapters to cooperate—both editorially and financially—to make the JACL's 25th Anniversary Holiday Number a kind of paper that will recall the monumental spirit that moved the original founders of the Japanese American Citizens League 25 years ago.

As our history professor used to say almost daily at the start of class: "You can't appreciate the present or prepare for the future unless you know the past" . . . It is our hope that the 1955 PC Holiday Issue will be that kind of thing . . . With JACL starting out its second quarter-century (with the 1956 national convention in San Francisco under a new setup), a review of the past at this juncture may be what we need the most.

## Minority Week

Discrimination against non-white driver applicants by Yellow and other cab companies has become Issue No. 1 in San Francisco's race-relations scene, according to the San Francisco Council for Civic Unity. For several years, the Urban League tried to negotiate a voluntary fair hiring practice. At one point, the CCU tried to help. Results were nil.

Last May 4, the Yellow Cab president admitted at a Board Permit appeals hearing that he does not "at present" hire Negro drivers. This triggered the NAACP branch in San Francisco into its current boycott against Yellow. Although it appears that all S.F. cab companies (excepting the Negro-owned Friendly) refuses to consider driver applicants without regard to race.

## Buddhist, Shinto religionists can set record straight on loyalty of Issei-Nisei during WW2 at civil rights hearings

Washington

For the past several congresses, the Civil Rights Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee has been dominated by southerners and conservatives. As a consequence, no civil rights legislation as such has been reported by the Subcommittee, even though every biennium liberal senators reintroduced such traditional civil rights bills as those for fair employment practices, against poll taxes, and anti-lynching.

This past session, under liberal Democrat chairman Harley M. Kilgore of West Virginia, this subcommittee has been reconstituted as the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights and its membership changed from conservative to liberal in makeup. Sen. Thomas C. Hennings, Missouri Democrat, is chairman. His two colleagues are Senators Joseph C. O'Mahoney of Wyoming, Democrat, and William Langer, independent Republican, of North Dakota.

Instead of rehashing the oft-repeated and familiar arguments regarding the need for legislative activity in the field of civil rights, this Subcommittee has announced plans to conduct a series of detailed and lengthy public hearings on the operations of the Bill of Rights, the first ten amendments to the national Constitution, in order to determine whether, in these times, the basic and fundamental rights and freedoms guaranteed by our Federal Charter are being violated.

This is a novel approach and it may result in more satisfactory results than previous efforts to secure civil rights legislation from a reluctant Congress.

The first of these hearings will deal with the religious freedom guarantees of the First Amendment and is scheduled to begin early next month.

## Involves Buddhists

While the public at large in this country tends to consider religious freedom in terms of Christians and Jews, for persons of Japanese ancestry Buddhism and even Shintoism may be involved.

According to the latest figures of the National Council of Churches, there are some 63,000 Buddhists in 49 churches, making this Asian religion the third most important (at least in numbers) American religion, after Christianity and Judaism.

Although no breakdown was given according to races and nationalities, it is presumed that most of these American Buddhists are Japanese and Chinese. It is also presumed that this 63,000 figure relates only to the mainland of the United States, and not to the Territory of Hawaii where possibly a majority of the Orientals there embrace the Buddhist faith.

While there has been, fortunately, an ever increasing output of information about Buddhism in the popular magazines and in the newspapers, with at least one major studio soon to release a motion picture version of the Buddha's life, there has been no general information regarding the practices and the dogmas of the Buddhist sects that appeal to most Issei and Nisei.

During the hysterical, pre-evacuation days of World War II, several serious charges were leveled against the loyalty of Issei and Nisei who embraced Buddhism. There were even those who sug-

gested that persons of Japanese ancestry who worshipped Buddha were less loyal Americans than were those who were Christians.

Though none of these charges were officially and publicly refuted by officials of the Buddhist churches in the United States, the record of allegiance and devotion of the American Buddhist to this nation is plainly recorded. Among the most valiant of Nisei troops who fought in World War II were Americans of Japanese ancestry who embraced the Buddhist faith.



Indeed, the only Congressional Medal of Honor winner in the gallant ranks of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team used to attend Buddhist Sunday school. There is also a suspicion that

many Nisei GIs who listed their religious preferences as "none" or "Protestant" for Army records were, in fact, Buddhists who preferred not to state that information to avoid embarrassment.

## JACL Defends Buddhism

Even at this late date, it may be worthwhile to repeat that it was the JACL, and only the JACL, that, in the American tradition of religious tolerance, defended the Issei and Nisei followers of the Buddha as being as loyal to the United States as the Issei and Nisei who followed the teaching of the Christ. It was the JACL that first insisted that the Christian churches which organized the Japanese American Student Relocation Program give the same consideration for scholarships and other educational aids to qualified Buddhists as well as to their own Christian students in the relocation camps who desired to continue their education in the "normal" communities in the East and the Midwest. It was also the JACL which asked that government officials and private employers delete any question regarding religion from employment questionnaires and records.

It is hoped that the various Buddhist churches, perhaps through their Young Peoples Buddhist Associations, will present testimony to the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights next month regarding their mistreatment, if any, because of their Buddhist faith during World War II and thereafter, including the present time. This may be the last opportunity in many years to come to clear the record on Buddhism and its alleged ties to Japan and to "foreign" ideologies.

This may also be the opportunity to make known their feelings as American Buddhists regarding many of the touchy questions involving federal aid to parochial schools, the lending of public school facilities to church organizations for meetings, dances, carnivals, etc., the teaching or reading of the Bible in classes, and other religious freedom issues.

This Subcommittee, pre-occupied as it will be with quarrels between Catholics, Protestants, and Jews, and all their denominational and sectarian divisions, as well as with agnostics and atheists, should be apprised not only of the philosophies and practices and beliefs of American Buddhists but also of their attitudes towards the so-called problems of church and state that are troubling other religions in this country.

## Shintoists Proscribed

Prior to World War II, there were a number of Shinto temples functioning both on the mainland and in Hawaii. Presumably, some are functioning today, though their members may be most reluctant to admit such membership because of the fear of being misunderstood.

To our understanding, there are various types of Shintoism, just as there are denominations and sects among the Protestants and other religions. There is the for-

mal state Shintoism of pre-World War II days; there is the philosophical Shintoism and the cultural Shintoism, as well as the general concept of ancestor-worship.

The point of this matter, though, as far as the forthcoming Subcommittee hearings on freedom of religion is concerned, is that Shinto Temples are listed as subversive on the Attorney General's designation of proscribed organizations.

This means that all former and present members of Shinto Temples are suspect if and when they apply for employment in the federal, state, or local, including municipal, governments or in many industries, institutions, and businesses which use the Attorney General's listing as a guide to the loyalty of prospective employees.

Though Shinto Temples are not defined, mere former membership can be used to discharge employees or to deny employment to applicants.

To us, the act of designating a religion or the place of worship for a religious group, if that group is a bona fide religious one, is violative of the freedom of religion guarantee of the First Amendment.

The problem is to locate a Shinto Temple and to persuade its members, particularly if they are native-born citizens, to submit testimony to this Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights that Shintoism as practiced by them is a religion and that the identification of Shinto Temples as a proscribed organization by the Attorney General has resulted in their persecution because of their religious beliefs and practices.

Such testimony can be most revealing to the public at large, and, as in the case of Buddhism among the Japanese American population in this country, the lies, insinuations, and myths with which they were charged in the days immediately following Dec. 7, 1941 can be cleared away on the official record of a Senate Subcommittee.

## Set Record Straight

It would seem that both the Buddhist and the Shinto religionists should testify before this Senate Judiciary Subcommittee in order to set the record straight on the loyalty and allegiance of persons of Japanese ancestry in these United States during World War II by those professing and embracing either the Buddhist or Shinto faiths.

By so doing, they would not only enhance the clear record of devotion of persons of Japanese ancestry in this country to this nation in World War II but also would help their fellow Americans of other faiths to better understand two of the great religions of Japan.

## CALENDAR

Sept. 17 (Saturday)  
D.C.—Dinner-meeting, Fairfax Hotel, 6:30 p.m.  
Chicago—Splatter party, Olivet Institute.  
Salt Lake City—Jr. JACL Platter party, Mexican Ward, 8 p.m.  
Southwest L.A.—Cooking demonstration: sushi, Senshin Gakuen, 1336 W. 36th Pl., 1:30 p.m.  
Sequoia—Bowling Night, San Carlos Bowl, 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 18 (Sunday)  
Southwest L.A.—Issei Weiner Baka, Playa del Rey (north pits), 1:30 p.m.  
Sept. 23-24  
Gardena Valley—Benefit Movies, Community Hall; Shige Yano, guest singer.  
Sept. 24 (Saturday)  
St. Louis—Issei Citizens testimonial dinner, Tower Room, Congress Hotel, 7 p.m.  
Cincinnati—Pre-election Meeting, 1st United Church.  
Chicago—Hayride and Barn dance.  
Sept. 25 (Sunday)  
Chicago—1000 Club golf tournament, Glenview C.C., 8 a.m.  
Sept. 28 (Wednesday)  
CCDC—Pre-convention meeting, Seama JACL.  
Sept. 30 (Friday)  
Twin Cities—Meeting, J.A. Center.  
Oct. 1 (Saturday)  
Sequoia—Tri-Villes Fun Night, Palo Alto Buddhist Hall, 2751 Louis Rd., 6:30 p.m.  
Oct. 11 (Tuesday)  
Seattle—Meeting.  
Oct. 14 (Friday)  
Chicago—Meeting, 116 S. Michigan Ave., 8 p.m. "Nisei Faces Housing Discrimination."  
Philadelphia—Movie night, International Institute, 645 N. 15th St., "Kunisada Chuji".

## DECADE AGO

Sept. 15, 1945

101st Airborne Div., Germany—Combat record of Nisei 522nd Field Artillery Battalion disclosed, took part in final battles of southern Germany.

Spokane—VFW Post 51 rejects membership to Sgt. Spady Koyama, wounded veteran of Pacific war; Military Order of Purple Heart accepts application of rejected Nisei veteran.

Portland—Federal judge refuses Nisei woman's bid for return of citizenship under Cable Act.